

Lehigh Valley Summit on Addiction and Recovery

Northampton County Opioid and Heroin
Overdose Task Force

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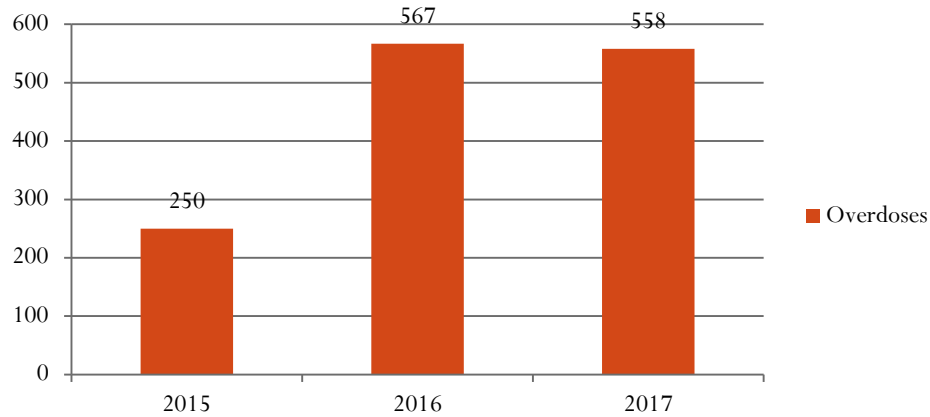
Task Force Goals

- Improve data collection related to heroin and opioid overdoses.
- Increase access to substance abuse treatment programs
- Increase access to naloxone
- Provide community based education and awareness programs via worksites.

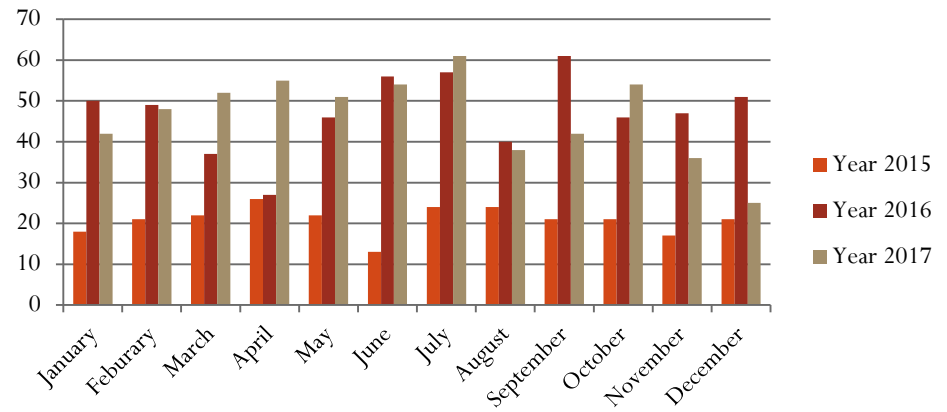
Data

- Analyzing data from EpiCenter
- Receiving EMS Data
- Receiving HIDTA Forms from Police Departments

