

West TN Opioid Settlement Summit

June 25, 2024



Tipton County



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

West TN Opioid Settlement Summit

Overview of Opioid Settlements



Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee

An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service

Jennifer Tourville, DNP

Executive Director



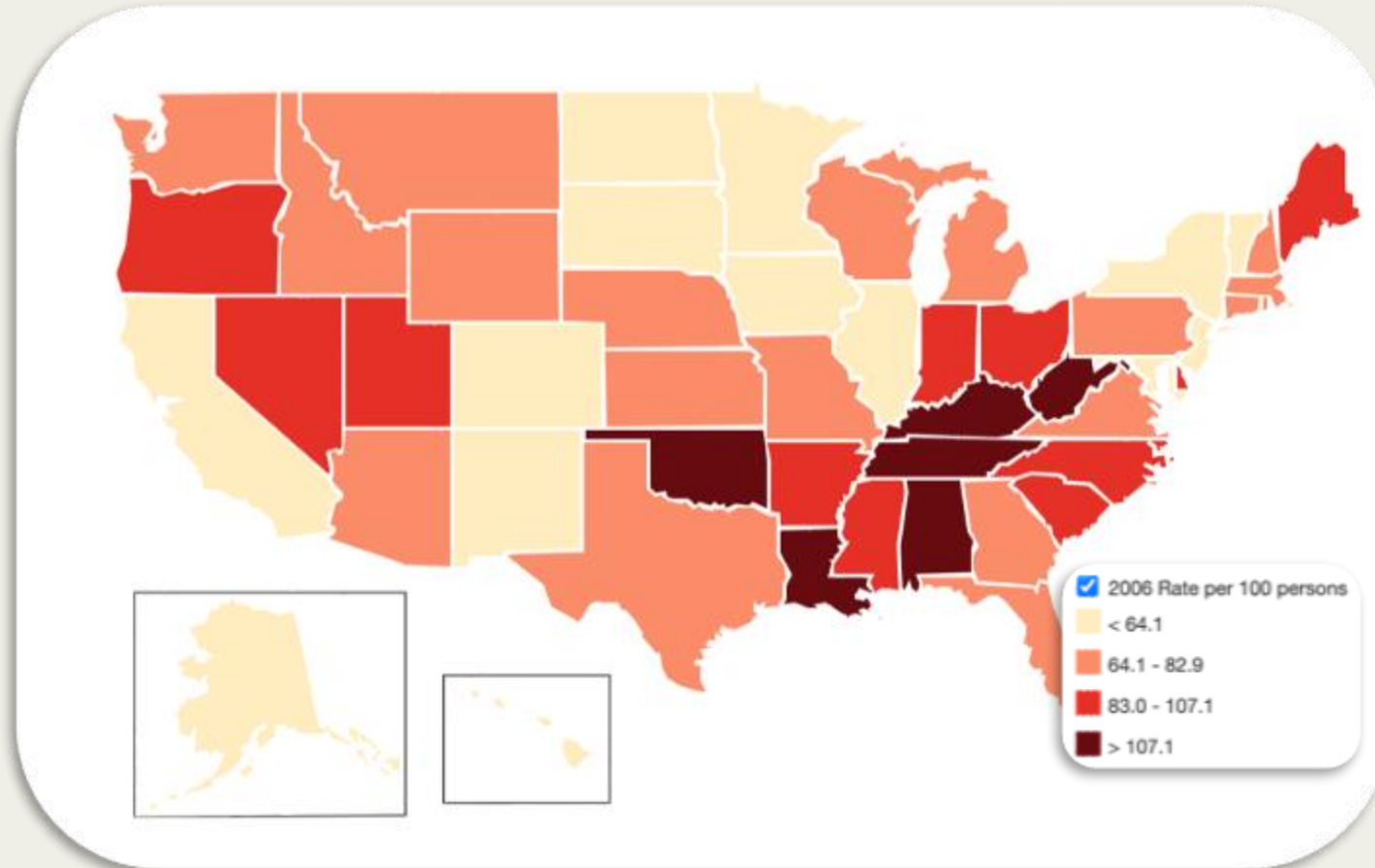
Disclaimer

UT SMART is not affiliated with the TN Opioid Abatement Council. Information in this presentation was taken from publicly published documents. Some information included, especially payment amounts, will change over time. Updated information will be needed to make informed decisions throughout this process.



How Did We Get Here?

Prescription Opioid Dispensing Rates: 2006



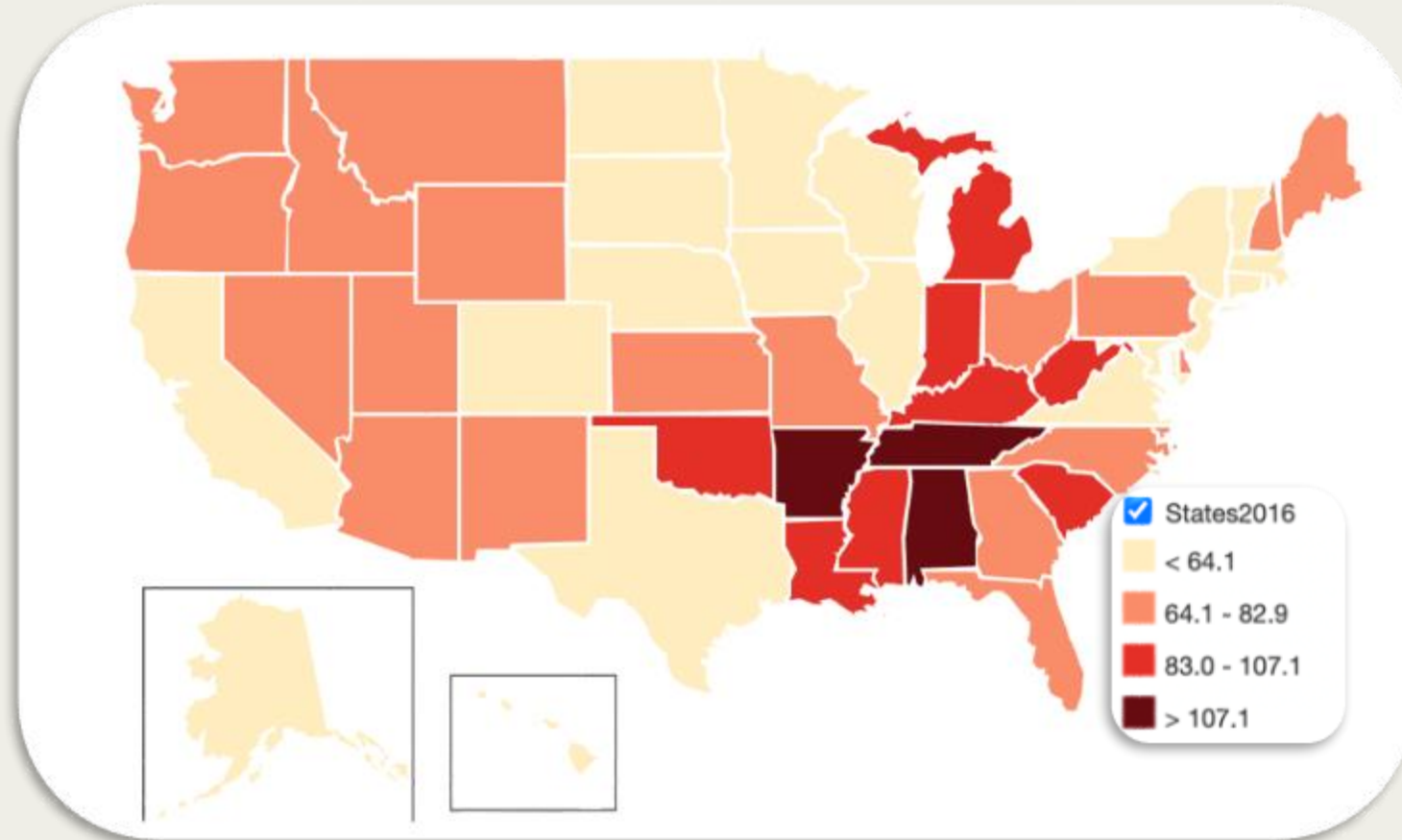
INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Source: [CDC](#)



