

Addressing Funding Disparity in the National Opioid Crisis

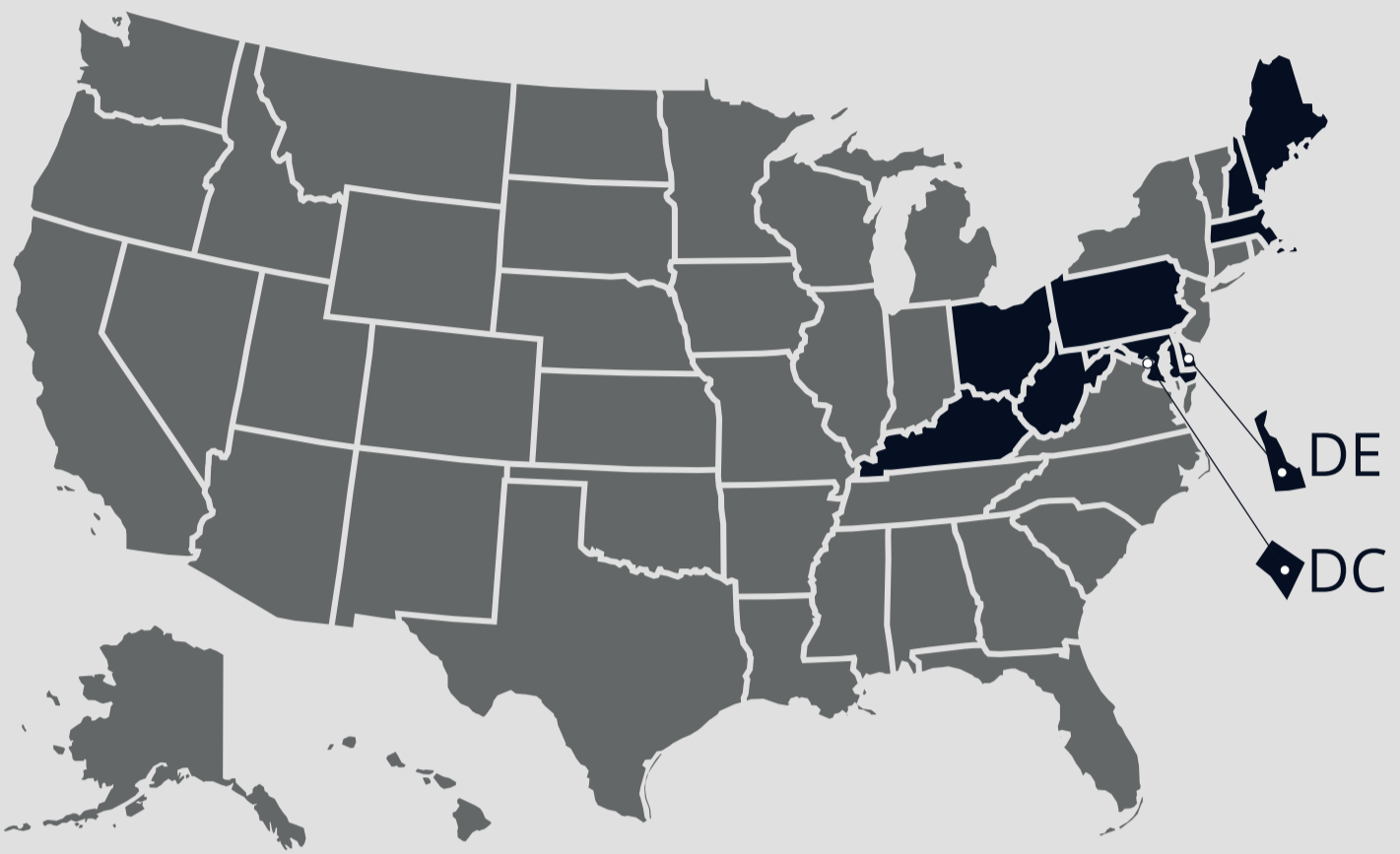
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Gaps

