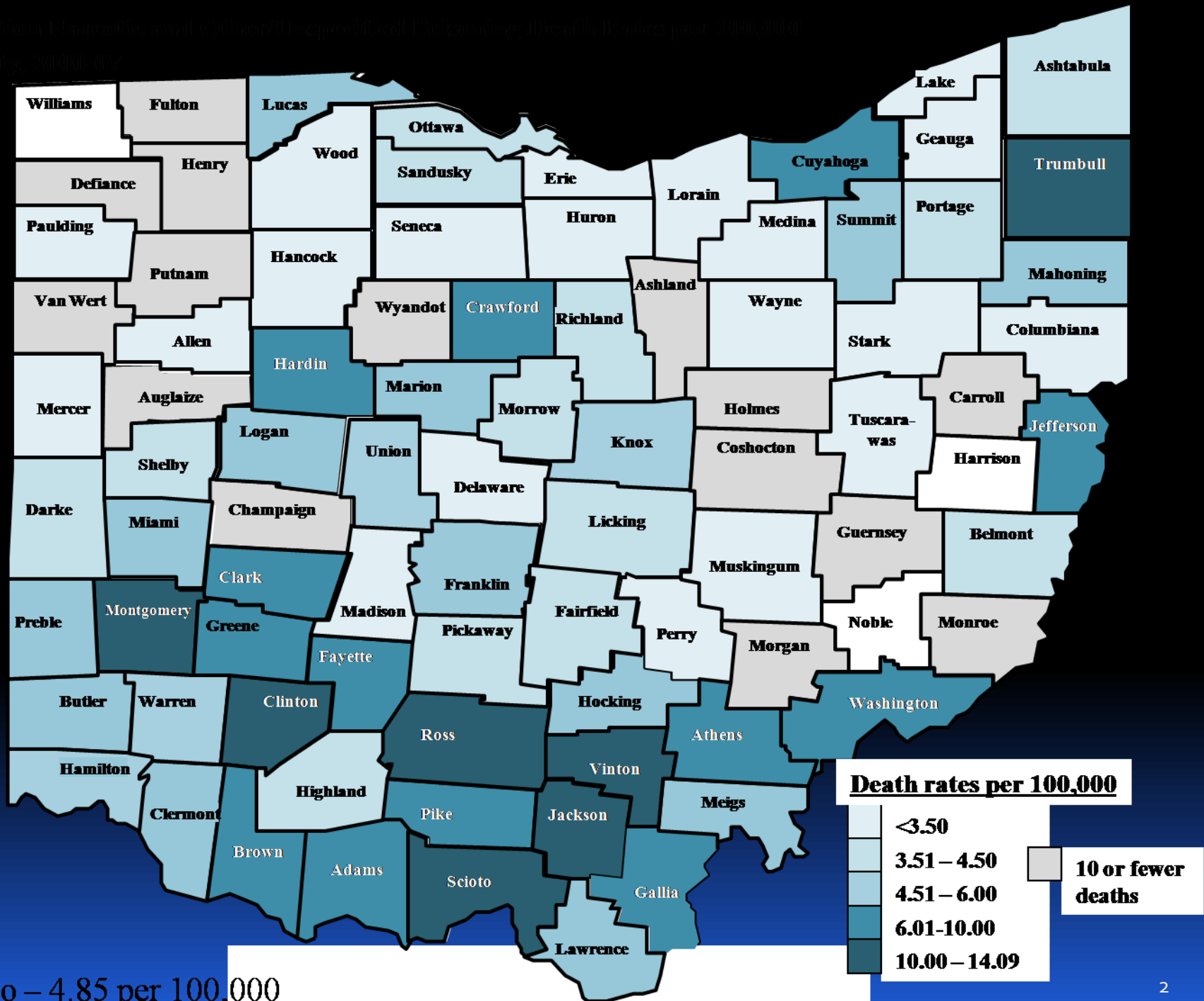


Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team Community Take Back Project 2010





Unintentional
Drug/Medication
Poisoning Death rates by
County Ranking, Ohio,
2000-07*