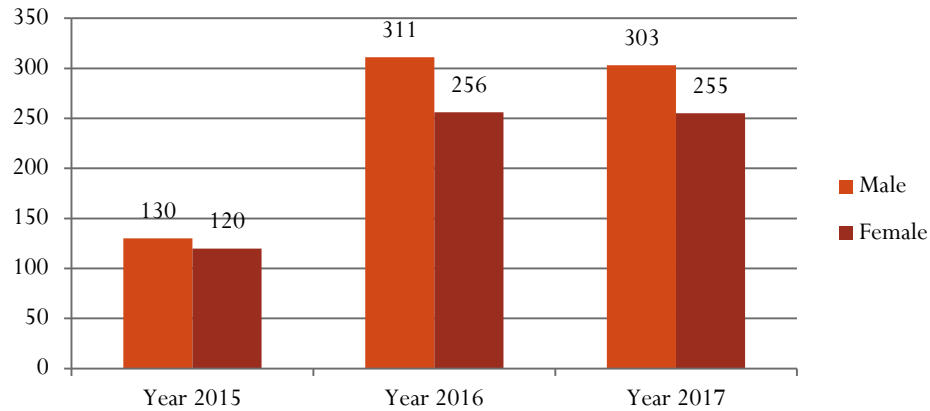
Northampton County Overdoses 2015-17



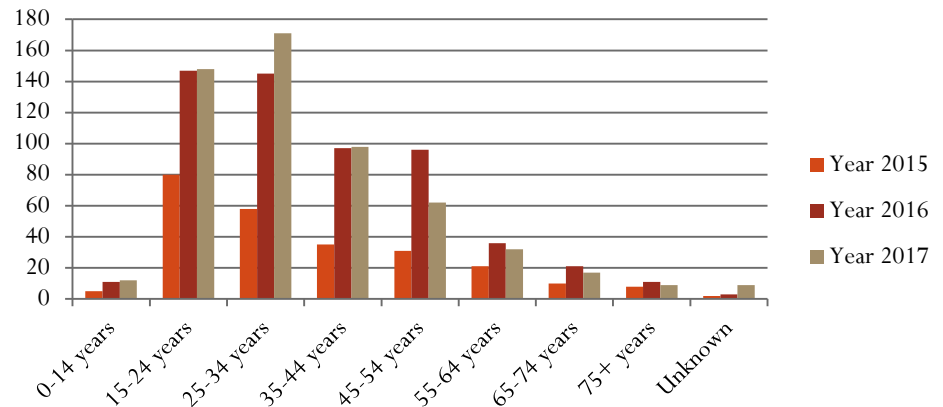
Northampton County Overdoses by Month



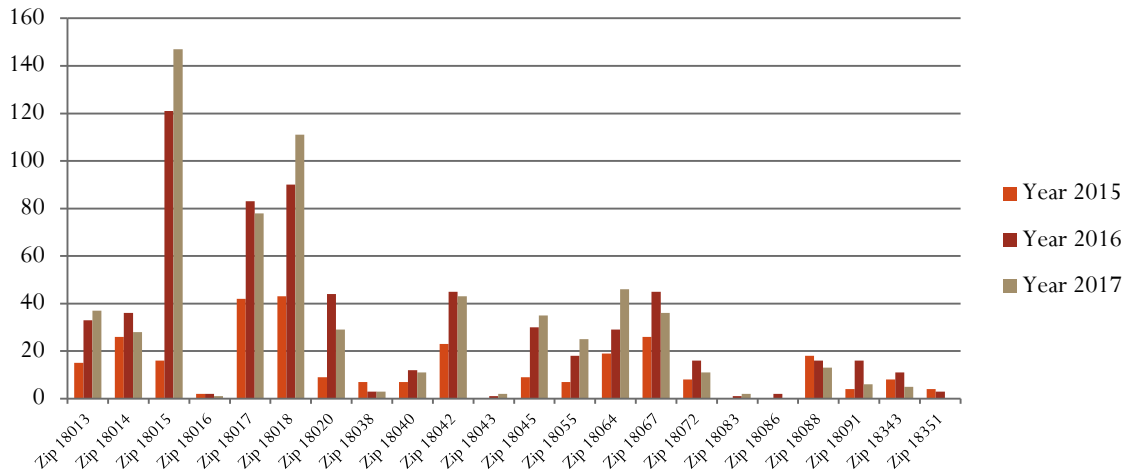
Northampton County Overdoses by Gender



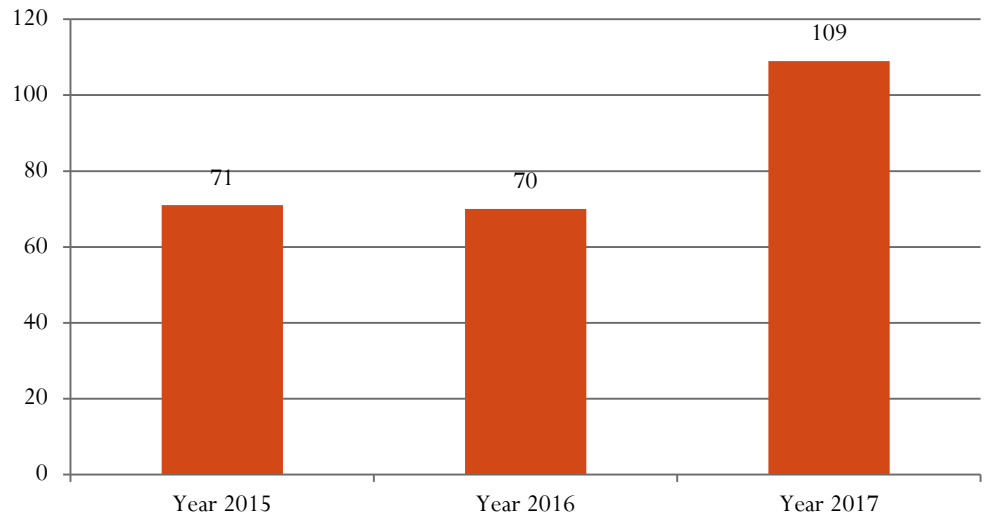
