



Appalachian Regional Healthcare

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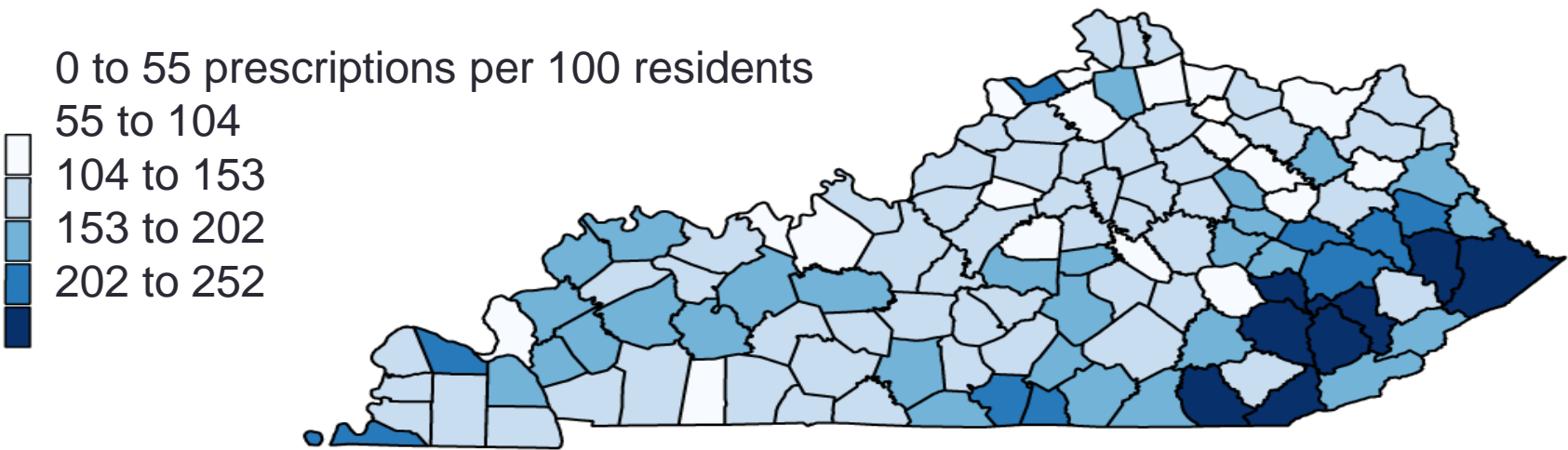
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***ARH Chaplaincy Services-
Connecting Patients and Staff
with the God of Grace, Mercy
and Peace***

- More Americans die each year now from drug overdoses than from car crashes and homicides with involving guns combined.
- Most of the overdoses come from opioids, which since ancient days have been relieving pain, providing pleasure and destroying lives.

- Today, opioid addiction has become the new American plague, one seemingly born of greed that affects millions each year and **kills hundreds each day.**

Eastern Kentucky counties account for the highest opioid prescribing rates in the commonwealth and three counties in our region ranked among the top ten most prescribed counties in the United States.



OPIOID CRISIS

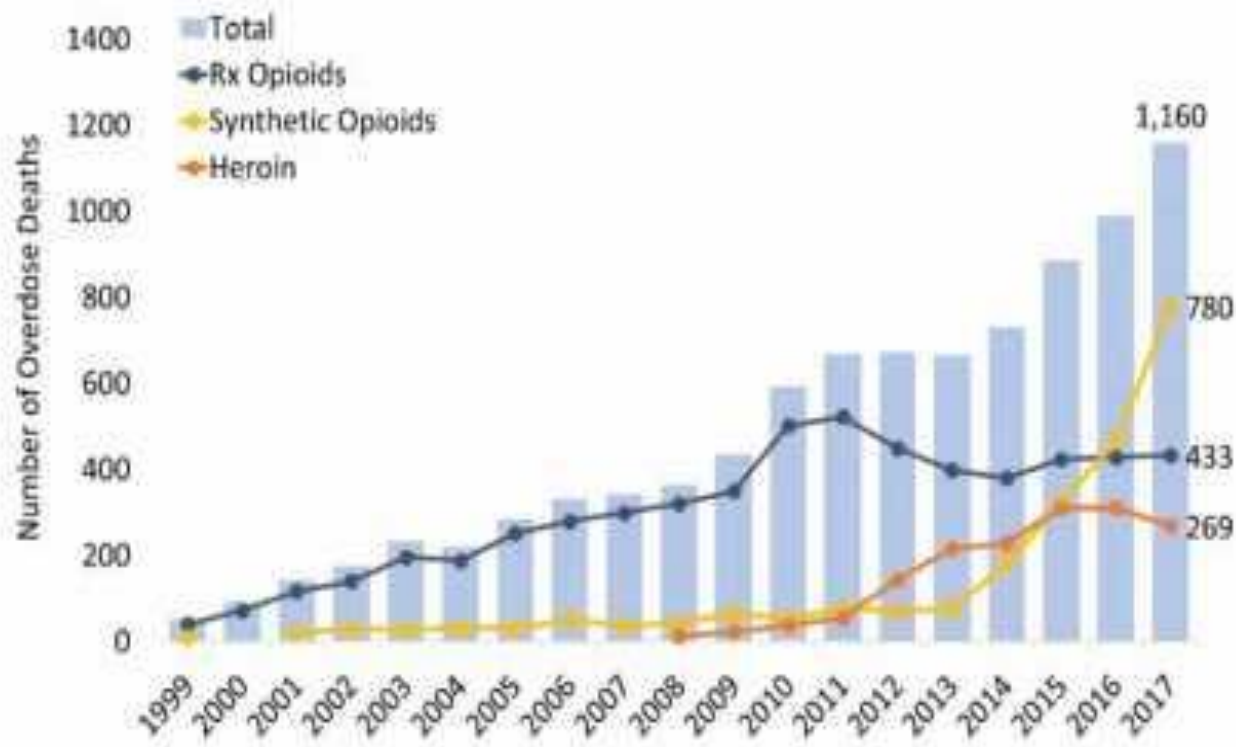
Floyd County alone, which has an average population of 38,638, McKesson from 2010 to 2016 distributed more than 18.4 million doses of opioids, enough for 477 pills for every adult and child living there.

