

Maternal Hospital Stays involving Opioids

Fiscal Year (FY) 2019: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

The continued study of the opioid crisis in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic is particularly important for mothers and their unborn babies. Many pregnant women with an opioid use disorder have other health conditions that may put them at greater risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19. Furthermore, they may lack adequate prenatal care or may be burdened with other socioeconomic challenges such as homelessness, food insecurity or poverty.

Maternal stays include Pennsylvania residents (age 12-55 years) admitted to a Pennsylvania general acute care hospital for a delivery or other pregnancy-related stay. The results below focus on maternal stays that involved opioid use.

Maternal Hospital Stays involving Opioid Use – FY 2019 Number and Rate per 1,000 Maternal Stays, by County of Residence

	FY 2019			FY 2019	
	Number of Maternal Stays with Opioid Use	Rate per 1,000 Maternal Stays		Number of Maternal Stays with Opioid Use	Rate per 1,000 Maternal Stays
Statewide	2,627	19.5	Clinton	10	29.2
Adams	12	13.7	Columbia	13	22.9
Allegheny	319	23.5	Crawford	40	45.0
Armstrong	28	46.9	Cumberland	25	9.7
Beaver	40	24.6	Dauphin	27	7.9
Bedford	15	37.9	Delaware	137	20.2
Berks	48	10.0	Elk	17	60.5
Blair	32	27.5	Erie	56	18.9
Bradford	NR	7.3	Fayette	42	33.6
Bucks	106	22.1	Forest	NR	NR
Butler	33	17.7	Franklin	29	20.8
Cambria	46	35.7	Fulton	NR	NR
Cameron	NR	NR	Greene	12	NR
Carbon	12	21.9	Huntingdon	NR	22.5
Centre	NR	6.4	Indiana	36	48.3
Chester	64	13.1	Jefferson	13	28.4
Clarion	11	31.4	Juniata	NR	NR
Clearfield	41	56.7	Lackawanna	27	12.4

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Lancaster	50	8.8
Lawrence	37	40.7
Lebanon	14	9.2
Lehigh	34	8.3
Luzerne	48	13.8
Lycoming	23	18.3
McKean	NR	6.7
Mercer	32	29.3
Mifflin	12	28.1
Monroe	28	18.7
Montgomery	74	8.7
Montour	NR	NR
Northampton	39	12.6
Northumberland	17	19.3
Perry	14	28.5
Philadelphia	525	23.2

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Pike	NR	23.0
Potter	NR	NR
Schuylkill	15	12.3
Snyder	NR	5.5
Somerset	25	39.2
Sullivan	NR	NR
Susquehanna	NR	22.6
Tioga	NR	3.8
Union	NR	6.0
Venango	23	47.7
Warren	NR	11.3
Washington	60	28.6
Wayne	10	26.5
Westmoreland	116	37.4
Wyoming	NR	NR
York	73	15.9

Rates were calculated using PHC4 data.

NR: Not reported due to low volume.

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Created by the PA General Assembly in 1986, the PA Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) is an independent state agency charged with collecting, analyzing and reporting information that can be used to improve the quality and restrain the cost of health care in the state. Today, PHC4 is a recognized national leader in public health care reporting. PHC4 is governed by a board of directors representing business, labor, consumers, health care providers, insurers and state government.

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