Opioid prescription rates at the county level in the Fifth District range from 0.0 prescriptions in southeast Virginia (Southampton County, Virginia) to 470.3 prescriptions in southwest Virginia (City of Norton, Virginia). Of the 347 Fifth District counties with data on opioid prescription rates, 68.9 percent (239 counties) have prescription rates above the national rate. Eighty-one Fifth District counties (22.6 percent) have drug overdose death rates above the national rate.

Note: Opioid prescription rates are the number of retail opioid prescriptions dispensed per 100 persons.


Note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide the estimated number of drug overdose deaths per year at the county level using 16 categories. For the purposes of this publication, those 16 categories were condensed to the four categories represented on this map. Drug overdose mortality rates are age-adjusted and are measured per 100,000 persons. The mortality rate includes all classes of drugs, including sedatives, antidepressants and non-opioid painkillers. Opioid overdose mortality rates are not available at the county level to preserve patient confidentiality.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, "Drug Poisoning Mortality in the United States, 1999 to 2015."

Note: County-level opioid prescription rate data not available.