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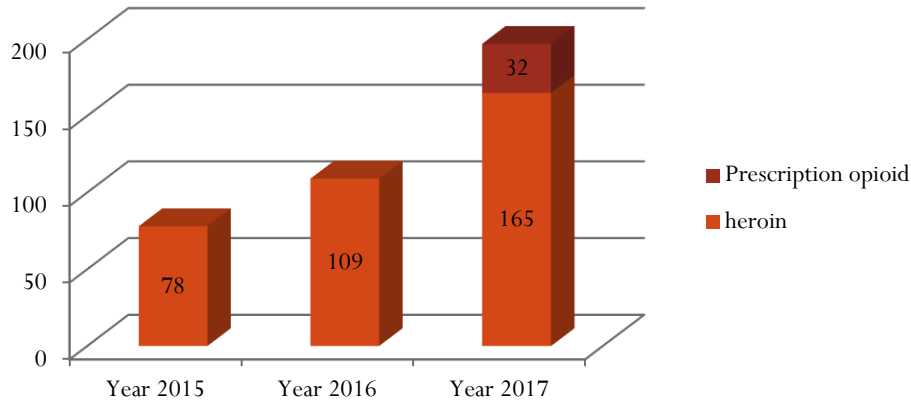
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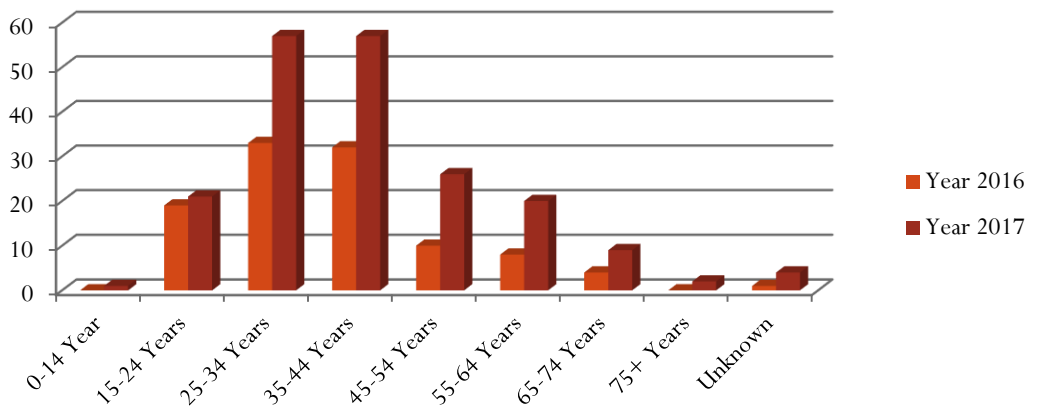
Northampton County Drug Overdose Deaths



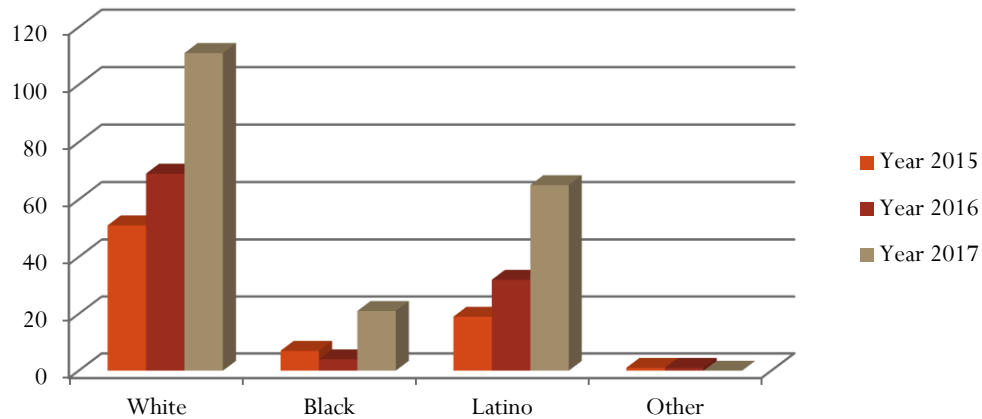
City of Bethlehem Heroin and Prescription Opioid Overdoses 2015-17



