

Methadone-related unintentional poisoning deaths 1999-2003 and rates for 1999 and 2003

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

Notes:

* Underlying cause of death was selected as unintentional poisoning; methadone was listed on the death certificate as contributing to the death.

** Deaths per 100,000 population.

*** Interpret as: The US rate in 2003 was 0.8 per 100,000 population, nearly 4 times (3.8) the US rate in 1999, 0.2 per 100,000 population.

Rates for 1999 are shown in italics if they are based on fewer than 20 deaths. Any such rate is considered unreliable.

Most of the observed increase is "real"; however, some unknown proportion of the increase is due to improvements in data collection and processing particularly between 2001 and 2002.

States are ordered based on the death rate ranking for 2003.

| State of residence | Methadone-related unintentional poisoning deaths* | | | | | Crude death rates** | | | Population of state of residence | |
|--------------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 1999 | 2003 | Increase*** | 1999 | 2003 |
| West Virginia | 4 | 3 | 25 | 52 | 67 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 16.8 | 1,811,799 | 1,810,357 |
| Kentucky | 8 | 28 | 46 | 72 | 122 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 14.9 | 4,018,053 | 4,117,827 |
| North Carolina | 34 | 77 | 90 | 175 | 230 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 7,949,362 | 8,407,248 |
| Maine | 5 | 20 | 11 | 42 | 35 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 1,266,808 | 1,305,732 |
| New Hampshire | 2 | 7 | 11 | 26 | 32 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 15.2 | 1,222,015 | 1,287,689 |
| Washington | 45 | 53 | 73 | 120 | 143 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 5,842,564 | 6,131,445 |
| Oklahoma | 18 | 27 | 38 | 38 | 81 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 3,437,148 | 3,511,532 |
| Nevada | 9 | 18 | 39 | 38 | 44 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 4.2 | 1,934,718 | 2,241,154 |
| Oregon | 5 | 18 | 24 | 60 | 66 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 12.6 | 3,393,941 | 3,559,596 |
| New Mexico | 30 | 23 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1,808,082 | 1,874,614 |
| Florida | 29 | 47 | 117 | 195 | 255 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 8.1 | 15,759,421 | 17,019,068 |
| Virginia | 17 | 27 | 56 | 76 | 100 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 7,000,174 | 7,386,330 |
| Arizona | 15 | 10 | 21 | 50 | 63 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 5,023,823 | 5,580,811 |
| Louisiana | 4 | 4 | 19 | 34 | 47 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 11.7 | 4,460,811 | 4,496,334 |
| Tennessee | 8 | 10 | 14 | 37 | 58 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 5,638,706 | 5,841,748 |
| Missouri | 11 | 11 | 17 | 22 | 56 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 5,561,948 | 5,704,484 |
| US TOTAL | 623 | 778 | 1158 | 1911 | 2452 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 279,040,181 | 290,810,789 |
| Georgia | 14 | 16 | 35 | 47 | 64 | 0.2 | 0.7 | | 8,045,965 | 8,684,715 |
| New York | 115 | 84 | 120 | 122 | 136 | 0.6 | 0.7 | | 18,882,725 | 19,190,115 |
| Wisconsin | 6 | 16 | 18 | 34 | 35 | 0.1 | 0.6 | | 5,332,666 | 5,472,299 |
| Indiana | 4 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 36 | 0.1 | 0.6 | | 6,044,970 | 6,195,643 |
| Texas | 21 | 44 | 81 | 113 | 125 | 0.1 | 0.6 | | 20,558,220 | 22,118,509 |
| New Jersey | 26 | 14 | 25 | 43 | 48 | 0.3 | 0.6 | | 8,359,592 | 8,638,396 |
| Ohio | 7 | 14 | 30 | 48 | 62 | 0.1 | 0.5 | | 11,335,454 | 11,435,799 |
| Pennsylvania | 7 | 17 | 14 | 36 | 67 | 0.1 | 0.5 | | 12,263,805 | 12,365,459 |
| Colorado | 8 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 24 | 0.2 | 0.5 | | 4,226,018 | 4,550,688 |
| Alabama | 14 | 9 | 22 | 30 | 23 | 0.3 | 0.5 | | 4,430,141 | 4,500,752 |
| Illinois | 25 | 51 | 49 | 59 | 60 | 0.2 | 0.5 | | 12,359,020 | 12,653,544 |
| Minnesota | 9 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 23 | 0.2 | 0.5 | | 4,873,481 | 5,059,375 |
| Michigan | 10 | 10 | 10 | 38 | 36 | 0.1 | 0.4 | | 9,897,116 | 10,079,985 |
| California | 65 | 43 | 31 | 98 | 123 | 0.2 | 0.3 | | 33,499,204 | 35,484,453 |
| Alaska | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | | | 624,779 | 648,820 |
| Arkansas | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 6 | | | | 2,651,860 | 2,725,715 |
| Connecticut | 10 | 11 | 12 | 23 | 18 | | | | 3,386,401 | 3,483,375 |
| DC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 10 | | | | 774,990 | 564,353 |
| Delaware | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 12 | | | | 570,220 | 817,491 |
| Hawaii | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 6 | | | | 1,210,300 | 1,257,613 |
| Idaho | 3 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 16 | | | | 1,275,674 | 1,366,332 |
| Iowa | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | | 2,917,634 | 2,944,062 |
| Kansas | 4 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 16 | | | | 2,678,338 | 2,723,508 |
| Maryland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | | | | 5,254,509 | 5,508,909 |
| Massachusetts | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | | 6,317,345 | 6,433,422 |
| Mississippi | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | | | | 2,828,408 | 2,881,283 |
| Montana | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 14 | | | | 897,508 | 917,621 |
| Nebraska | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | | 1,704,764 | 1,739,291 |
| North Dakota | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | 644,259 | 633,840 |
| Rhode Island | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1,040,402 | 1,076,166 |
| South Carolina | 13 | 11 | 15 | 9 | 19 | | | | 3,974,682 | 4,147,153 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | 750,413 | 764,309 |
| Utah | 2 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 5 | | | | 2,203,482 | 2,351,467 |
| Vermont | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | | | | 604,683 | 619,116 |
| Wyoming | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | | 491,780 | 501,242 |