Opioids Task Force

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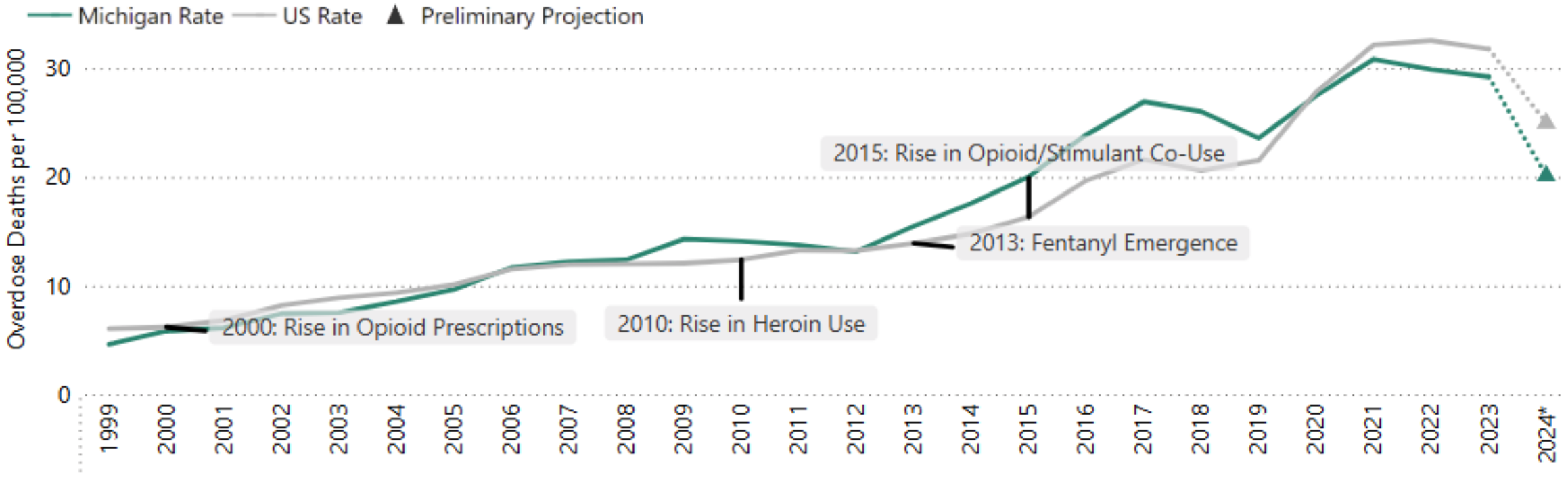
Current State: MI Overdose Death Rate