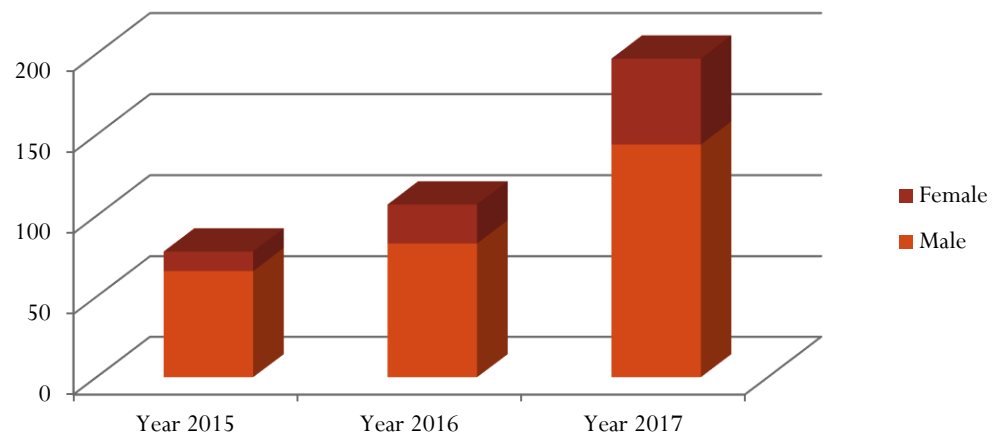
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Increasing Access to Treatment

- BPAIR Program
 - Bangor
 - Bethlehem
- Northampton County Jail

BETHLEHEM POLICE

Assisting in Recovery

BPAIR

For Bethlehem residents seeking treatment for
substance use disorders



- ✓ Call BPD at 610-865-7187
- ✓ Ask an officer for help
- ✓ Walk into police headquarters

The police department will arrange for a professional to complete a drug and alcohol intake & assist with finding a treatment facility for those seeking help.



