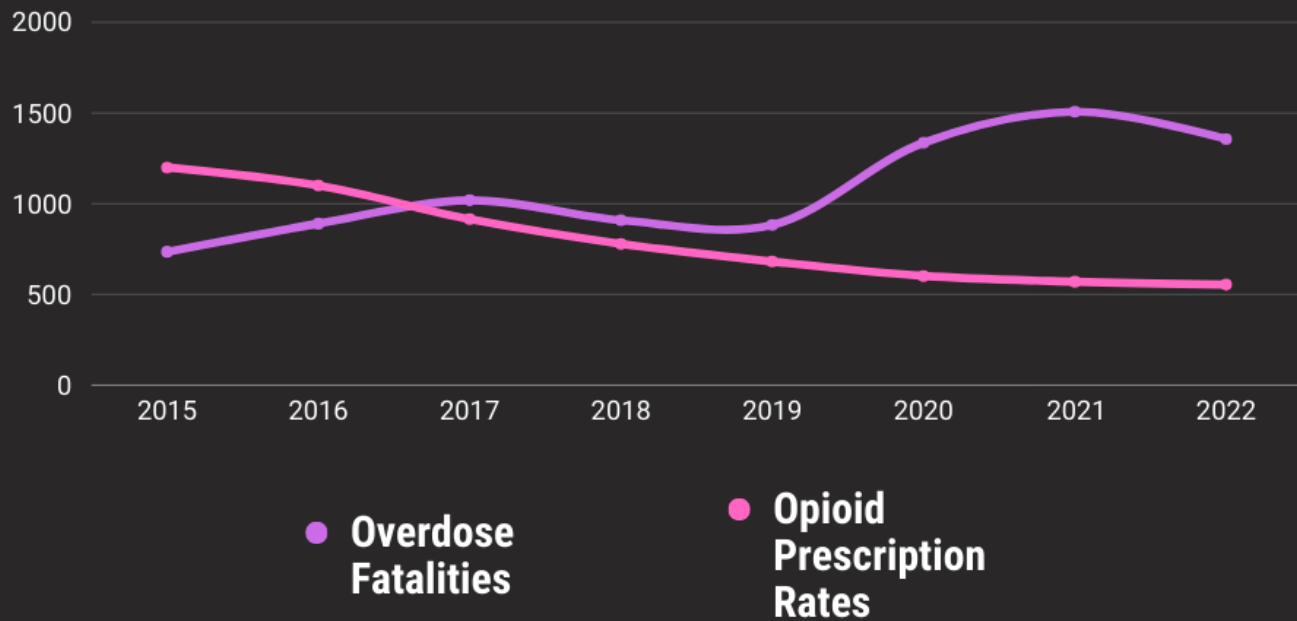


OVERDOSES & PRESCRIPTIONS IN WV

Although the rates of opioid prescribing in West Virginia have declined drastically, the number of overdose fatalities continues to rise. The following shows the consequences of overcriminalization of opioids and the crack down on a safe supply.



<https://dhr.wv.gov/vip/county-reports/Pages/2022-CSMP-Surveillance-Reports.aspx>
<https://dhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy/datadashboard/Pages/default.aspx>

Current HIV and Overdose Trends in West Virginia

▶ SB334 Passed in 2021 Restricting SSPs

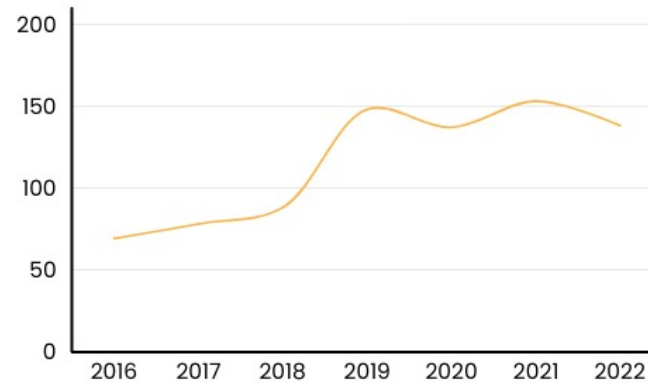
West Virginia used to have 19 syringe service programs. Since passage of SB334, over half have shut down. The more restrictive the SSP in WV, the higher the rate of HIV and HCV.

▶ The CDC has labeled the HIV outbreak in WV as the most alarming in the country

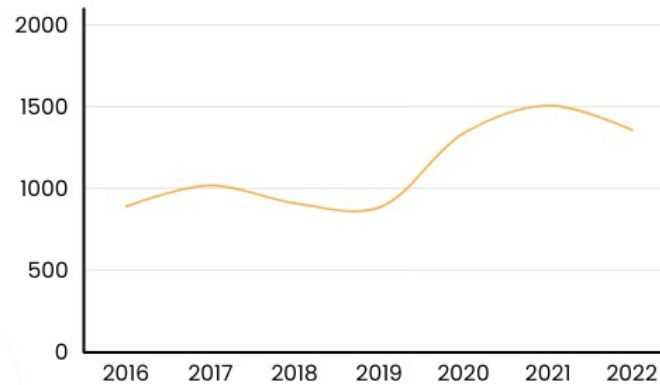
▶ The Opioid Reduction Act was passed in 2018 further reducing opioid prescriptions

