

HOW IS ARIZONA AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Arizona **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 305 million pain reliever pills in Arizona.
- 8% of Arizona youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in Arizona report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **9,512 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Arizona Emergency Departments - **2,391 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, almost **3 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Arizona were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012).

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 26%** of Arizona prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS APACHE COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Apache County **around-the-clock for 1 week** - 2 million pain reliever pills in Apache County.
- 6% of Apache County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and family.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona (i.e., Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769** – **the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **27 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Apache County Emergency Departments - **3 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **1 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Apache County was diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **48% in Apache County** (2010-2012).

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 16%** of Apache County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS COCHISE COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Cochise County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 7.7 million pain reliever pills in Cochise County.
- 9% of Cochise County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 2nd highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 26% of adults living in the Southeastern Region of Arizona (i.e. Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz County) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **111 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Cochise County Emergency Departments - **23 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **almost 3 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Cochise County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Cochise County ranked 5th highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing in Cochise County ranked 8th highest in Arizona.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 21%** of Cochise County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS COCONINO COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Coconino County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 5.4 million pain reliever pills in Coconino County.
- 7% of Coconino County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona (i.e., Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **95 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Coconino County Emergency Departments - **32 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **1 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Coconino County was diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Coconino County ranked 6th highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession in Coconino County ranked 8th highest in Arizona.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 24%** of Coconino County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS GILA COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Gila County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 5.2 million pain reliever pills in Gila County.
- 7% of Gila County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and family.
- 5% of adults living in the Central Region of Arizona (i.e., Gila and Pinal Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit**.
- In 2011, there were **71 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Gila County Emergency Departments - **19 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **almost 2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Gila County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Gila County ranked **highest in the state** in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 29%** of Gila County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS GRAHAM COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Graham County **around-the-clock for 3 weeks** - 3 million pain reliever pills in Graham County.
- 5% of Graham County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 26% of adults living in the Southeastern Region of Arizona (i.e., Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **82 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Graham County Emergency Departments - **28 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **3 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Graham County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Graham County ranked 4th highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing in Graham County ranked 7th highest in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 35%** of Graham County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS GREENLEE COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Greenlee County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 509,000 pain reliever pills in Greenlee County.
- 8% of Greenlee County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 6th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 26% of adults living in the Southeastern Region of Arizona (i.e., Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **8 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Greenlee County Emergency Departments.
- Between 2008-2013, **1 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Greenlee County was diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Greenlee County ranked 7th highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- 13%** of Greenlee County prescribers aren’t using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS LA PAZ COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in La Paz County **around-the-clock for more than 2 weeks** - 1.2 million pain reliever pills in La Paz County.
- 8% of La Paz County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 24% of adults living in the Southwestern Region of Arizona (i.e., La Paz and Yuma Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **7 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in La Paz County Emergency Departments.
- Between 2008-2013, almost **3 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Arizona were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012).

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 19%** of La Paz County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS MARICOPA COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Maricopa County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 189 million pain reliever pills in Maricopa County.
- 8% of Maricopa County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 7th highest in the state). Most reporting getting them from friends and their home.
- 12% of adults living in the Maricopa County report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (of which Rx drugs is a leading cause) cost Arizona more than **\$177 million** in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **7,761 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Maricopa County Emergency Departments - **1,356 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- In 2008-2013, **3 births per 1,000** in Maricopa County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012). Maricopa County ranked 3rd highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rate
- In 2012, Maricopa County arrest rate for narcotic drug possession ranked **highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 24%** of Maricopa County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS GLENDALE AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Maricopa County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 189 million pain reliever pills in Maricopa County.
- 6% of Glendale youth report current Rx drug misuse (Maricopa County currently ranks 7th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 12% of adults living in the Maricopa County report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **411 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Glendale Emergency Departments - **138 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, over **2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Maricopa County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012). Maricopa County ranked 3rd highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, Maricopa County arrest rates for narcotic drug possession ranked **highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 24%** of Maricopa County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS MESA AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Maricopa County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 189 million pain reliever pills in Maricopa County.
- 8% of Mesa youth report current Rx drug misuse (Maricopa County currently ranks 7th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 12% of adults living in the Maricopa County report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **664 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Glendale Emergency Departments - **183 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, over **2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Maricopa County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012). Maricopa County ranked 3rd highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, Maricopa County arrest rates for narcotic drug possession ranked **highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 24%** of Maricopa County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS PHOENIX AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Maricopa County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 189 million pain reliever pills in Maricopa County.
- 8% of Phoenix youth report current Rx drug misuse (Maricopa County currently ranks 7th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 12% of adults living in the Maricopa County report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **1,965 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Phoenix Emergency Departments - **465 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, over **2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Maricopa County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012). Maricopa County ranked 3rd highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, Maricopa County arrest rates for narcotic drug possession ranked **highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

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- Only 24%** of Maricopa County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
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- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
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HOW IS MOHAVE COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Mohave County **around-the-clock for more than 3 weeks** - 19.9 million pain reliever pills in Mohave County.
- 11% of Mohave County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks **highest** in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona (i.e., Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **253 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Mohave County Emergency Departments - **46 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, almost **4 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Mohave County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, Mohave County arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession ranked **3rd highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 32%** of Mohave County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
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HOW IS NAVAJO COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Navajo County **around-the-clock for more than 2 weeks** - 6.2 million pain reliever pills in Navajo County.
- 8% of Navajo County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county ranks 8th highest in the state for youth use). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona (i.e., Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