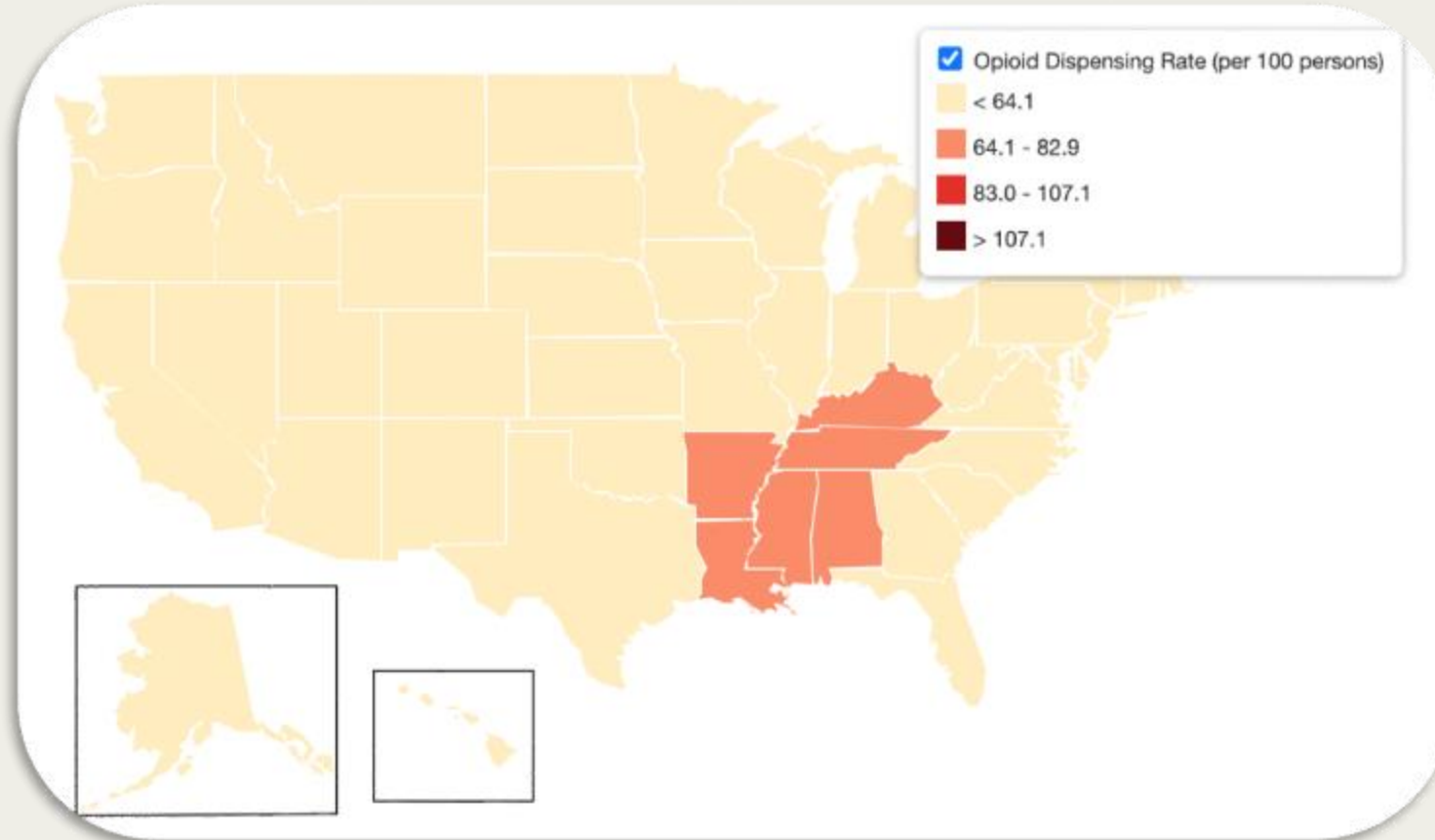
How Did We Get Here?

Prescription Opioid Dispensing Rates: 2016



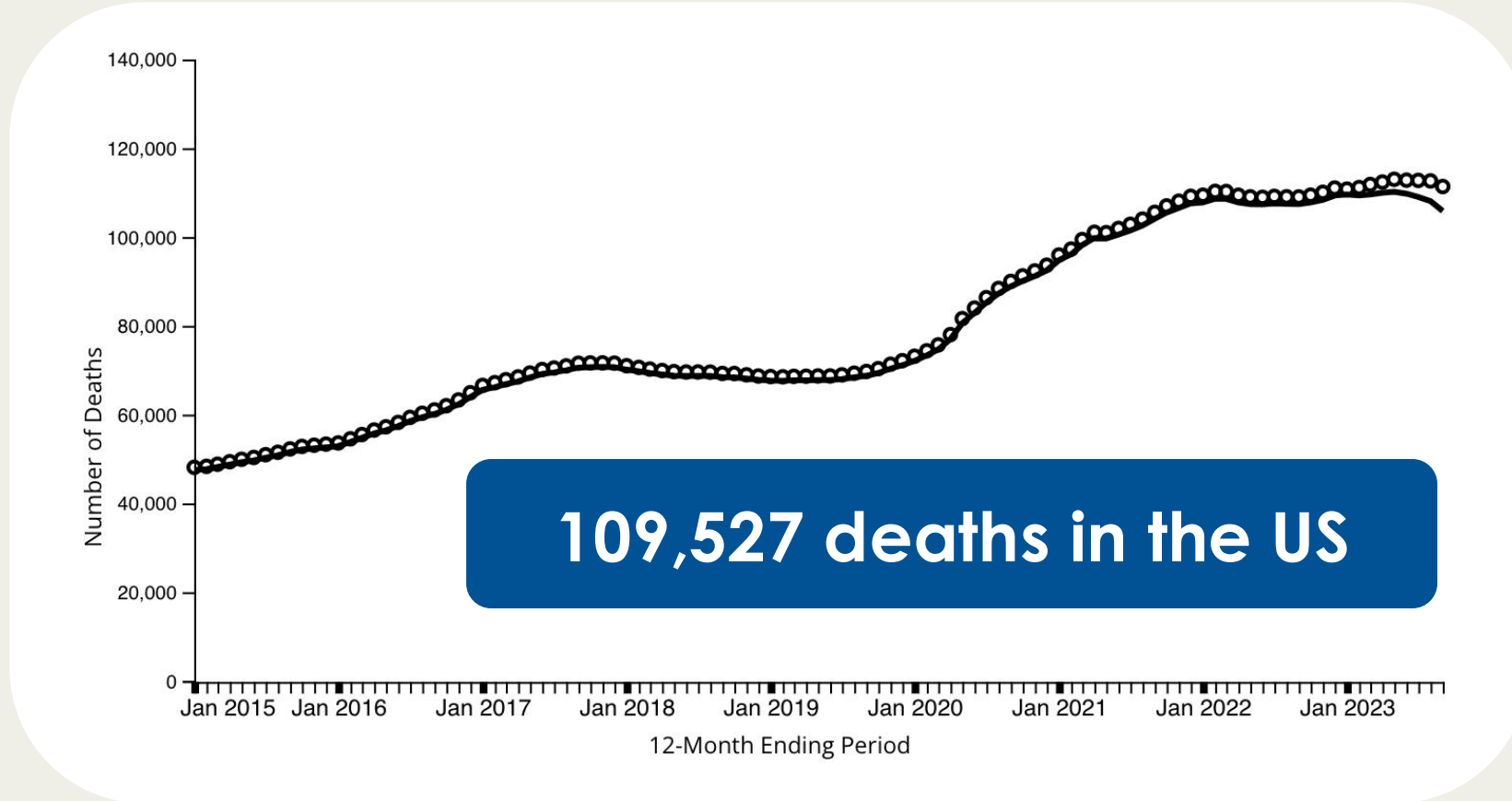
How Did We Get Here?

