



**Cooperative Public Health Service**  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Opioid Abatement Collaborative Progress Report

The 15 towns of the Cooperative Public Health Service Health District have pooled their municipal settlement funds to provide increased access to recovery supports close to home for residents of the district. Below is a six-month progress review of the harm reduction and recovery programming.

### Total Opioid Settlement Funds to CPHS Towns

In the 15 CPHS member Towns, settlement disbursements ranged from \$389 to \$194,562 over the 18 years of the State Settlement Agreement. This made working together important.

**18-year Total Funds: \$623,824**

**Average Annual Amount: \$34,600**

## What the settlement funds made possible:

### All-Recovery Meetings in Western and Northern Franklin County

The **Recover Project** staffed all-recovery meetings along with drop-in recovery coaching hours at Trinity Church in Shelburne Falls and the Erving Public Library. Approximately 12 people attended in the first six months, and outreach events are ongoing to recruit participants.



### Doula Support for Pregnant People with Opioid Use Disorder



**Moms Do Care** provided care coordination, doula birthing support and recovery coaching to families representing 12 adults and 13 children and infants within CPHS member Towns. Coordination included supportive attendance at prenatal care appointments, office-based treatment for substance use disorder treatment, therapy and visits with children removed from custody. This also included helping new parents with childbirth education, preparation of Family Care Plans, meetings with Department of Children and Families, visits to local diaper banks and food banks, WIC, and Early Intervention and Pediatric care access.

## Support for people in recovery, and local coach meetings

We provided connections and support to the [Center for Human Development](#) to bring recovery coaches into the community to offer information on a drop-in basis related to substance use disorder, treatment options, community resources and all paths to recovery. Current sites are located at Trinity Church in Shelburne Falls and Buckland Public Library in Upper Buckland.

This summer and fall, CHD will award mini grants to support recovery for clients who need a REAL ID, a post office box, a driver's license, etc. to support their recovery.



## Rural Communities Naloxone Cabinet Initiative

This initiative increases public access to the life-saving medication naloxone, also known widely as Narcan. The Initiative includes distributing medication through cabinets hosted at public spaces and working with trained volunteers and public health staff to provide community workshops about both how to recognize an overdose, and how to use the medicine. These cabinets make it easy for rural residents to take free naloxone that they can keep for emergency use.



People trained included: librarians, summer camp staff, lifeguards, food service workers, food pantry volunteers, and more.

Cabinets are currently located at:

- Ashfield Belding Library
- Charlemont Town Hall
- Colrain Catamount Convenience
- Colrain Griswold Memorial Library
- Colrain Town Hall Foyer
- Erving Fire Stations 1 & 2
- Gill Town Hall
- Heath Municipal Building
- Monroe Highway Garage
- Shelburne Falls Village Information Center
- Rowe Town Hall

## SAVE THE DATE

**Regional Opioid Settlement Listening Session: October 6, 2025, 3 PM**

# OPIOID DATA FACT SHEET

Data compiled by the Academic Public Health Corps  
and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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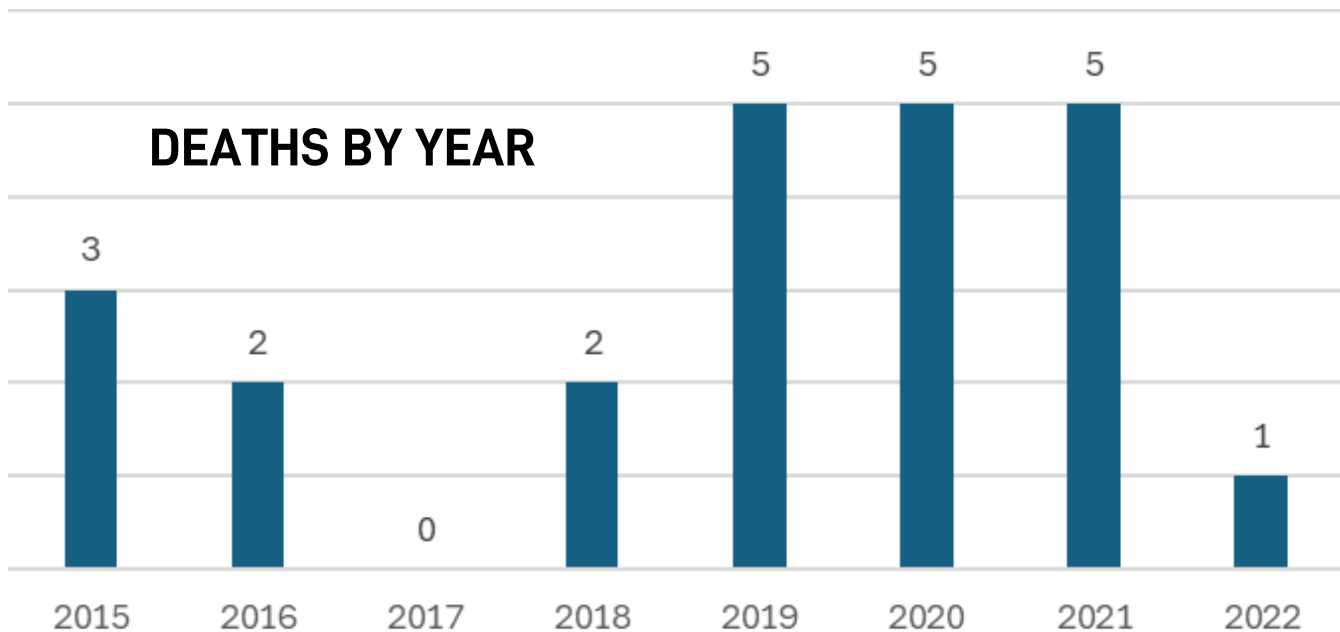
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Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne

