



Drugs Affecting the RVA Region

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Who Am I?

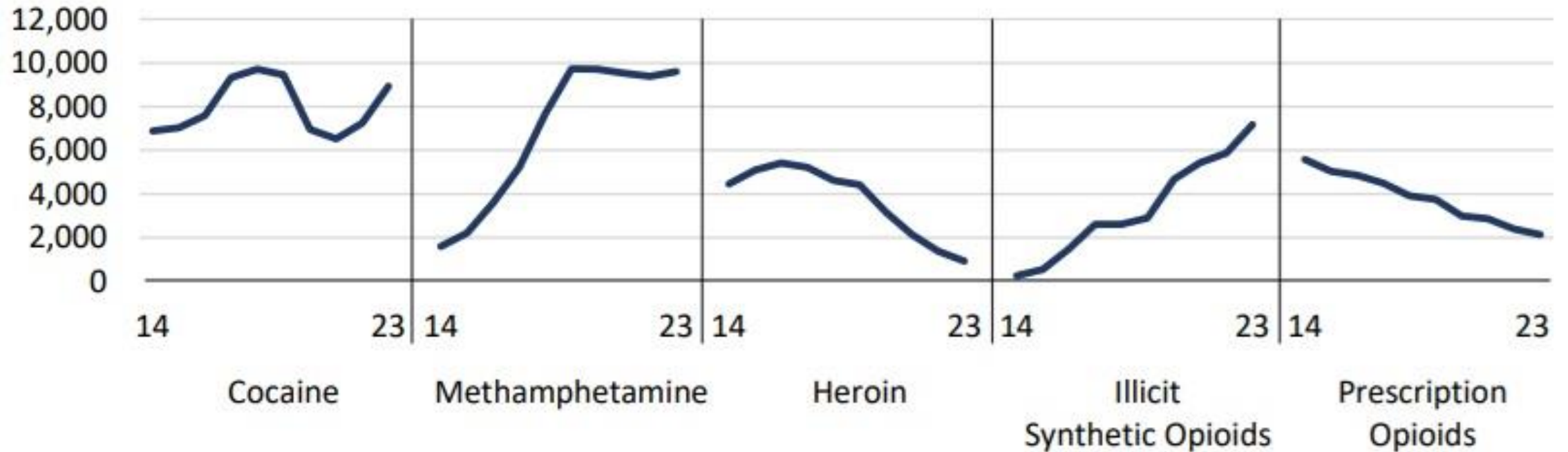
- Senior Special Agent Brian C. Moore
- May 10, 2000 – Present
 - Trooper: 2000 – 2006
 - Sussex and Surry Counties
 - K-9 handler 2002 – 2006
 - Special Agent: November 2006 – Present
 - Chesapeake (Division 5): 2006 – August 2013
 - Richmond (Division 1): August 2013 - present



Availability of Drugs in Virginia (2023)

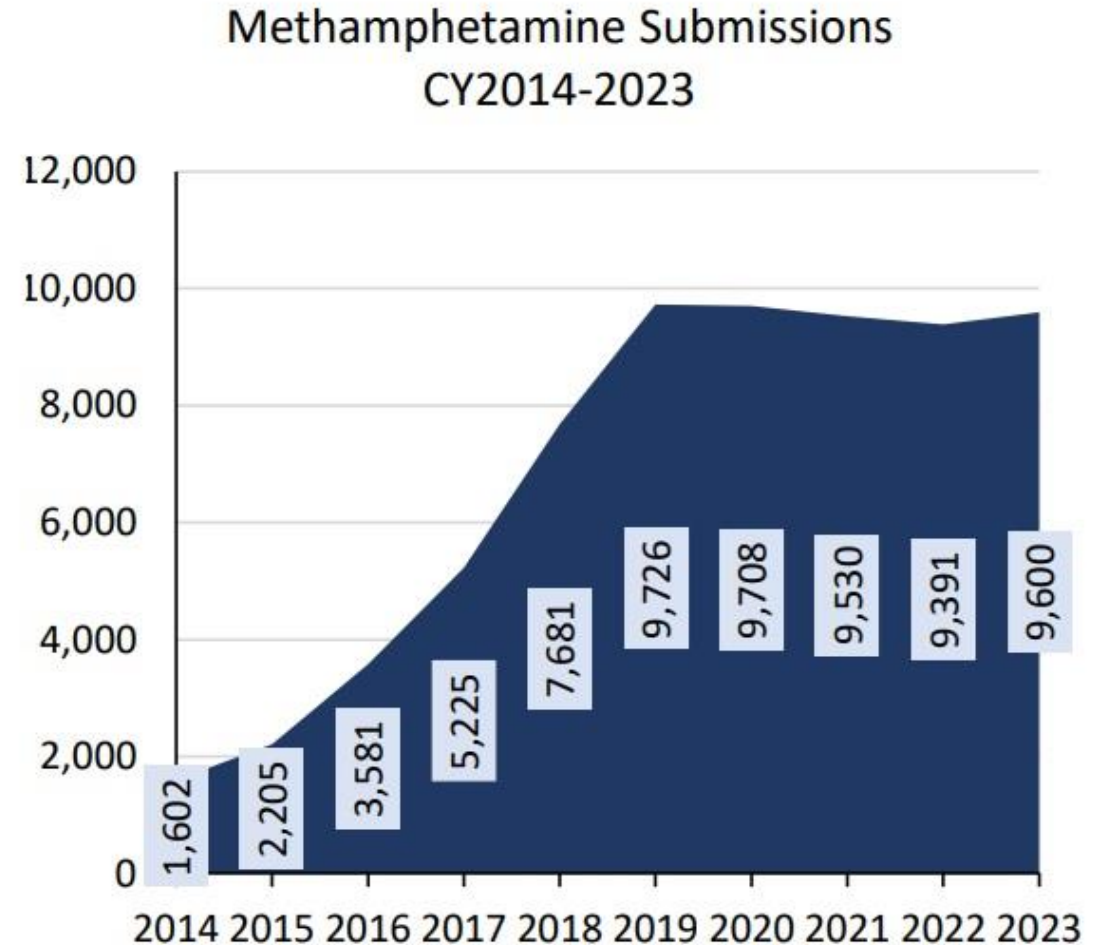
- Most common substances identified:
 - Methamphetamine
 - Cocaine
 - Fentanyl (Illicit Synthetic Opioids)

