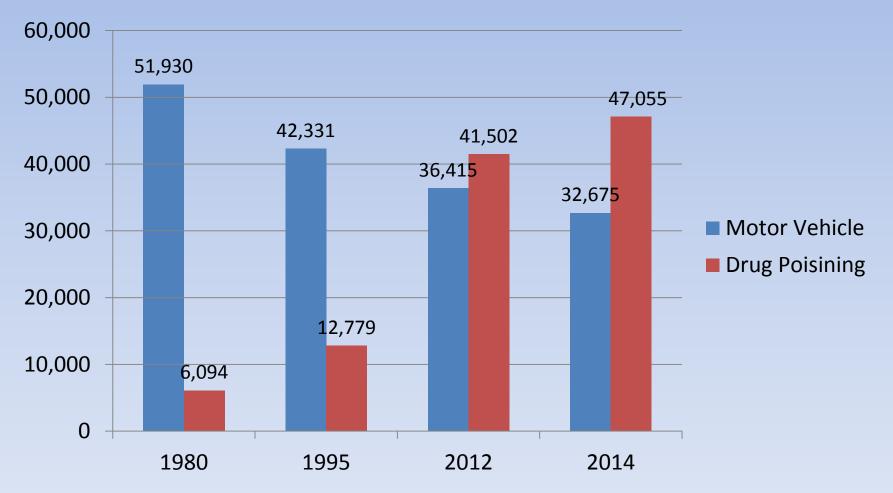
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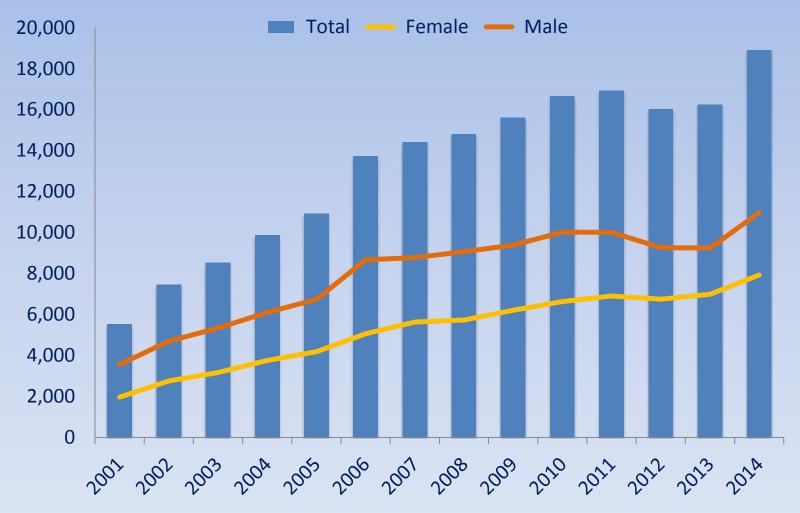
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## Drug Overdose Deaths in the U.S.



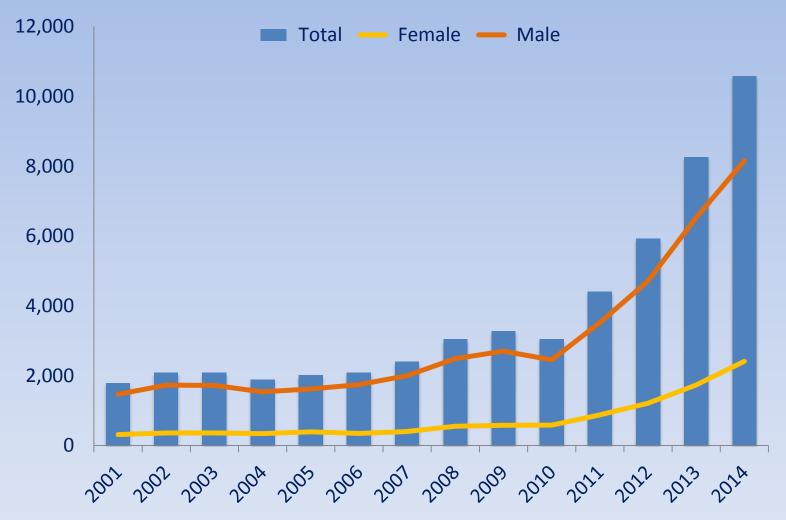
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#### **Overdose Deaths: Prescription Opioids**



