

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance Monitoring Program Monthly Surveillance Report

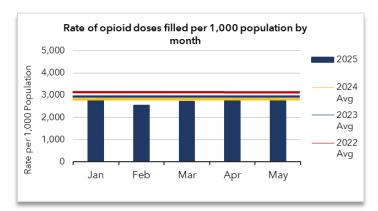
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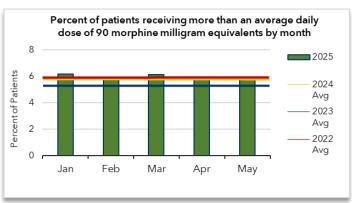
How big is the problem?

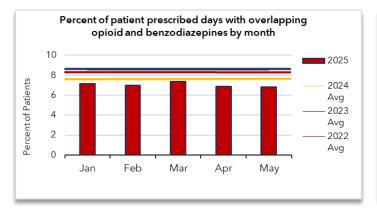
In 2024, there was a **decrease** in the average yearly rate for opioid doses filled, the average yearly rate for stimulant prescriptions filled, number of prescribers who wrote a prescription for ≥50 MMEs, percentage of overlapping opioids and benzodiazepines prescribed, number of gabapentin doses, and MAT prescriptions, compared to 2023. There was an overall **increase** in patients with an average of over 90 MMEs per day in 2024.

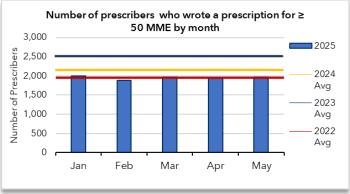
In May 2025, there was a **decrease** in the percentage of patients prescribed days with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines, the number of gabapentin doses, the rate of stimulant prescriptions, and the number of MAT prescriptions dispensed, compared to April.

However, there was an **increase** in the rate of opioid doses, the percentage of patients prescribed \geq 90 MMEs per day, and the number of prescribers prescribing \geq 50 MMEs.

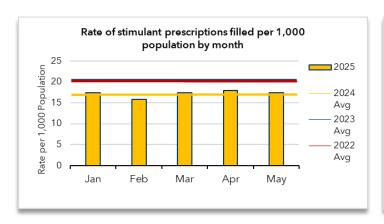


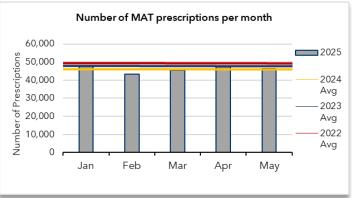


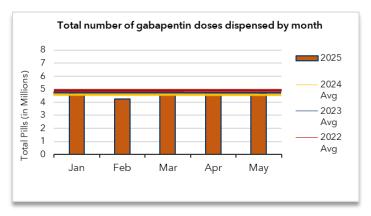




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What is being done?

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy continues to monitor controlled substances that are dispensed in the state. Efforts are continually 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.

For more information about county level data, click <u>here</u> to access the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Substance Monitoring Program Dashboard.

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