*Source: Ohio Vital Stats

County	No. Deaths	Death Rate	% > Ohio Rate	County rate/state rate
MONTGOMERY	784	17.86	141%	2.4
SCIOTO	100	16.20	119%	2.2
CLINTON	45	13.46	82%	1.8
JACKSON	35	13.25	79%	1.8
ROSS	75	12.60	70%	1.7
TRUMBULL	215	12.24	65%	1.7
JEFFERSON	64	11.25	52%	1.5
CRAWFORD	40	10.96	48%	1.5
ADAMS	24	10.75	45%	1.5
CLARK	115	10.10	36%	1.4
BROWN	34	9.79	32%	1.3
CLERMONT	139	9.36	26%	1.3
ATHENS	47	9.33	26%	1.3
GREENE	109	8.98	21%	1.2
Franklin	753	8.59	16%	1.2
CUYAHOGA	916	8.50	15%	1.1
WASHINGTON	36	8.24	11%	1.1
BUTLER	209	7.58	2%	1.0
HAMILTON	448	7.55	2%	1.0
OHIO		7.4		

Welcome to Portsmouth, Ohio- the signs went up in 2008



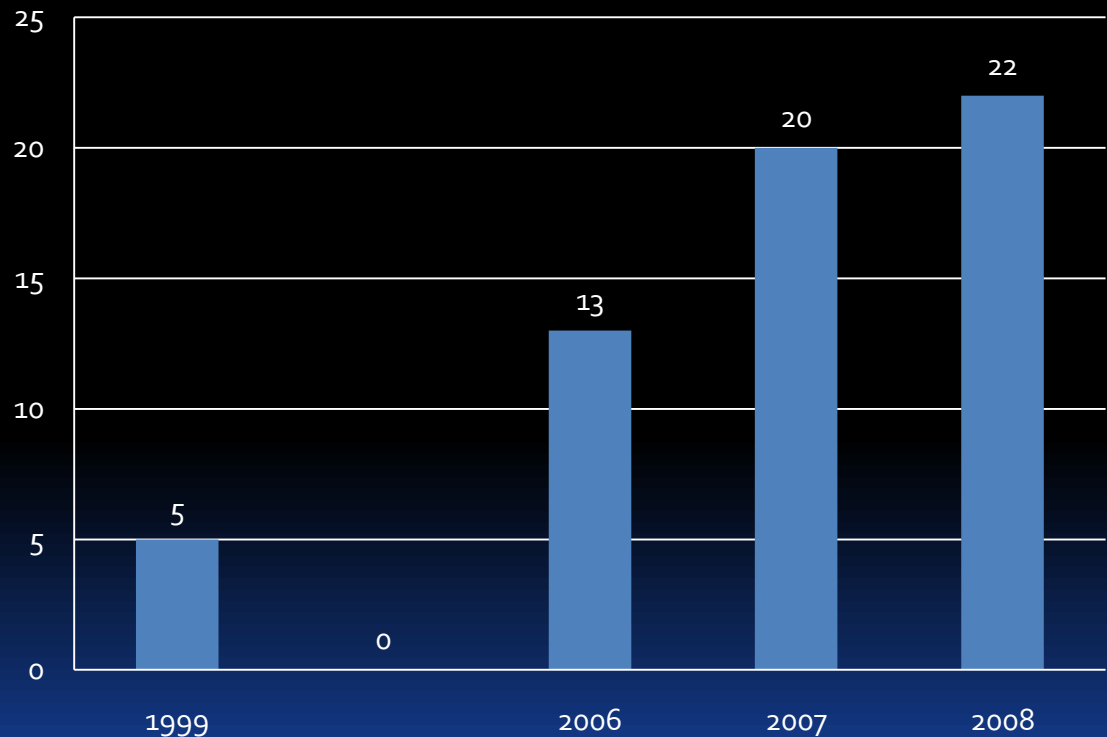
And just in case you missed those signs..... more came in 2009!