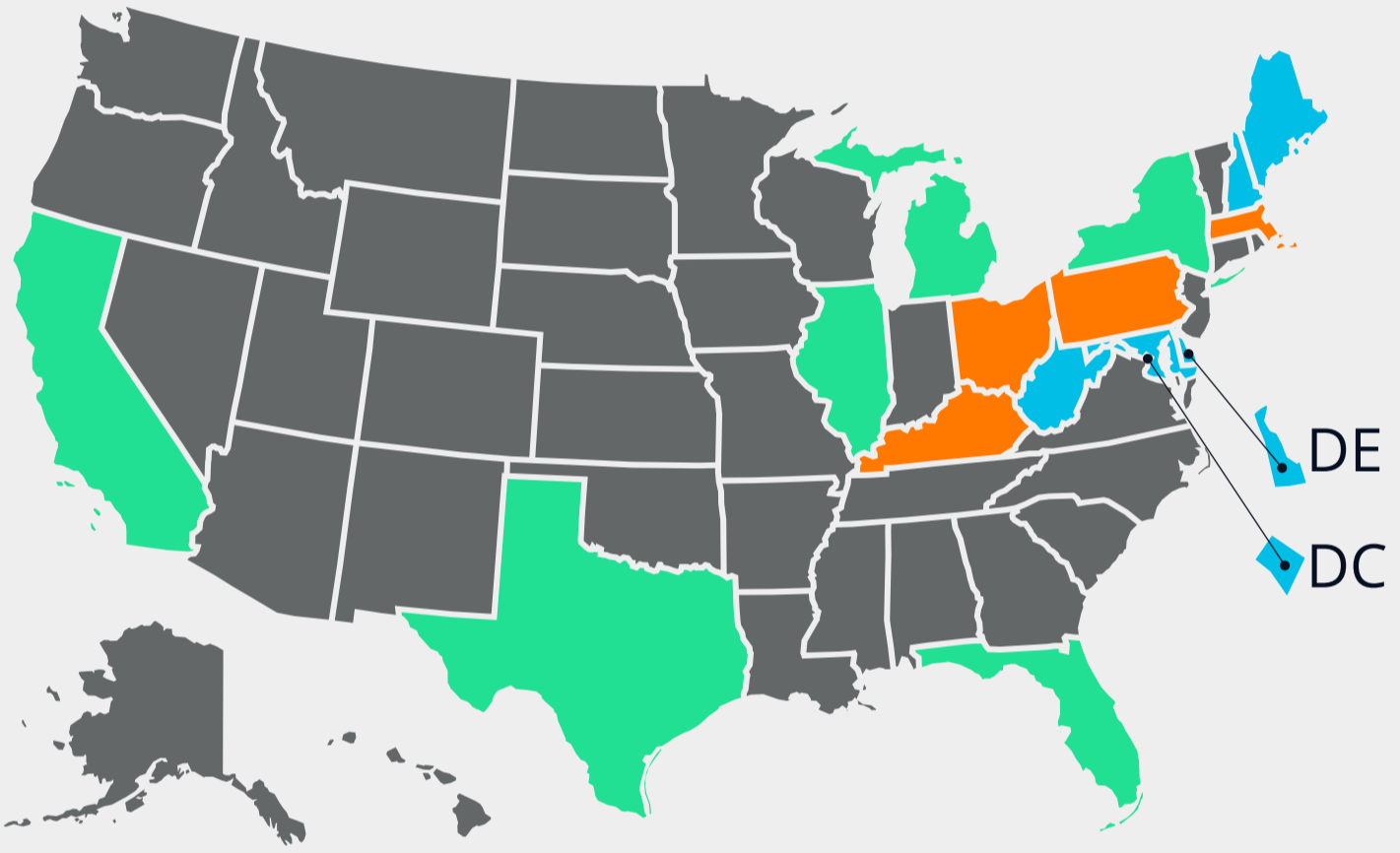
Available data indicates a number of highly impacted states are underfunded due to federal grant distribution formulas that are overly reliant on the absolute number of drug overdose deaths in each state.



Top Ten States by Prevalence¹



State-Level Prevalence vs. Funding



- Highly Impacted and Underfunded²
- Most Funded^{3,4,5}
- Highly Impacted and Most Funded⁶

Optimized Funding Allocation Method

Based on an analysis of the 2018 opioid-targeted federal grants, **Mission LISA recommends:**



Incorporate state-level prevalence of opioid misuse and opioid use disorder into federal funding formulas.

Policy Impact



Incorporating the **prevalence of opioid misuse** to the funding distribution methodology for the SAMHSA 2018 State Targeted Response grant through Mission LISA's recommended formula would result in approximately **\$108 million** in additional funding to at least **37 states and the District of Columbia**. Results reveal a lack of funding to jurisdictions overall for addressing the epidemic.

Please visit the [Mission LISA](#) page for the full policy recommendation.

¹ Prevalence of opioid misuse and opioid use disorder was obtained by applying methodology used in Mission LISA's estimates on the scope of the opioid epidemic to the 2017 drug overdose mortality data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
² States ranked among top ten by prevalence of opioid misuse and opioid use disorder.
³ States ranked among top ten by funding in 2018.
⁴ Based on a review of opioid-targeted funding distributed to each state through grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"), the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Department of Justice.
⁵ Grants from SAMHSA include the State Targeted Response grant, the State Opioid Response grant, the Medication-Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Misuse grant, the First Responders – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement grant, and the Community-Based Coalition Enhancement grant.
⁶ States ranked among top ten by prevalence and by funding.