

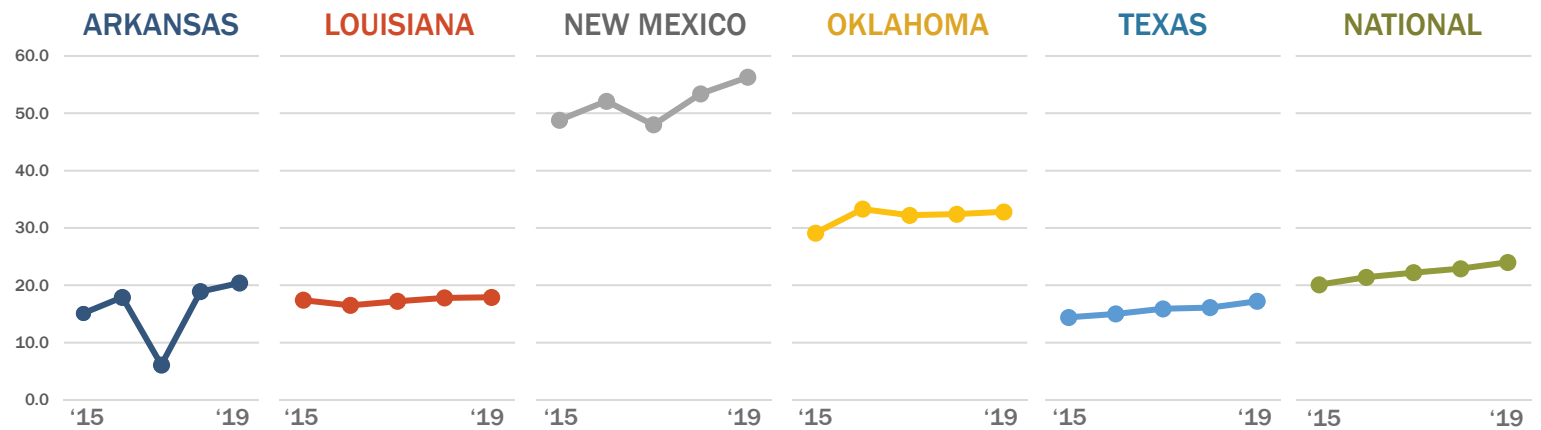


Emerging Drug Trends in the South Southwest

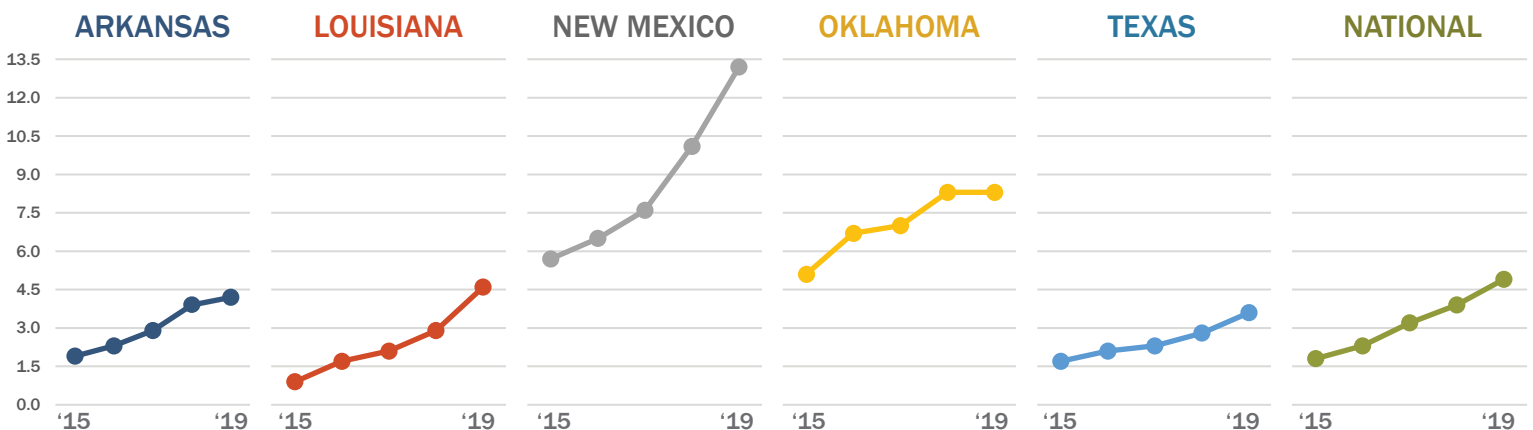
Identifying and assessing emerging drug trends allows substance use prevention professionals to better understand and prioritize core prevention needs for their states and communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused numerous and vast societal impacts, and its effects on substance use trends are not yet fully known. Trends in the lead-up to the pandemic are better understood. In the South Southwest Region....

Alcohol-induced deaths have increased in every state over the previous five years.