Total Population (2020 Census): 20,843  
Avg Annual Opioid Settlement Amount: \$34,600

## OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS 2015 - 2022

TOTAL 23 DEATHS IN THE CPHS DISTRICT



## Number of Deaths by Town of Residence



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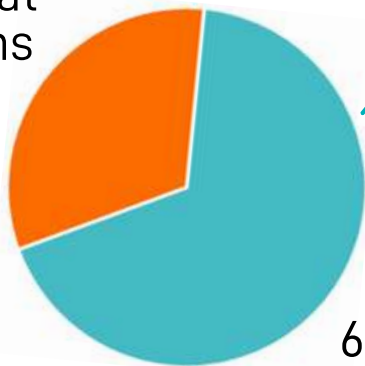
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## TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

### Admissions to opioid treatment by CPHS town of residence 2020-2024

32% repeat  
admissions



68% new  
admissions

112 total admissions

With multiple data sources, this treatment data is presented with a margin of error.

Additionally, treatment data for opioid use disorder may be unreleased, due to privacy concerns.

#### NEW ADMISSIONS

Ashfield	(1-6)
Buckland*	0
Bernardston	9
Charlemont	11
Colrain	14
Conway	(1-6)
Erving	14
Gill	7
Hawley	(1-6)
Heath	(1-6)
Leyden	(1-6)
Monroe	0
Northfield	12
Rowe	(1-6)
Shelburne	15

\*Buckland residents may be included in Shelburne.

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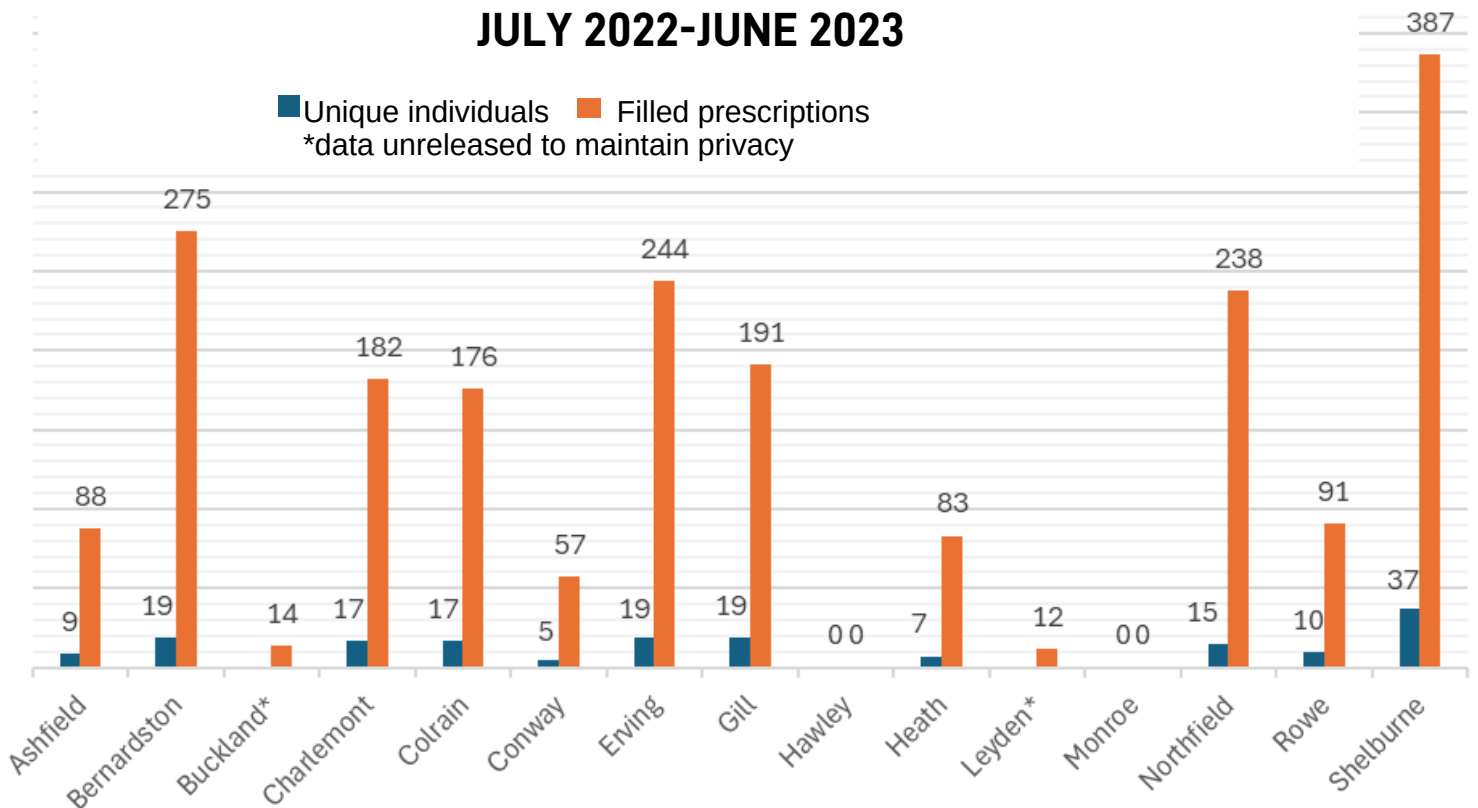
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## TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD), CONT'D.

