

Methadone-related unintentional poisoning deaths 1999-2003 and rates for 1999 and 2003

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

Notes:

* Underlying cause of death was selected as unintentional poisoning; methadone was listed on the death certificate as contributing to the death.

** Deaths per 100,000 population.

*** Interpret as: The US rate in 2003 was 0.8 per 100,000 population, nearly 4 times (3.8) the US rate in 1999, 0.2 per 100,000 population.

Rates for 1999 are shown in italics if they are based on fewer than 20 deaths. Any such rate is considered unreliable.

Most of the observed increase is "real"; however, some unknown proportion of the increase is due to improvements in data collection and processing particularly between 2001 and 2002.

States are ordered based on the death rate ranking for 2003.

State of residence	Methadone-related unintentional poisoning deaths*					Crude death rates**			Population of state of residence	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2003	Increase***	1999	2003
West Virginia	4	3	25	52	67	0.2	3.7	16.8	1,811,799	1,810,357
Kentucky	8	28	46	72	122	0.2	3.0	14.9	4,018,053	4,117,827
North Carolina	34	77	90	175	230	0.4	2.7	6.4	7,949,362	8,407,248
Maine	5	20	11	42	35	0.4	2.7	6.8	1,266,808	1,305,732
New Hampshire	2	7	11	26	32	0.2	2.5	15.2	1,222,015	1,287,689
Washington	45	53	73	120	143	0.8	2.3	3.0	5,842,564	6,131,445
Oklahoma	18	27	38	38	81	0.5	2.3	4.4	3,437,148	3,511,532
Nevada	9	18	39	38	44	0.5	2.0	4.2	1,934,718	2,241,154
Oregon	5	18	24	60	66	0.1	1.9	12.6	3,393,941	3,559,596
New Mexico	30	23	27	28	30	1.7	1.6	1.0	1,808,082	1,874,614
Florida	29	47	117	195	255	0.2	1.5	8.1	15,759,421	17,019,068
Virginia	17	27	56	76	100	0.2	1.4	5.6	7,000,174	7,386,330
Arizona	15	10	21	50	63	0.3	1.1	3.8	5,023,823	5,580,811
Louisiana	4	4	19	34	47	0.1	1.0	11.7	4,460,811	4,496,334
Tennessee	8	10	14	37	58	0.1	1.0	7.0	5,638,706	5,841,748
Missouri	11	11	17	22	56	0.2	1.0	5.0	5,561,948	5,704,484
US TOTAL	623	778	1158	1911	2452	0.2	0.8	3.8	279,040,181	290,810,789
Georgia	14	16	35	47	64	0.2	0.7		8,045,965	8,684,715
New York	115	84	120	122	136	0.6	0.7		18,882,725	19,190,115
Wisconsin	6	16	18	34	35	0.1	0.6		5,332,666	5,472,299
Indiana	4	5	9	11	36	0.1	0.6		6,044,970	6,195,643
Texas	21	44	81	113	125	0.1	0.6		20,558,220	22,118,509
New Jersey	26	14	25	43	48	0.3	0.6		8,359,592	8,638,396
Ohio	7	14	30	48	62	0.1	0.5		11,335,454	11,435,799
Pennsylvania	7	17	14	36	67	0.1	0.5		12,263,805	12,365,459
Colorado	8	12	12	20	24	0.2	0.5		4,226,018	4,550,688
Alabama	14	9	22	30	23	0.3	0.5		4,430,141	4,500,752
Illinois	25	51	49	59	60	0.2	0.5		12,359,020	12,653,544
Minnesota	9	5	5	12	23	0.2	0.5		4,873,481	5,059,375
Michigan	10	10	10	38	36	0.1	0.4		9,897,116	10,079,985
California	65	43	31	98	123	0.2	0.3		33,499,204	35,484,453
Alaska	3	5	0	2	2				624,779	648,820
Arkansas	3	1	2	11	6				2,651,860	2,725,715
Connecticut	10	11	12	23	18				3,386,401	3,483,375
DC	0	1	0	3	10				774,990	564,353
Delaware	1	4	2	7	12				570,220	817,491
Hawaii	2	1	5	12	6				1,210,300	1,257,613
Idaho	3	2	8	5	16				1,275,674	1,366,332
Iowa	2	1	0	7	6				2,917,634	2,944,062
Kansas	4	3	7	18	16				2,678,338	2,723,508
Maryland	0	0	0	1	3				5,254,509	5,508,909
Massachusetts	1	0	1	4	5				6,317,345	6,433,422
Mississippi	2	1	2	2	11				2,828,408	2,881,283
Montana	0	2	2	4	14				897,508	917,621
Nebraska	0	2	0	2	0				1,704,764	1,739,291
North Dakota	0	1	2	1	0				644,259	633,840
Rhode Island	1	0	1	1	1				1,040,402	1,076,166
South Carolina	13	11	15	9	19				3,974,682	4,147,153
South Dakota	0	0	1	0	0				750,413	764,309
Utah	2	5	7	17	5				2,203,482	2,351,467
Vermont	1	1	2	4	10				604,683	619,116
Wyoming	0	3	0	2	1				491,780	501,242