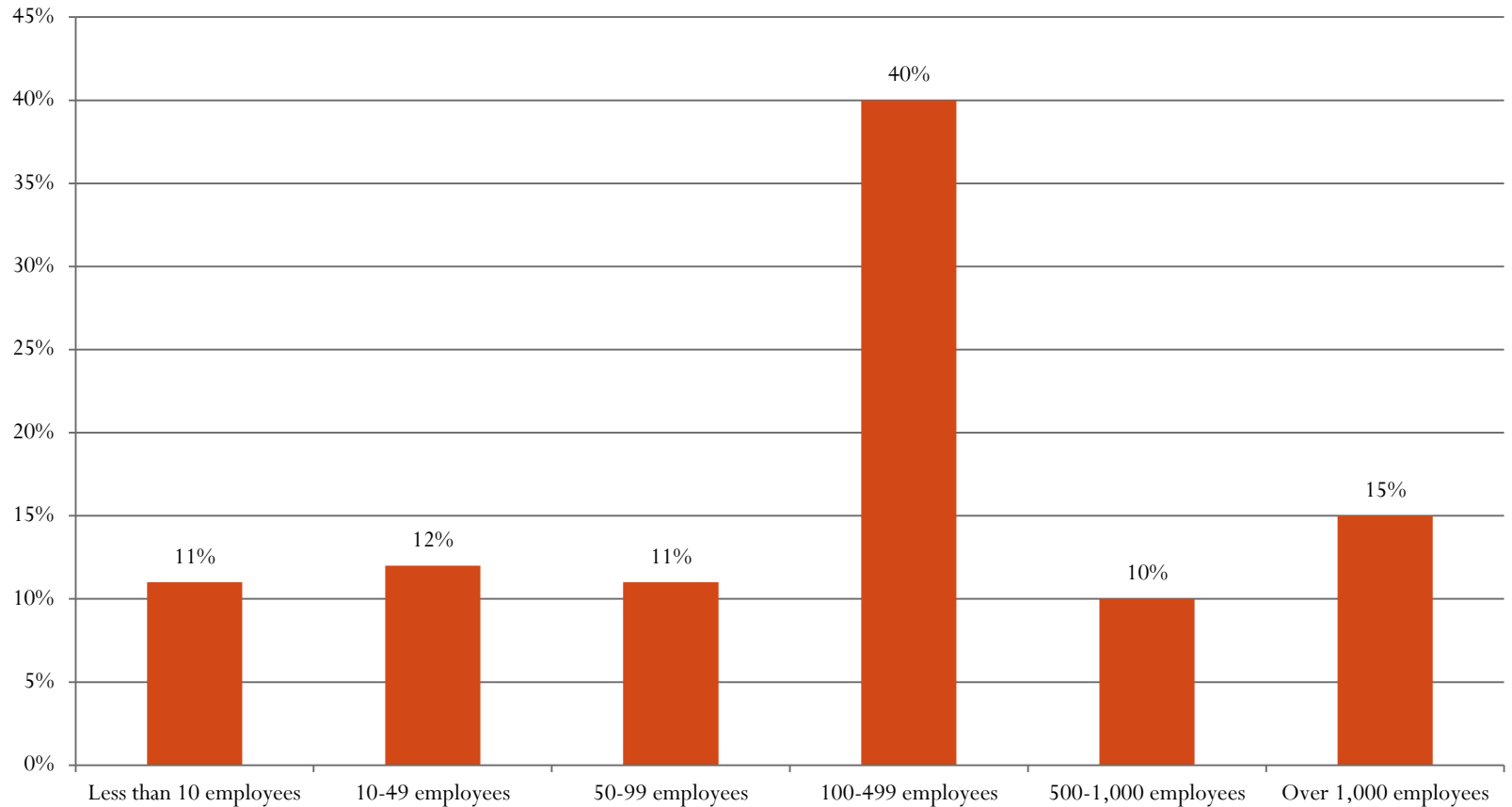
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Worksite Assessment, Training and Education

