

# San Luis Obispo County

## Rx Opioid Abuse Report Card

Prescription drug abuse has become one of the fastest growing public health concerns in the United States. Today, drug overdoses kill more than cars, guns, and falling. Prescription drug abuse crosses all boundaries — gender, ethnicity, economic status, and age. Because all sectors of society are impacted, solutions will require integrated community-wide approaches.

The SLO County Opioid Safety Coalition was established in 2016 to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse. A kick-off event was held on January 21, 2016 as a call-to-action. The Initiative is driven by a diverse coalition of community members, including among others: law enforcement, physicians, pharmacists, treatment professionals, Public Health Department, Behavioral Health Department, and educators. These community members make up five action teams: Data Collection and Monitoring; Safe Prescribing and Health Care; Medication Assisted Treatment; Community Prevention and First Responders; and Naloxone: Overdose Antidote. All will work to collaboratively address the problem in San Luis Obispo County.

San Luis Obispo County Rx Opioid Abuse Indicators										
Indicator	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Rx Opioid-Related Deaths<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number	15	20	13	15	25	23	18	21	25	36
Rate per 100,000	7.6	8.3	*	7.5	10.0	8.9	7.8	8.8	9.2	13.3
<b>Rx Opioid-Related ER Visits<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number	65	51	46	72	60	73	74	80	111	
Rate per 100,000	24.8	19.3	17.2	26.8	22.3	27.0	27.3	29.4	40.7	
<b>Rx Opioid-Related Hospitalizations<sup>3</sup></b>										
Number	78	72	87	85	92	96	85	69	62	
Rate per 100,000	29.8	27.3	32.6	31.7	34.1	35.6	31.4	25.4	22.7	
<b>Rx Treatment Admissions<sup>4</sup></b>										
Number	67	73	132	219	226	206	203	368	504	526
Rate per 100,000	25.6	27.6	49.5	81.6	83.8	76.3	74.9	135.7	184.9	192.1
<b>Opioid Prescribing Trends<sup>5</sup></b>										
Number of Opioid Rx for SLO County residents				203,570	248,796	233,603	241,790	236,373	237,881	246,665
Residents per 1,000 with 6 or more prescribers or pharmacies over 6 months					2.3	2.6	2.9	2.7		
Residents per 1,000 on 90 or more days of opioids					16.1	15.7	15.5	16.2		
Number of Benzodiazepine Rx for SLO County Residents				105,802	130,647	128,782	135,148	135,680	135,452	132,443
<b>Positive Narcan Responses<sup>6</sup></b>										
Positive response among patients administered Narcan		118	110	104	112	89	110	105	123	118
<b>Drug-Related Arrests<sup>7</sup></b>										
Opioid-positive urine tests for arrests									52%	36%

<sup>1</sup> California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Emergency Department Data

<sup>2</sup> California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Emergency Department Data

<sup>3</sup> California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Emergency Department Data

<sup>4</sup> CalOMS data (does not include residents of SLO County who seek treatment outside the County)

<sup>5</sup> CURES 2.0 data. <https://oag.ca.gov/cures> (Data provided by the California Healthcare Foundation)

<sup>6</sup> San Luis Obispo Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

<sup>7</sup> San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department

