

# Opioid Abatement in Oklahoma

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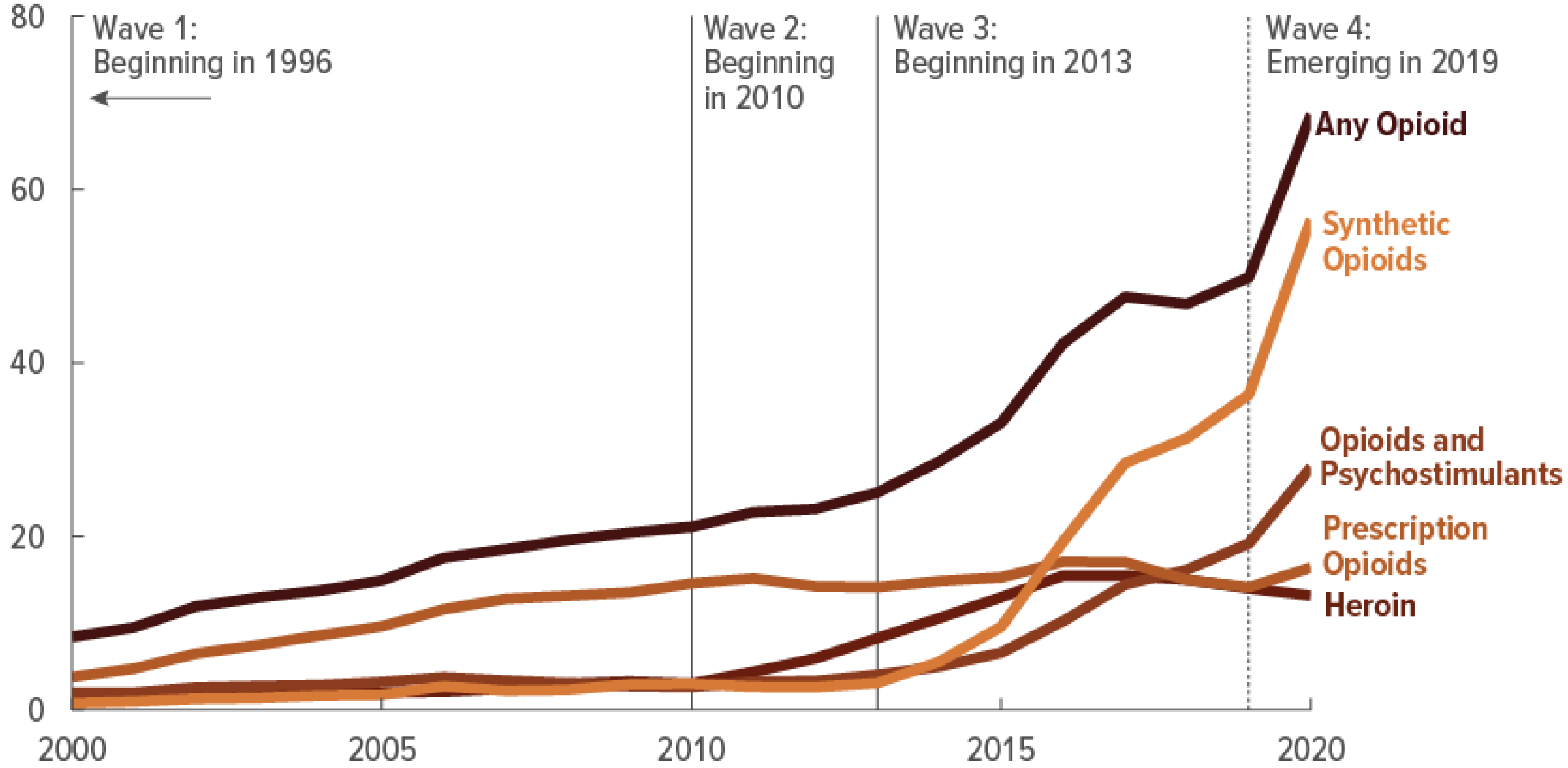
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# Opioid Epidemic

## The Four Waves



Data source: Congressional Budget Office, using information from the CDC WONDER database, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, "About Multiple Cause of Death 1999–2020" (accessed January 5, 2022), <https://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html>. See [www.cbo.gov/publication/58221#data](https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58221#data).