Source: Scioto County Coroner's Report Death Autopsy Records

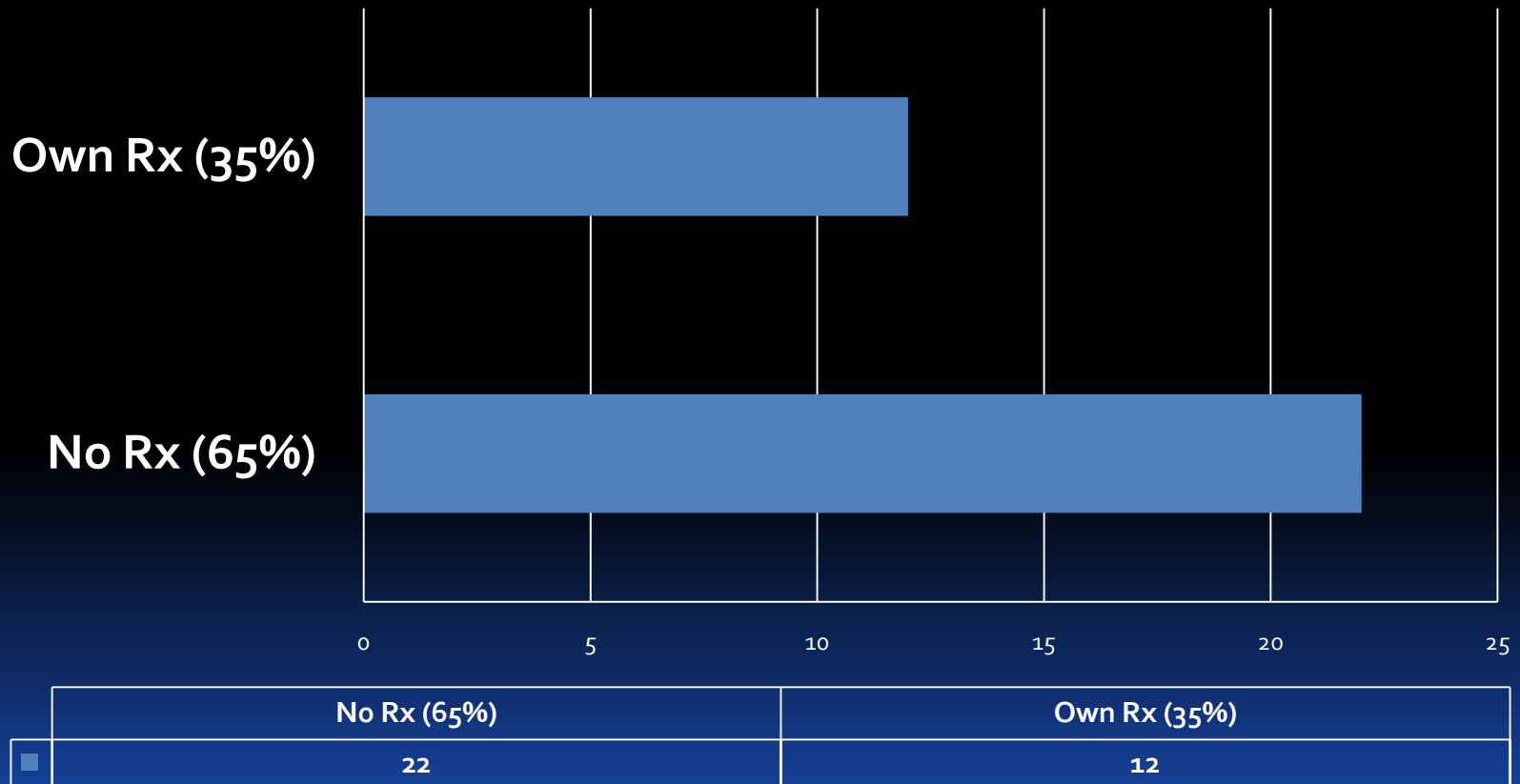
Scioto County statistics are deceptively low, due to the fact that they ONLY reflect those residents who actually died in the county, and received autopsy. If a person survives long enough to be transferred to another emergency facility, or actually dies while in another county, their death will not be reflected on Scioto County Coroner's Records.

Between 1999 and 2008, there was a 340% increase in accidental poisoning deaths in Scioto County, Ohio (by actual number)