Submissions for Select Drugs, CY 2014-2023

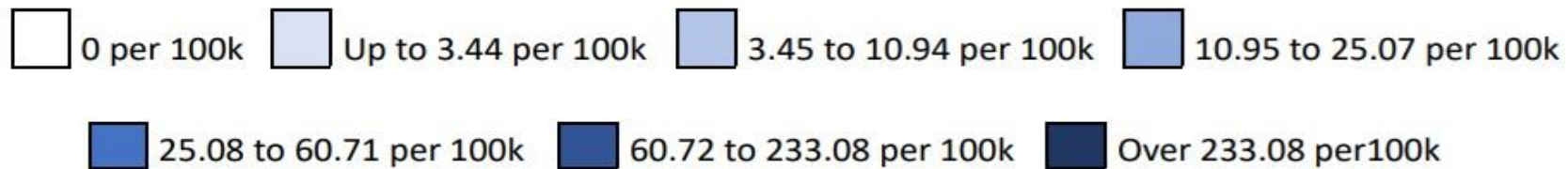
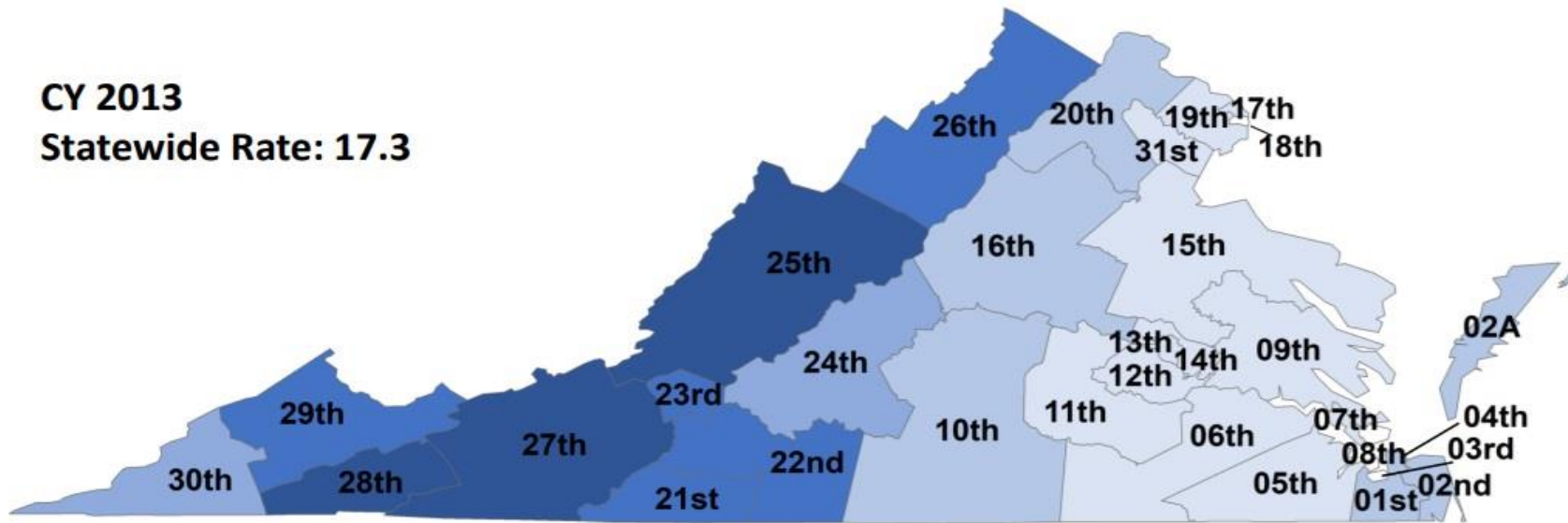


Methamphetamine in Virginia (10 years)

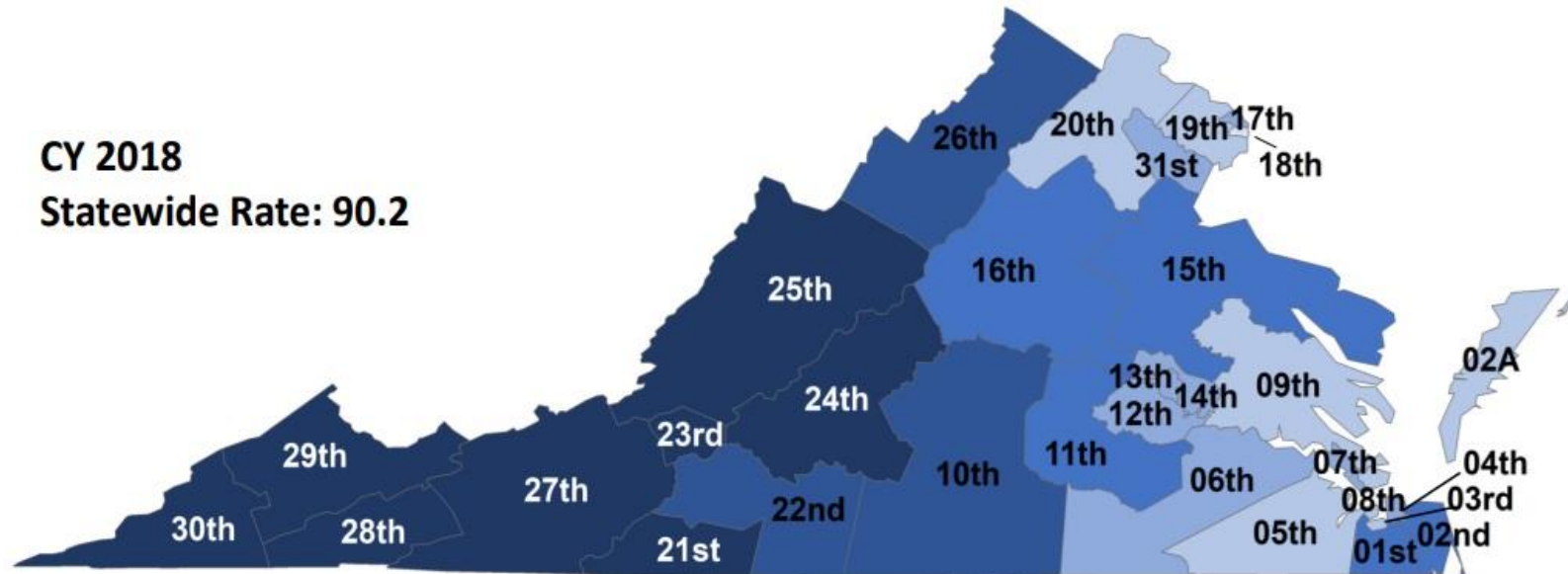
- Methamphetamine
 - Most submissions to DFS in 2023
 - **23%** of ALL drug submissions to DFS
 - Prior to 2016ish
 - One pot meth
 - Estimated 30% pure
 - Around \$100 for a gram
 - 2016 – present
 - Crystal meth saturated the market
 - 98-100% pure
 - \$1,600 - \$4,000 for **1 POUND**
 - Average in this area is \$2,000/lb



