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# OHIO SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE ANNUAL MEETING

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# Governor DeWine's Vision

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“While we can never fully remedy the mistakes of the past, we can resolve to change the course of history moving forward by making help visible, accessible, and effective in all communities in Ohio. We can do this by investing significantly more resources in the following:

- We must **grow our behavioral health workforce**;
- By **increasing research and innovation**; and
- By **building a community capacity** for care that offers better crisis response services and treatment, increased prevention efforts, and more residential and outpatient services.”

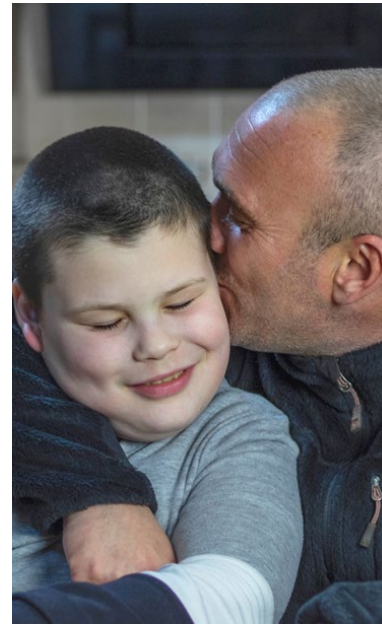


**Bold Beginnings**

**Healthy People**

**Renewed Communities**

**Thriving Economy**

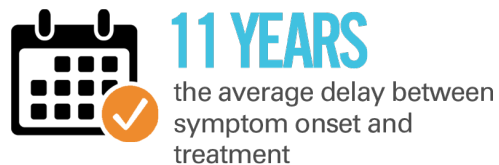


# AT THE CENTER OF THIS WORK: OHIOANS.

# Quick Facts about the State of Behavioral Health in Ohio



**Nearly 2.4 Million**  
 Number of Ohioans who live in communities that do not have enough behavioral health professionals.



**Overdose and Suicide:** Each day 19 Ohioans die prematurely from unintentional overdose and suicide, ranking these conditions alongside cancer, heart disease, and diabetes as leading causes of death in Ohio.

## Youth Behavioral Health in Ohio

Nearly 550,000 children ages 3-17 in Ohio have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions

Youth Behavioral Health Risk Survey 2021	2021- Ohio High School Girls	2021- US High School Girls*
Feelings of sadness and/or hopelessness	56.2%	57.0%
Considered suicide	31.7%	30.0%
Attempted suicide	15.4%	13.0%
Experienced sexual violence	21.0%	18.0%
Experienced sexual dating violence	17.7%	Not in released report
Experienced sexual dating violence	7.2%	Not in released report

