

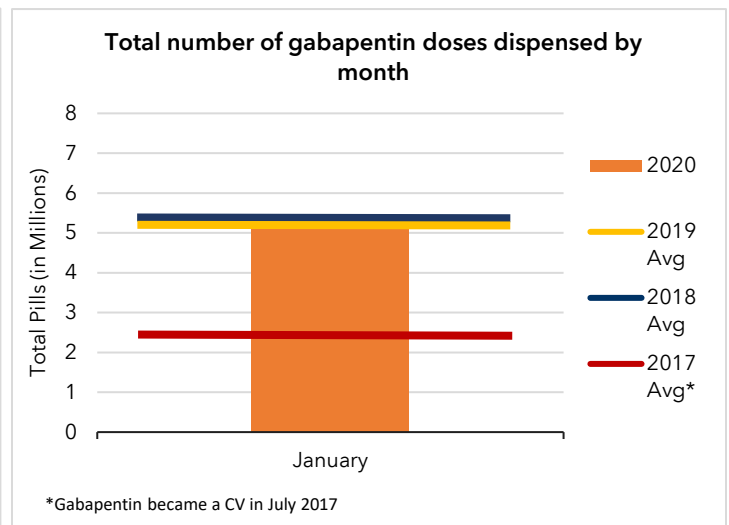
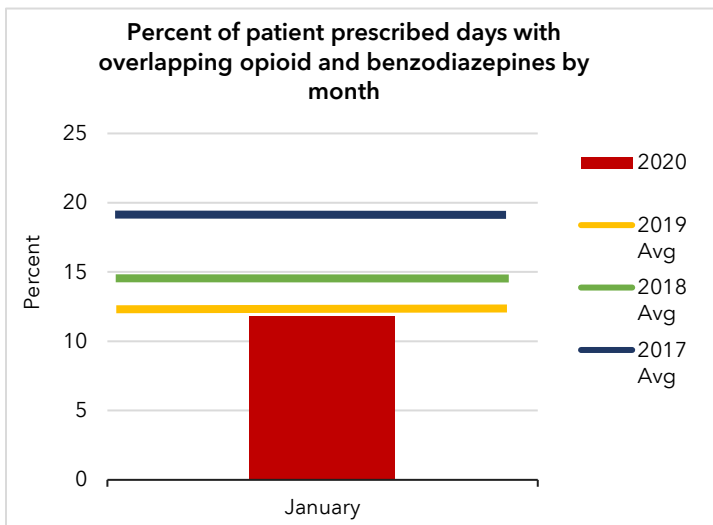
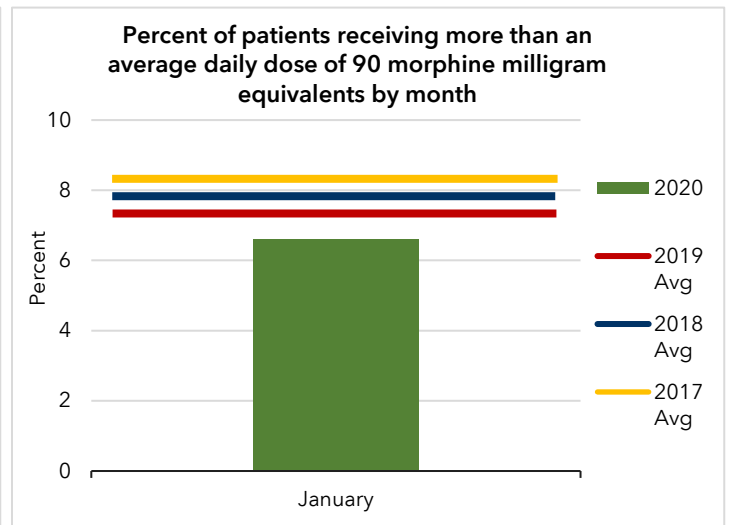
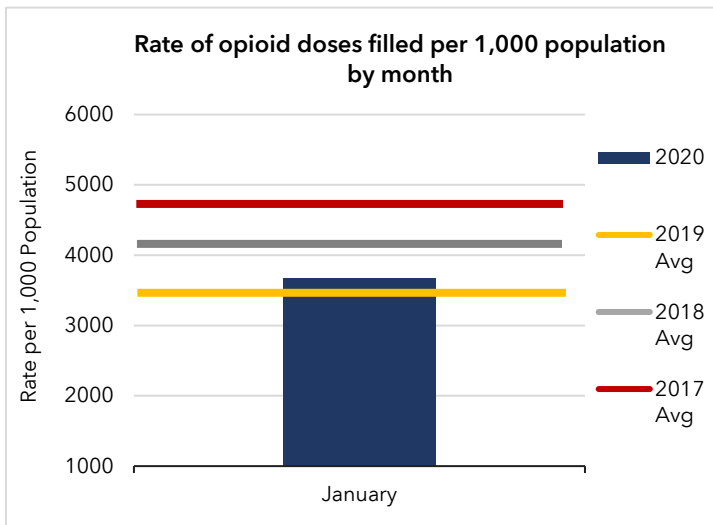