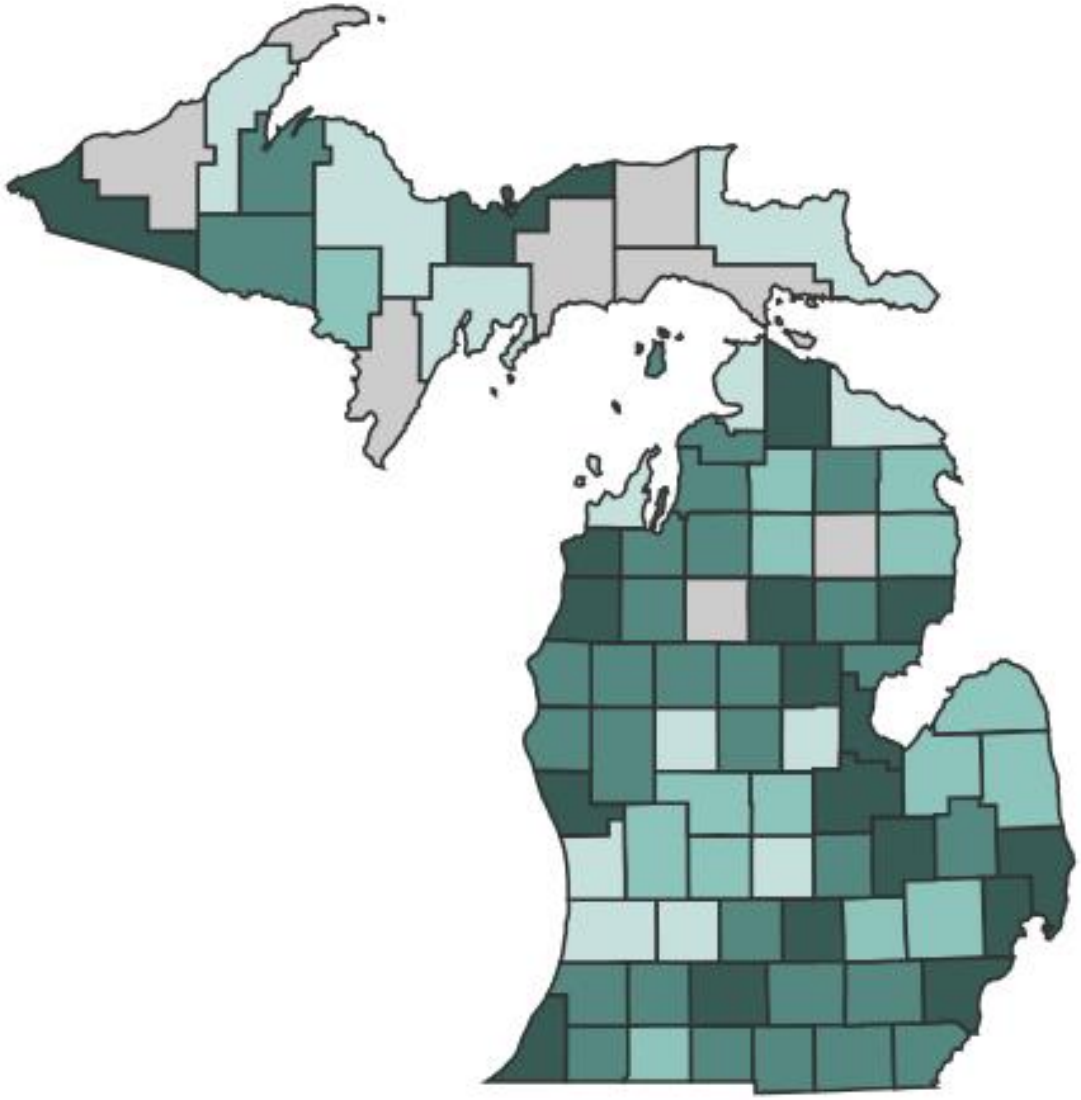
While we've seen great progress in recent years, **we predict that when 2024 data is finalized, we will still see around 2,000 overdose deaths**.

Overdose Deaths per 100,000 Residents, Michigan vs United States, 1999 to 2024



*2024 data are preliminary data and subject to change upon finalization. 2024 data are a projection based on January-July 2024 data.