Methamphetamine REGIONALLY (2013)



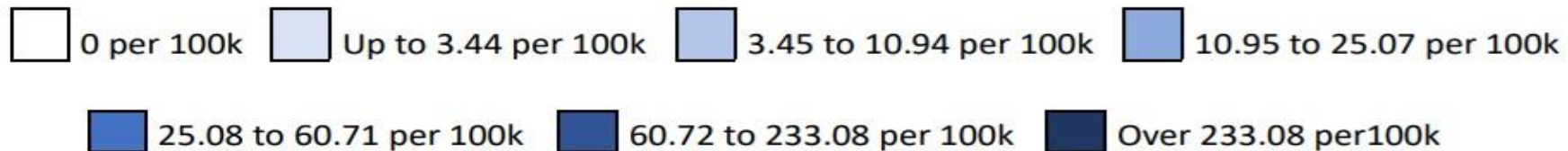
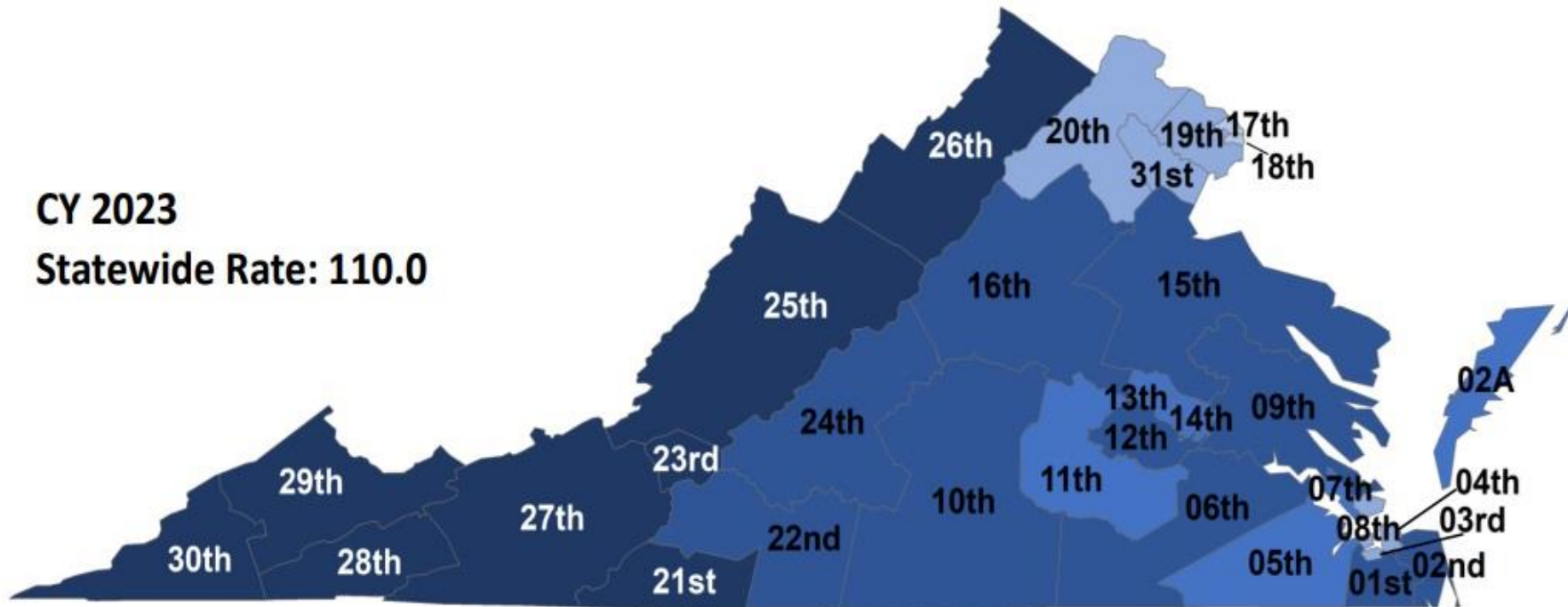
Methamphetamine REGIONALLY (2018)



0 per 100k Up to 3.44 per 100k 3.45 to 10.94 per 100k 10.95 to 25.07 per 100k

25.08 to 60.71 per 100k 60.72 to 233.08 per 100k Over 233.08 per 100k

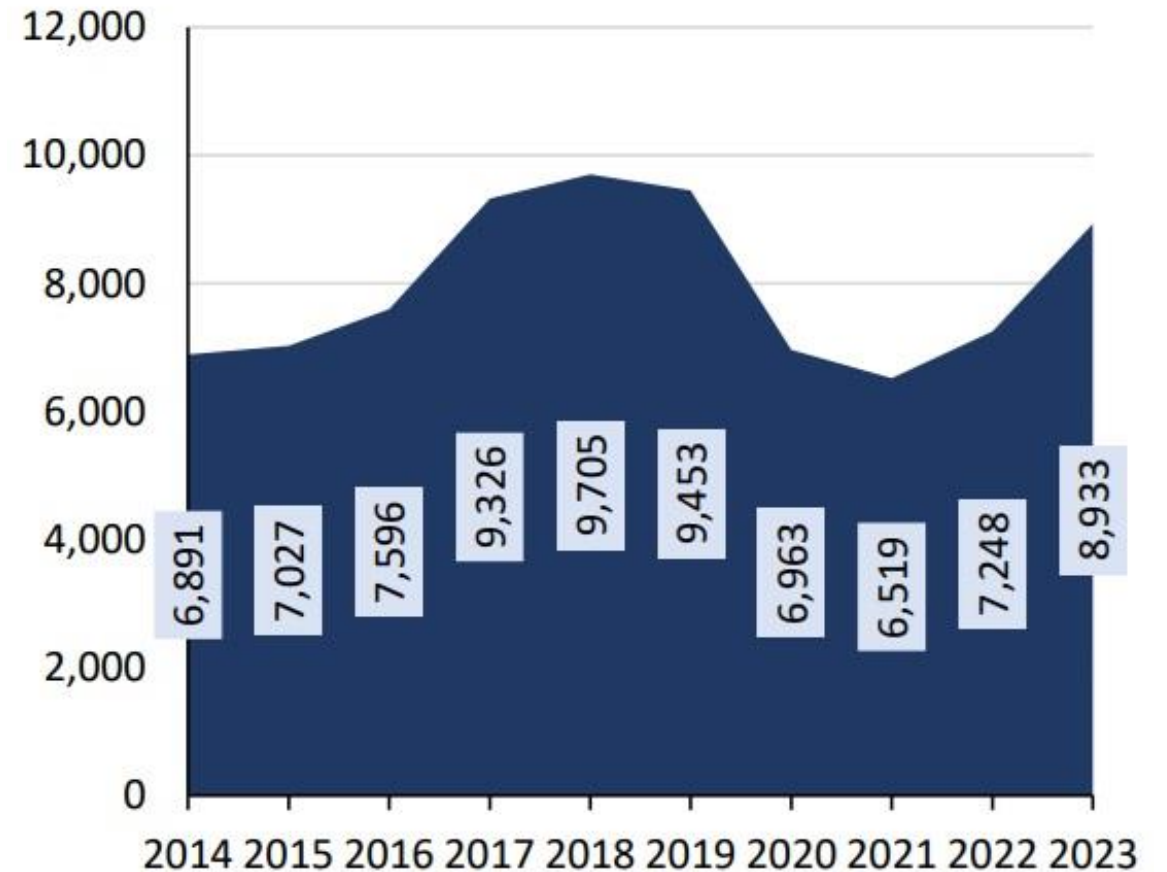
Methamphetamine REGIONALLY (2023)