Alcohol-Induced Deaths Per 100,000 People

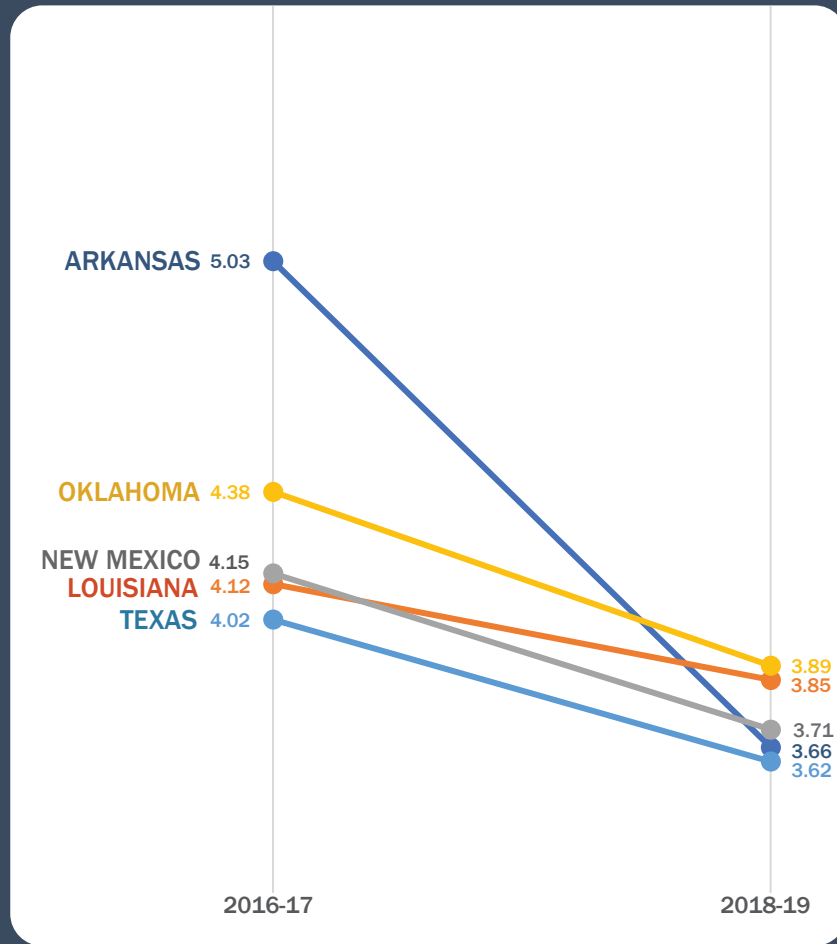


Fatal Methamphetamine-Involved Overdoses Per 100,000 People



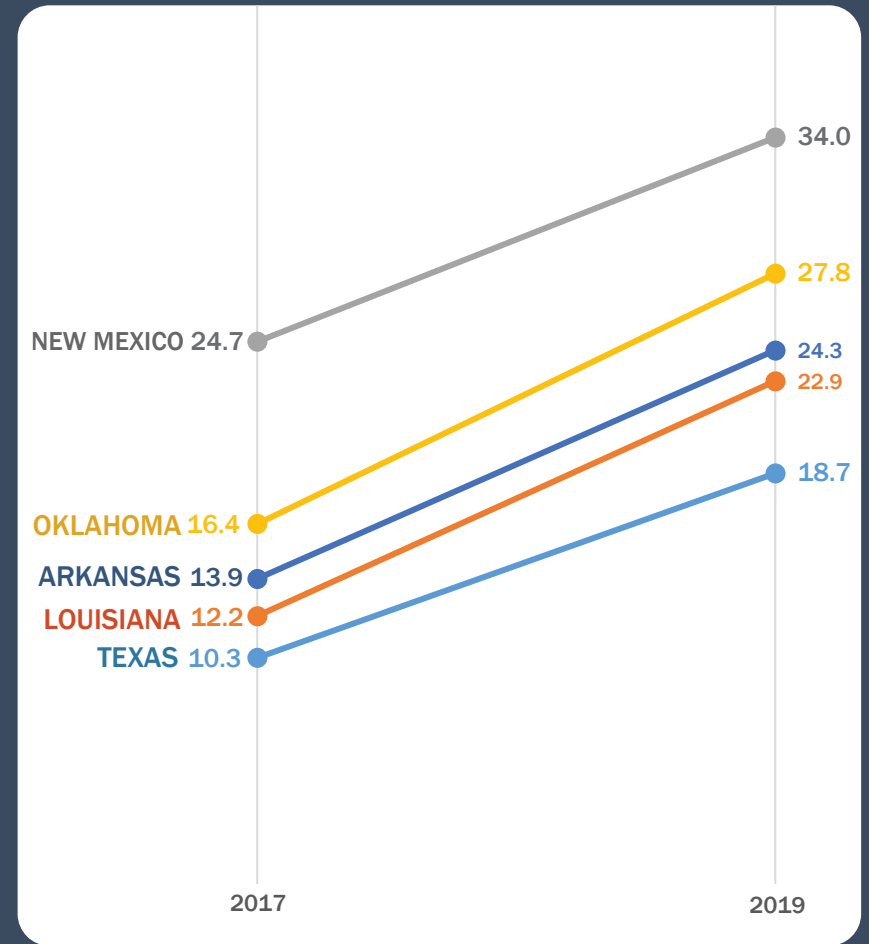
130%
Increase in fatal methamphetamine-involved overdoses from 2015 to 2019

Past-Year Prescription Opioid Misuse Rates (Ages 12 and Older) Per 100 People



The opioid epidemic continues to shift, with ongoing progress being made against prescription opioid misuse.

Past-Month Vaping Use Rates (Grades 8 - 12) Per 100 People



Mirroring national trends, youth vaping/e-cigarette use has climbed sharply in the region.



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