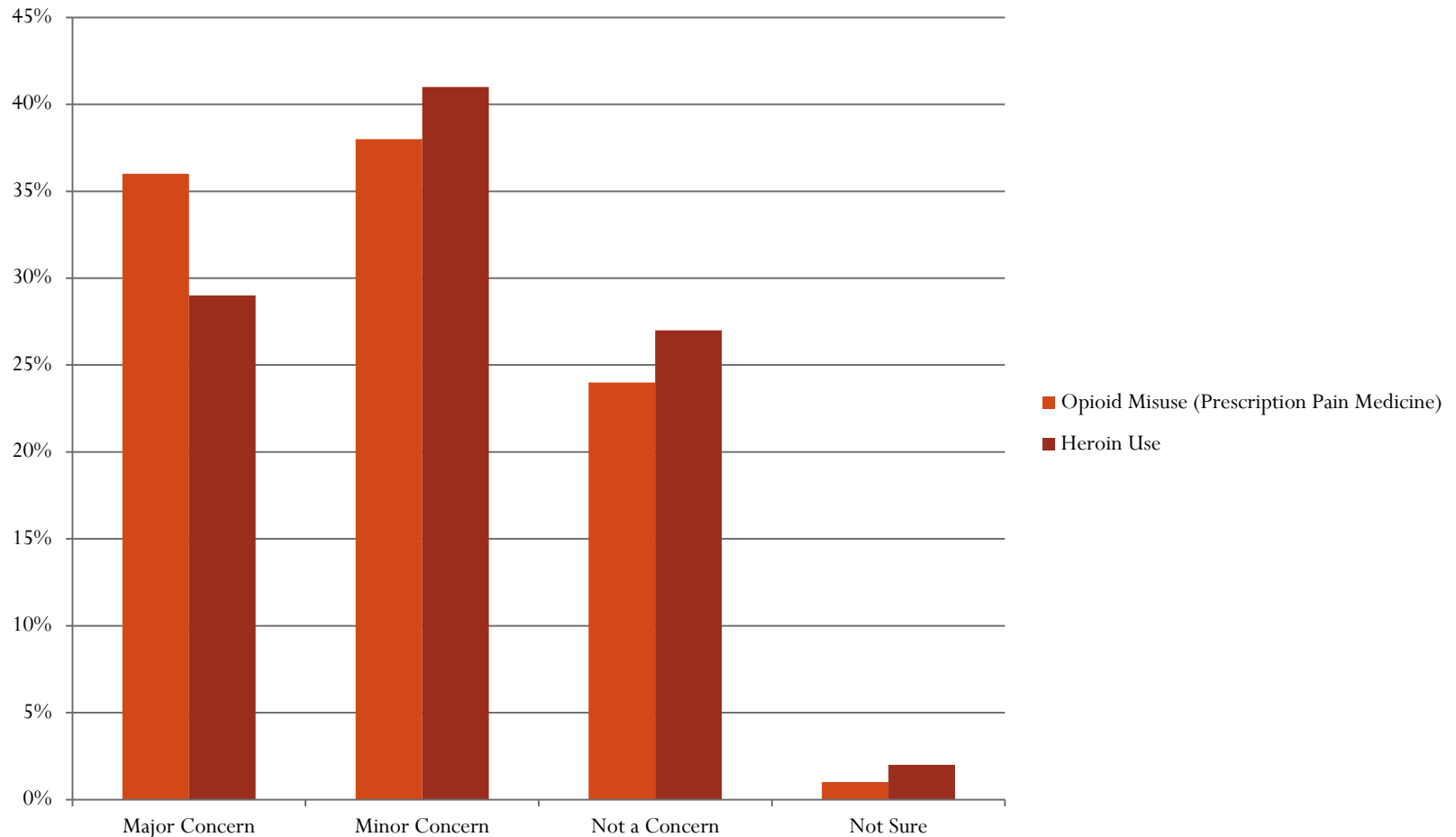
- Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion conducted a survey with almost 200 worksites in the fall 2017.
- The survey looked at policies, training and education related to substance abuse, in particular opioid misuse and heroin abuse.
- Held a forum for employers in October in collaboration with the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare.
- Center for Humanistic Change is currently offering programming to worksites.

Worksite Survey Results: 193 Interviews Completed

Employer Size



Level of Concern Regarding Opioid Misuse and Heroin Use in Lehigh Valley Workplaces



Just under 3 out of 4 Lehigh Valley organizations indicate that they are concerned about the impact of opioid misuse and heroin use on their organizations

