

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Controlled Substance Monitoring Program

Monthly Surveillance Report

May 2022



How big is the problem?

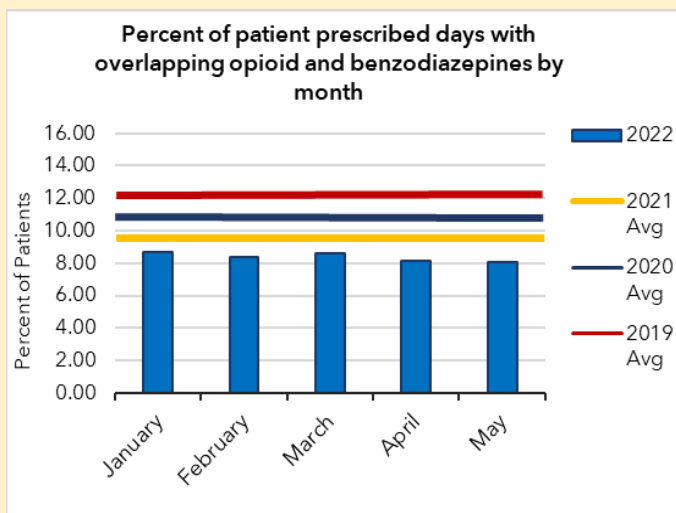
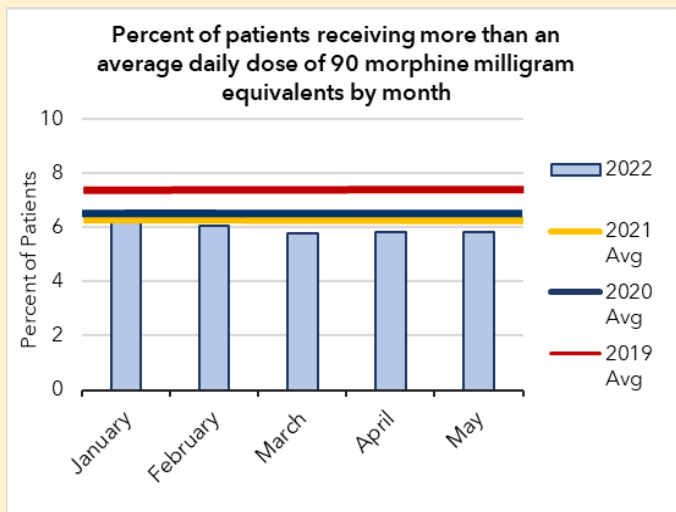
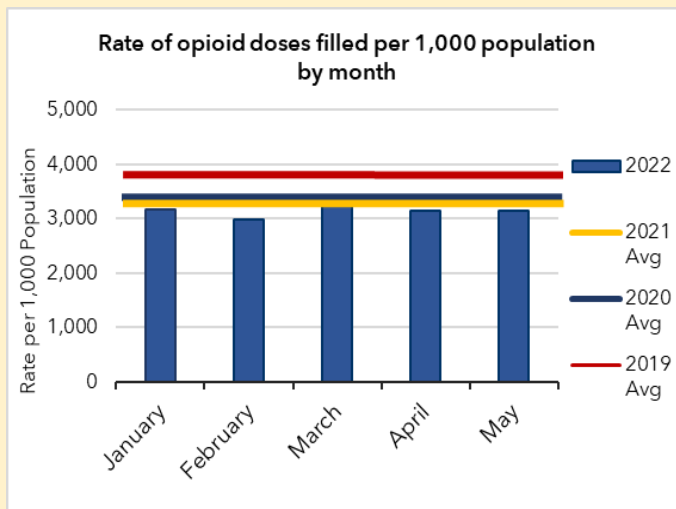
In 2021, there was a decrease in the average yearly rate for opioids doses filled, patients with an average of over 90 MME per day, percent of overlapping opioids and benzodiazepines prescribed, number of prescribers who prescribed greater than 50 MME prescriptions, and gabapentin doses, compared to 2020. Also, there was an overall increase in naloxone prescriptions and total MAT prescriptions in 2021.

