

# MERCER 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 **-62%**<sup>1</sup>

Naloxone Kits  
Distributed<sup>2</sup> → **11,412\***

Treatment  
Beds<sup>3</sup>/Certified  
Recovery Beds<sup>4</sup> → **42/135**

Number of  
Helpline Calls<sup>5</sup> → **436**

Number of Helpline  
Calls Connected  
to Treatment<sup>3</sup> → **155**

QRT Referrals to  
Treatment<sup>6</sup> → **13**

Number of  
LEAD Referrals<sup>3</sup> → **59**

### 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

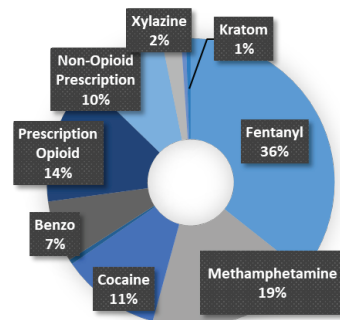
**Hospitals with SUD Response:** Bluefield Regional  
Medical Center (Princeton Hospital 2020), WVU  
Medicine Princeton Community Hospital

**Local Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare Provider:**  
Southern Highlands

**Local Prevention Lead Organization:** Community  
Connections

**Day Report:** Southern Regional Community Corrections

Percentage of Drug Totals Mercer  
County, WV - 2023



Drugs with zero  
values:  
Heroin, Delta-9  
& Nitazene

Total Drugs 188  
Deaths 75

Change in overdose  
number from  
2021 to 2022:<sup>8</sup>  
**-37**

Number of overdose  
fatalities in 2022:<sup>8</sup>  
**56**  
County Rank: 6<sup>8</sup>

## 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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