Statewide Impact of Overdose Deaths



Provisional 3-Year Avg. Overdose Death Rate per 100,000, Q1 2021 - Q4 2023

0-14 15-19 20-29 30+ Suppressed

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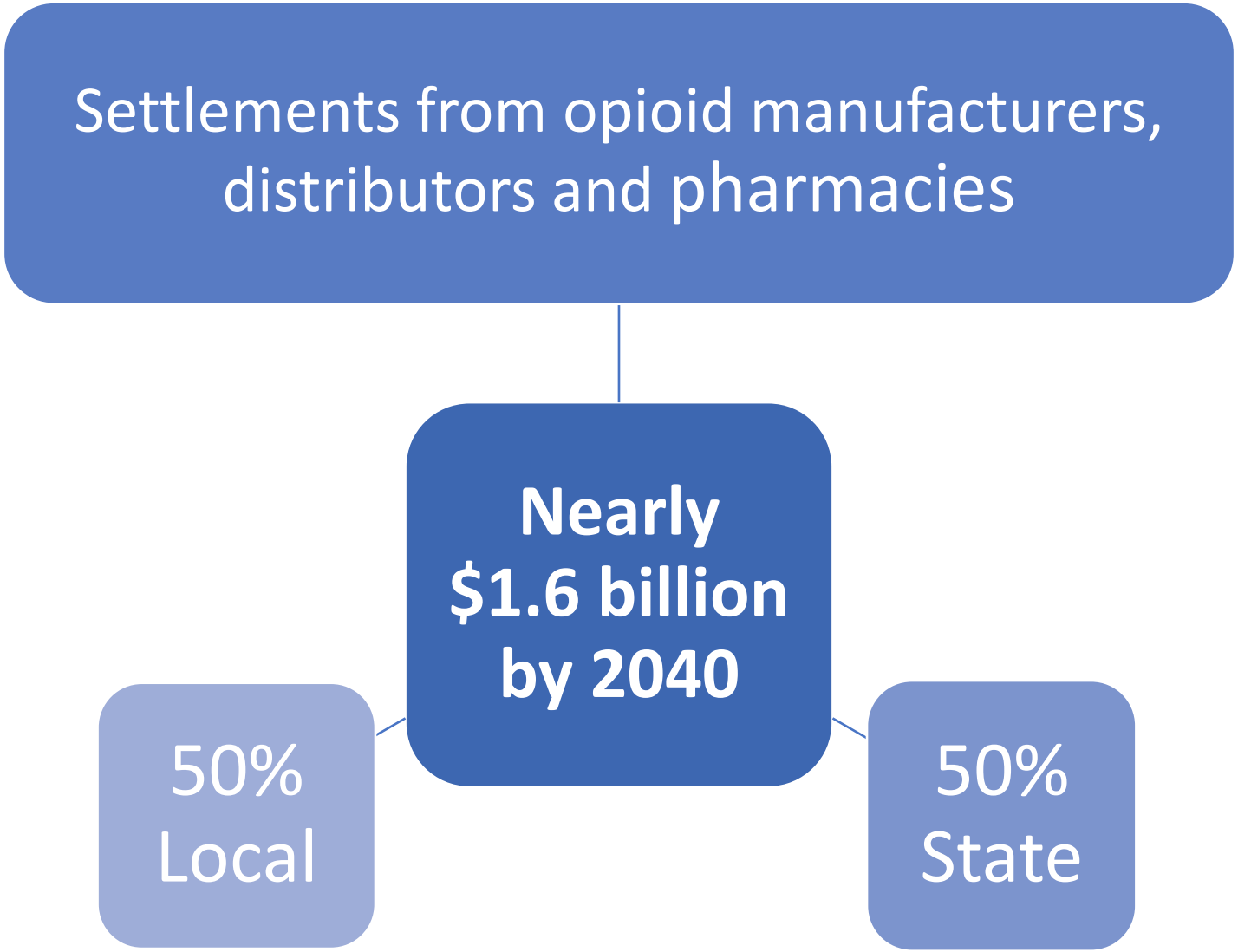
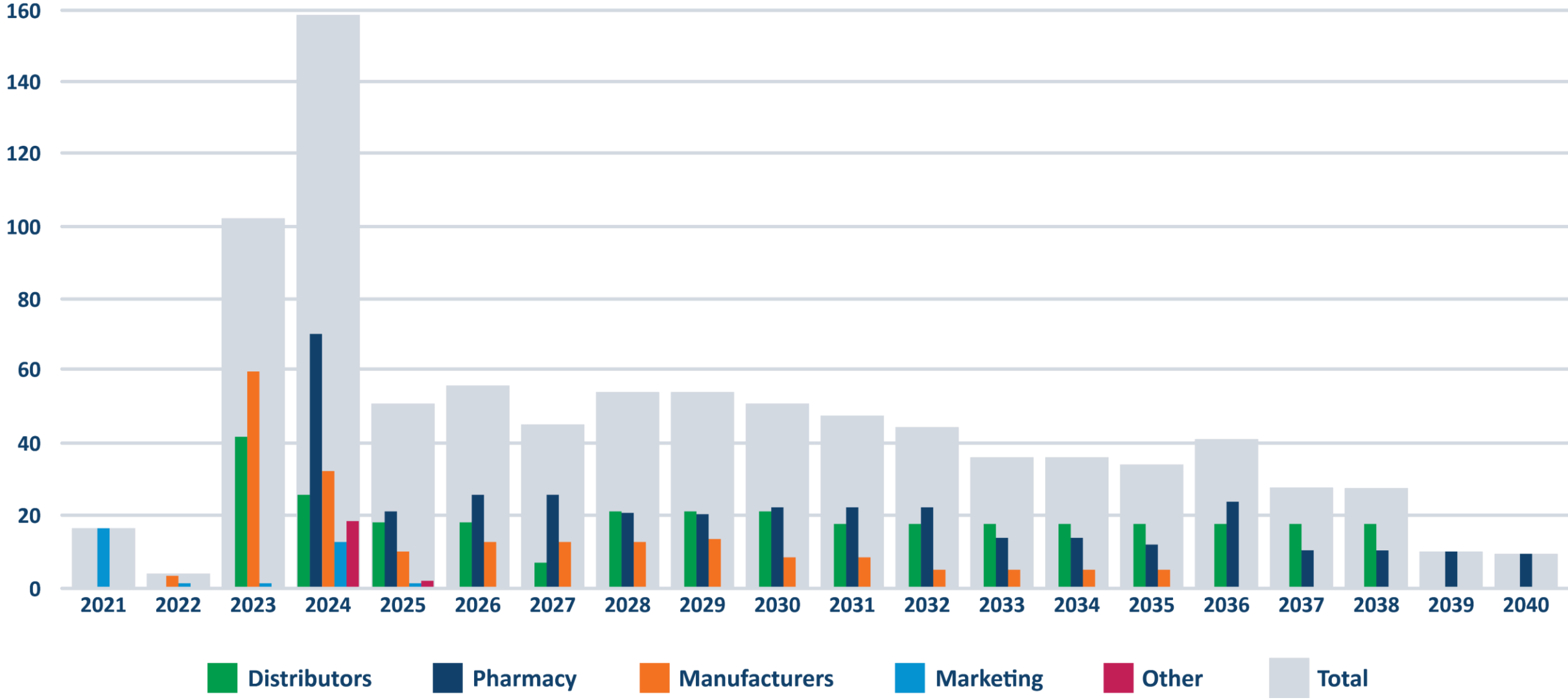