▶ The City of Charleston passed an ordinance following SB334 to further criminalize syringe distribution without a license by making it a misdemeanor offense (per syringe)

HIV Diagnoses in West Virginia



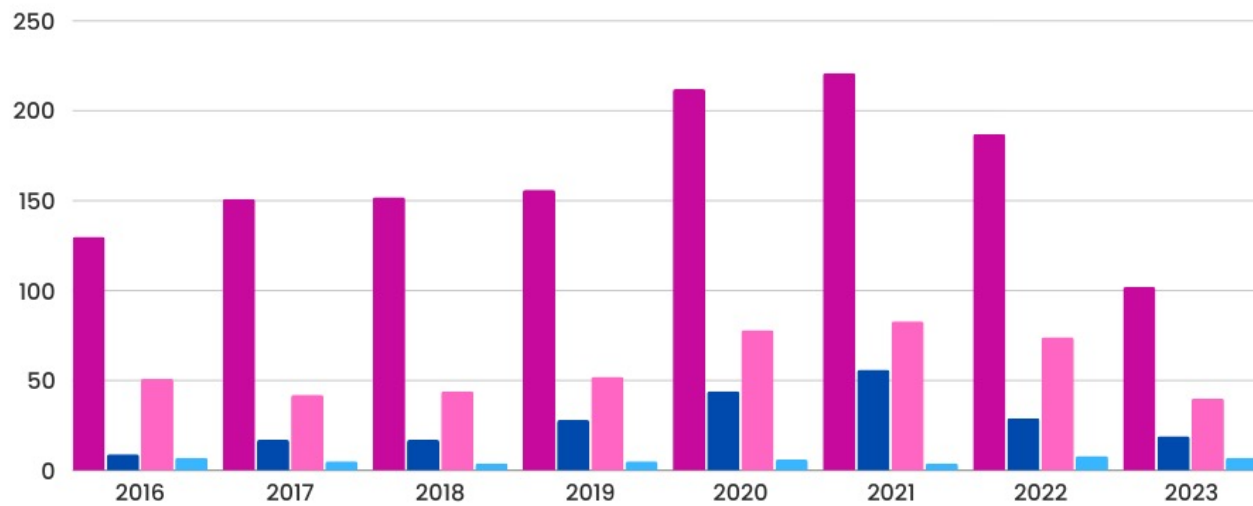
Overdoses in West Virginia



https://dhr.wv.gov/hsc/ss/most_requested_statistics/drugoverdosemortality/pages/default.aspx

<https://oeps.wv.gov/hiv-aids/pages/default.aspx>

COUNTY LEVEL HIV & OD TRENDS IN WV



■ Kanawha Fatal OD

■ Kanawha HIV diagnoses

■ Monongalia Fatal OD

■ Monongalia HIV diagnoses

While the rates of fatal overdoses and HIV diagnoses cannot be explained by simply comparing data points, it is noteworthy to point out the differences between Kanawha and Monongalia Counties. Kanawha's working SSP was shut down in 2018 & has not replaced it while Monongalia has a needs-based SSP in Morgantown. Data from WV DHHR

THE FASCIST CREEP ON HARM REDUCTION IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE

- 2018 - Danny Jones & KCHD SSP
- 2021 - SB 334 & Charleston ordinance
- 2023 - Denial of new SSP in Charleston
- 2024 - HB 4667 Pipe Ban



Charleston mayor says implementing needle exchange program was a mistake

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Charleston Mayor Danny Jones says former Kanawha-Charleston Health Department Director Dr. Michael Brumage has backed a “disastrous” needle exchange program in the city because more dirty needles keep ending up all over town.

“These needles are everywhere that they shouldn’t be including bathrooms where little kids get stabbed with them and houses that have been abandoned,” Jones said on Wednesday’s MetroNews “Talkline.”

Jones wants to dismantle the program. He said it should’ve never been implemented in the first place.

“It was a mistake. It was wrong and we shouldn’t have done it,” Jones said.

The mayor proposed an ordinance to City Council this month to eliminate it.

Charleston council votes down syringe services proposal from Women’s Health Center

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WHAT IS PROJECT MAYDAY

Project Mayday is a drug-user and peer led collective that operates within a harm reduction framework and participates in community-based mutual aid to ensure the collective well-being of our neighbors. Our mission is to center the health and well-being of folks who use drugs and those experiencing homelessness, especially in Appalachia by meeting them where they are, identifying systemic and institutional barriers, and providing support and resources to help mitigate those barriers.



WHAT WE DO

HARM REDUCTION

- Supply distribution
- Referrals
- Wound care
- Education
- Training
- Naloxone distribution

MUTUAL AID

- Supply distribution (food, clothes, camping/outdoor gear, etc.)
- Financial assistance
- Fundraising/crowdfunding

SINCE JULY 2023...

1685 ENCOUNTERS

700+ DOSES OF NALOXONE

500+ SAFE USE KITS

1240+ GLASS PIPES

2850+ SYRINGES

700+ FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

60 WOUND CARE KITS