Prescription Opioid Dispensing Rates: 2020



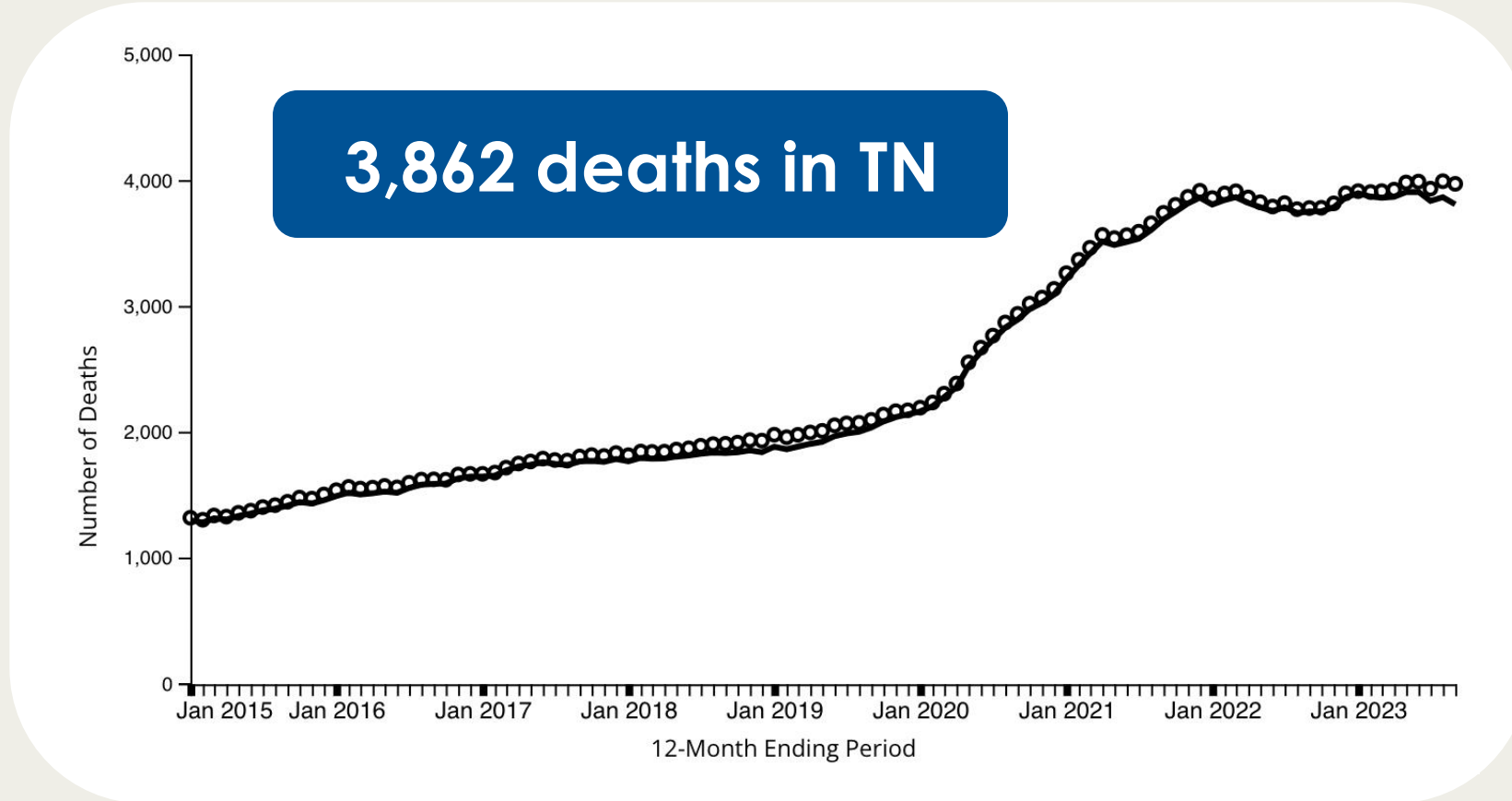
Where We Are Now?

Predicted US drug deaths in last 12 months ending November 2023



Where Are We Now?

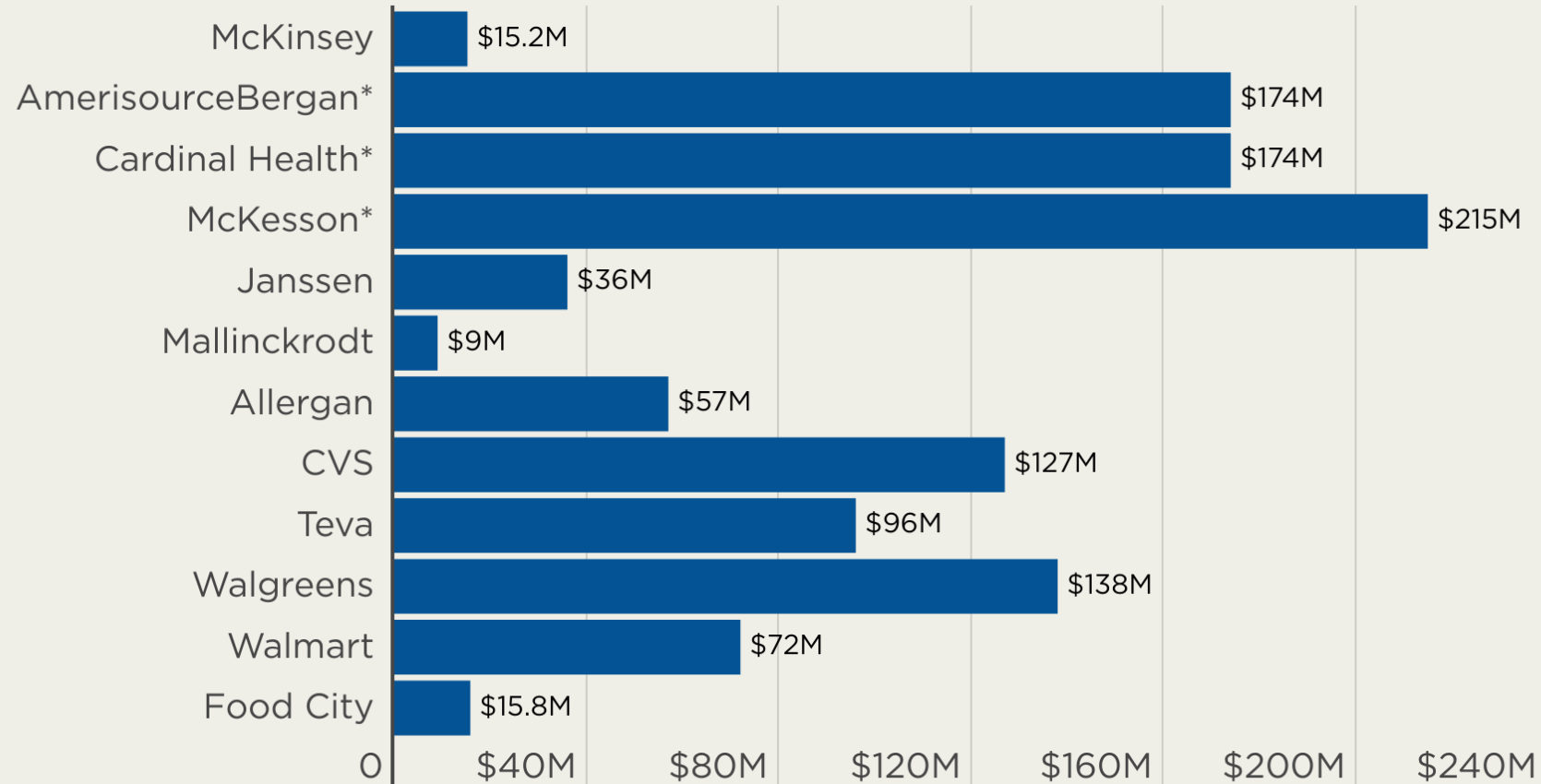
Predicted TN drug deaths last 12 months ending November 2023