Settlement Payments Over Time in Millions of Dollars



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Executive Order 2019-18
Updated: Executive Order 2022-12

- **Lead statewide efforts to develop, recommend and implement response actions to the opioid epidemic.**
- **Core functions:**
  - ✓ Identify root causes.
  - ✓ Guide strategic planning and policy development.
  - ✓ Advise on opioid settlement spending.
- **Reports to MDHHS and the Executive Office of the Governor.**
- **Current membership appointed in June 2023;** includes regional representatives with substance use disorder (SUD) expertise and state department representatives.

Pillar Priorities: Intended Outcomes for Future Settlement-Funded Initiatives

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Prevention	Harm Reduction	Treatment	Recovery
Delay the average age of first use of drugs or alcohol.	Increase use of harm-reduction tools to reduce overdose deaths.	Increase capacity of SUD treatment providers to serve more clients through workforce development.	Increase number of recovery and long-term housing solutions to provide more stable environments for individuals in recovery.

Prioritize and tailor each pillar to address existing and emerging racial and geographic disparities.

Substance Use Disorder Funding

- Michigan spends more than $300 million annually on publicly funded SUD services.
  - Settlement investments represent less than a quarter of total dollars invested in SUD services annually.

Primary Prevention	Harm Reduction	Treatment	Recovery	Maximizing Impact
Estimated Total: $39 million Funding is supported by: • SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). • Opioid Settlements. • CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). • General Fund.	Estimated Total: $24 million Funding is supported by: • SAMHSA. • Opioid Settlements.	Estimated Total: $215 million Funding is supported by: • Medicaid. • SAMHSA. • Opioid Settlements. • General Fund.	Estimated Total: $25 million Funding is supported by: • SAMHSA. • Opioid Settlements. • General Fund.	Estimated Total: $13 million Funding is supported by: • SAMHSA. • Opioid Settlements. • CDC.

Accomplishments

Overall Goal: Dropped from 14th highest fatal overdose rate to 29th in six years.

Prevention

Launched media awareness campaign.

Using research and polling to tailor messaging and measure effectiveness.

Harm Reduction

Distributed more than 1 million naloxone kits, resulting in 29,000 overdose reversals.