# In Oklahoma

## Overdose deaths by drug in Oklahoma, rate per 100,000 population

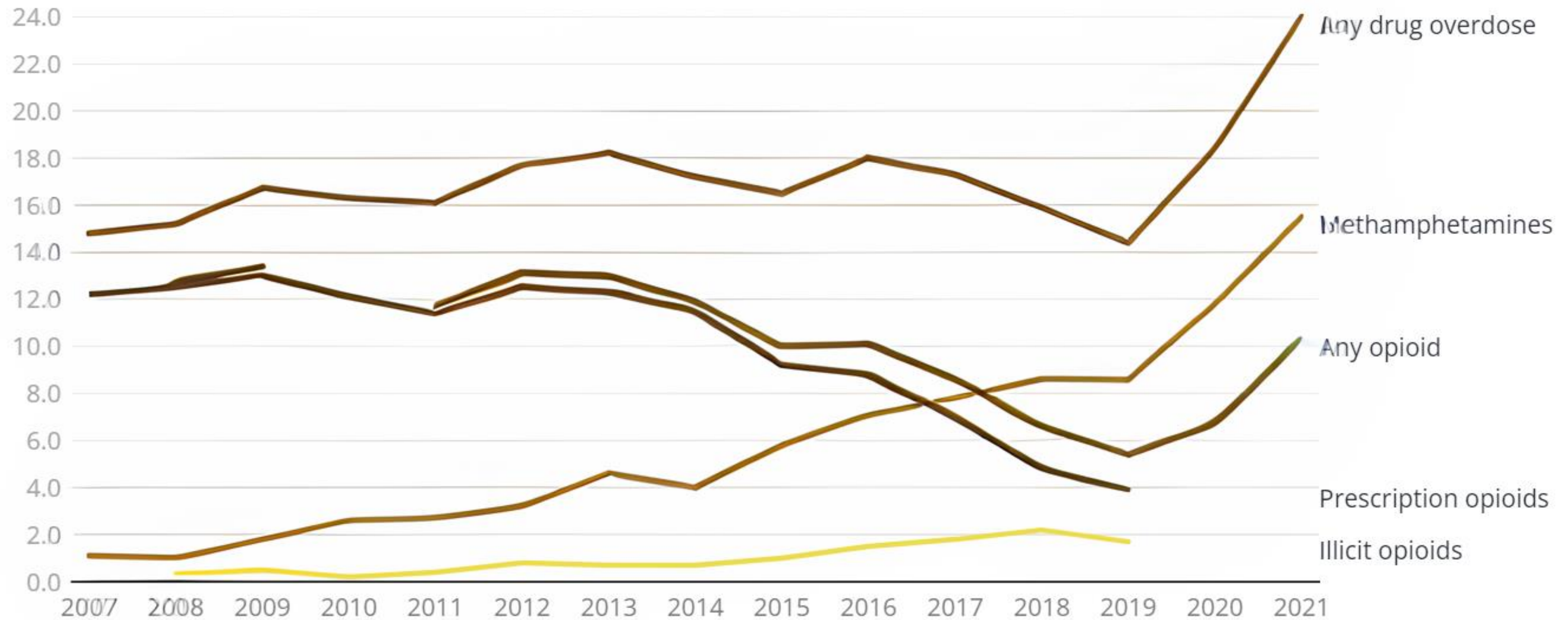
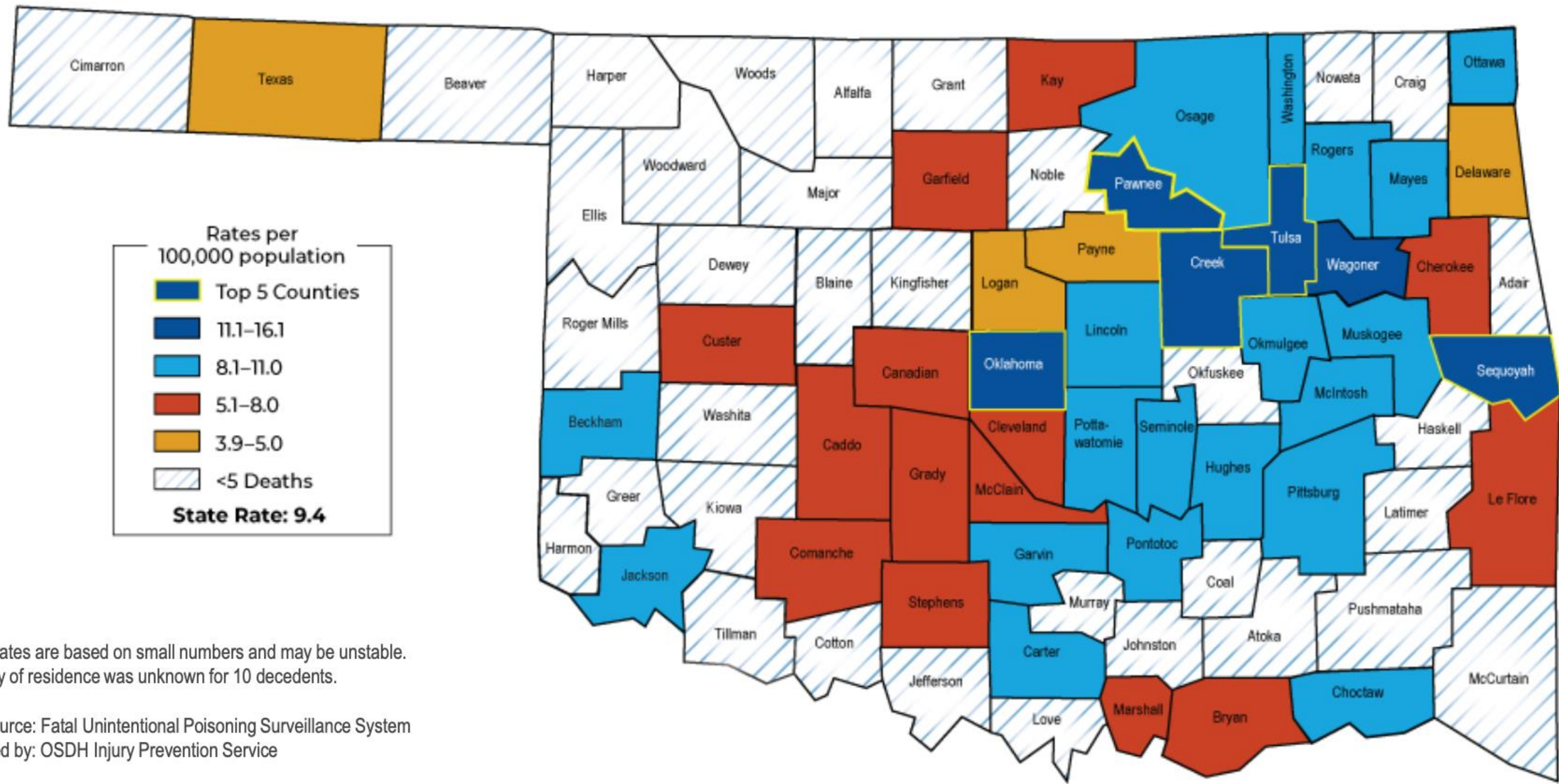