## Estimated Prevalence of Mental Health Issues among Adults in Ohio

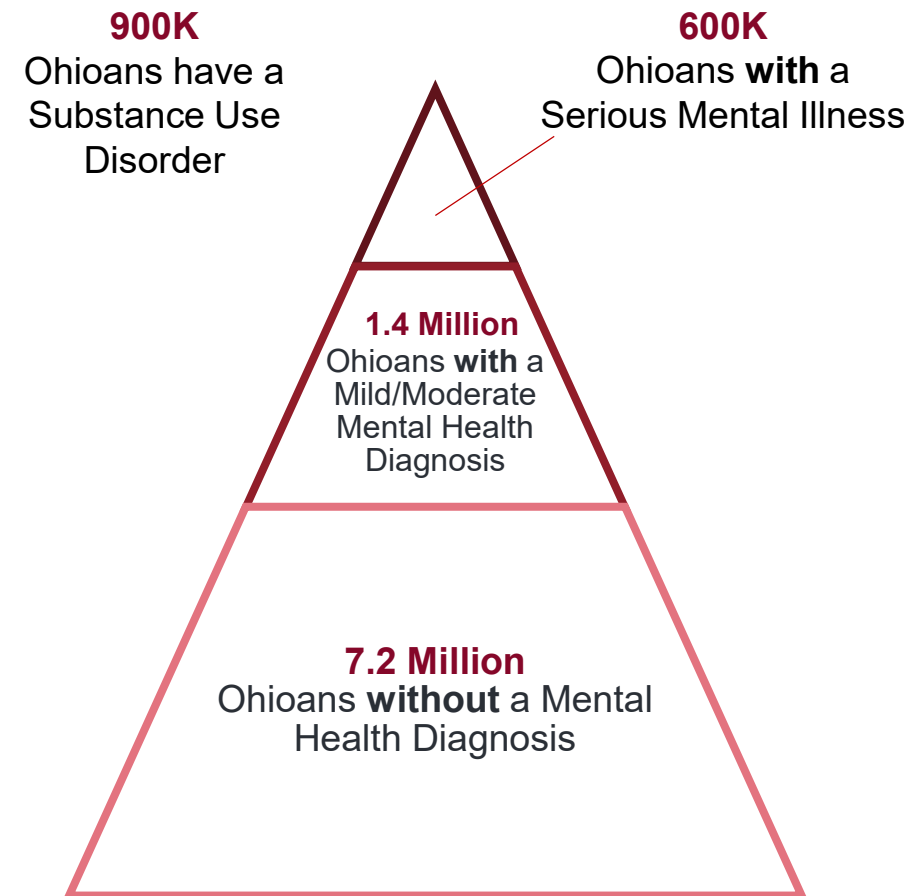
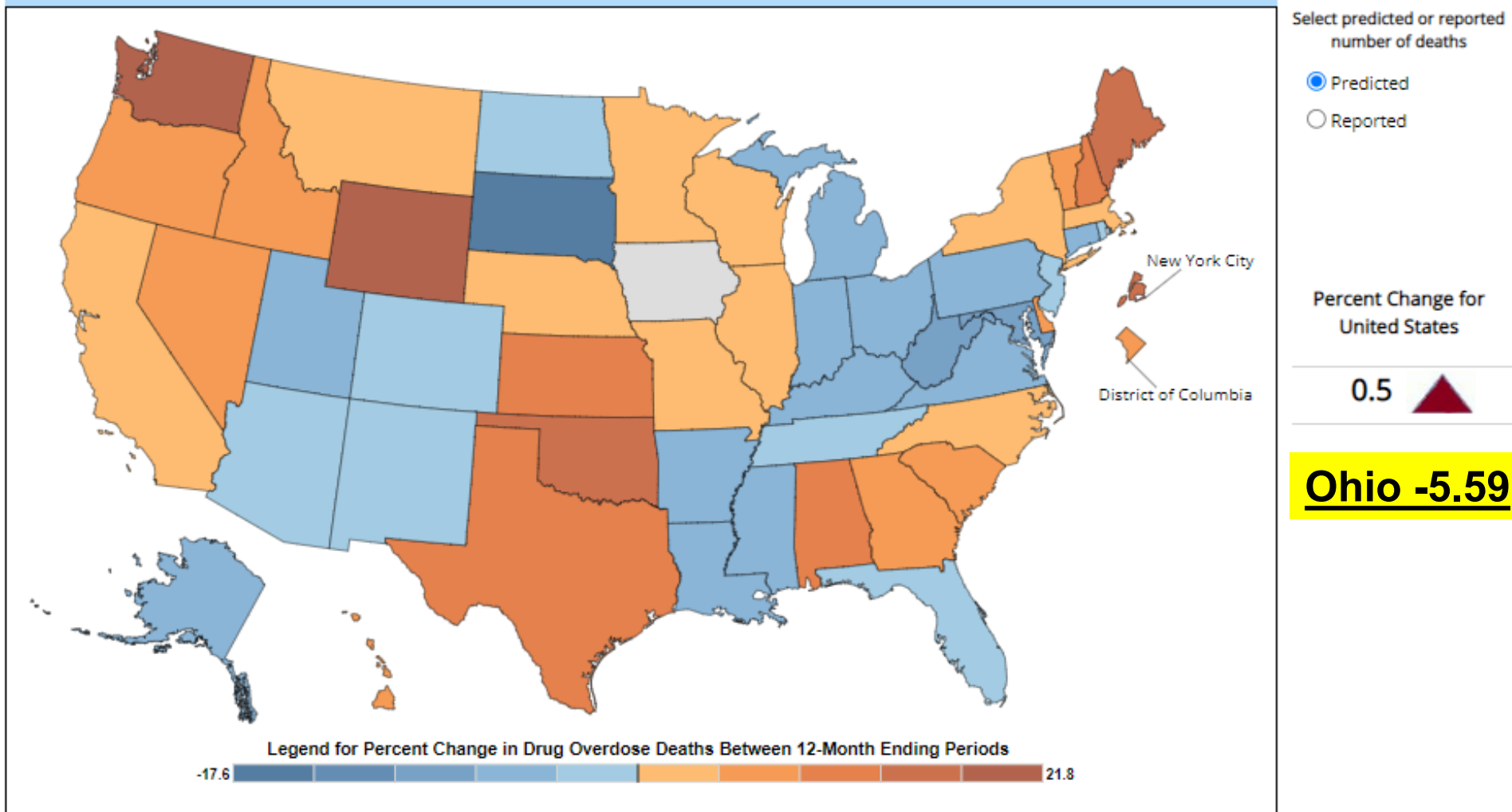