Increased clients served from 10,000 in 2019 to more than 100,000 in 2024.

Treatment

Incentivized 64 providers to provide SUD care to more than 12,000 through loan repayment programming.

Support infrastructure improvements in several facilities across the state.

Recovery

Invested in adding more than 200 beds in last two years.

Supported service delivery expansion in recovery organizations.

Strategic Investments Needed To Continue Building on Progress

Estimated Illicit Drug Use in the Past Month

7.6%

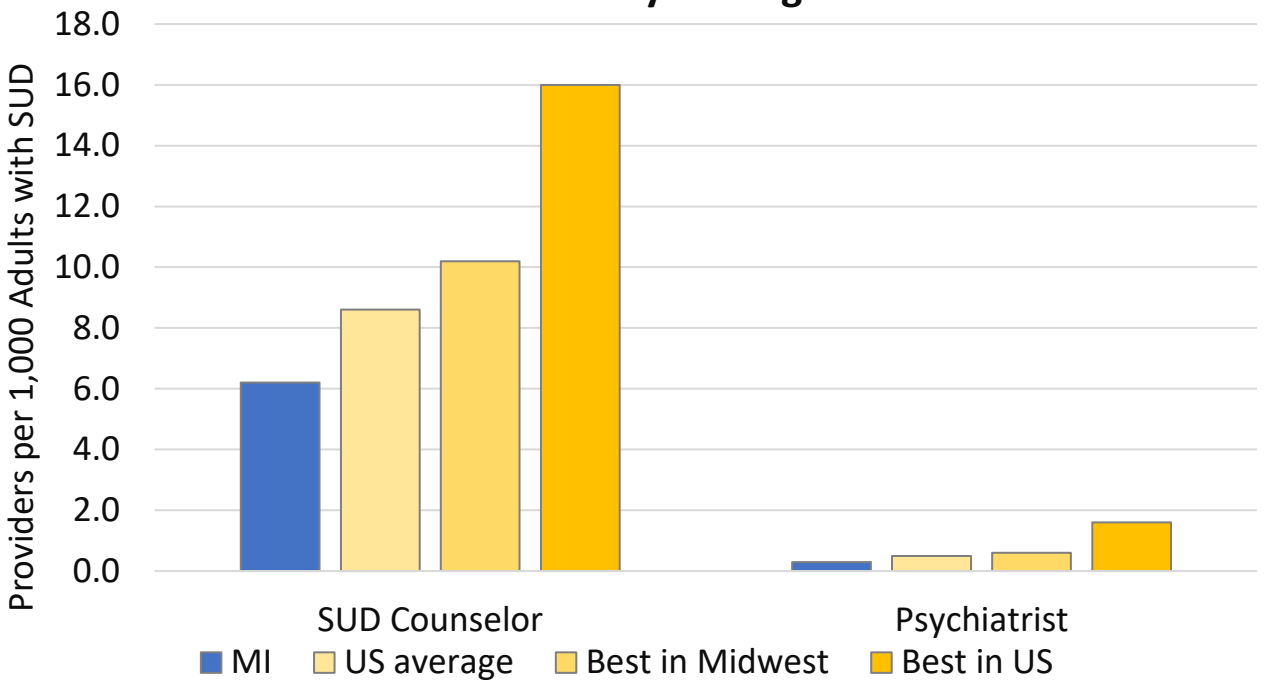
By people between 12 and 17 years old.
(National average – 7.3%)

30.5%

By people between 18 and 25 years old.
(National average – 26.7%)

Source: 2023 National Survey of Drug User Health

Rate of SUD Counselors and Psychiatrists per Adults with an SUD by US Region



High Demand: Recent programs tailored to **behavioral health workforce** received more than 500 applicants. However, we were only able to fund 130.