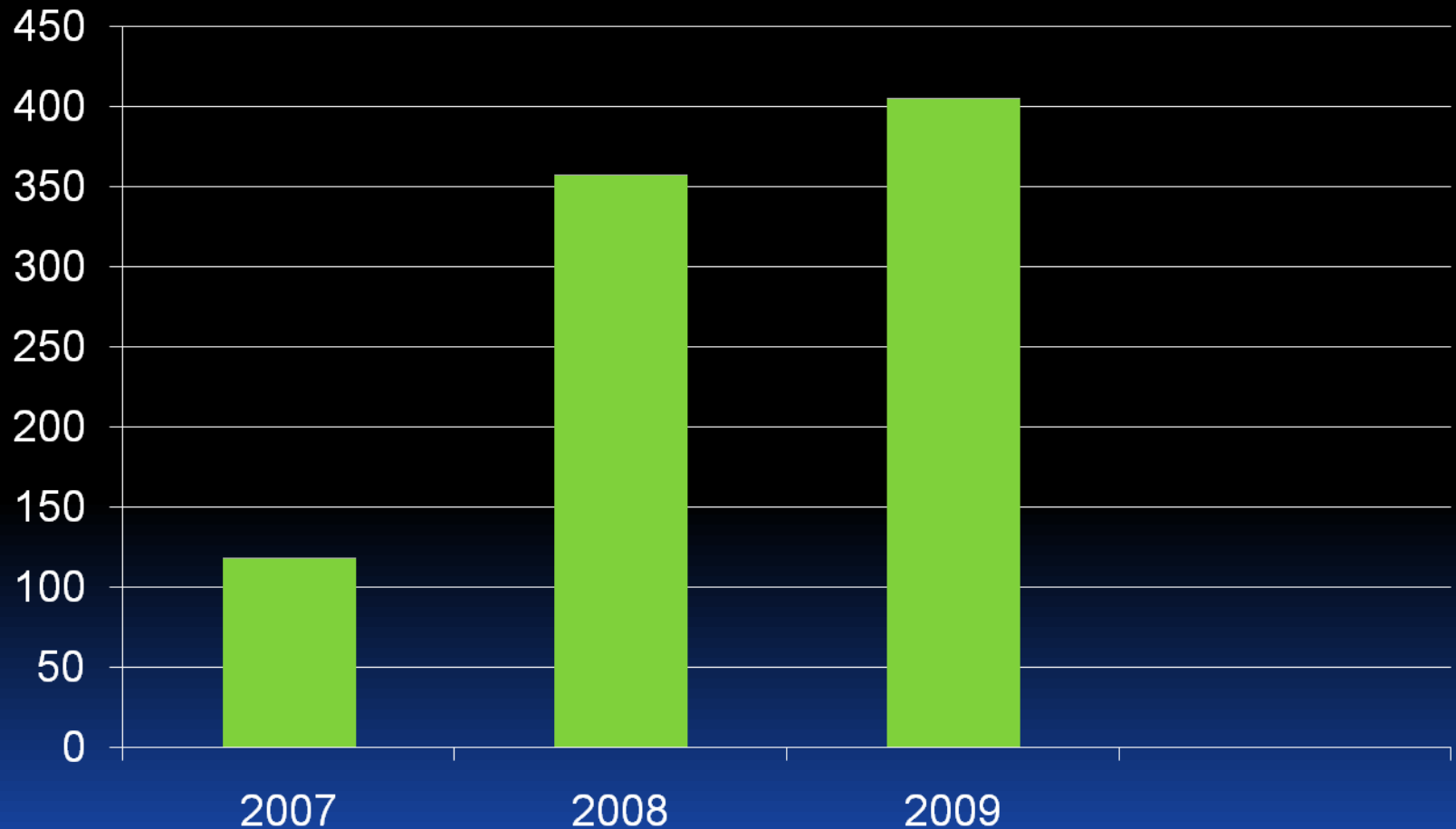


Scioto County Rx Overdose Deaths 2008-2009

by Actual Number and Percent

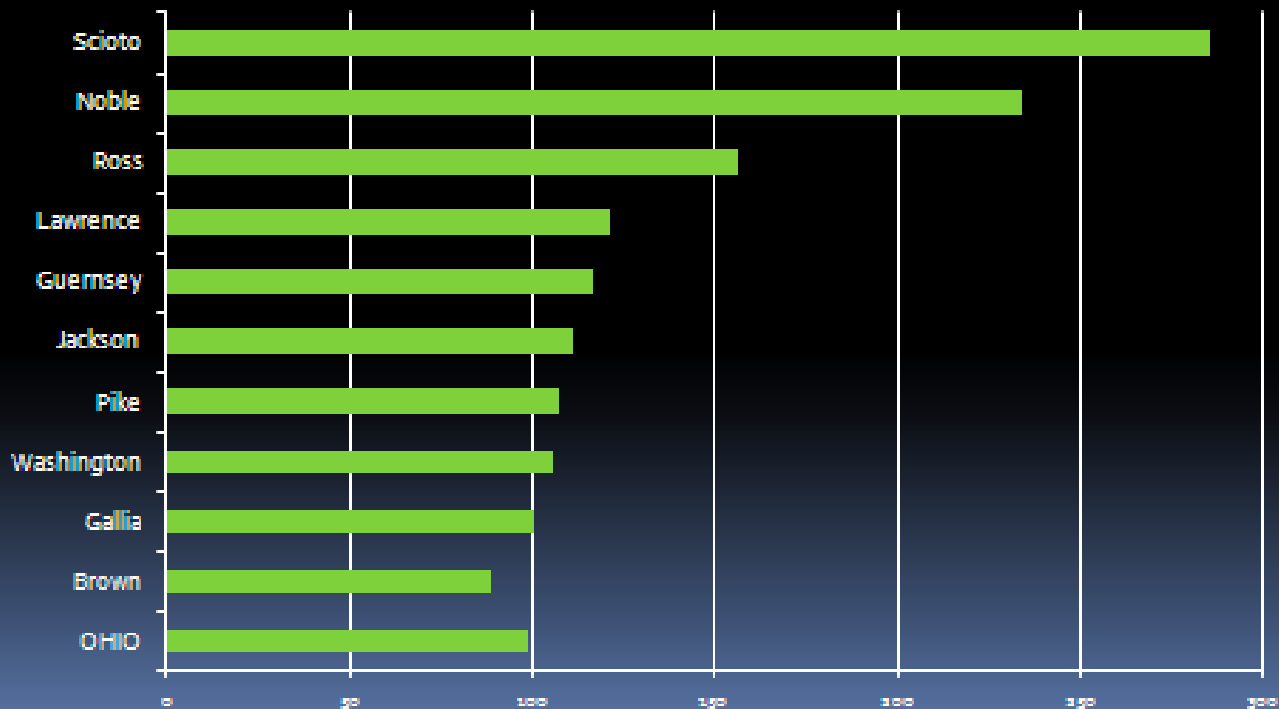