Key Findings: Worksite Assessment

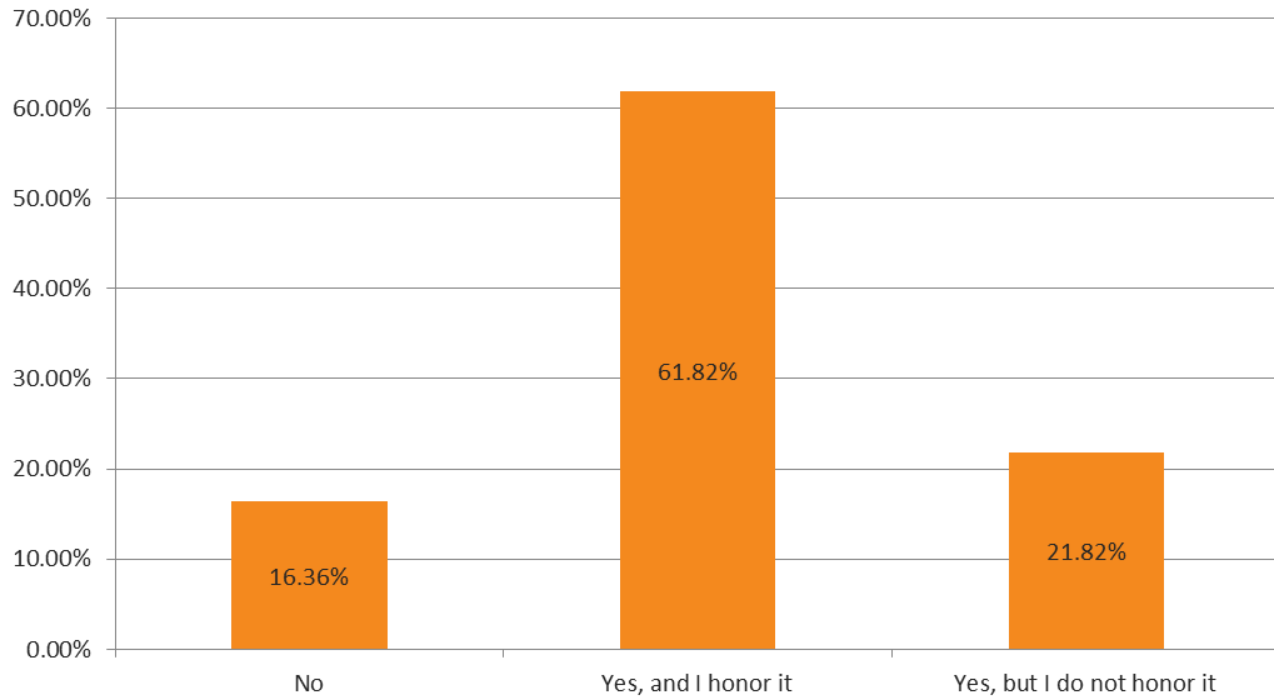
- About 3 out of 10 worksites in Lehigh and Northampton Counties report that they have experienced incidents of drug misuse and abuse in their worksites.
- About 50% of Lehigh Valley worksites report that they offer employees training about workplace policies regarding drug use.
- 25% of worksites in the Lehigh Valley report that they are not well prepared to deal with drug-related workplace issues.
- Approximately 3 out of 10 Lehigh Valley worksites reported that drug abuse and misuse is making it harder for them to hire and retain qualified employees.
- As Pennsylvania has legalized the use of medical marijuana, 54% of Lehigh Valley employers have yet to adopt formal policies dealing with employees utilizing this treatment.

Increasing Availability of Naloxone

- 55 pharmacies in Northampton and Lehigh Counties were surveyed
- Visited 18 pharmacies and provided education.
- Focus groups conducted with parents of addicts.
- Follow up survey will be conducted.

