



Trends in Foster Care Entry Associated with Parental Drug Abuse

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Section I: Introduction

About the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) is a state-supervised and locally administered social services system. Providing oversight and guidance to 120 local departments of social services (LDSS) grouped in five regions across the state, VDSS delivers a wide variety of services and benefits to over 1.7 million Virginians each year. VDSS' goal is to promote the well-being of Virginia citizens through the delivery of essential services and benefits to ensure families are strengthened, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency.

Purpose

This report is a follow-up to data briefs prepared in 2010, 2015, and 2017 by the VDSS' Office of Research and Planning. The objective of the 2010 brief was to examine foster care entries resulting from parental substance abuse. This initial 2010 brief found that local departments of social services (LDSS) with high rates of foster care entries also had high numbers of entries due to parental drug abuse. The 2015 brief highlighted the steady increase of foster care entries related to parental drug abuse, while the 2017 brief showed a continued upward trend. This report updates the data and findings from the three previous briefs.

Objectives and Data Sources

The current report aims to present trends in foster care entries that are associated with parental alcohol and drug use during State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2010 through 2019. This report also presents data on foster care entries associated with child-related substance abuse. Virginia specific data about drug use, while not specific to children entering foster care, are also included to examine the broader context of drug use in the state. Section III of this report presents drug-related arrest data grouped by VDSS region and locality. Section IV provides substance abuse death-related data, including counts and rates.

This report includes multiple data sources. Data on foster care entries originated from the Foster Care Raw Data reports (entries and exits), which originated from the Virginia Child Welfare Outcome Reports (VCWOR) database, version 4.68, as of November 1, 2019. There are 15 possible reasons for a child's entry into foster care, and any client may have multiple entrance reasons. For this report, if any of the possible causes for entry included parents' substance abuse, that client was counted as a substance abuse entry. If a child reentered care in a subsequent year, the child was recounted for that year of entry, as well.

Drug arrest data originated from the Department of State Police's [Crime in Virginia](#) publication. The State Police's Uniform Crime Reporting Section prepares this annual report, which includes crime data submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository. Crime in Virginia includes arrests from all reporting entities within the geographic boundary of the locality, such as towns, college/university PDs, and other reporting agencies. In order to calculate arrest rates, this report uses U.S. Census population estimates of Virginia residents' ages ten and above. For the 2017 arrest rate calculations, the population estimates originated from the [2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimates](#). As of this writing, the existing 2018 Census estimates do not include the necessary population breakdown to calculate the arrest rate for ages ten and up. As such, the current version of this report does not include 2018 arrest information.

The data on deaths related to substance abuse originated from The Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. As of November 2019, [fatal drug overdose numbers](#) are available up to calendar year 2018. What is more, to comply with previous versions of this report, the population data for the calculation of death rates originated from the [Weldon Cooper Center Virginia Population Estimates](#), which presents population estimates of July 1, 2018. VDSS' Office of Research and Planning staff grouped the data by DSS regions and agencies.

In summary, due to data availability discrepancies, this report includes VDSS foster care entry and exit data for SFY 2010 to SFY 2019. However, this brief does not include arrest numbers and rates past calendar year 2017, or death numbers and rates past the 2018 calendar year.