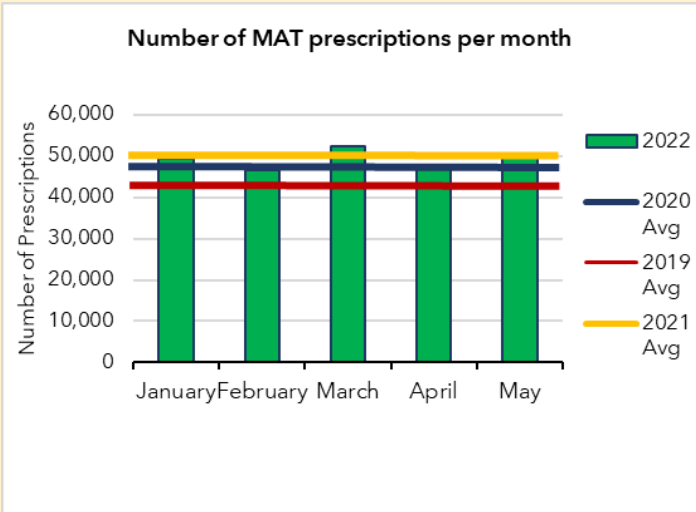
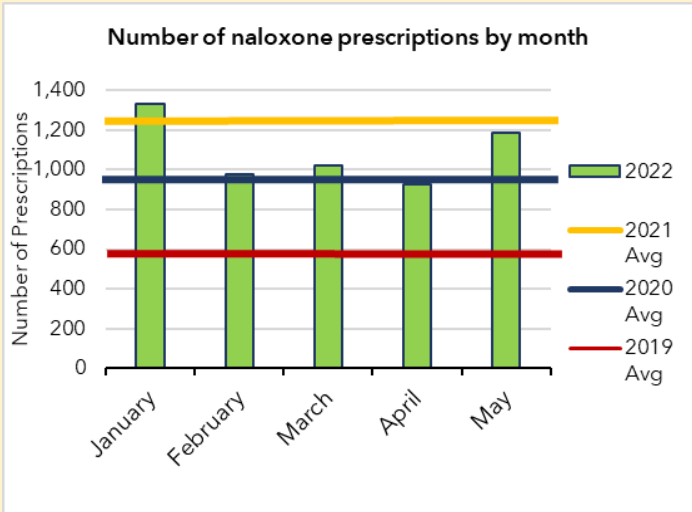
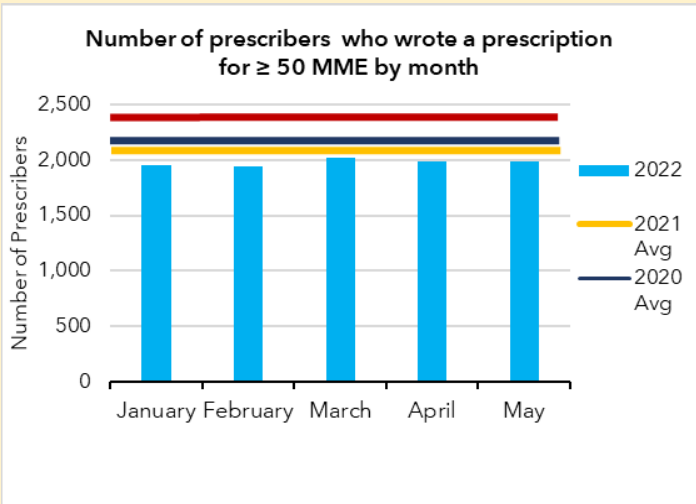
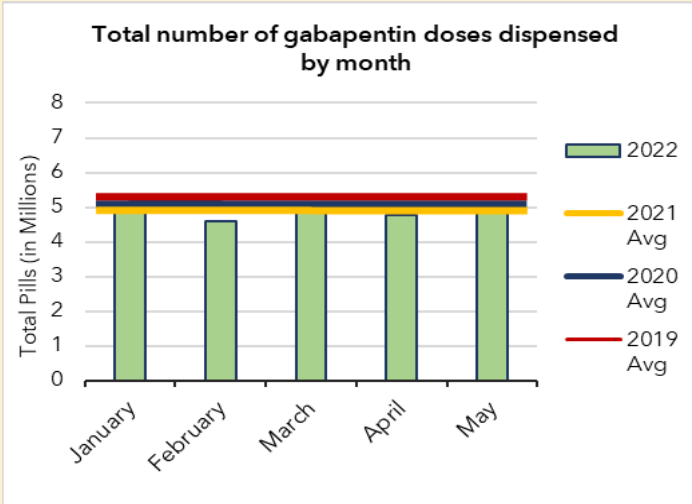
In May 2022, there was a slight increase in the rate of opioid doses, the number of prescribers prescribing ≥ 50 MMEs, and the percent of patients with ≥ 90 MMEs per day compared to April 2022. There was also an increase in the number of gabapentin doses, the number of naloxone doses, and the number of MAT prescriptions from April 2022. However, the percent of patient prescribed days with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines decreased from April 2022. Also, there was a 2.63% decrease in the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in May 2022 when compared to the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in May 2021.

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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For more information about county level data, click [here](#) to access the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Substance Monitoring Program Dashboard.

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