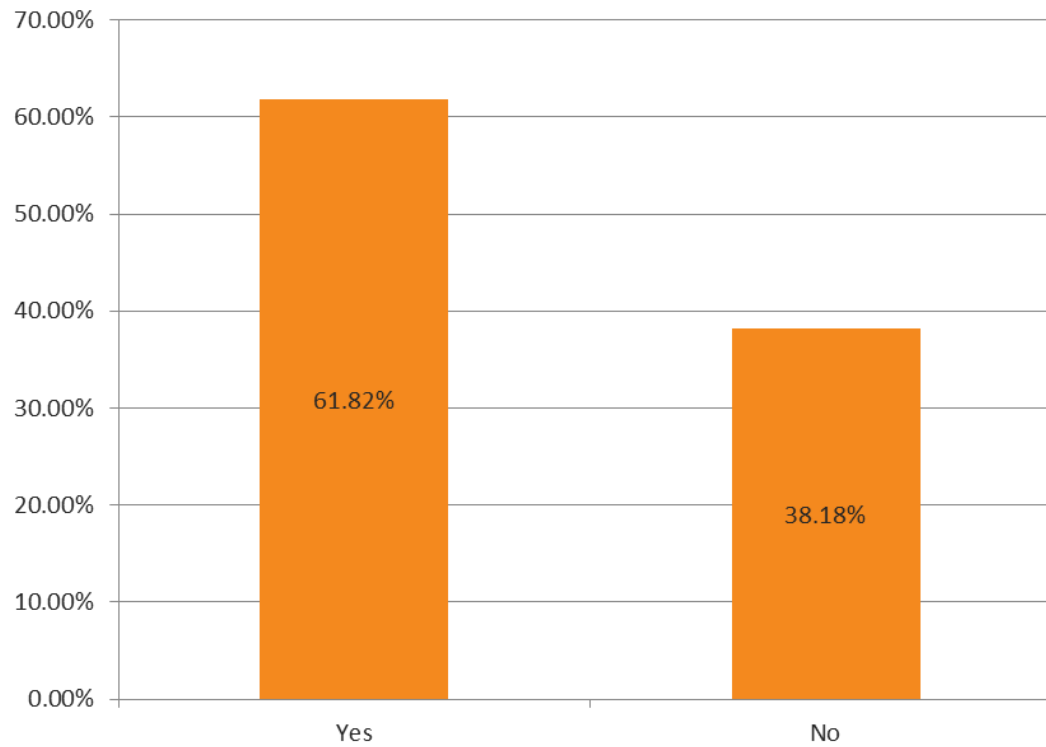
Naloxone Survey

Have you heard of the Physician General's standing order for Naloxone?



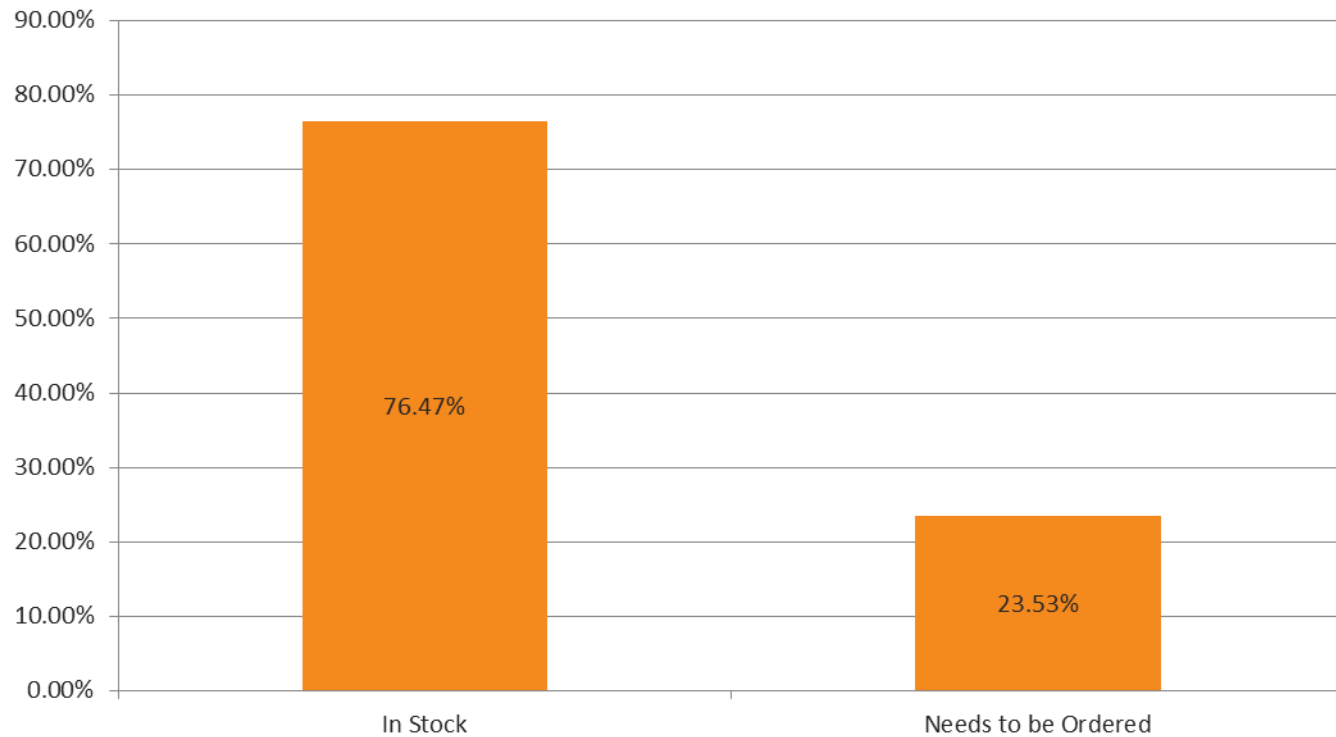
Naloxone Survey

Is Naloxone available?



Naloxone Survey

Is Naloxone readily available?



Next Steps

- Improve Data Collection
 - All EMS Agencies and Police Departments Reporting
- Expand BPAIR Program
- Continue Worksite Programming
- Follow-Up Naloxone Survey