

KANAWHA COUNTY

At-A-Glance 2023



**WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF
DRUG CONTROL POLICY**
West Virginia Department of Human Services



FROM 2014 TO 2022, OPIOID
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
DISPENSING DECREASED BY **-56%**¹

Naloxone Kits
Distributed² → **15,217***

Treatment
Beds³/Certified
Recovery Beds⁴ → **173/318**

Number of
Helpline Calls⁵ → **2,183**

Number of Helpline
Calls Connected
to Treatment⁵ → **951**

QRT Referrals to
Treatment⁶ → **13**

Number of
LEAD Referrals³ → **30**

Community Assets

Quick Response Team (QRT) ✓

Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) ✓

Law Enforcement Assisted
Diversion (LEAD) ✓

Harm Reduction Program ✓

Hospitals with SUD Response ✓

Treatment (Tx) Court - Juvenile ✓

Treatment Court - Family ✓

Treatment Court - Adult ✓

Hospitals with SUD Response: Charleston Area Medical Center, WVU Medicine Saint Francis Hospital, WVU Medicine Thomas Memorial Hospital

Local Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare Provider: Pretera

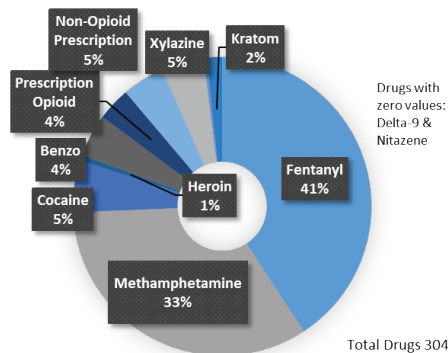
Local Prevention Lead Organization: Pretera Center

Day Report: Kanawha County Day Report Center

Change in overdose
number from
2021 to 2022:⁸
-27

Number of overdose
fatalities in 2022:⁸
196
County Rank: 1⁸

Percentage of Drug Totals Kanawha
County, WV - 2023



Acronyms/Definitions

Hospital SUD Response Program - comprehensive approaches to SUD for individuals who present to the hospital system that can include screening, referral to treatment, MOUD induction, providing naloxone, and a Peer Recovery Support Specialist consult.

Harm Reduction Program (HRP) - refers to the use of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing the negative consequences associated with drug use.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) - a pre-booking diversion program aimed at diverting low level criminal offenders away from incarceration and into treatment so that they can receive definitive care for their underlying addiction.

Medication-Assisted Treatment/Medications for Opioid Use Disorders (MAT/MOUD) - refers to the three U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved medications used to treat opioid use disorder: Methadone, Buprenorphine, and Naltrexone.

Quick Response Team (QRT) - teams who contact people within 24 to 72 hours of an overdose to connect them to treatment and other services.

Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) - integration of programs and services designed to increase the well-being, improve the permanency, and enhance the safety of children who are in, or at-risk of, out-of-home placements as the result of a parent or caregiver's SUD.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) - the recurrent use of alcohol or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Resources:

DoHS Office of Drug Control Policy:
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy>

DoHS Office of Drug Control Policy Data Dashboard:
<https://bit.ly/ODCPData>

Addiction Treatment Locator:
<https://treatmentatlas.org/>

Certified Recovery Residence Locator:
<https://warr.org/recovery-housing-guide/residence-directory/>

Data Sources:

- (1) West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
- (2) West Virginia Department of Human Services, Bureau for Behavioral Health
- (3) West Virginia Department of Human Services, Bureau for Medical Services
- (4) West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences
- (5) First Choice Services, Inc.
- (6) West Virginia Department of Health, Bureau for Public Health
- (7) U.S. Census Bureau
- (8) West Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

(--) Data unavailable at time of report.

(*) Number of naloxone kits distributed is approximate based on shipment data from the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, Narcan Direct, and numbers reported from Save-a-Life Day 2023.

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