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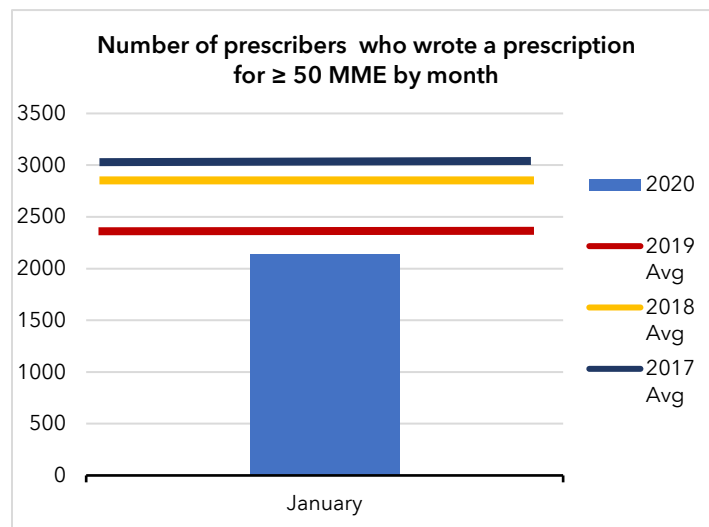
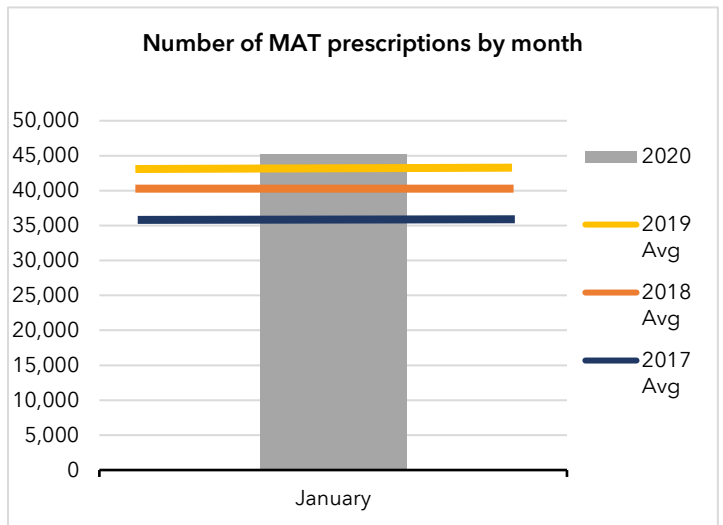
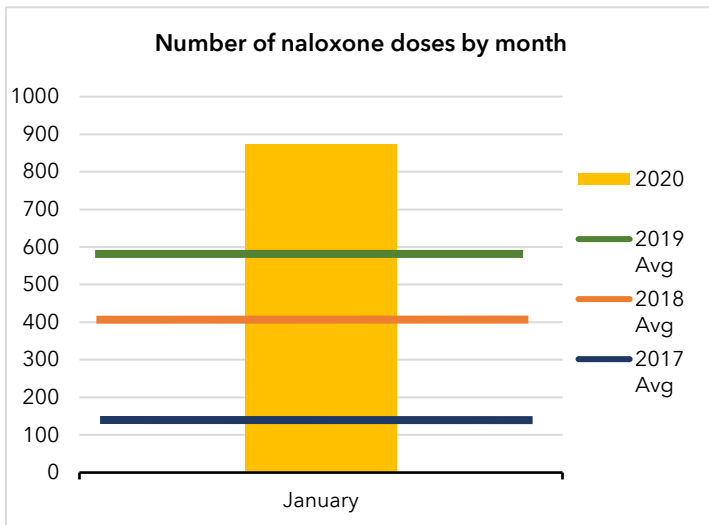
How big is the problem?

In 2019, there was a decrease in the average yearly rate of opioids doses filled, patients with an average of over 90 MME per day, percent of overlapping opioids prescribed and number of prescribers who prescribed greater than 50 MME prescriptions, compared to 2018. There was an overall increase gabapentin doses, naloxone prescriptions, and total MAT prescriptions, compared to 2018.

For the month of January, there was a slight increase in the rate of opioid and gabapentin doses compared to December 2019. However, there was a decrease in the percent of patients with ≥ 90 MME, the number of prescribers prescribing ≥ 50 MMEs, and overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines. Naloxone and MAT prescriptions continue to increase each month. There was a 32% increase in the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed from December 2019 to January 2020.



Source: West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program



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What is being done?

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy continues to monitor controlled substances that are dispensed in the state. Efforts are being made to identify high-risk prescribing. County level assessments are also being conducted on a semi-annual basis to identify high-burden areas in the state where the West Virginia Academic Detailing team can focus their prescriber education efforts.

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