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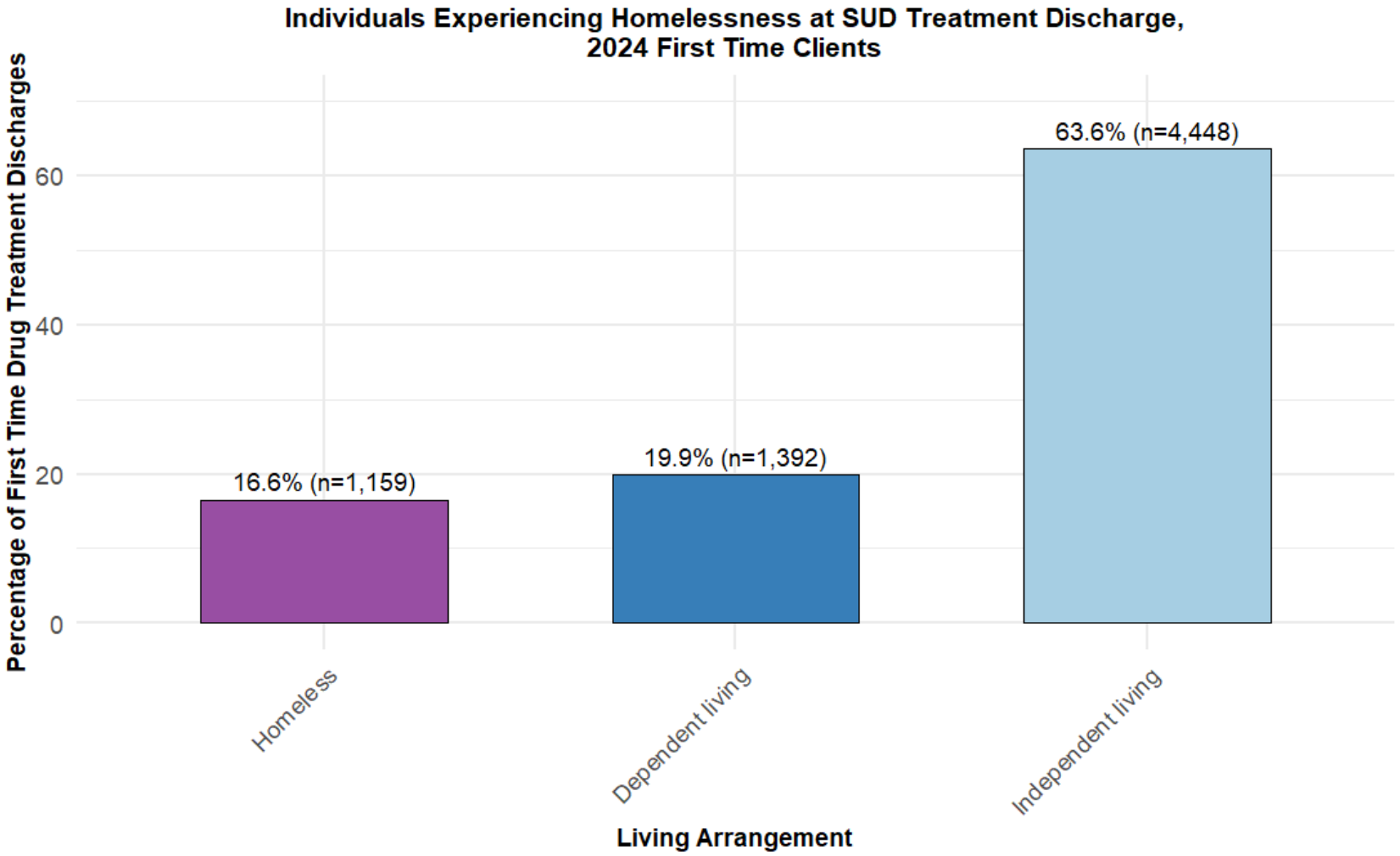

In 2024, 16.6% (1,159) of Michigan residents **discharged from publicly funded SUD treatment for the first time** lacked stable housing.

Source: 2024 Behavioral Health Treatment Episode Dataset

FY26 Proposed Settlement Strategic Investments

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Prevention Investment
Total: $7.5M Ongoing | $3M Onetime

School-Age Prevention Programs
Nonprofit, youth engagement organizations.

Continue Public Health/Awareness Campaign
Conduct comprehensive, statewide media campaign including print, digital, TV, social media and more. Next phase to focus on youth awareness.

Continue Children Services Administration Programming
(Previously obligated investments, 2026 only.)