The Good News

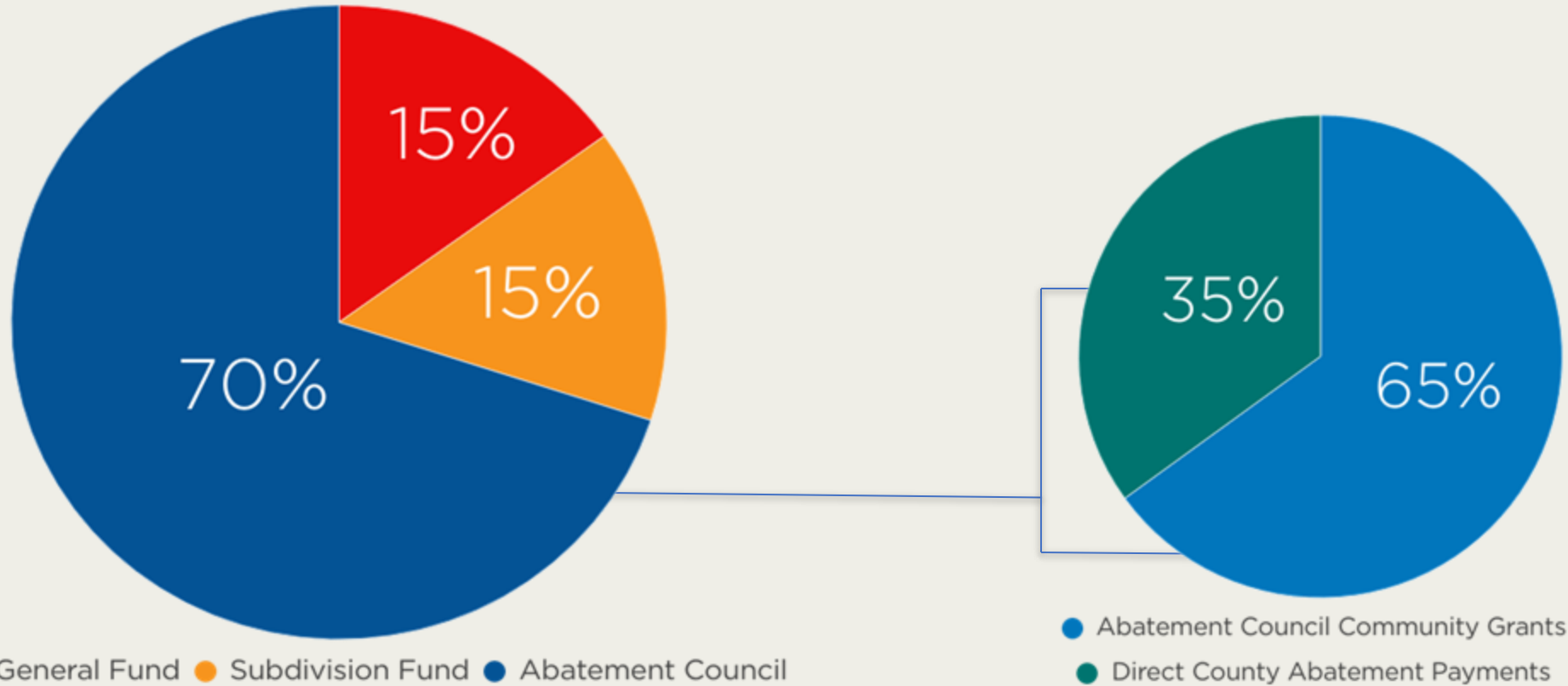
Tennessee is receiving \$1.1 billion



*These companies are collectively referred to as **Distributors** in litigation.



The "Three Buckets"



Accounts for the Settlement Funds

Subdivision Direct (from BrownGreer)

48991 Opioid Settlement Funds – Past remediation

Opioid Abatement Trust Fund (from Edison)

46845 is now Opioid Settlement Funds – TN Abatement Council

Per the OAC's Letter of Agreement, these funds shall be placed in an interest-bearing account until they are used.

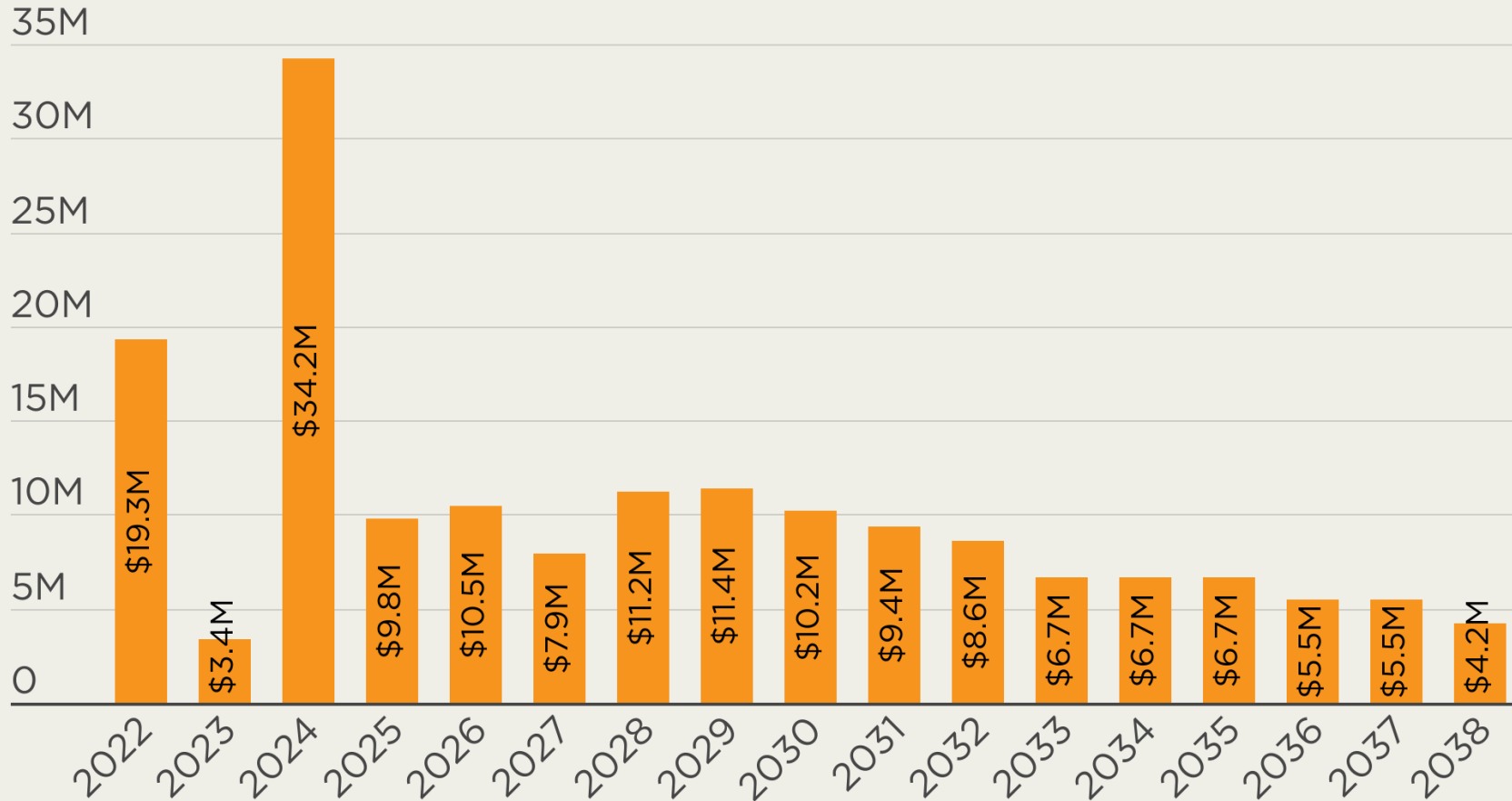


INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE



Subdivision Payments to Counties & Municipalities

These amounts will change due to various factors, this is an **ESTIMATE**.



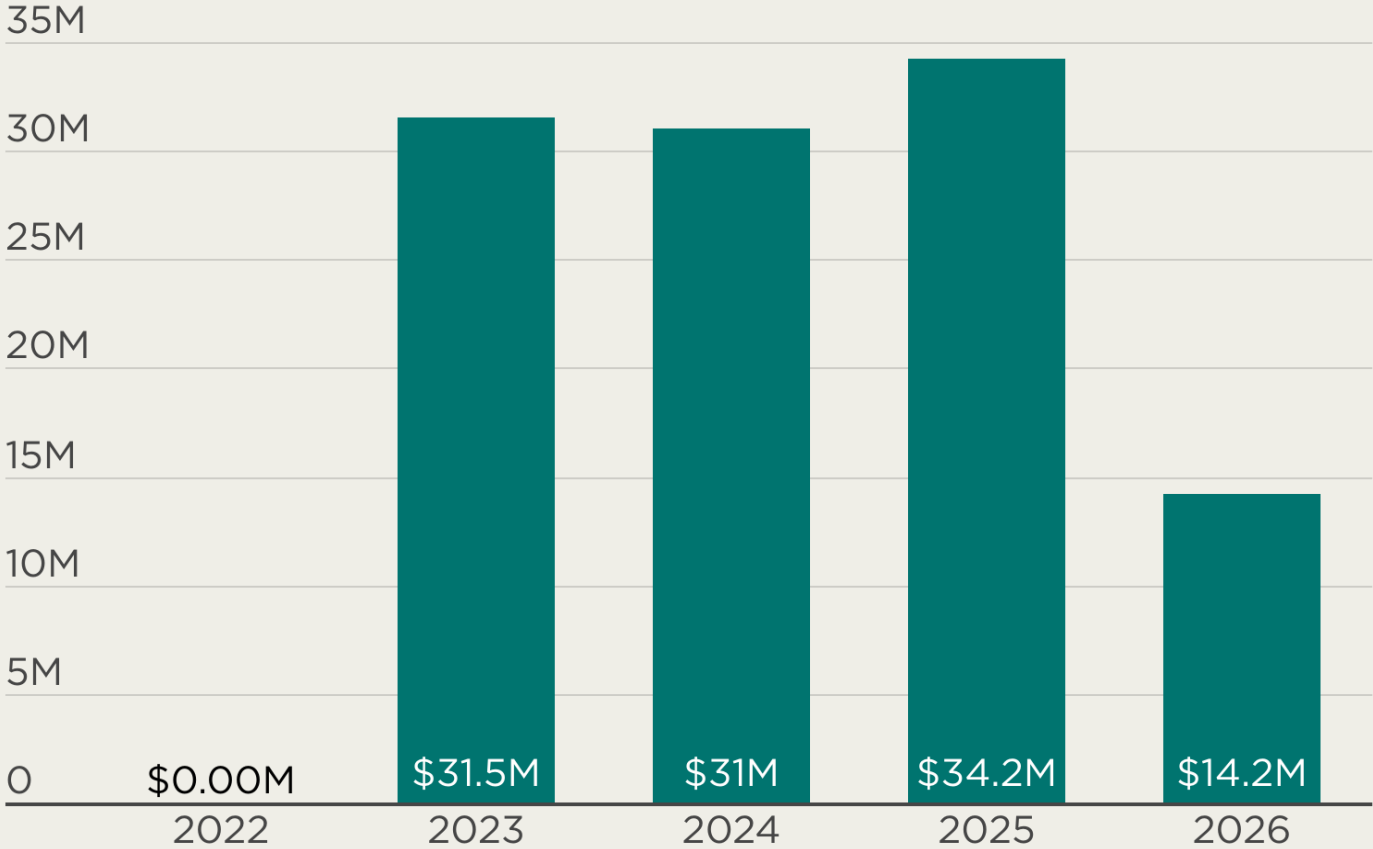
INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Source: using data from [TN Attorney General's Guide for Local Government](#)



OAC's Estimated Payments to Counties

These amounts **WILL change** due to recalculation of allocations and other factors, this is an **ESTIMATE**.