Figure 1b. Percent Change in Predicted 12 Month-ending Count of Drug Overdose Deaths, by Jurisdiction:  
December 2021 to December 2022



Source: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2021 and 2022 are based on provisional data. Estimates for 2015-2020 are based on final data (available from: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality\\_public\\_use\\_data.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_public_use_data.htm)).

# Overdose Death Trends in the U.S. and Ohio

## December 2021 – December 2022

# PREVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

- Schools: OhioMHAS in partnership with ODE and Miami University, created a Student Assistance Program model, the Ohio School Wellness Initiative, and piloted it in over 70 schools. The School Wellness Coordinators' role is to provide early intervention supports and connections to care when needed
- Youth: Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network and Adult AlliesThe Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) is a vital part of the state's prevention infrastructure to prevent substance use and promote health and wellbeing. Ohio's Adult Allies support and facilitate programming with the middle and high school youth.
- Higher Ed: Rise and ThriveOhio's Rise & Thrive Campus Collaborative has encouraged Higher Ed campus community connections to ensure that students and staff have access to wellness centers or community behavioral health, regardless of campus resources.
- Older Adults: The Older Adult Behavioral Health & Wellness Project is focused on empowering older adults to make healthy lifestyle choices and navigate use of medications and alcohol with the evidence-based program Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE).
- Community Coalitions: Currently, there are over 175 community coalitions in Ohio, many of which include substance use prevention in their goals. The new launch of Ohio Coalition Institute is bringing science-based practice to new and existing coalitions to enhance effectiveness within communities.

# HARNESSING STATE OPIOID AND STIMULANT (SOS) FEDERAL FUNDS

SINCE 2019, NEARLY 38,000 OHIOANS HAVE BEEN SERVED THROUGH GRANT PROGRAMS, AND OHIO IS PERFORMING CONSISTENTLY OR ABOVE NATIONAL OUTCOMES.

Healthy Behavior	U.S. Change at 6-mos.	Ohio Change at 6 mos.
Did not use illegal drugs or alcohol	Increased 25.9%	Increased 30.7%
No arrests in 30 days	Increased 3.7%	Increased 5.7%
Currently employed or in school	Increased 40.2%	Increased 73.5%
Socially connected*	Increased 5.8%	Increased 1.1%
Permanent place to live	Increased 20.3%	Increased 30.7%
No alcohol or illegal drug-related health, behavioral, or social consequences in the last 30 days	Increased 20.3%	Increased 21.6%

Source: SPARS data extracted 06.01.2023. Analysis by SAMHSA

\*Ohio's rate is 9.3% higher than the national rate at intake and 5.6% higher at 6 months, thus explaining the lower rate of change.



# Kickstarting Innovation and Research for Wellness and Recovery (\$30M)



Governor Mike DeWine's Strategy for Innovation in Behavioral Health

## State of Ohio Action for Resiliency Network

A strategic research and practice collaborative improving behavioral health outcomes for all Ohioans

### State Leadership

OhioMHAS will establish the SOAR Network Advisory Board of State Agencies & community partners.