- Buprenorphine is a medication used to treat opioid use disorder.
- Although not everyone uses this medication, the number of prescriptions shows community members seeking treatment for OUD.
- Most people require multiple prescriptions for long-term treatment: 91% of bup. prescriptions filled by CPHS residents in '22-'23 were refills.

### BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIPTIONS PER TOWN JULY 2022-JUNE 2023



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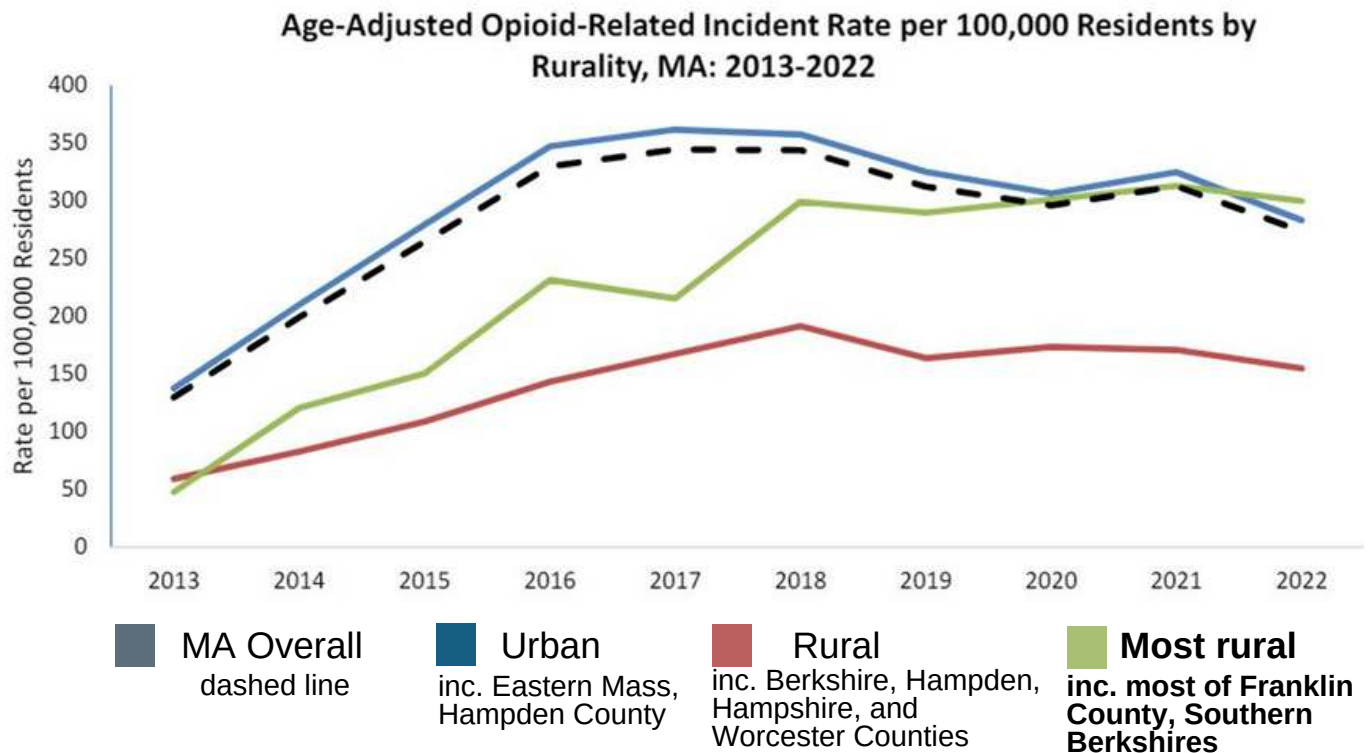
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## OPIOID-RELATED EMS INCIDENTS

In MA overall, rates of opioid-related incidents decreased from 2013-2022. However rates are not declining everywhere: **in the most rural communities, including most of Franklin County, rates increased** more than 62% on average each year between 2013 and 2016 and continued to increase 4.6% on average each year from 2017 through 2022.



**CPHS DISTRICT 2020-2023:** 67% of towns report between 1 and 8 opioid-related incidents involving EMS; 33% report 0 incidents.

### Data Sources

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