The Counseling Center Admissions (opiates) 2007-2009



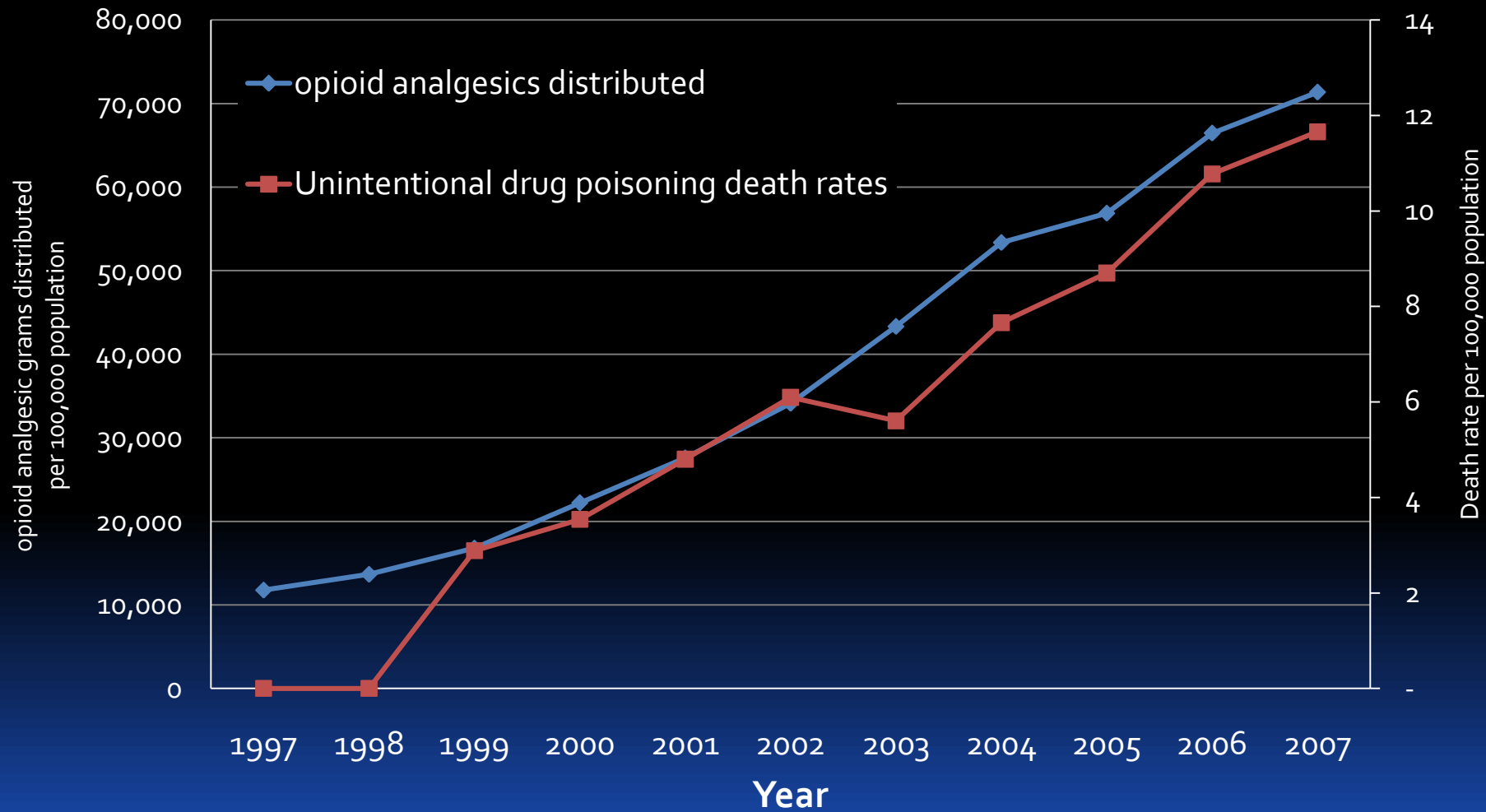
Scioto County Ranks #1 of all of Ohio's 88 counties (3X State avg.)

