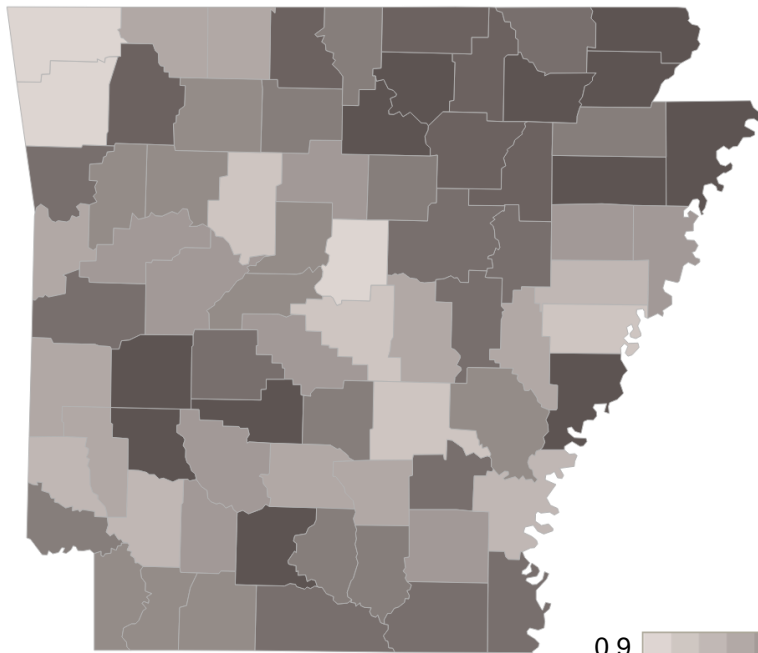


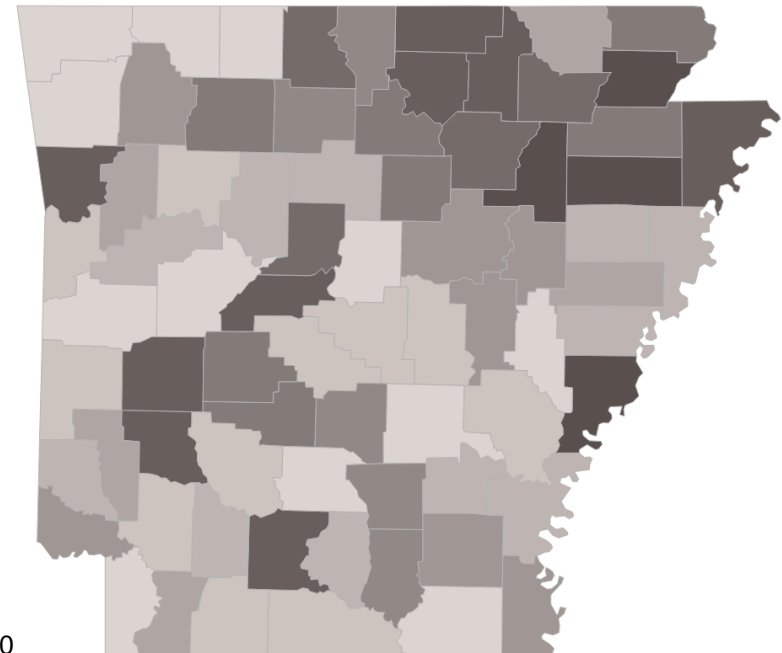
Opioid Use in Arkansas (2016): Arkansas All-Payer Claims Database Opioid Prescription Data

In 2016, Arkansas had the second highest rate of opioid prescriptions nationally at 114.6 prescriptions per 100 persons. While Arkansas has not yet seen the volume of deaths from opioid overdoses seen in other states, trends indicate that Arkansas could soon approach those levels, absent intervention. As Arkansas continues to address the opioid epidemic through policy and programmatic changes, information with greater transparency is critical to better understand opioid prescribing and utilization patterns. The Arkansas All-Payer Claims Database (APCD), authorized through the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, is a useful and dynamic tool with the capability to provide this valuable information. The following maps have been compiled using Arkansas APCD data.