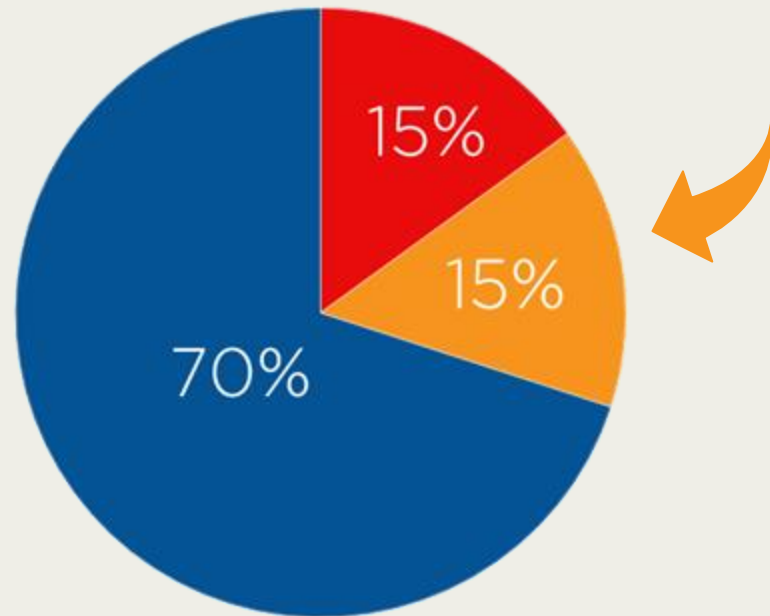
INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Source: [IN OAC Payment Projections](#)



Subdivision Funds (BrownGreer)

Specific Question: *Is the Brown Greer money restricted and what can it be used for?*



● State General Fund ● Subdivision Fund ● Abatement Council

Subdivision Funds

- 15% of all settlements will be distributed among all subdivisions that signed onto the litigations
- Must be used for:
 - Future opioid remediation
 - Reimbursement for past remediation expenditures listed in [Exhibit E](#)
 - Reasonable related administrative expenditures
- There is NO timeframe requirements for spending



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

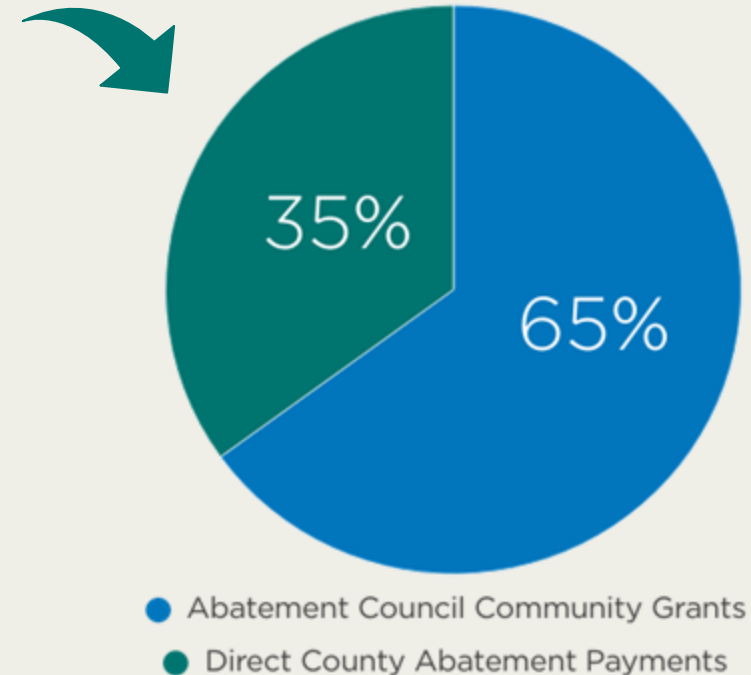
Source: [IN Attorney General's Guide for Local Government](#)



County Abatement Funds (Edison)

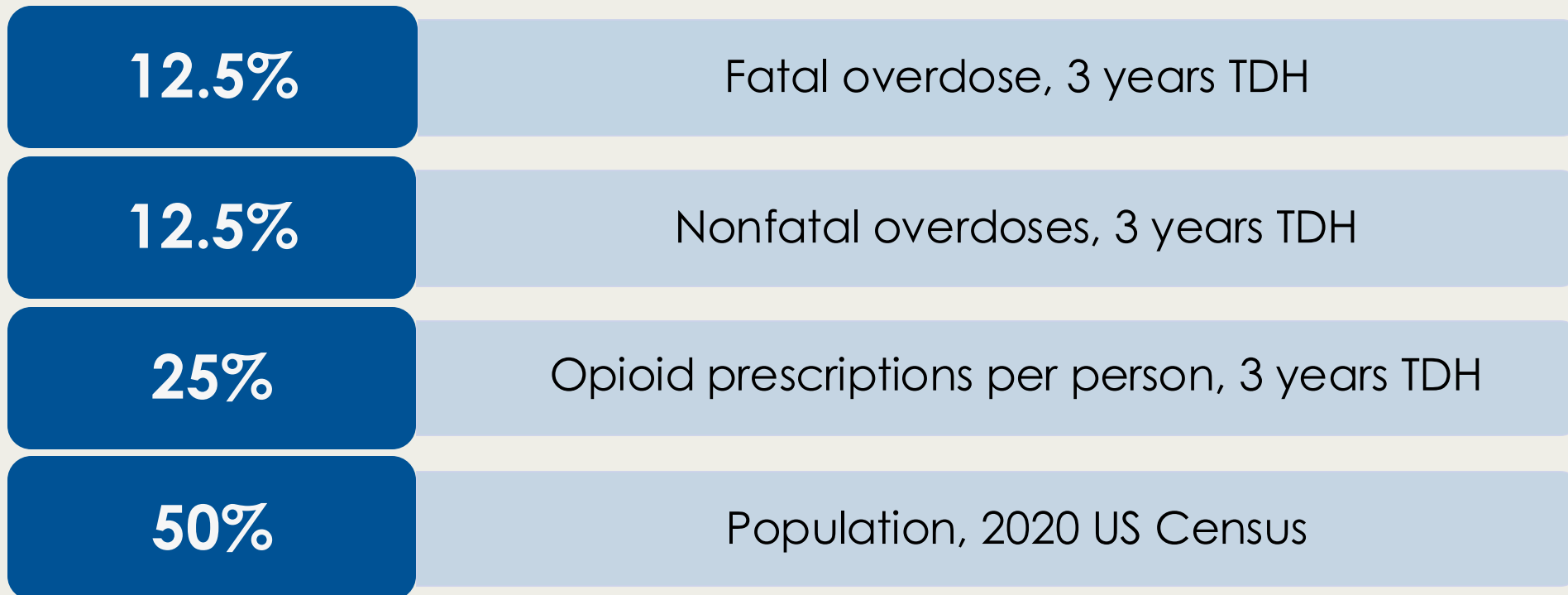
Direct County Funds

- 35% of the Opioid Abatement Trust Funds will be paid directly to counties through Edison
- Per the annual Letter of Agreement with the OAC, these funds must be:
 - put into an interest-bearing account
 - allocated within two years
 - spent, granted an extension, or returned (with the accrued interest) within four years
 - used **ONLY** for *future* approved opioid remediation in [Exhibit E \(TN OAC's Table Format\)](#)



County Abatement Funds - Allocation Formula

In calculating the county allocation percentages, the data shall be weighted as follows:



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Source: [TN Attorney General's Guide for Local Government](#)



County Abatement Allocations

Recalculating

- Per the 2021 Opioid Abatement Council Act the allocation percentages will be **updated every 4 years** using the same data points.
- Next calculation prior to 2027 payment

Holdback

Because it is possible that the data may not represent the scope of the problem in very small counties, 2% of the total county abatement funds will be held back for possible appeals.