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- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **53 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Navajo County Emergency Departments - **16 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **1 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Navajo County was diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession in Navajo County ranked 7th highest in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 25%** of Navajo County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS PIMA COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Pima County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 61 million pain reliever pills in Pima County.
- 8% of Pima County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 5th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 15% of adults living in Pima County report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **2,834 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Pima County Emergency Departments - **209** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **5 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Pima County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, Pima County arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession ranked **2nd highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 18%** of Pima County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS ORO VALLEY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Pima County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 61 million pain reliever pills in Pima County.
- 9% of Oro Valley youth report current Rx drug misuse (Pima county currently ranks 5th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 15% of adults living in Pima County report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **131 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Oro Valley Emergency Departments - **44** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **5 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Pima County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, Pima County arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession ranked **2nd highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 18%** of Pima County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS TUCSON AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Pima County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 61 million pain reliever pills in Pima County.
- 8% of Tucson youth report current Rx drug misuse. (Pima county currently ranks 5th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 15% of adults living in Pima County report current Rx drug misuse.

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What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **2,697 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Tucson Emergency Departments - **569** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, **5 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Pima County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, Pima County arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession ranked **2nd highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 18%** of Pima County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS PINAL COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Pinal County **around-the-clock for 2 weeks** - 20 million pain reliever pills in Pinal County.
- 8% of Pinal County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 4th highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 5% of adults living in the Central Region of Arizona (i.e., Gila and Pinal Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, there were **8 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Pinal County Emergency Departments.
- Between 2008-2013, almost **3 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Pinal County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Pinal County ranked 8th highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, Pinal County arrest rates for narcotic drug possession ranked **5th highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 39%** of Pinal County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Santa Cruz County **around-the-clock for 1 week** - 1.2 million pain reliever pills in Santa Cruz County.
- 6% of Santa Cruz County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 26% of adults living in the Southeastern Region of Arizona (i.e., Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, **29 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Santa Cruz Emergency Departments - **7 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, almost **1 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Santa Cruz County was diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In the past three years, arrest rates for narcotic drug possession have increased **15%** in Arizona (2010-2012).

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 11%** of Santa Cruz County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS YAVAPAI COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Yavapai County **around-the-clock for 3 weeks** - 16 million pain reliever pills in Yavapai County.
- 9% of Yavapai County youth report current Rx drug misuse (the county currently ranks 3rd highest in the state). Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona (i.e., Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, **296 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Yavapai Emergency Departments - **64 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, almost **2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Yavapai County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade. Yavapai County ranked 2nd highest in the state in 2013 for DUI-D arrest rates.
- In 2012, Yavapai County arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing and narcotic drug possession ranked **4th highest** in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 38%** of Yavapai County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.



HOW IS YUMA COUNTY AFFECTED BY THE Rx DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE EPIDEMIC?



How Severe is the Problem?

- Enough Rx pain relievers were dispensed last year to medicate every adult in Yuma County **around-the-clock for more than 1 week** - 7.4 million pain reliever pills in Yuma County.
- 7% of Yuma County youth report current Rx drug misuse. Most report getting them from friends and their home.
- 13% of adults living in the Northern Region of Arizona 24% of adults living in the Southwestern Region of Arizona (i.e., La Paz and Yuma Counties) report current Rx drug misuse.

Arizona currently ranks 6th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing Rx drugs.

What is it Costing Us?

Arizona has the 12th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States.

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits for poisonings (Rx drugs are a leading cause) cost Arizona more than \$177 million in 2012.
- The average emergency department poisoning visit cost **\$4,769 – the most costly single visit.**
- In 2011, **113 cases** involving opioid abuse/dependency in Yuma Emergency Departments - **10 cases** were youth and young adults (<24 yrs).
- Between 2008-2013, almost **2 out of every 1,000 babies born** in Yuma County were diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (primarily caused by maternal opiate use).
- In 2013, there were 4,073 DUI-Drug arrests in Arizona, a **99.4% increase** in the past decade.
- In 2012, arrest rates for narcotic drug sales/manufacturing in Yuma County ranked **highest** in the state. Rates for narcotic drug possession ranked 8th highest in the state.

What is Amplifying the Problem?

- Rx drug misuse is considered “socially acceptable.” They are also easy to get and perceived as safe.
- Only 11%** of Yuma County prescribers are using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.
- There is a lack of education and consistent guidelines for prescribing Rx narcotics.
- Many health consumers have unrealistic pain management expectations.

What Can We Do?

- Practice and promote proper Rx drug storage in the home.
- Support the establishment of permanent Rx disposal drop boxes in your community.
- Talk to youth, families, and community members about the dangers of Rx drug misuse and abuse.
- Advocate for all physicians, all pharmacist, and necessary law enforcement officials to sign up and use the Arizona Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Encourage responsible prescribing and use of Rx drugs.