HEPATITIS C RATES OHIO 2007 TOP TEN COUNTIES RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION



Unintentional fatal drug poisoning rates¹ and distribution rates of prescription opioids^{2,3} in grams per 100,000 population⁴ by year, Ohio, 1997 -2007 (1999-2007 for opioids)

Sources: ¹ODH Office of Vital Statistics, ²DOJ-DEA ARCOS

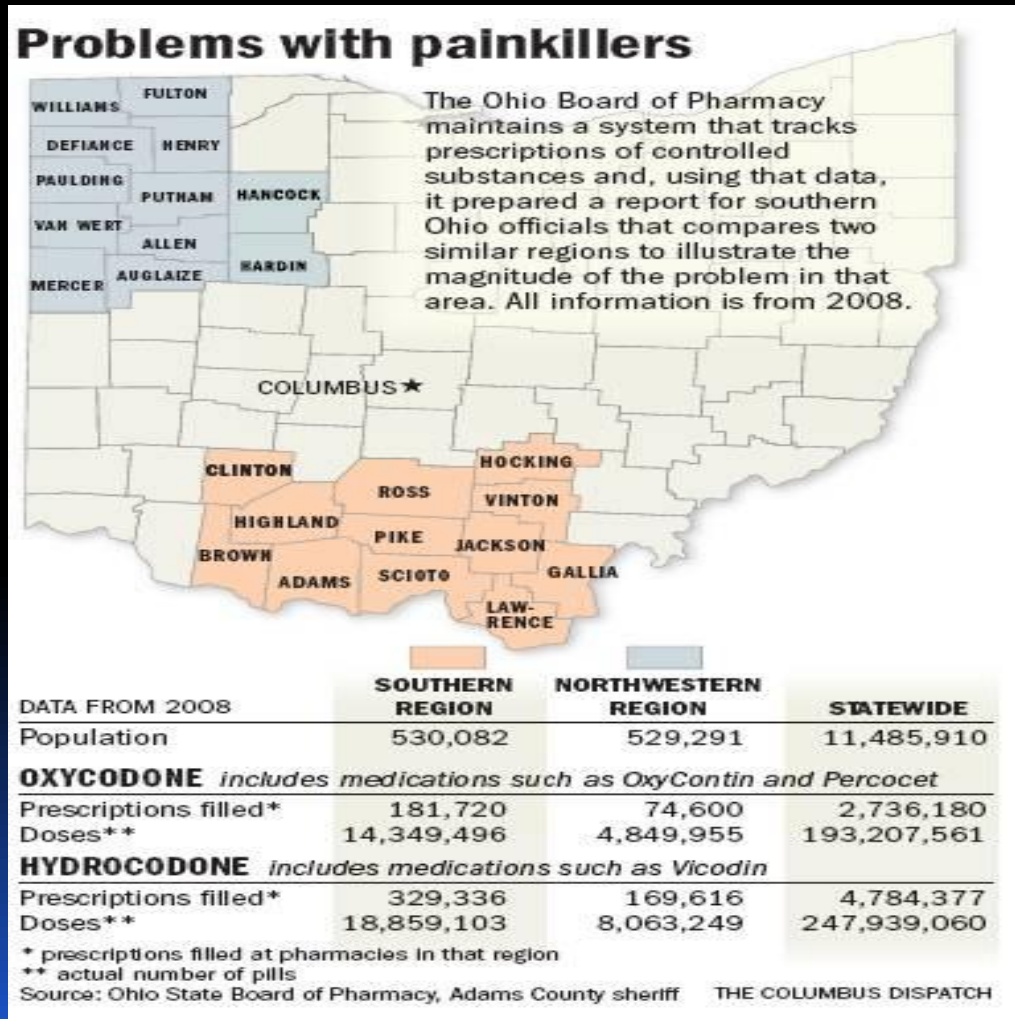


³Codeine, buprenorphine, oxycodone, hydromorphone, hydrocodone, meperidine, methadone, Morphine, fentanyl base (transdermal) in opioid equivalents (morphine 30mg)

Results of 2008 Pharmacy Board Study- 20 Million MORE Pills!