Reporting Requirements

Subdivision Fund

Uses reported every 6 months to BrownGreer, **only if** funds are spent on non-remediation purposes

- Due in *March* and *September*, if required

County Abatement Payments

Biannual reporting required and agreed to in Letter of Agreement submitted to Opioid Abatement Council

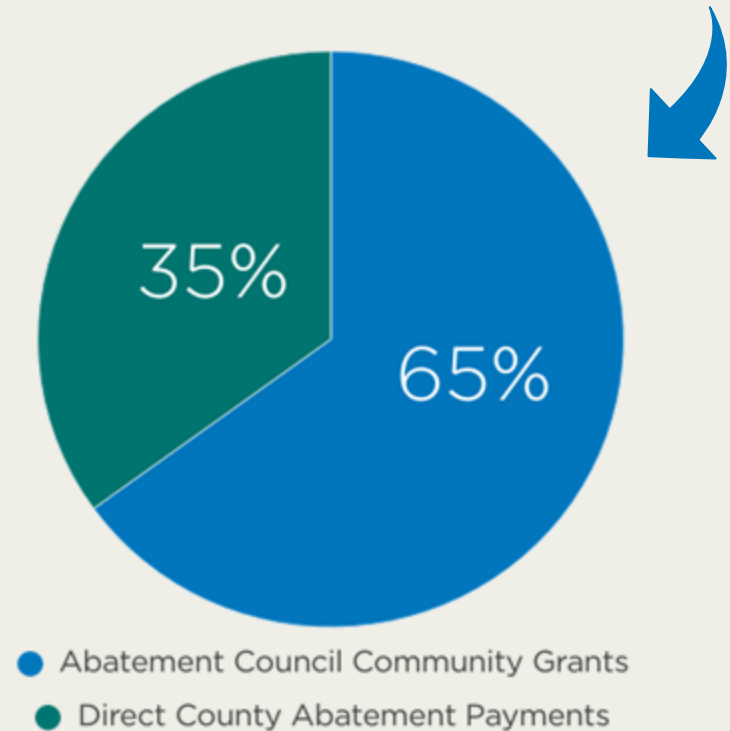
- Remediation strategies funded
- Amount spent on each strategy
- Due in *March* and *September*

Reporting form can be accessed [here](#)



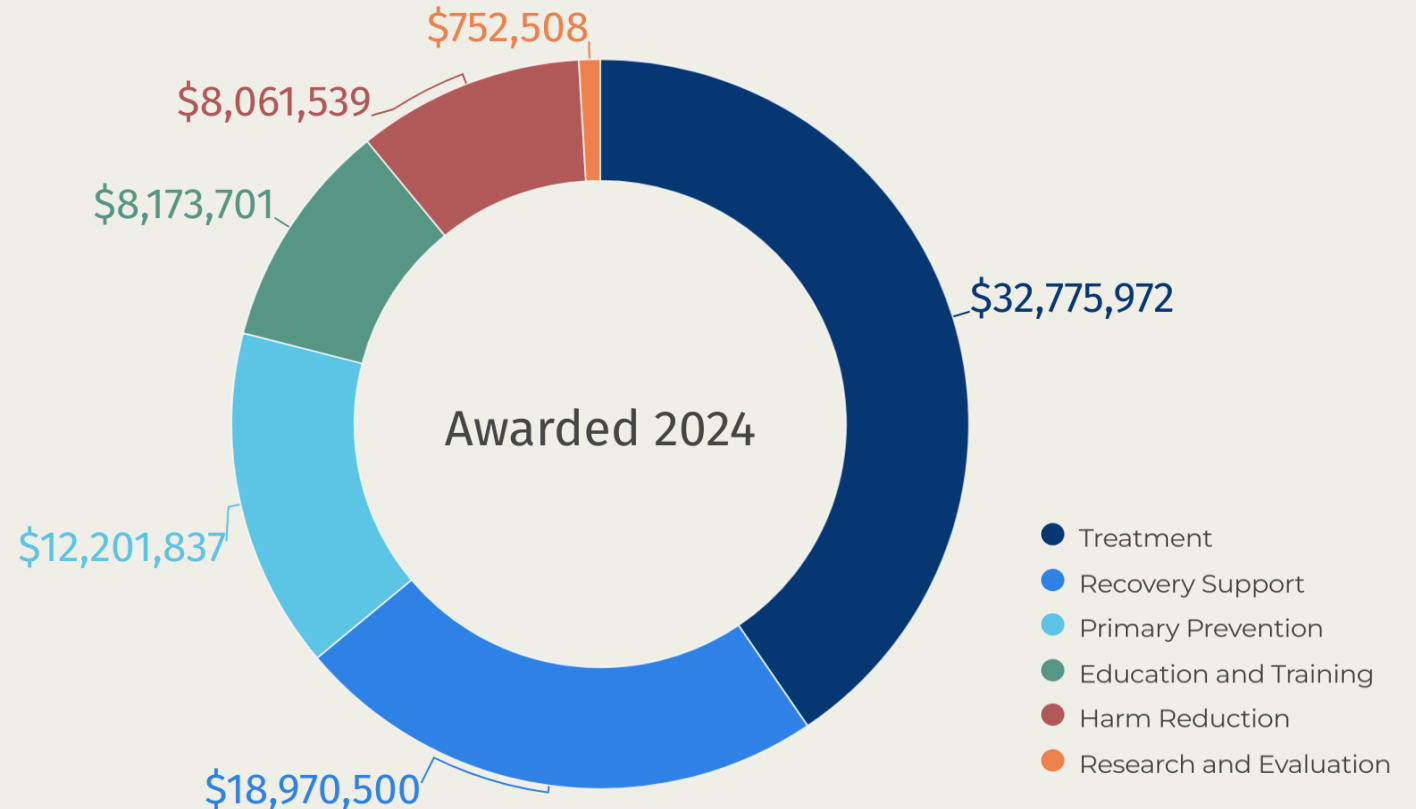
Abatement Funds – Community Grants

- Per the Abatement Act: The council shall disburse the remaining **65%** of such proceeds for statewide, regional, or local opioid abatement and remediation purposes
- Approved remediation uses the same as county
- Application closed Oct 16th, 2023
- Awards announced May 2024
- 1st payments expected July 2024



Community Grants Awarded 2024

- Total amount awarded
= **\$80,936,057**
- 116 out of 386 grants awarded
 - 85 distinct organizations
 - 29 statewide programs



Approved Remediation Uses

Core Strategies

Naloxone or other FDA-approved drugs to reverse overdose

Medication assisted treatment

Services for pregnant and postpartum women

Expand treatment for NAS

Expand warm hand-offs and recovery services

Treatment for incarcerated population

Prevention programs

Expanding syringe service programs

Data collection and research analysis of abatement strategies



West TN Opioid Settlement Summit

June 25, 2024



Tipton County



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Internal Processes of Other Counties



Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee

An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service

Jennifer Tourville & Courtney Collier



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Internal Processes Across TN

- 1 Mayor and county officials make decisions
- 2 A formal or informal task force is established to make recommendations to county officials
- 3 County contracts with external firms/consulting companies
- 4 County hires a specific position to identify spending priorities and manage funds



Assembling a County Opioid Task Force

Local elected officials

Reps from diverse populations

Service providers

County agency leaders

People with lived experience

University Reps



Sample Opioid Board Mission Statement

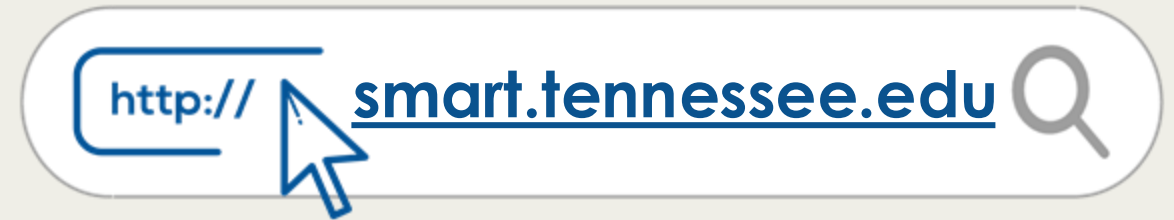
The _____ **County Opioid Council** comprised of elected officials and community members serves to advise the _____ **County Board of Commissioners** to effectively, fairly, and transparently spend the opioid settlement funds awarded to the county. The Board will identify spending priorities and make recommendations focused on prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery strategies to overcome opioid and substance use disorders.