Cocaine in VIRGINIA (10 years)

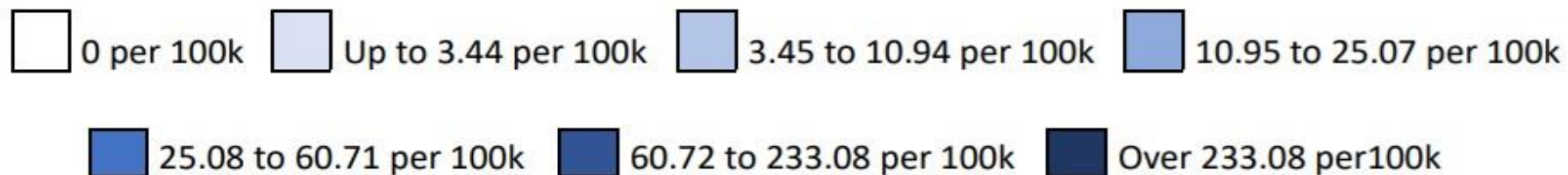
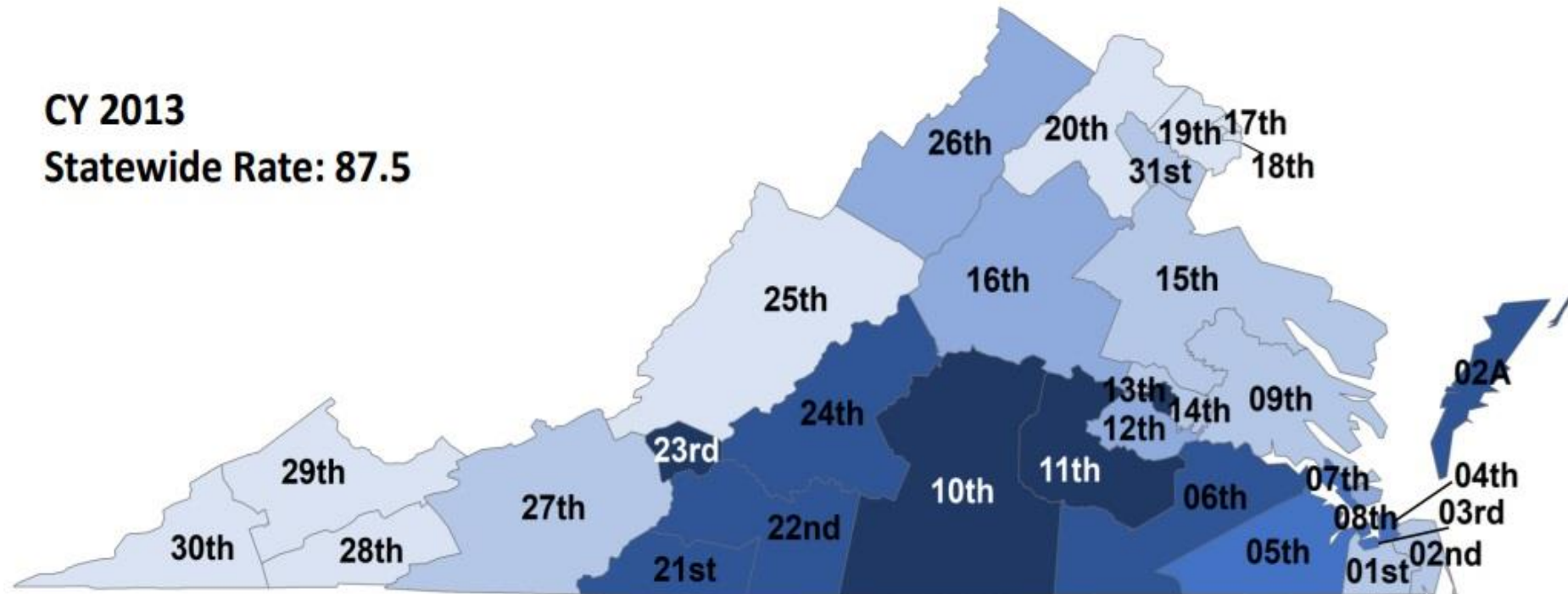
- Cocaine
 - High submission rate to DFS in 2023
 - **22%** of ALL drug submissions to DFS
 - Trends
 - 2018 = highest year
 - Trending down
 - 2021 = starting to trend back up
 - 2023 = nearing 2018-19 numbers