Chart: Healthy Minds Policy Initiative | Source: OSDH, Injury Prevention Service, Fatal Unintentional Poisoning System

# ➤ Unintentional Opioid Overdose Death Rates\* by County of Residence\*\*, Oklahoma, 2018-2022



\*Some rates are based on small numbers and may be unstable.

\*\*County of residence was unknown for 10 decedents.

Data Source: Fatal Unintentional Poisoning Surveillance System  
 Compiled by: OSDH Injury Prevention Service





# Guiding Principles on Opioid Abatement Spending

## PRINCIPLE 1

# Spend the Money to Save Lives



Use the dollars to supplement rather than supplant existing funding



Identify sustainable projects



Invest in categories of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery

## PRINCIPLE 2

# Use Evidence to Guide Spending



Identify evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions



Use local information from needs assessment



Build data collection capacity



## PRINCIPLE 3

# Invest in Youth Prevention



Direct funds to evidence-based/informed interventions



Fund long-term evaluations of youth prevention programs to ensure that they are having their desired effect

## PRINCIPLE 4

# Focus on Racial Equity



Involve community  
members in solutions



Support jail  
diversion programs



Fund anti-stigma  
campaigns

## PRINCIPLE 5

# Develop a Fair, Transparent Process for Deciding Where to Spend the Funding



Use data to assess areas of highest need



Seek input from public health leaders, experts in mental health and substance use, those with lived experience, etc

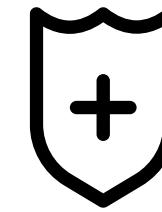
# Exhibit E: Core Strategies



Naloxone and OD reversal agents



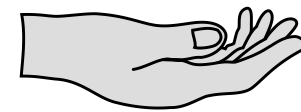
Expand treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome



Prevention Programs



Medication-Assisted Treatment



Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services



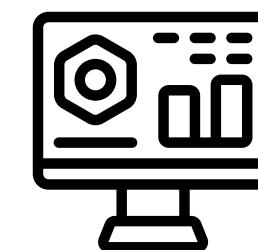
Expanding Syringe Service Programs



Pregnant and Postpartum Women



Treatment for incarcerated population



Evidence based data collection

# Additional Do's



- Use as a funding of last resort
- Utilize licensed professionals and certified organizations
- Spend on proven public health interventions and harm reduction practices (naloxone, drug testing supplies, etc)
- Expand access to FDA-approved medication for opioid use disorder
- Develop robust evaluation and monitoring
- Collaborate with community organizations & other political subdivisions

# Don't spend on...

- Further criminalization or incarceration
- Family separation
- Abstinence only treatment and education
- Use for general funds or supplantation or to pay off debt
- Interdiction
- Programs that don't support evidence based practices



# Next Steps



CONDUCT A NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT



CONSIDER  
EVALUATION  
METHODS



IDENTIFY AN  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL



GET INFORMED ON  
OAB APPLICATION  
PROCEDURES

# Resources

<https://www.healthmindspolicy.org/overdose-prevention>

<https://theathenaforum.org/EBP>

<https://www.naco.org/resources/opioid-solutions/planning-principles-toolkit>

<https://www.hhs.gov/overdose-prevention/treatment>



# Data Sources

<https://oklahoma.gov/odmhsas/research/statistics-and-data/dashboards.html>

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/health-education/injury-prevention-service/drug-overdose/data/drug-overdose-data-dashboard.html>