Grant Application Process

Available documents:

- Request for proposal overview
- Grant application template
- Scoring template
- Budget template
- Work Plan template
- County – Agency contract



Spending Strategies Across the State



Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee

An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service

Jennifer Tourville & Courtney Collier



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Approved Remediation Uses

Core Strategies

Naloxone or other FDA-approved drugs to reverse overdose

Medication assisted treatment

Services for pregnant and postpartum women

Expand treatment for NAS

Expand warm hand-offs and recovery services

Treatment for incarcerated population

Prevention programs

Expanding syringe service programs

Data collection and research analysis of abatement strategies



Spending Strategies of Interest

#1: Prevention

- Trauma informed school specialists
- EMS leave behind program
- Naloxone when leaving jail
- OD MAP

#2: Recovery Support

- CPRSs
- Recovery Courts
- Housing programs

#1: Treatment

- Jail programs
- Inpatient programs
- Programs for uninsured

#3: Education & Training

- Opioid related training for EMS centers



5 Best Practices



Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee

An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service

Channie Cretsinger

Program Associate



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

#1 - Use Your Local Data for Guidance



**Hospital / Emergency
Departments**



**EMS / Law Enforcement
“Suspected Overdoses”**

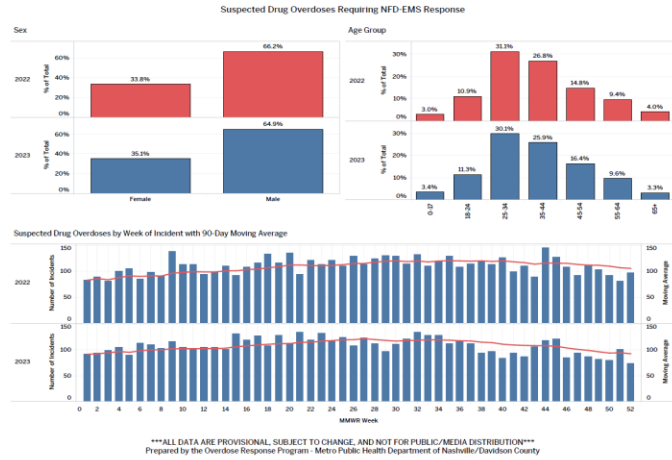


**Medical
Examiner/Forensic
Center**

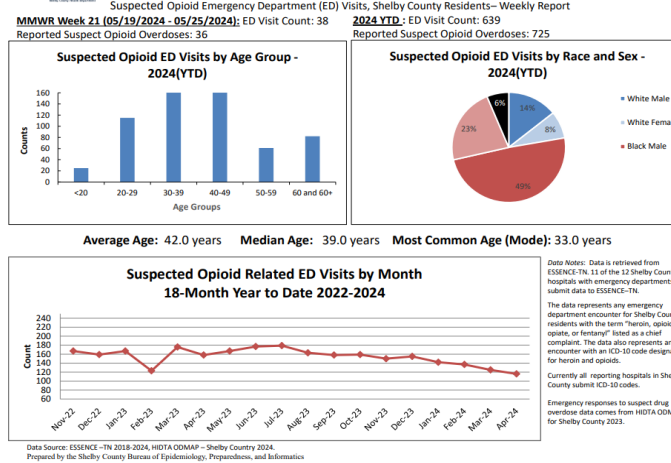
Together these data sources can help tell WHO is overdosing, WHERE they are overdosing and on WHAT they are overdosing.

- WHO, WHERE and on WHAT allows you to...
 - prioritize your strategies and allocations
 - ensure limited resources are well targeted

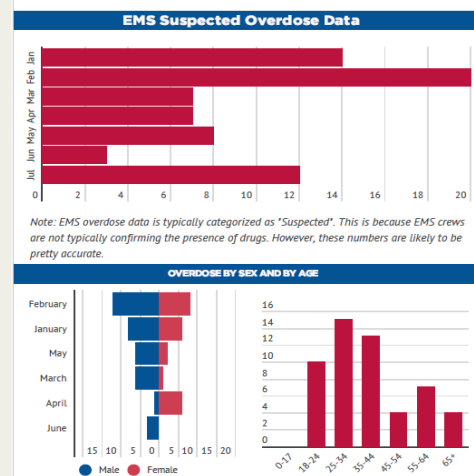
Overdose Response Epidemiology and Surveillance Update
Davidson County, TN | Update: 1/5/2024



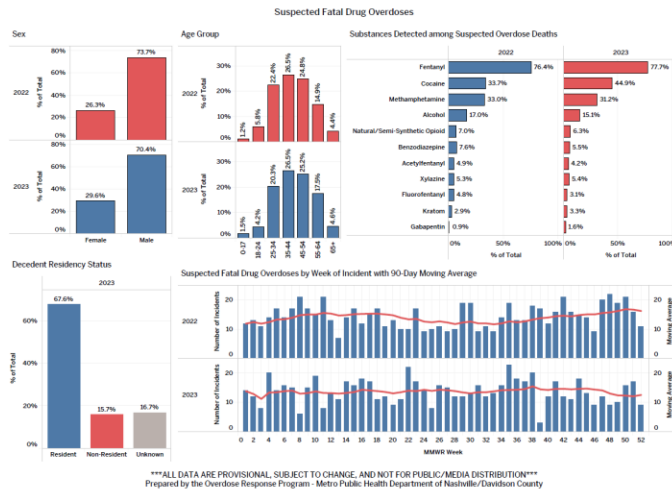
SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
5/31/2024



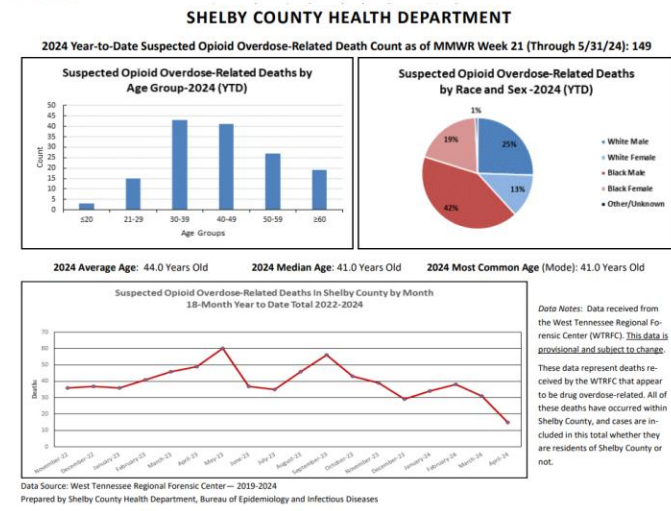
EXAMPLE COUNTY DATA SHEET
DOES NOT CONTAIN REAL DATA - EXAMPLE ONLY



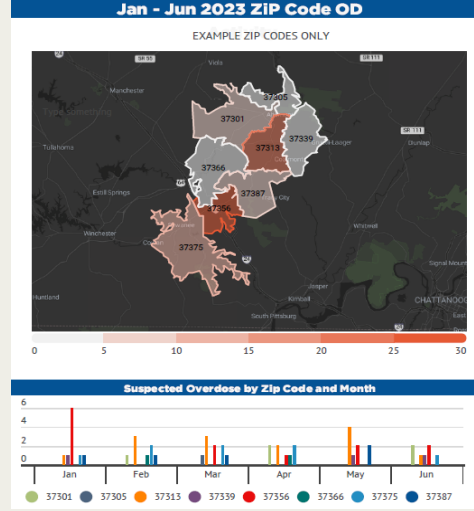
Overdose Response Epidemiology and Surveillance Update
Davidson County, TN | Update: 1/5/2024



