



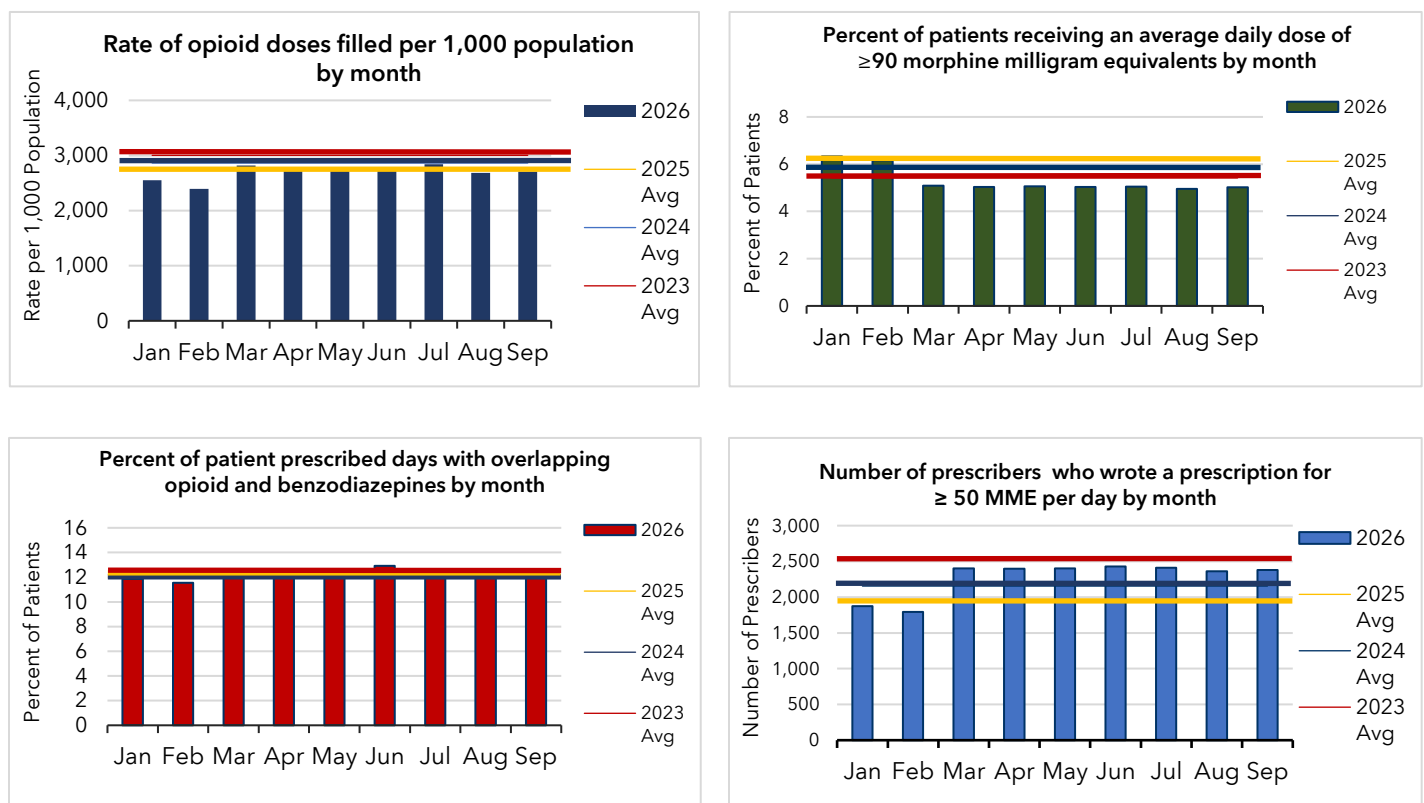
September 2026

Controlled Substance Prescribing Trends

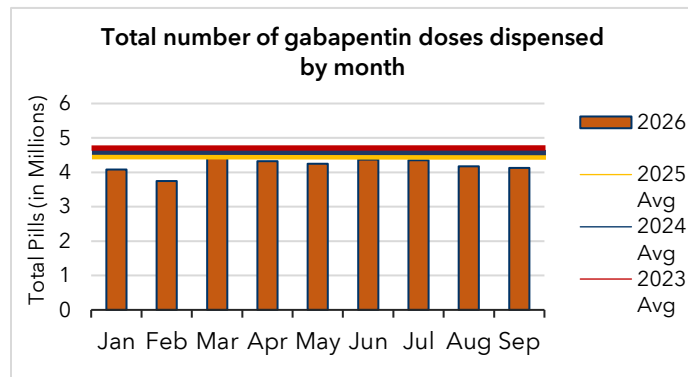
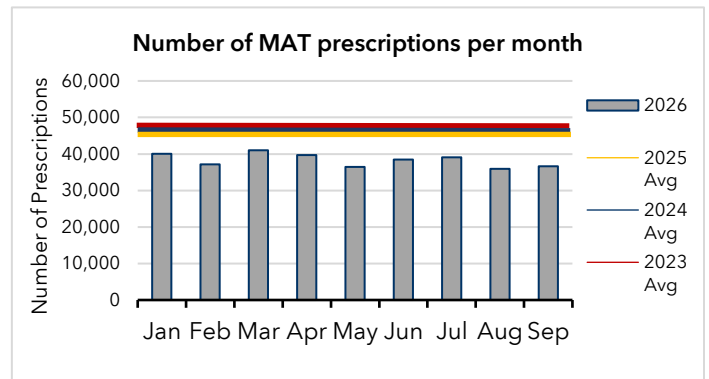
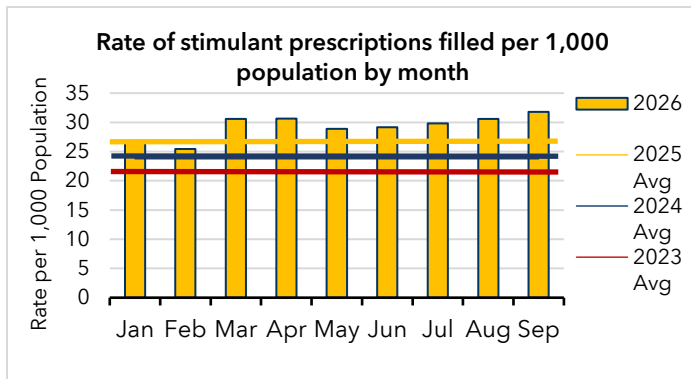
In 2025, there was a **decrease** in the average yearly rate for opioid doses filled, number of prescribers who wrote a prescription for ≥ 50 MMEs, percentage of overlapping opioids and benzodiazepines prescribed, number of gabapentin doses, and MAT prescriptions, compared to 2024. There was an overall **increase** in patients with an average of over 90 MMEs per day and in the average yearly rate for stimulant prescriptions dispensed in 2025.

In September 2026, there was an **increase** in the rate of opioid doses, the percentage of patients prescribed ≥ 90 MMEs, the percentage of patient prescribed days with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines, the number of prescribers prescribing ≥ 50 MMEs per day, the rate of stimulant prescriptions dispensed, and the number of MAT prescriptions dispensed, compared to August.

However, there was a **decrease** in the number of gabapentin doses dispensed.



Source: West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program



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Prevention Efforts

To combat high-risk prescribing, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy closely monitors controlled substance dispensations statewide. Semi-annual county assessments help identify high-burden regions, ensuring the West Virginia Academic Detailing team focuses its education efforts where they are needed most

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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