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder

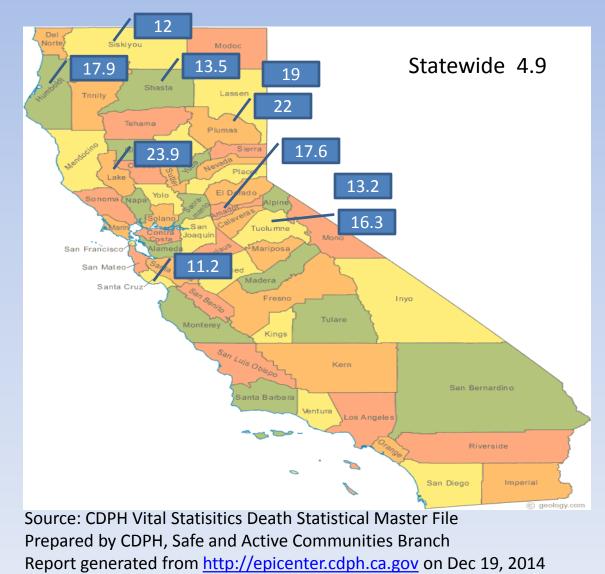
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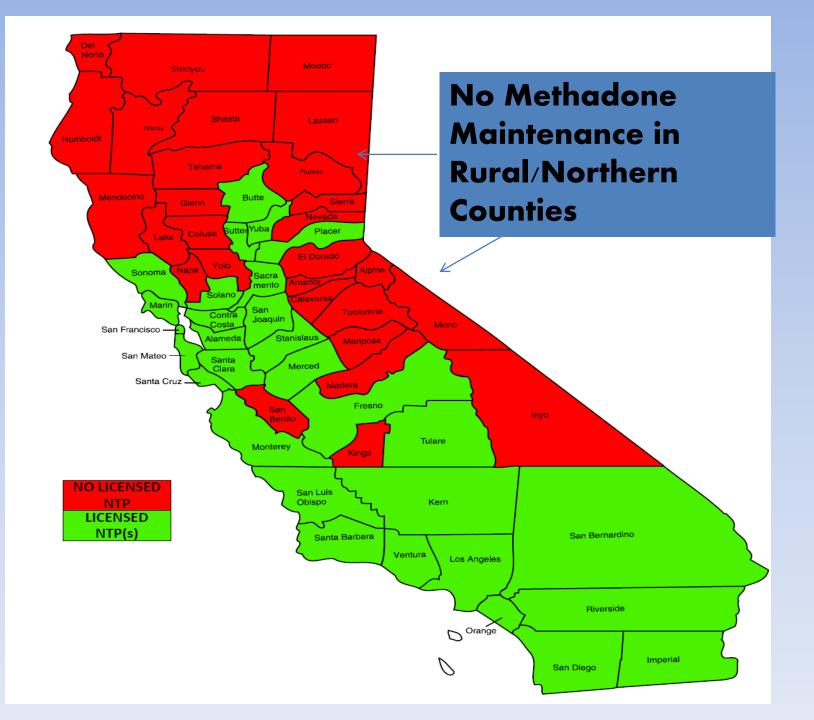


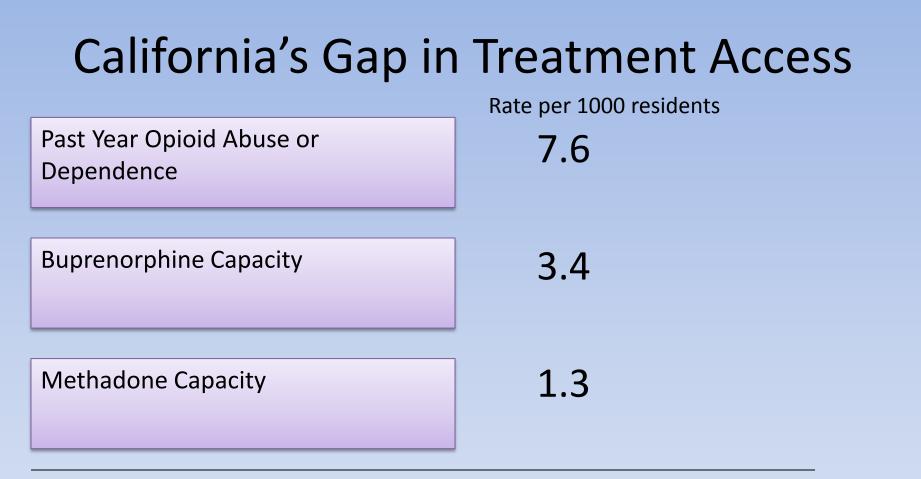
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# **Overdose Deaths in California**

5 year totals: 2008-2012 (All opioids, All intents) rate per 100,000



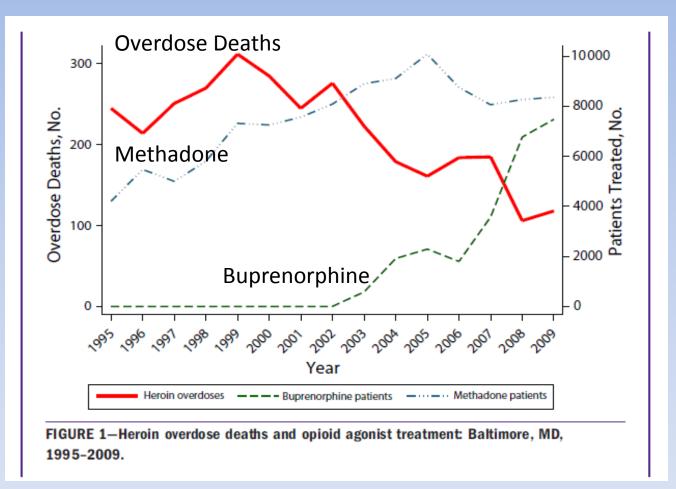




#### Gap = 2.9 per 1,000 or >100,000

Jones et al. Am J Public Health 2015;105:e55-63 2014 census of licensed slots reported by CA Department of Health Care services

#### **Treatment Saves Lives**



Schwartz et al. Am J Public Health 2013;103:917-922

# The Solutions

• Safe prescribing practices

• Naloxone distribution

Access to treatment for opioid addiction

#### Naloxone Pharmacy Access Timeline

September 2014 AB 1535 signed

January 2015 4052.01 implemented

April 2015

emergency regulations

## Making Naloxone Happen

• Training availability

• Pharmacy adoption of policies and marketing of naloxone access

• Proactive patient selection by pharmacists

# Making Naloxone Happen

• Affordable commercial naloxone product

• Clarity on who is the "prescriber on record"

Third party reimbursement for pharmacist NPI's

## **Increasing Access to Treatment**

Active participation in buprenorphine treatment by pharmacists

• Need to partner with local prescribers for collaborative care of buprenorphine patients

## **Increasing Access to Treatment**

 Willingness of pharmacies and pharmacists to become remote methadone dispensaries for OBOT methadone programs

• Particularly needed in rural areas where methadone clinics do not exist