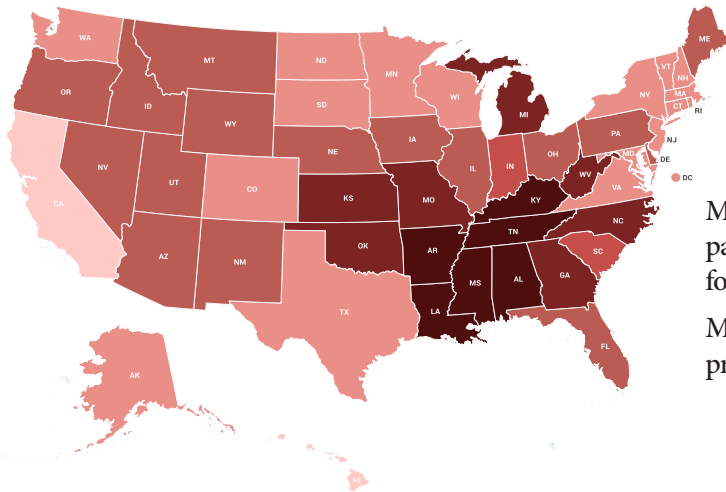


Introduction

Opioid addiction is not only a medical issue but a social justice issue, a community and family power issue, and an issue of life and death. Opioid misuse is a pervasive problem in the United States, with devastating results especially within Black and Brown communities in Durham.



Background



Number of Opioid Prescriptions Dispensed in the U.S. in 2020 (per 100 people)

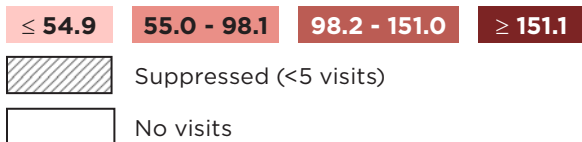
Source: CDC, 2021



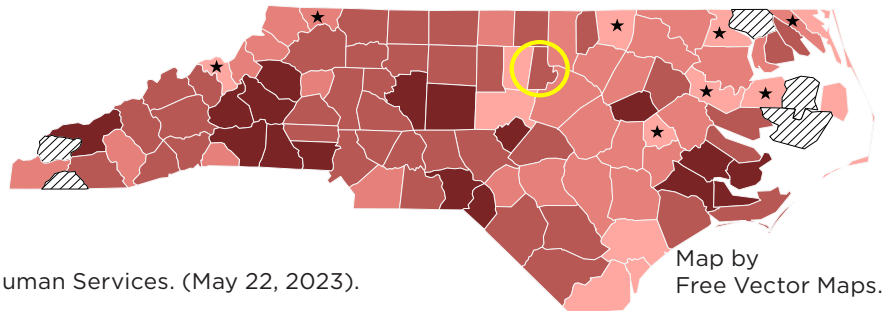
More than 142 million opioid prescriptions were dispensed to American patients in 2020, with prevalence varying widely across states (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021).

Many people overdose on street drugs, including fentanyl, in addition to prescription opioids. An overdose of either can kill you.

12 Months Opioid Overdose Emergency Department Visits Rate by County of Residence



★ Interpret with caution, low numbers (5 to 9 visits)



Map by Free Vector Maps.

Note: Encircled area is Durham County, NC.

Reference: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. (May 22, 2023). IVP Branch: Overdose Data.