Cocaine Submissions
CY2014-2023

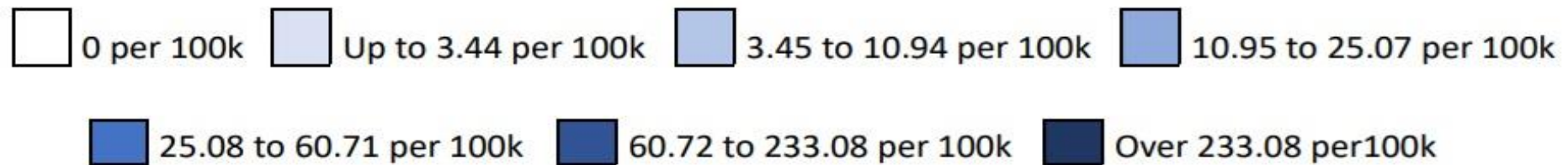
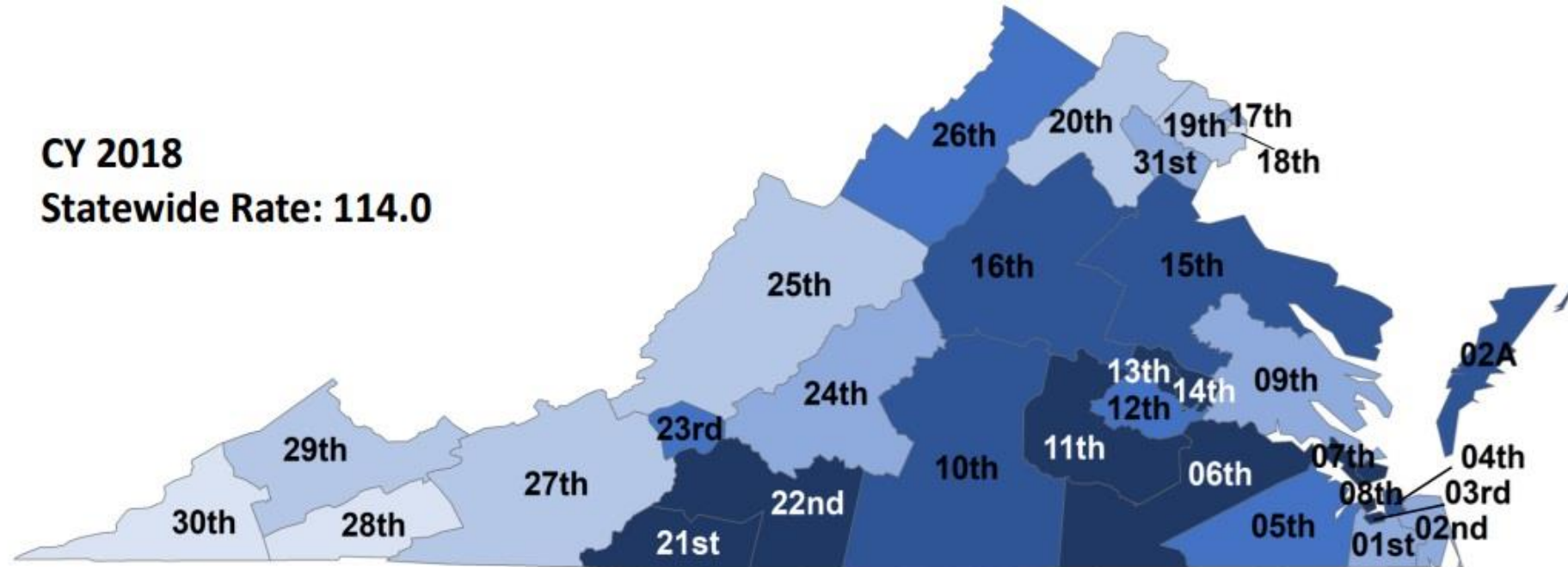


Cocaine REGIONALLY (2013)

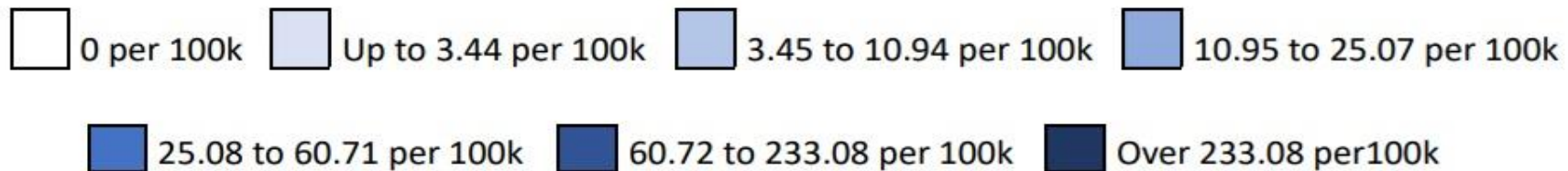
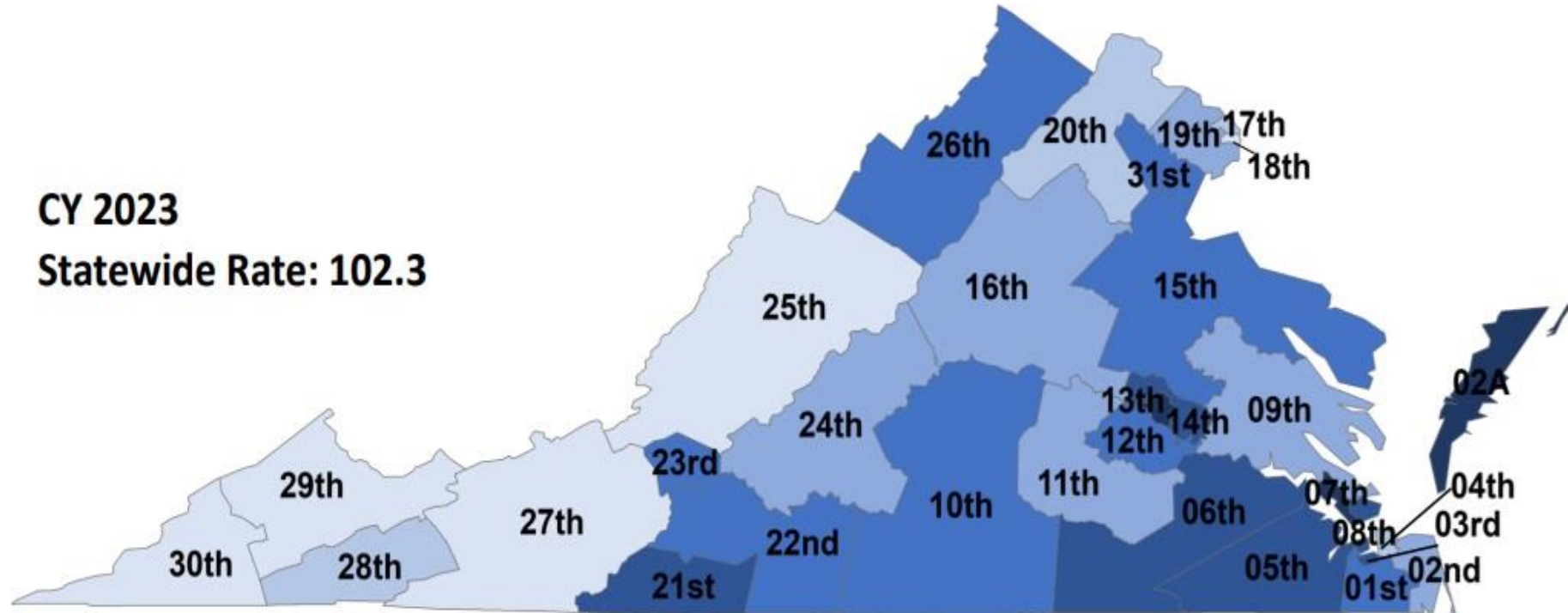
CY 2013
Statewide Rate: 87.5