Oxycodone- 9.5 Million more pills prescribed and filled in the southern Ohio region.

Hydrocodone- 10.8 Million more pills prescribed and filled in the southern Ohio region.



Scioto County Rankings...

- On DEA's Top Ten Counties in the Nation for illegal prescription drug trafficking.
- Second highest prescription drug overdose death rate in the state.
- Highest Hepatitis C rate of all of Ohio's 88 counties.
- Ranked Lowest of the 88 Ohio counties in overall health by the Ohio Department of Health (2009).

Why is this happening in Scioto County ?

- High distribution rates create an atmosphere conducive to addiction and overdose.
- Death rates are highest in rural communities, OxyContin has been called “Hillbilly Heroin”.
- West Virginia and Kentucky also experiencing high death rates, especially from opiates.
- Scioto County has the highest concentration of Pain Clinics in Ohio, and it keeps growing.

Scioto County Dispensaries- total FIVE and one Leads the Nation!

- Affiliated with Pain Clinics
- Response to RPh refusals to fill
- Always the Goal of the Clinic- an In-House Pharmacy will attract more business/ double or triple the cash-flow
- Armed guards
- Bullet-proof glass
- Bring in several M \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ / yr. (CASH!)



State of Ohio


Pharmacy and Practitioner Purchases of OxyContin by County

January 1 – December 31, 2009



OH Average = 14,113

 Above Average = 17,642 units or more

 Average = 10,585 – 17,641 units

 Below Average = 10,584 units or less

Scioto County- 2009

- Has 149 licensed Physicians
- Patient/ Physician ratio of 531/1
- Local licensed Physicians can treat pain, plus other conditions
- Currently is home to nine Pain Clinics
- ***20 MILLION MORE oxycodone/hydrocodone pills than northern control counties.....***

***Are we really in that much pain
??***



????????

*We are sure in a great
big world of hurt!*

A Community “Call to Action”
(When *Enough is Enough!*)



January 2010-News series- raising Community Awareness-and *Ire!*

*"Let's tell the
people all of
the Ugly
Truth!"*

- 20 Newspaper
articles
- 5 TV News Press
Conferences
- TV Reporter thrown
out of a Clinic *TWICE!*



SCIOTO COUNTY RESPONSE

“We’re going to have to clean our own house!”

- A “Call To Action” Meeting Oct. 2009
- Three Town Hall Meetings December- March 2010- due to public demand- packed all 3 locations- News covered
- State Medical Board attended on Dec. 16, 2009
- A Citizen’s group circulated a “Petition of the People” to ask the Governor to initiate investigations and response to this epidemic.
- Over 2,800 signatures collected and presented.
- Governor’s office attended March 2010

Scioto County began to demand change!

**Dr. Aaron Adams D.O./ Health Commissioner
On Jan. 29, 2010 a Public Health Emergency
was declared in Scioto County, Ohio**



Scioto County Rx Drug A-Team- a Community Coalition is formed!

- Formed in January 2010- lead by Public Health
- Includes members from various disciplines and agencies including healthcare, addictions, and law enforcement
- Includes local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies



Unified Command
Peggy Burton, RS
Dr. Aaron Adams
Law Enforcement

Deputy Incident Commander
Dr. Wayne Wheeler

Liaison Dr.
Terry Johnson

PIO Lisa
Roberts

Safety Officials
Law Enforcement

Medical Directors Dr.
George Pettit Dr. Michael
Martin Dr. John
Ditraglia

Operations Chief
Lowell Howard

Logistics Chief
Bob Walton, Jr.

Planning Chief
T. Ed Hughes

Deputy
Operations Chief
Al Oliver

Deputy Logistics
Chief Mike
Trapp, RC

Deputy Planning
Chief
Mayor Jim Warren

Goals of Rx Drug Action Team

- Educate HCP on scope of problem/ increase OARRS use/ appropriate and safe prescribing practices
- Assess and address contributing factors in Scioto County/ Poison Death Reviews
- Provide prevention education and efforts to targeted groups
- Enlist outside resources to assist with restoring Scioto County/ long-term change

Logo-“Be the Wall”



The Campaign for Assistance...

