

# BUREAU OF HEALTH INFORMATICS

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Employing data and technology to public health practice, research, and learning, to unlock the potential of information systems to improve the health of the residents of Louisiana.



# *What are we excited about?*

- Growth of data as a tool for decision-making
- Expanding partnerships
- Discussions about cross-state data sharing projects
- Building data tools that make accessing data easy and innovative





## Explore Opioid and Other Drug Data in Louisiana

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is working to address Louisiana's opioid problem by targeting resources for treatment throughout our state with focused attention on areas where data shows the most prevalent challenges. The Bureau of Health Informatics (BHI) in the Office of Public Health (OPH) is supporting these strategies by leveraging data from multiple internal and external sources to strengthen readiness, capacity building, and program development.

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Data within this system is interactive, and can be viewed in different formats, such as table, graphs and maps. The data displays, which have been carefully designed and reviewed by health experts and data specialists, allow various indicators to be explored geographically and over time. To request custom datasets and data visualizations, please [submit a request here](#).

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### What do you want to know about opioids in Louisiana?

(Mouse over each selection for more information)

Choose a Topic:

Choose a Measure:

Show data by:  No Selection

Choose a Population:

Age:

Select Geography:  No Selection

What measure type do you want to see:

### SYSTEM UPDATES

8/7/2019  
**New data and measures available!**  
New data:

- Annual 2018 data for Death, Hospital Admissions, and Prescription data are now available
- Fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) 2018 Death data from Vital Records are now available
- Fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) 2018 Hospital Admissions data from LAHIDD are now available
- Fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) 2018 Prescription data from the PMP are now available

Tell us what you think!

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# Death > Drug-involved deaths (location) > Number

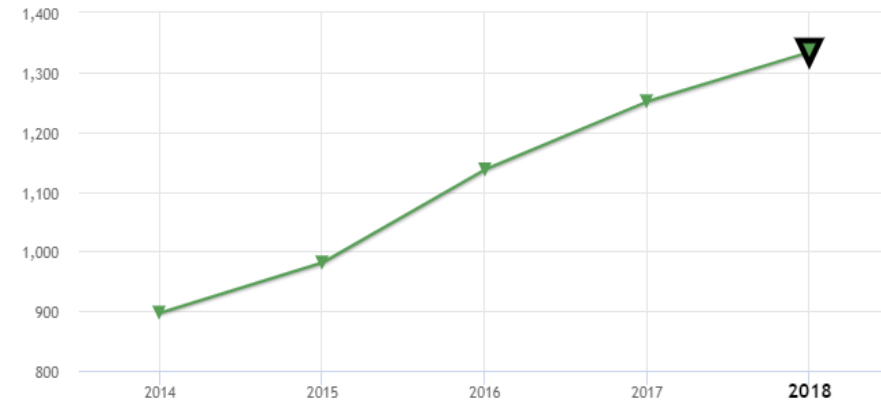
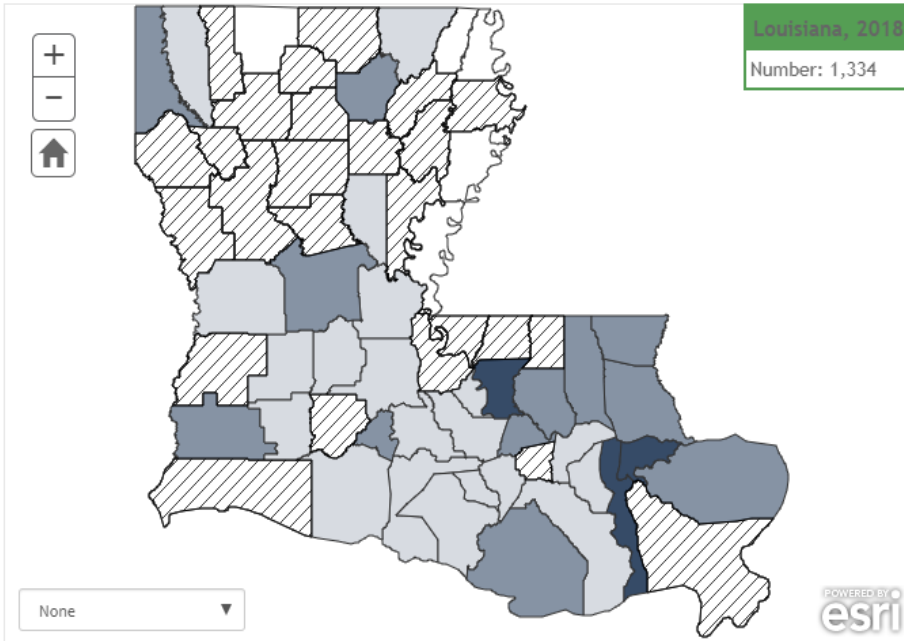
Selected Year: 2018, Age Range: All Ages, Race: All Races, Sex: All Genders, Areas: multiple(64)



Map

Chart

Table



Display by:

Age Range

0

5 to 30

31 to 98

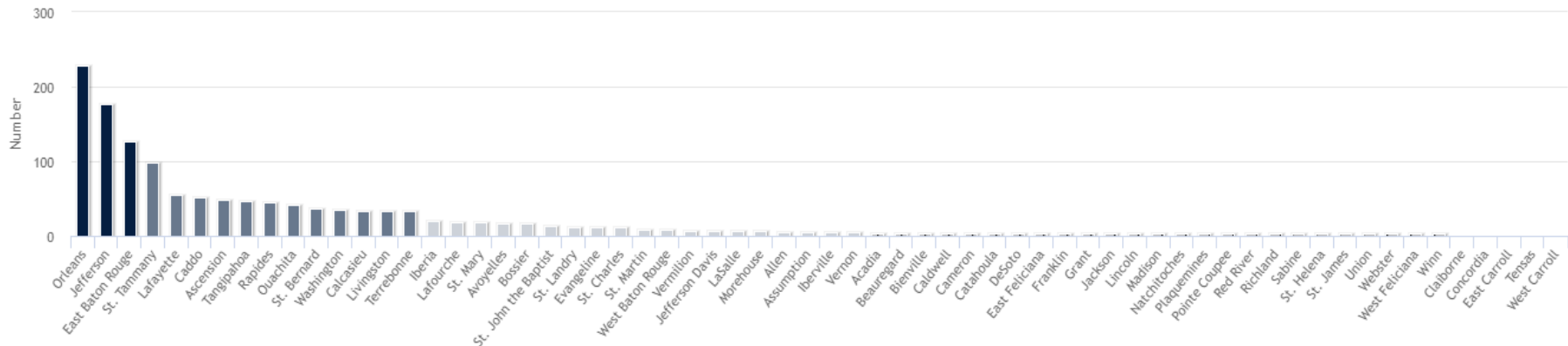
99 to 232

Data Suppressed (less than 5)

Louisiana: 1,334

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# *What are we challenged by?*

- System interoperability
- Quality of data being reported
- Developing and maintaining relationships
- Lack of interstate data sharing agreements and technology
- Ensuring that all users understand the legal and regulatory requirements of data sharing



# *What do we wish for?*

- All Payer Claims Database
- Stronger partnerships between public safety and public health
- Better data sharing at the local level
- More quantifiable data for Social Determinants of Health





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