Cocaine REGIONALLY (2018)



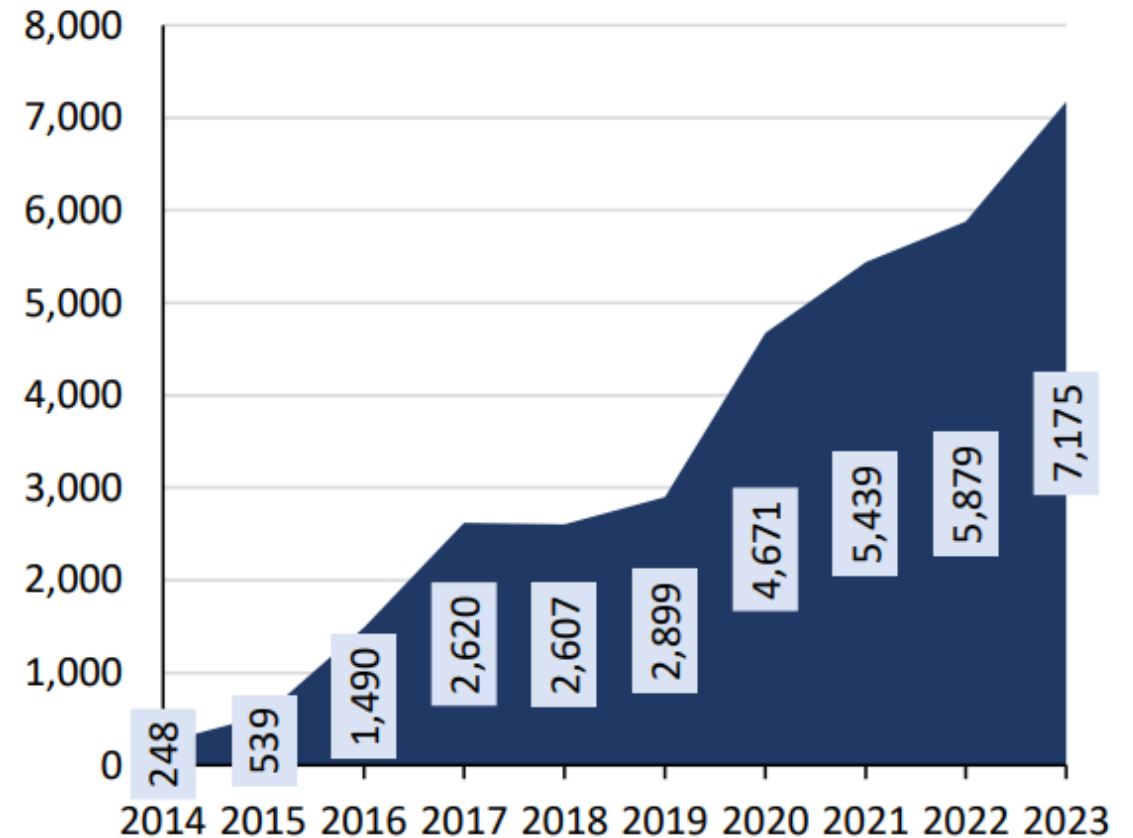
Cocaine REGIONALLY (2023)



Illicit Synthetic Opioids in **VIRGINIA** (10 Years)

- Most frequently submitted in opioid drug category
 - Surpassed heroin AND prescription opioids
- **18%** of all drug submissions to DFS
- Most common in this category is Fentanyl
- Fentanyl is used as a mixing agent for most drugs
 - Mixing Xylazine with Fentanyl
 - Xylazine is becoming more popular

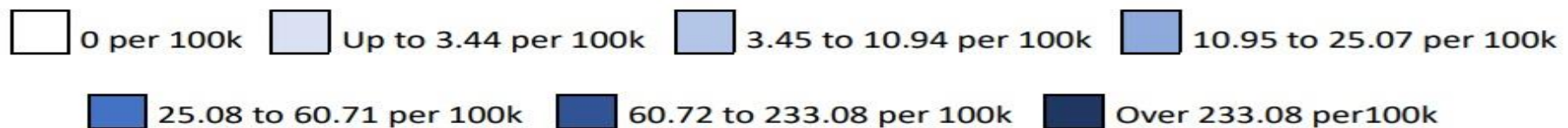
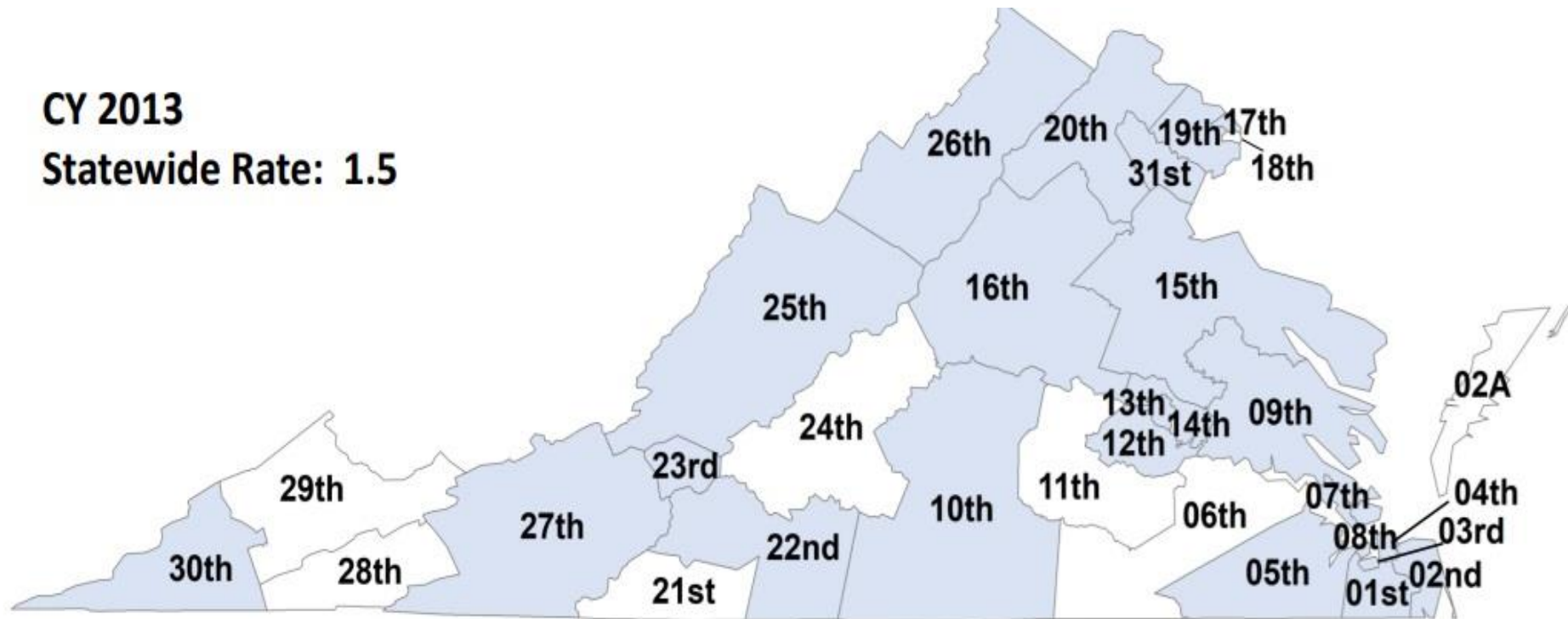
Illicit Synthetic Opioid Submissions
CY2014-2023



