

Poisoning Hospital Discharges Have Increased in Kansas Since 1999

Kansas 1999-2013

Background: Poisoning hospital discharge rates have increased in most counties in Kansas since 1999. Counties in the highest range have spread north and west from the southeast during the past decade.



Which drugs?

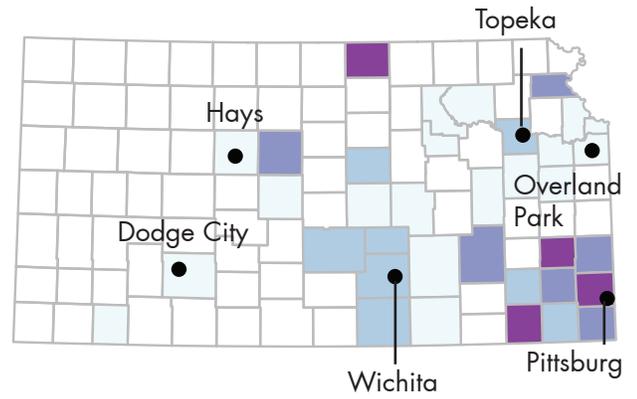
The drugs at the root of the poisoning epidemic are prescription opiate pain killers. These highly addictive drugs share the same mechanisms as heroin. Nationally, there has been a 286% increase in heroin-related overdose deaths from 2002-2013**.

Legend:		113.0 - 195.0
Age-Adjusted Hospital Discharge Rate per 100,000*		82.3 - 112.9
		61.1 - 82.3
		26.5 - 61.0
		Suppressed***

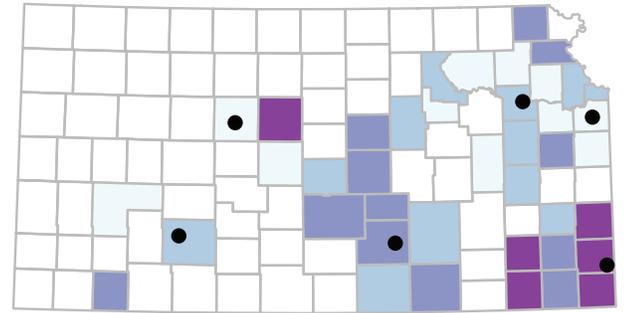
*Age-Adjusted Hospital Discharge Rate, adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Census Population. Source: 1999-2013 Kansas Hospital Discharge Database, Kansas Hospital Association. ** 1. Cdc.gov. Today's Heroin Epidemic Infographics | VitalSigns | CDC. 2015. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/infographic.html>. Accessed September 1, 2015. *** Due to low numbers not all estimates are provided. Prepared by Dan Dao, July 2015



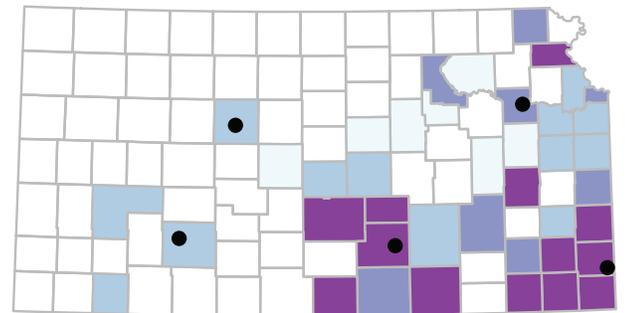
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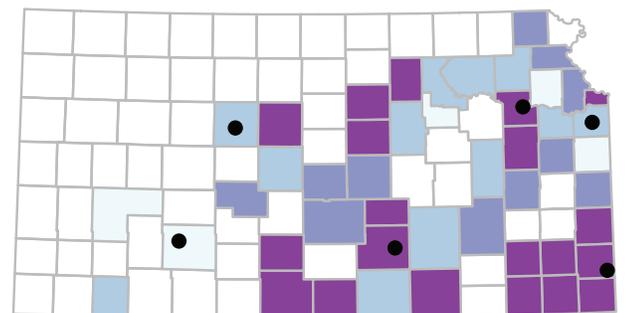
2002-2004



2005-2007



2008-2010



2011-2013

