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The image shows the flag of the United States of America. It features a blue canton with 50 white stars arranged in nine offset horizontal rows. The rest of the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white, starting with a red stripe at the top.

This dataset is a merge of two others. The first source is from the NIH giving overdose numbers per state and year. The second source is data.gov which gives Medicaid opioid prescription rates.

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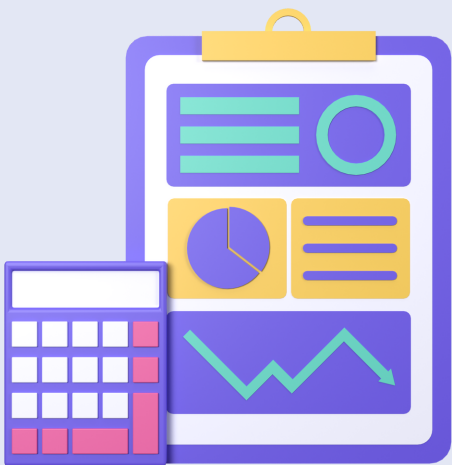
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The NIH source derives data from the National Center for Health Statistics who gets mortality information from death certificates. Our data.gov source derived data from states Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Privacy is maintained for the individuals represented and numbers are represented as aggregated mortalities per state.



When the dataset was merged variables kept were year, state, mean overdose rate, total population of prescribed patients, average prescription rates as well as one and 5 year change. One boolean column was added

This dataset can be used to look at trends drug overdose rates nationwide over the past four years. It can also be used to look at trends in specific states. It can look at prescription rates as well as opioid specific prescription rates for Medicaid participants. Finally, it can look at the intersection of any or all of these categories.



Dataset fails to contain data specific to other groups that are often marginalized and may be considered high-risk for drug dependency. These other demographics include gender, sexual orientation, and race.

- Potential Questions to Answer With the Dataset:
1. Are Medicaid recipients disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic?
 2. Where are the highest Medicaid Opioid Claims
 3. Is there a correlation between high opioid prescription rate covered by Medicaid and high rates of drug overdose?