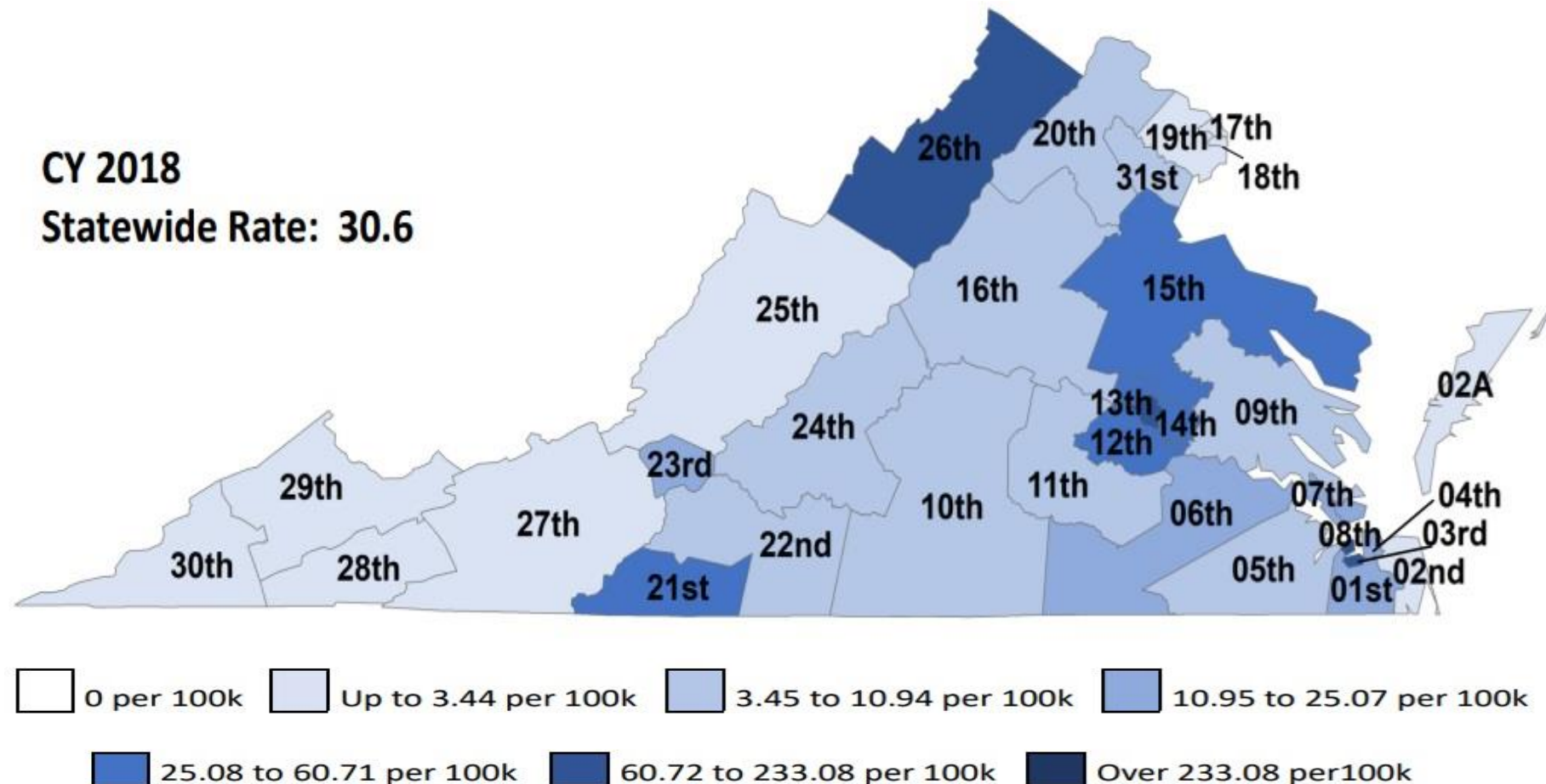
Illicit Synthetic Opioids REGIONALLY (2013)

