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**Kentucky Office of
Attorney General
Prescription Drug Task
Force**

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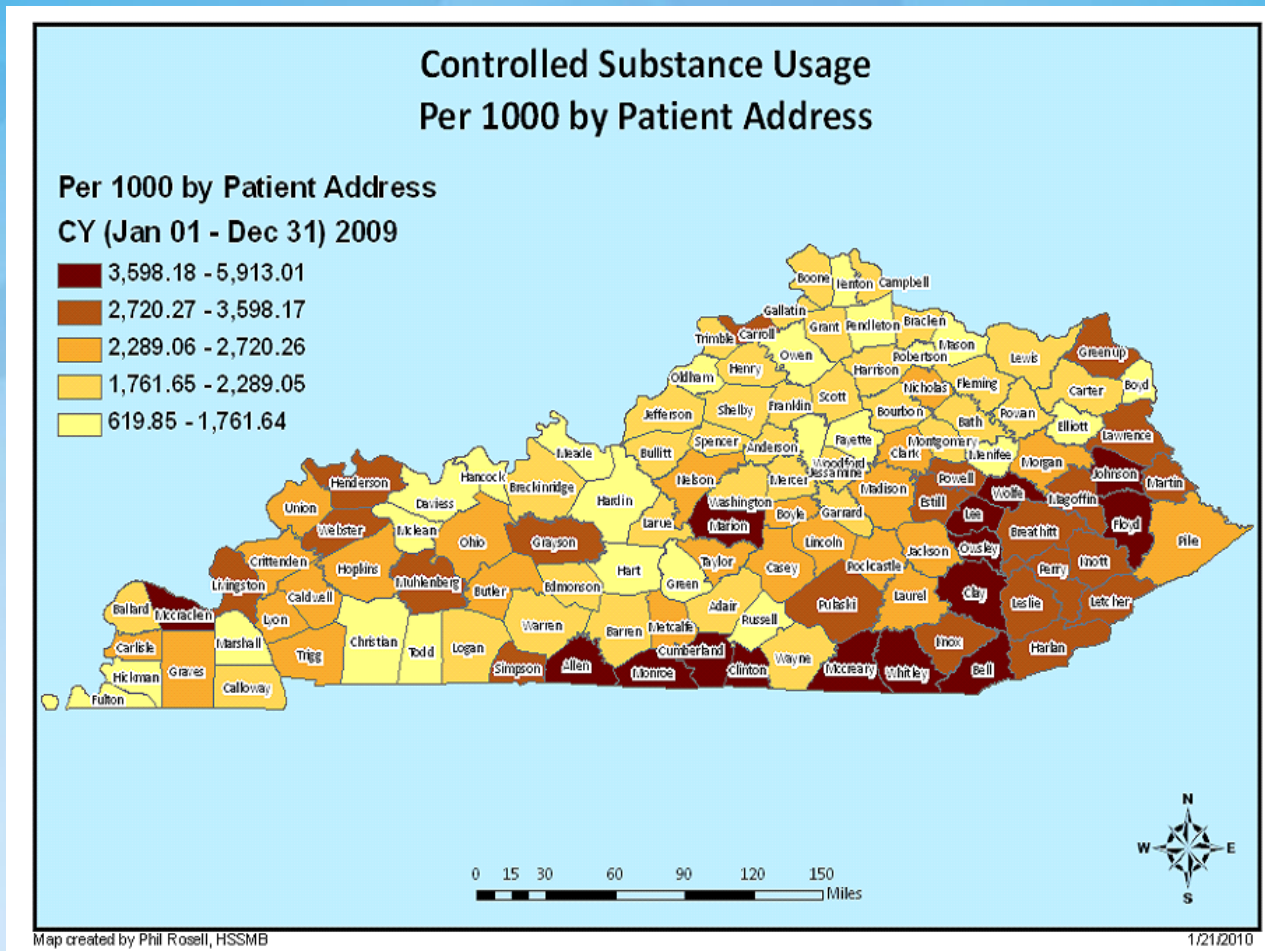
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Prescription Overdoses In Kentucky

- Deaths from prescription drug overdoses have risen from 400 in 2000 to 978 in 2009*
- Averages 81.5 persons per month.
- Registered prescription drug overdose death rate in Eastern Kentucky is almost twice as high as the rest of the nation.

*Statistic from the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Controlled Substance Usage Map



OAG Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force

- First Statewide Task Force in Kentucky to Combat Prescription Drug Diversion created in May 2009.
- Focuses on investigations of doctor shopping, drug trafficking, over-prescribing physicians and illegal out-of-state pharmacies.
- Utilize KASPER – Kentucky's Prescription Monitoring Program.

Funding of OAG Task Force

- NADDI SEED Grant – National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators.
- Funds used for equipment, buy money and training.
- Local agencies pay Task Force Investigators salaries and benefits.
- Asset Forfeiture sharing between agencies.

Members of Task Force

- 4 – Attorney General Investigators
- 8 – Local Officers
- Task Force was created to give local officers statewide jurisdiction.
- Participated in Kentucky's largest drug round up relating to Prescription Drugs.

Questions?

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