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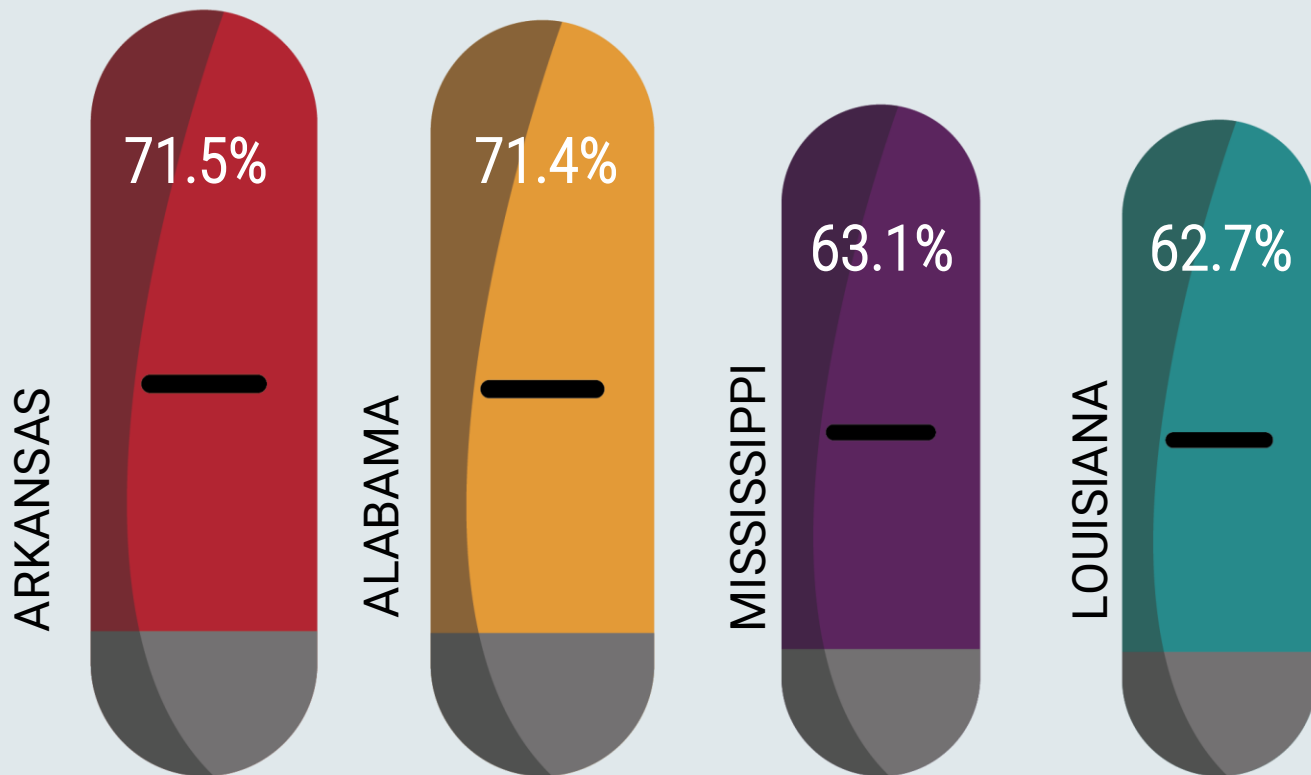


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ARKANSAS HAS THE **HIGHEST** DISPENSING RATE IN THE NATION





Opioid use disorder is affecting businesses of every kind — **from small operations to large corporations** — creating daily challenges for employers and touching the lives of employees and their families.



More than ever, employers are challenged to find a ready, drug-free workforce, and to help existing employees who are dealing with drug-related issues of their own, or someone they care about.

THIS CRISIS IS TOO BIG TO GO IT ALONE — it will take all of us.



THE FACTS:

- Over 54 million Americans needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2023¹.
- 81,083 drug overdose deaths in 2023 **involved an opioid**².
- On average, 224 people died each day from an opioid overdose in 2022³.
- Arkansas has the **highest opioid prescribing rate** in the nation⁴.

THE SOLUTION



Carry naloxone with you and know where
to access it at your jobsite.



WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is an FDA-approved medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose.



Under current Arkansas law, Naloxone is available to anyone with concern about opioid overdose. Contact your pharmacist for more information and to determine whether it's covered by insurance.

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

Q. WHAT ARE THE **SIGNS** OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE?

A. Signs of an overdose may include:

- Small, constricted “pinpoint pupils”
- Falling asleep or loss of consciousness
- Limp body
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds



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FAQ

Q. IS NALOXONE HARMFUL IF GIVEN TO SOMEONE WHO ISN'T EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE?

A. If you suspect someone is experiencing an overdose, administer naloxone. It is not harmful to a person who is not experiencing an overdose.

FAQ

Q. HOW DO I ADMINISTER **NALOXONE**?

A. PEEL back the package to remove the device.

Hold the device with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and two fingers on the nozzle.

PLACE and hold the tip of the nozzle in either nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the patient's nose.

PRESS the plunger firmly to release the dose into the patient's nose.

FAQ

Q. CAN I **GET IN TROUBLE** IF I CALL 911
FOR HELP?

A. The Joshua Ashley-Pauley Act (2015) protects individuals who call 911 for themselves or for another individual who is overdosing.

If you are on parole or probation for possession, or if you have a restraining order against you, you are protected.

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

The National Drug Addiction Helpline

1-844-763-0198

The Arkansas Mental Health & Addiction Support Line

Or send your **zip code** via text message to **435748** (HELP4U)
to find help near you.

Resources

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Together Arkansas is a collaborative business approach to fighting opioid-use disorder. With a partnership between private businesses, the government sector, healthcare, treatment providers, law enforcement, and other agencies, we are curbing the prevalence of substance use in Arkansas.



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