Opioids were involved in over 42,000 overdose deaths in 2016, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Opioid-Involved Overdose Deaths

- In 2017, there were 1,160 reported opioid-involved deaths in Kentucky—a rate of 27.9 deaths per 100,000 persons, compared to the average national rate of 14.6 deaths per 100,000 persons. From 1999 through 2015, prescription opioids were the underlying cause of drug overdose deaths.

Opioid Deaths From 1999-2017 in Kentucky

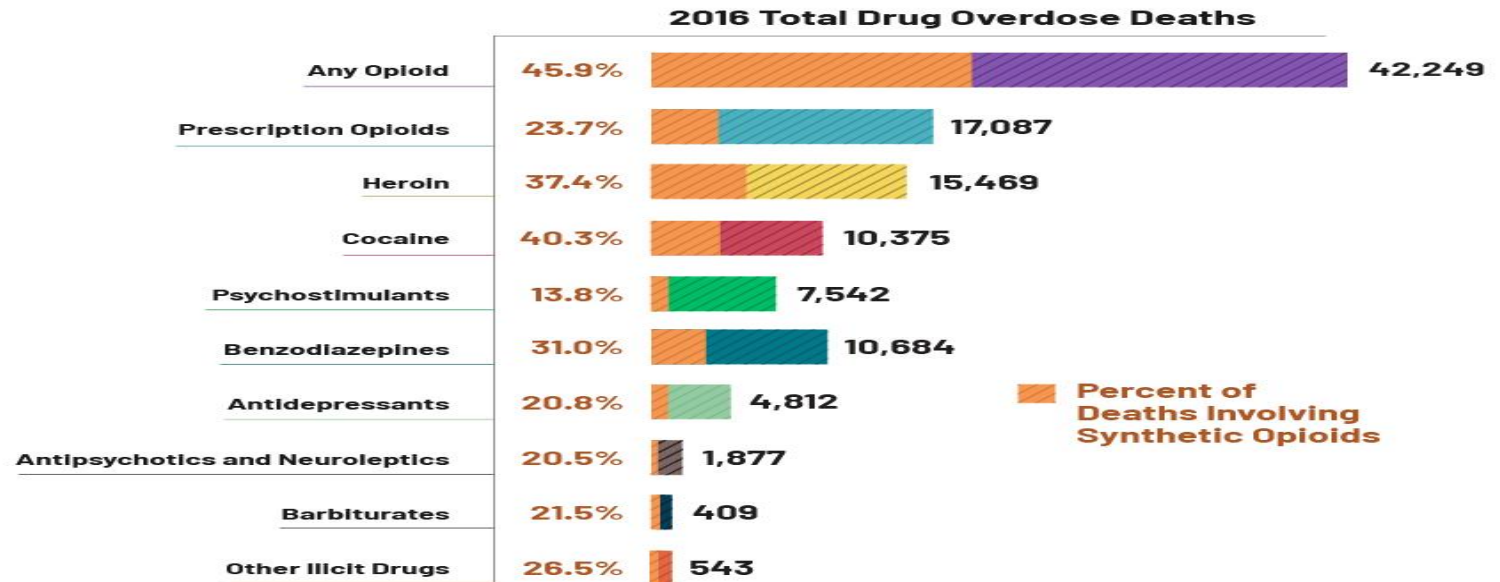


Synthetic Opioids

- **Synthetic opioids** are a class of drugs that are designed to provide pain relief, mimicking naturally occurring **opioids** such as codeine and morphine. They tend to be highly potent, which means only a small amount of the drug is required to produce a given effect. They include drugs like tramadol and fentanyl.

FENTANYL AND OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS LINKED TO OVERDOSE DEATHS WITH OTHER SUBSTANCES



Deaths are not mutually exclusive. Deaths involving more than one drug or drug class are counted multiple times.

Source: Jones, C.M., Einstein, E.B., Compton, W.M. Changes in Synthetic Opioid Involvement in Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States, 2010-2016. 2018.

Fentanyl

- A **synthetic** (man-made) opioid **50x** more potent than heroin and **100x** more potent than morphine.
- **Prescribed** in the form of transdermal patches, tablets, lozenges, or nasal sprays.
- Can also be **illegally** made (**illicitly manufactured fentanyl**) and mixed into other drugs like heroin or cocaine.

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Many of our Church members suffer from an opioid addiction. Some addictions started innocently enough after an injury or accident when they were prescribed an opioid.

How can the church effectively minister to people with addictions?

- Love them
- Feed them
- Encourage them
- Requires much patience
- Not everyone can minister to them

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Provide Hope

Access to Recovery Training

Addiction Recovery Care 606-547-4633

Ask for an Ambassador to be announced in each church-
which provides and encourages treatment.

Celebrate Recovery- a training program that often partners
with Drug Court

Lifeline