### Strategic Research Agenda

Create an agenda to answer the most pressing questions through competitive opportunities for research.

### Certified Dataset

Create a certified dataset for use in investigative research in the prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery of mental illness and substance use disorders.

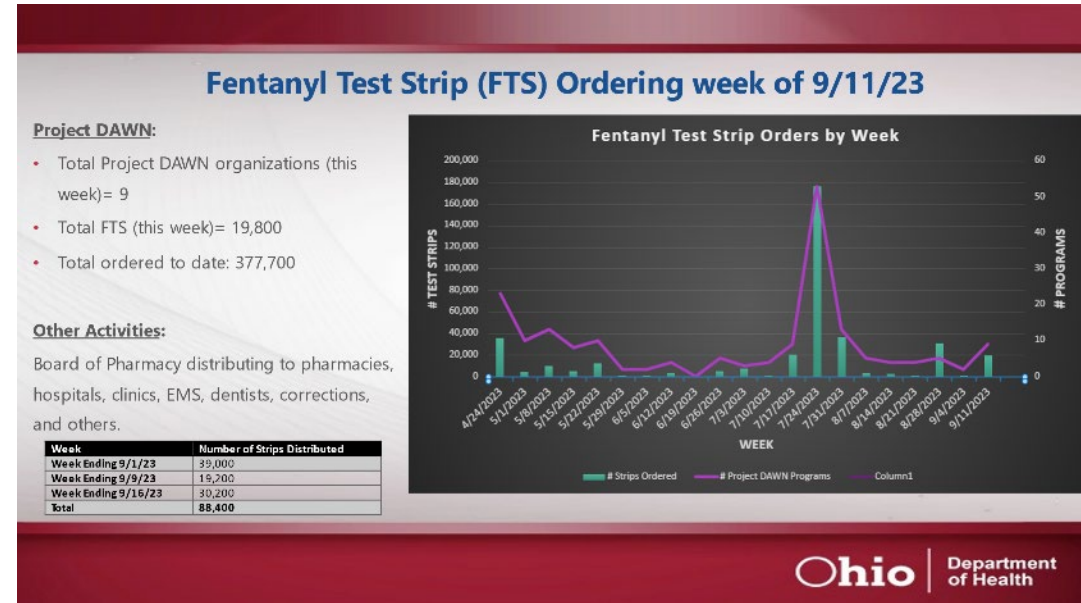
### Workforce Development

Provide a hub of learning and practice development for cutting edge research to be quickly translated into practice.

### State of Ohio Adversity & Resiliency Study

A statewide longitudinal study conducted by a statewide network of academic, medical, and community partners anchored at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to examine root causes of mental illness and addiction and discover new targets for more personalized and effective prevention and treatment.