CY 2013

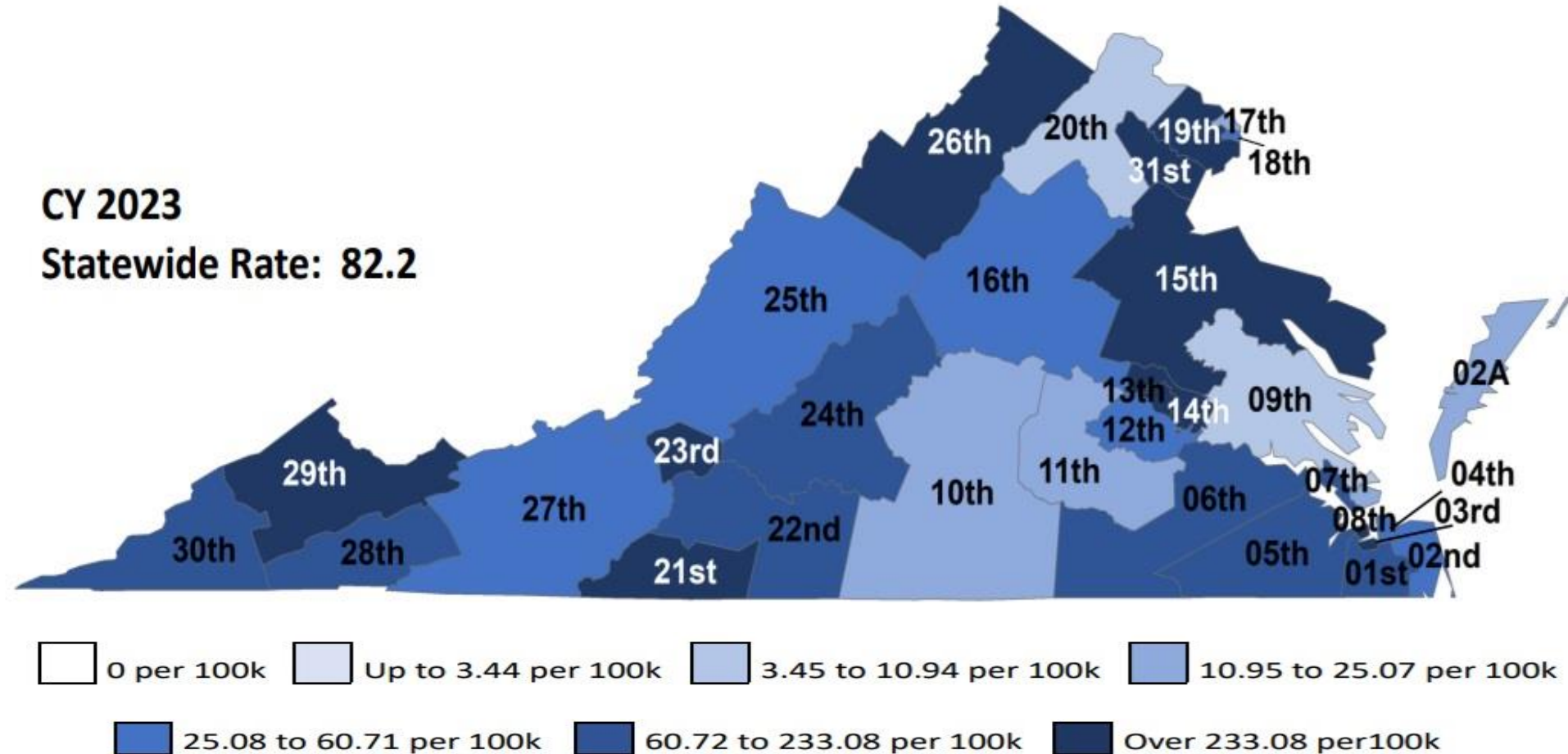
Statewide Rate: 1.5



Illicit Synthetic Opioids REGIONALLY (2018)



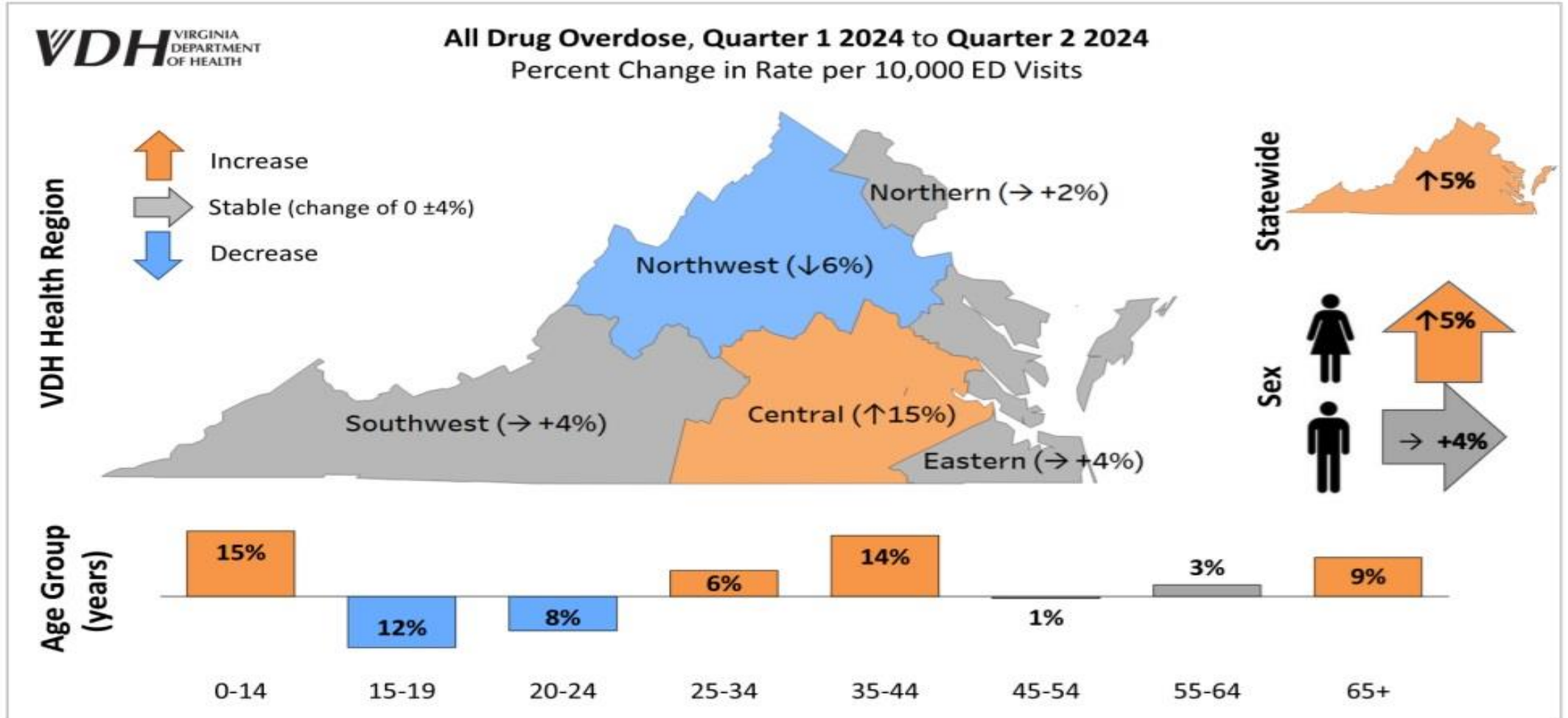
Illicit Synthetic Opioids REGIONALLY (2023)



Key “take home” points:

- Just one can kill
 - Fentanyl is in EVERYTHING
 - What you think you are buying may NOT be what your are buying
- Naloxne (Narcan) saves lives
 - Where (or do) you provide access to it?
- The “war on drugs” is won ONE person at a time
 - If you see something, say something
- Drug addiction does not discriminate
 - Personalize the battle

All drug overdose rates Q1-Q2 (2024)



Questions?

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