Number of analgesic opioids prescribed per person (adults 19-64 with pharmacy benefits, 2016)



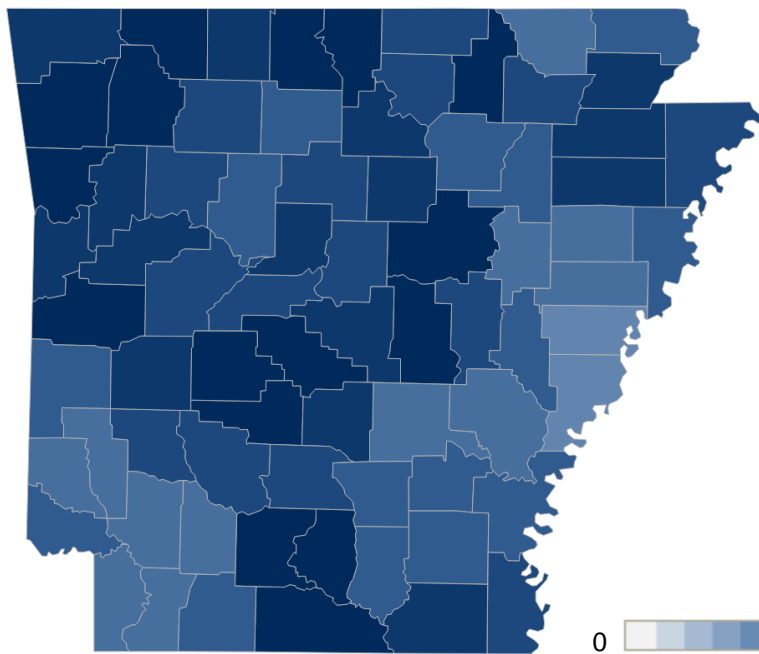
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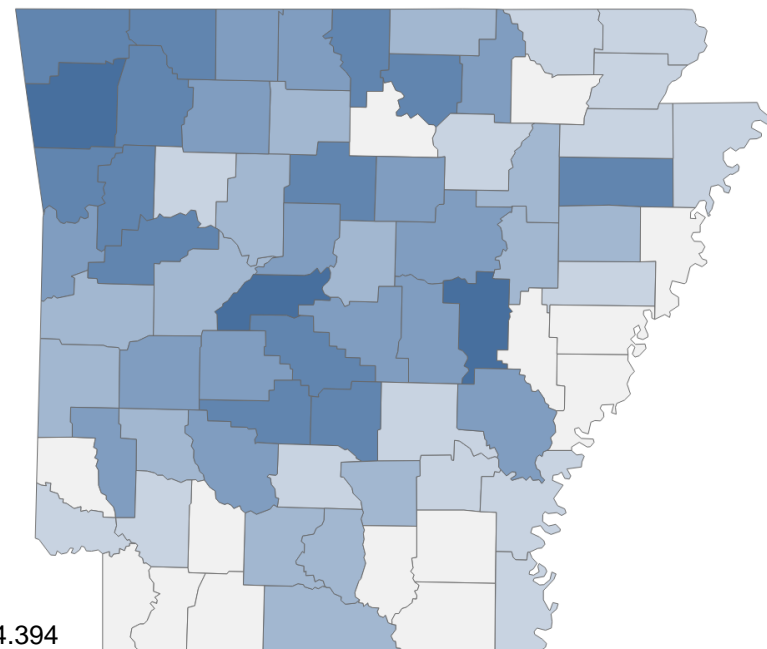
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Percentage of beneficiaries who receive high dose opioids (adults 19-64 with pharmacy benefits, 2016)



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“High dose opioid” means at least 90 morphine milligram equivalents in a single day, which is consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. This is equivalent to twelve 7.5 mg tablets of hydrocodone in a day.