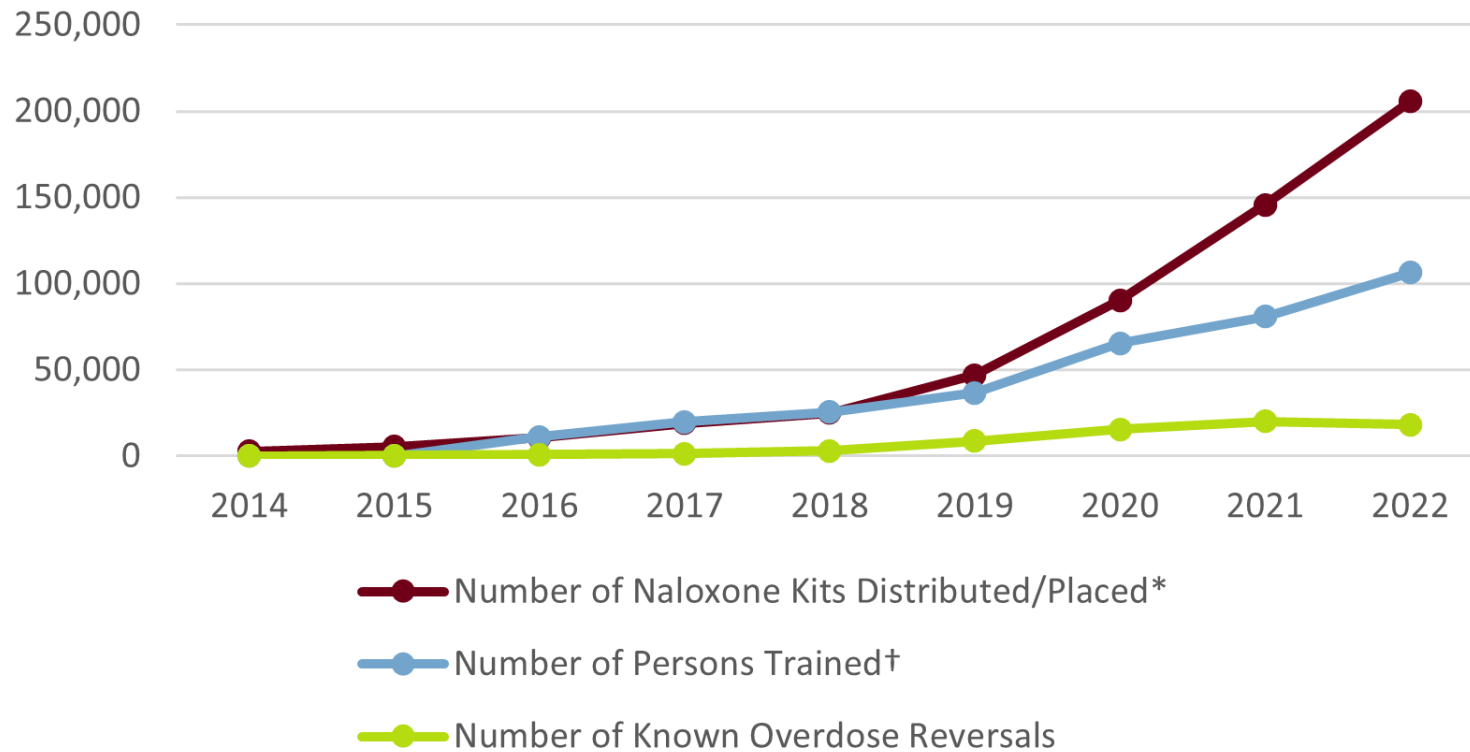
# FENTANYL TEST STRIPS



Governor Mike DeWine signed a bill into law January 3, 2023, decriminalizing the fentanyl test strips that detect fentanyl and its analogues in drugs. The law took effect in April.

# Project DAWN Activities, Ohio, 2014-2022

Annual Project DAWN Data 2014-2022



- Number of Naloxone Kits Distributed/Placed\*
- Number of Persons Trained†
- Number of Known Overdose Reversals



# Naloxone Ordered Through State Pharmacy Services

	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023
Total Naloxone Units**	28,875	81,188	139,801	224,739	248,971
Investment	\$2,232,685	\$10,113,548	\$10,675,998	\$16,080,779	\$12,161,912

\*\*Units usually contain two doses. Products ordered may include nasal spray (4mg or 8mg); Project DAWN kits that include naloxone and face shield and/or mask; Kloxxado products; and naloxone 2mg syringes.

# ENSURING ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING NALOXONE



I want to get naloxone for me or someone I know, free of charge.



I represent an organization that distributes naloxone for free.



I'm a first responder seeking to get naloxone for my agency.