February 2010

US Senator Sherrod Brown:



Responded February 2010

- Met with Committees in Adams Brown and Scioto counties.
- Convened a Meeting of local, state, and federal reps from DEA, LE, Public Health, Addictions, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Attorney General.
- Wrote to the president.
- Pledged resources and assistance.

Governor/Ohio Health Dept.
Visit Scioto County
Executive Order April 2, 2010



We must have been pretty loud!

- Columbus Dispatch did several articles
- ONN and Ch. 10 continues to cover
- A Documentary is being made
- Yale University research student coming for 3 months
- “Men’s Health” article
11-10 (Los Angeles)



Scioto County 2010

- A County in transition.....



- Hope to be a County in Recovery someday.....
- Good things started to happen..... Next came the Calvary!

Findley St . (Portsmouth) Pain Clinic Florida Doctor/ Felon Owner



Two Men Arrested, Charged Local Man Also Wanted By Franklin County

By RYAN SCOTT OTTNEY
PDT STAFF WRITER

Two men were charged with drug trafficking after Portsmouth police found them near a clinic in the city with more than 8,000 mg of oxycodone Saturday.

According to police, officers responded to a reported clinic in the 1200 block of Findlay Street, in Portsmouth, after being advised that a subject just left the building and he is wanted in Franklin County. Police found the car parked on 13th Street, with the suspect talking to someone in his car. Then the suspect reportedly stepped out of the car and went back inside the building.

Police approached the car and spoke with Thomas Amos, 44, of Huntington, W.Va.

They asked Amos who the man was that went inside the clinic, and Amos identified him as Ernest McCoy, 43, of Franklin Furnace. Police said this was the same name reported to them as having a warrant in Franklin County.

Inside the car, police reportedly saw a gym bag with pill bottles inside. Amos gave police consent to search his vehicle, and officers found oxycodone prescription bottles in his name, given by two different doctors. He had reportedly been issued 8,760 mg of oxycodone — most within the last three days, and only a “small amount” was left.

Amos also had \$1,200 cash, and what appeared to be drug figures on a notebook he was holding when officers approached him. Police said Amos appeared to be allegedly “doctor shopping”, and selling the medications that he had received.

Amos and McCoy were both charged with trafficking in drugs. McCoy was also charged with having a warrant from Franklin County.

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Clinic Raids- April 22, 2010- Christmas comes EARLY!

Two in
Portsmouth
(Scioto
County), one in
Columbus.
Same Owners

All reopened-in
2 days/
business as
usual pending
investigations.



“Be the Wall” Pharmacists!!!

Findley St.Pain Clinic RPh Invitational May 2010

Total Pharmacists attending= **ZERO**



National Day of Prayer Event April 2010- “Drive by Prayers”



Pain Clinic- Prayer Vigil 7 Preachers = 7 Prayers



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day March 2010- Candles in the Park



Our Community Campaign 2010

“Be the Wall Against Drug Abuse”



Martings Window Display 2010

SOLACE Support Group



Memorial to Lost Loved Ones Still stands in Portsmouth Town Square *“These are OUR children!”*



Anti-Drug Skit by Bridges

Involving the Addicted in Community Recovery



Mothman-“Rockin’ for Recovery” Downtown Portsmouth 7-2-10



Indictments! - August 3, 2010and the Good News just keeps coming!

A federal grand jury has indicted a West Portsmouth woman, three members of her family, and a Columbus physician charging them with conspiracy in connection with the operation of a fraudulent pain management clinic, Ohio Medical and Pain Management, LLC, in Waverly. One of the clinic's employees also has been charged with conspiracy.



A New Sign 2010- US 23 South Our County Coroner



Billboards sponsored by PPD
Coming Soon!!!!

**SCIOTO COUNTY RX DRUG
ACTION TEAM**



JOIN

**"BE THE WALL" Against Drugs
Appalachia Recovery Project
at [FACEBOOK.COM](https://www.facebook.com)**

GET INVOLVED - 740-353-8863

Pill Mill Protest Tour 2010 (Planning a “Farewell Tour”)



Join us at: (3,700 MEMBERS!)

“Fix the Scioto County Problem of Drug Abuse, Misuse, & Overdose” on FACEBOOK