Harm Reduction Investment
Total: $9.5M Ongoing | $1M Onetime

Supporting Expansion of Harm Reduction Agencies and Services
Build capacity of providers working in unserved and underserved communities to scale up existing programs or create new programs/locations.

Continue Naloxone Distribution Efforts
Increase use of harm reduction tools to reduce overdose deaths.

Treatment Investment
Total: $10M Ongoing | $4.5M Onetime

Initiatives to Increase Workforce
Expand existing MDHHS scholarship, loan repayment and internship programs to support workforce increases.

Remove Barriers for Peer Recovery Coach Certifications

Jail Treatment
(Previously obligated investments, 2026 only.)

Recovery Investment
Total: $21M Ongoing | $4M Onetime

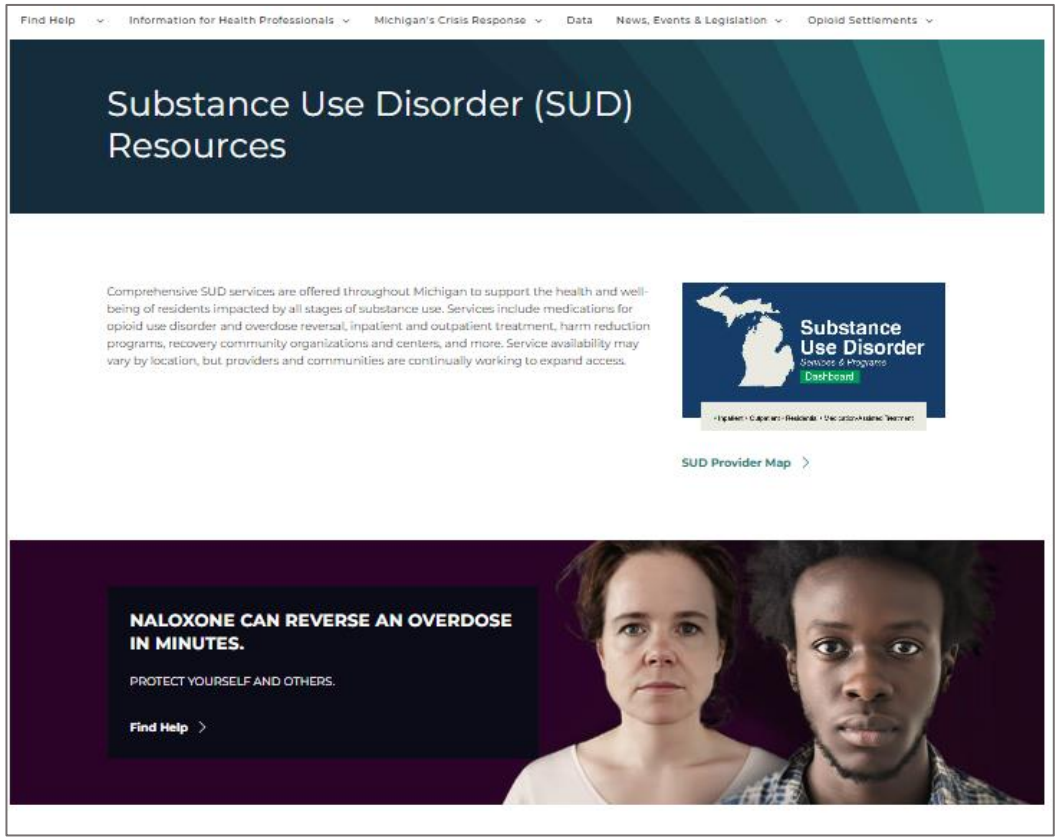
Funding Housing Programs
PIHP continued cost-of-stay reimbursement.
Recovery Housing Investment Program (600 beds) and larger SUD housing solutions (e.g., Andy's Place, Wellspring).

Wraparound Services
Support programs, e.g., transportation, job search, coaching, etc.

Investing in Permanent Committed Affordable Housing Solutions

Additional Opioid Data Sources

- Michigan's Crisis Response Website
- Settlement Data
- Michigan Overdose Data to Action
- Public Health Data by District
- MDHHS YouTube Channel
- Michigan’s SUD Resources Website



Questions & Discussion

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