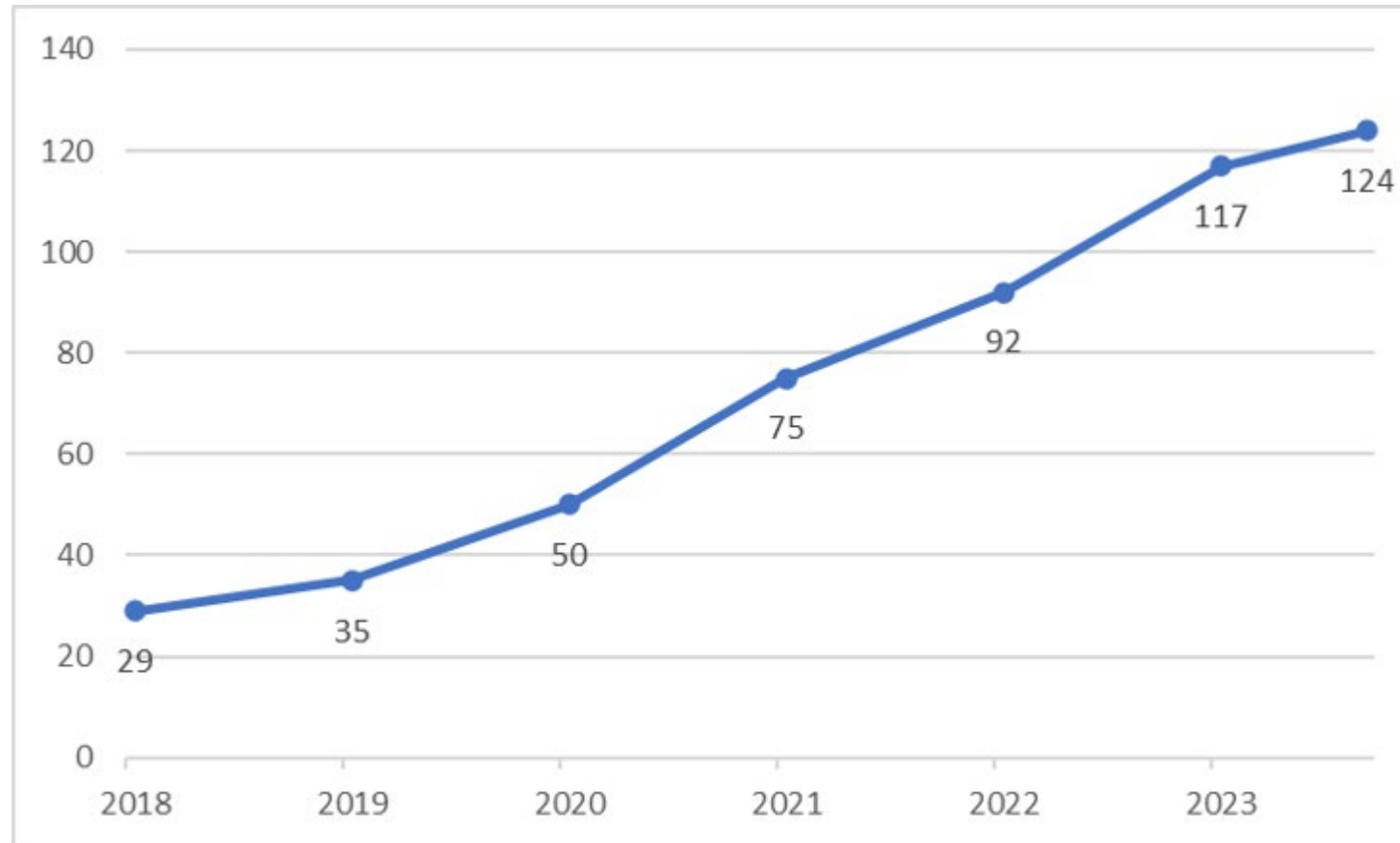
## Get Free Naloxone - [naloxone.ohio.gov](https://naloxone.ohio.gov)

If you are in Ohio, you can now get naloxone for you, someone you know, or your organization.

Carry Naloxone, Save Lives!



# ACTIVE OPIATE TREATMENT PROGRAMS (OTP)



# Continuing the Fight Against Addiction

## Providing a Continuum of Care for people with opiate use disorders across the criminal justice system:

Incarcerated adults at Ohio's prisons can now start MAT in the form of methadone and buprenorphine upon arrival at prison, expanding upon existing community treatment and reentry-based MAT services.

Peer Support training is also now available in Ohio's prisons, and incarcerated men and women are delivering peer support as part of the broader counseling and recovery strategy.



# ANNOUNCING OHIO'S NEW SUD CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

## Goals

- Oversee the adoption, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based and best practices related to substance use disorders.
- Engage a vast network of addiction care providers across the state.
- Equip the behavioral health workforce by offering training, coaching, and assistance with getting EBPs into service delivery.



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