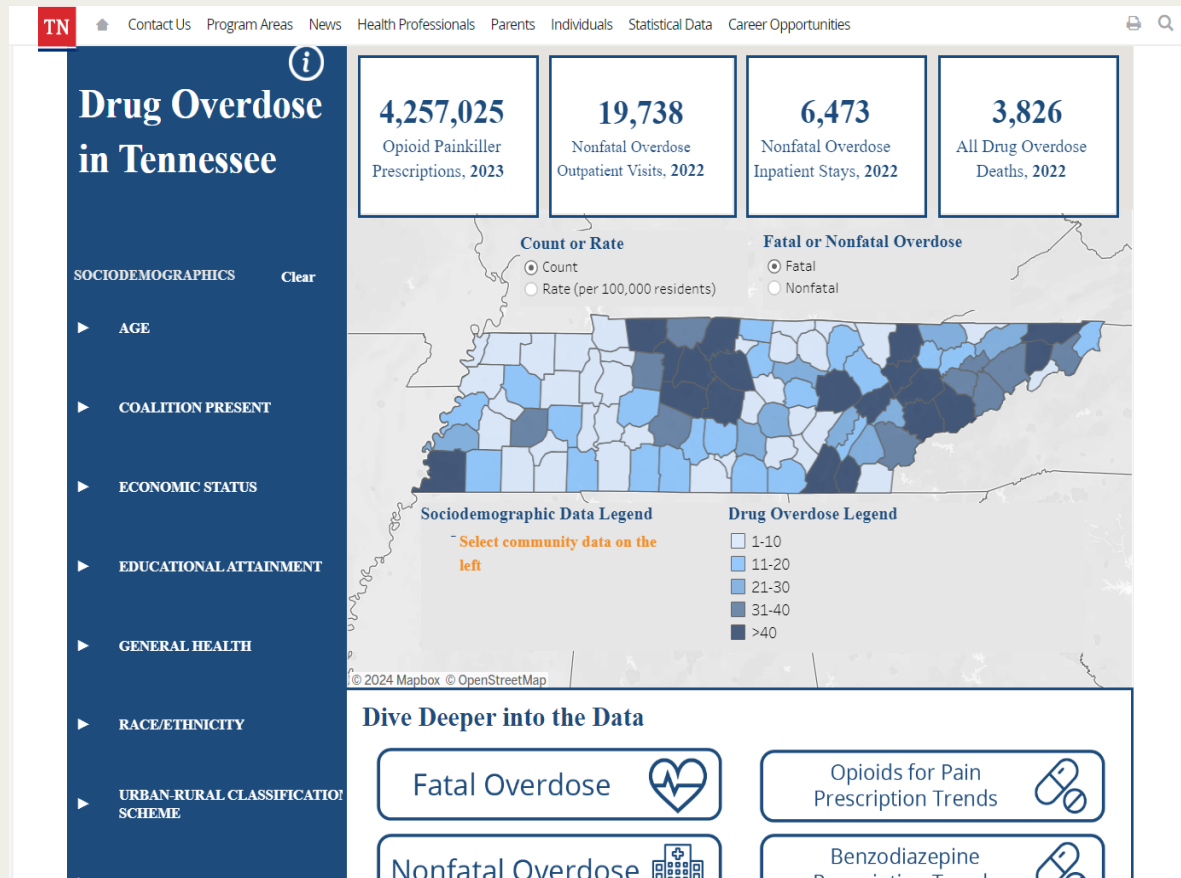
SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
5/31/2024



EXAMPLE COUNTY DATA SHEET
Jan - Jun 2023 ZIP Code OD



Tennessee Overdose Dashboard



TN Department of Health

2022 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths

Tennessee Department of Health
Office of Informatics and Analytics

February 21, 2024

#2 - Use your Local Experts

Form an opioid settlement/abatement fund committee that incorporates members with useful expertise and knowledge.

Don't limit yourself to committee members for insight; others you can contact for information:

- People with lived experience
- Treatment Centers
- First Responders
- Harm Reduction Agencies
- TDMHSAS / TDH
- Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists
- Corrections
- Hospitals and healthcare

#3 – Know Existing Resources

**You do not
have enough
money!**

Know how to find and access existing programs:

- [Regional Overdoses Prevention Specialist \(ROPS\)](#)
- [TDMHSAS – Substance Abuse Services](#)
- [TDH High Impact Areas \(HIA\)](#)
- [TDH Syringe Service](#)
- [TAADAS REDLINE](#)



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE



Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists

ROPS are located throughout the state of Tennessee as a point of contact for training and education on opioid overdose and for overdose prevention through the distribution of naloxone.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS FOR TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION



People at High Risk, Families, and Friends



Community-Based Agencies


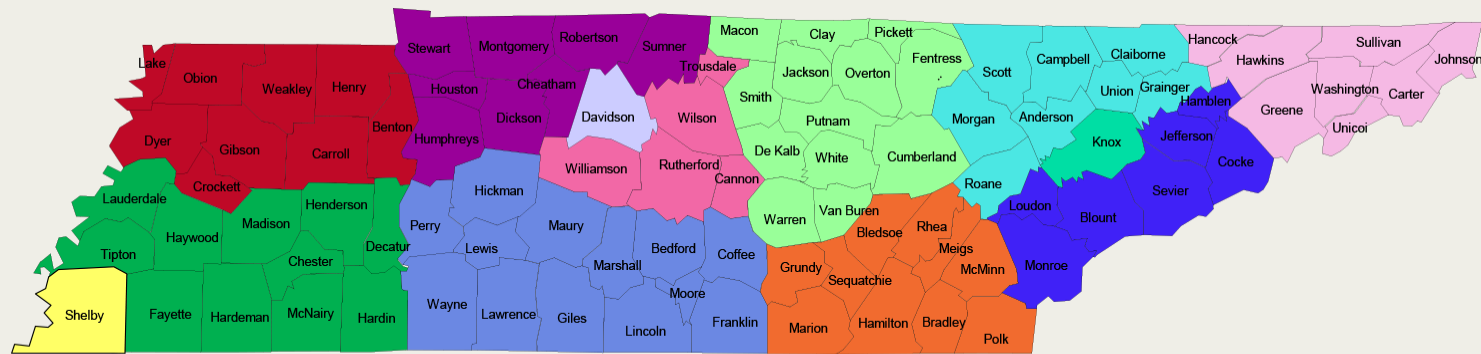


First Responders



Community Groups

Contact your local ROPS to schedule a training or get more info. Scan the code or visit the website below.

- Region 1**
- Region 3N**
- Region 5N1**
- Region 6N**
- Region 2N**
- Region 3S**
- Region 5N2**
- Region 6S**
- Region 2M**
- Region 4**
- Region 5S**
- Region 7**
- Region 2S**

#4 - Know & Set Your Priorities

Where can you make the most impact?

Questions to ask:

- Everything is **important** but what is **critical**?
- Are you addressing the right problem?

Know where to allocate funds:

- Preventing addiction and saving lives are not an either/or proposition
- Use **timely** local data (anecdotal too!) to understand where your community is being impacted
- Track your outcomes to understand what is making an impact
- Existing resources can influence your priorities

#5 – Know Your Limitations

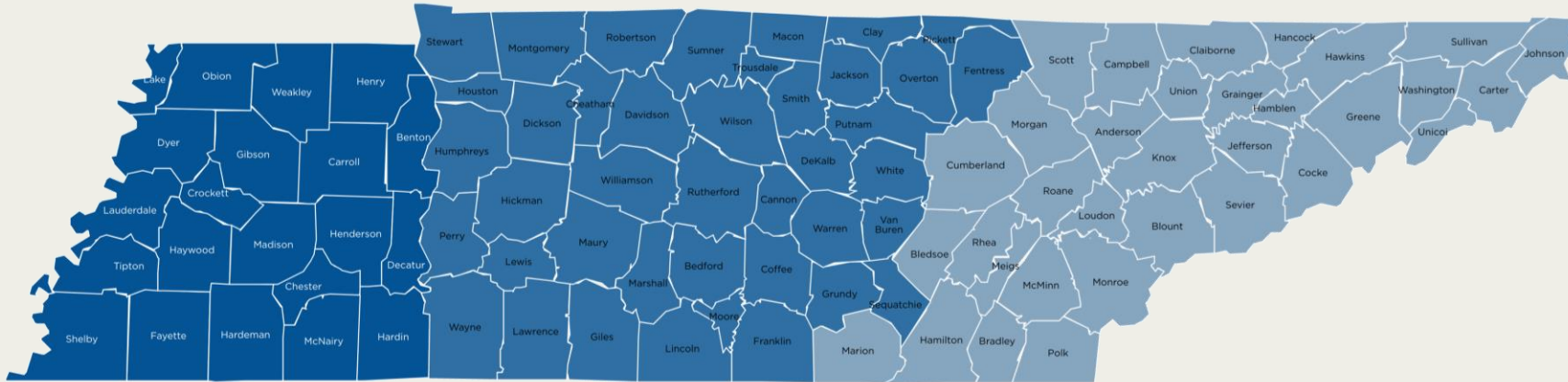
You cannot fix this issue with these funds alone.

The “Opioid” crisis has now become a “Poly-substance Overdose Crisis”

- Drug combinations and who is using is CONSTANTLY changing
- A “continuum of care” is needed – from Prevention to Treatment/Recovery
- Everyone has “important” and “vital” programs that need funding
- Your funding reduces over time, what are you building?
- Collaborate and coordinate



SMART's Regional Consultants



West

Courtney Collier



courtney.collier
@tennessee.edu



Middle

Trevor Henderson



trevor.henderson
@tennessee.edu



East

Sarah McCall



sarah.mccall
@tennessee.edu



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE



“Specialized Consultant” CDC Foundation ORS Partner



CDC Foundation
Public Health Analyst

Kathleen Collins

kcollins@cdcfoundation.org



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE



For Additional Questions or Assistance



Contact Us:



[**smart@tennessee.edu**](mailto:smart@tennessee.edu)



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE



Q&A Session



Tipton County



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE

Evaluation Survey

Thank you for attending!



Tipton County



INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC
SERVICE