Findings

1. Over the SFY 2010 to SFY 2019, the VDSS experienced a 60% increase in the number of foster care entries related to parental drug abuse. Foster care entries related to parent drug use has ranged from a low of 408 children in SFY 2011 (17% of all entries) to a high of 840 children in SFY 2018 (31% of all entries). For the same period, admissions related to parental alcohol abuse were consistently lower, with a six percent average rate of entry (Figure 1 & Table 1).
2. From SFY 2010 through SFY 2019, foster care entries related to parental drug abuse in the Northern Region increased 100% (from 90 entries in SFY 2010 to 180 entries in SFY 2019).
3. The Western Region outpaced the other four VDSS regions over the reporting period. Foster care entries related to parental drug abuse in the Western Region were at or above 30 percent every year from SFY 2010 – 2019 reaching a high of 43% during SFY 2018.
4. For each year between SFY 2010 – 2019, Wise County’s DSS ranked in the top ten for the number of foster care entries related to parental drug abuse. No other local DSS agency placed in the top ten during the reporting period. However, Fairfax and Rockingham Counties each were in the top ten rankings nine times. Of note, Fairfax County also has one of the largest foster care populations in the state (See Table 2 for the ranking).
5. For the first six reporting periods (calendar years 2010 to 2015), the Central Region had the highest drug arrest rates in the State. However, in 2016 and 2017, the Western Region drug-related arrest rates were the highest in the state (Figure 3).
6. In the Central Region (Table 4-1), the City of Petersburg had the highest drug arrest rates until 2014, which was surpassed in 2015 by Hopewell and in 2016 by Northumberland. In 2017, King and Queen had the highest drug-related arrest rate in the region. In the Eastern Region (Table 4-2), Greenville/Emporia had the highest average arrest rates during the reporting period. In the Northern Region, for each year between 2010 and 2017 (Table 4-3), the City of Winchester and the City of Fredericksburg ranked as two of the top five highest drug arrest rates in the region. For the Piedmont Region (Table 4-4), the LDSS in Danville and Lynchburg had, consistently, the highest drug arrest rates. Radford and Galax had the highest averaged drug arrest rate for the Western Region (Table 4-5), while Patrick County experienced an increase of 590% in its drug arrest rates since 2010.
7. The Western Region had the highest drug-related death rates during the ten years (calendar years 2008 – 2018) for which the data is available (Figure 5). However, the West was also the only region that experienced a death rate decrease during the reporting period, with a drop of 47%. The rate of drug-related deaths has remained stable in the other four regions of the state until 2015, after which the death rates started to climb throughout Virginia. In 2017, the Central Region experienced the highest death rate in the Commonwealth, reaching 26 deaths per 100,000 residents.
8. The Western Region’s prescription opioid death rate, excluding fentanyl (Figure 7), has fluctuated since 2014. It has since experienced a downward trend. All other regions have had consistent and lower rates of death due to prescription opioids than the Western Region. However, as of 2018, the Western Region’s prescription opioid death rate was only 12% higher than that of the Piedmont Region, which has experienced a steady increase since 2015.
9. There is a higher percent of foster care entries due to Child Drug Abuse than because of Child Alcohol Abuse (Figure 10 and Table 7). While the percentage of drug-related entries has increased steeply since SFY 2012, for the past four years, it has experienced equivalent up and down fluctuations.
10. Permanence through family reunification is less likely to occur for children whose entrance into foster care was due to parental drug abuse. However, child emancipation is the least likely outcome in these situations.

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Conversely, permanence through a transfer of custody to other relatives is the most likely outcome when the child entered care as a result of parental drug abuse.

Conclusions

The data on foster care entries related to parental drug and alcohol abuse show considerable variability in parental drug abuse over the SFY2010 to SFY 2019 period, and the metrics indicate a general upward trend. Regarding arrest rates, all regions experienced substantial increases from 2010 to 2017: Central (27%); Eastern (17%); Northern (44%); Piedmont (19%); and Western (68%).

In an effort to understand the full scope and consequences of drug abuse to the foster care system, additional data and analysis are necessary. Data, such as the severity of drug use, type of drugs used, duration of use, and treatment options, would be a useful addition for future reports. Furthermore, specific research questions, such as the potential correlation between the numbers of foster care entries due to parent drug abuse and arrest rates, would provide a more meaningful context to the statistics presented in this report.

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Section II. Foster Care Entries Related to Parent Substance Abuse

Between SFY 2010 and 2019, foster care entries related to parental drug abuse, as a percent of all entries during the period, increased by 60%. During the same period, entries to foster care due to parental alcohol abuse decreased by 13%. Figure 1 displays trends in foster care entries related to parental drug versus alcohol abuse. Table 1 provides specific data points, including numbers, percentages, and rate of change.

Figure 1. SFY Foster Care Entries Related to Parental Drug/Alcohol Abuse

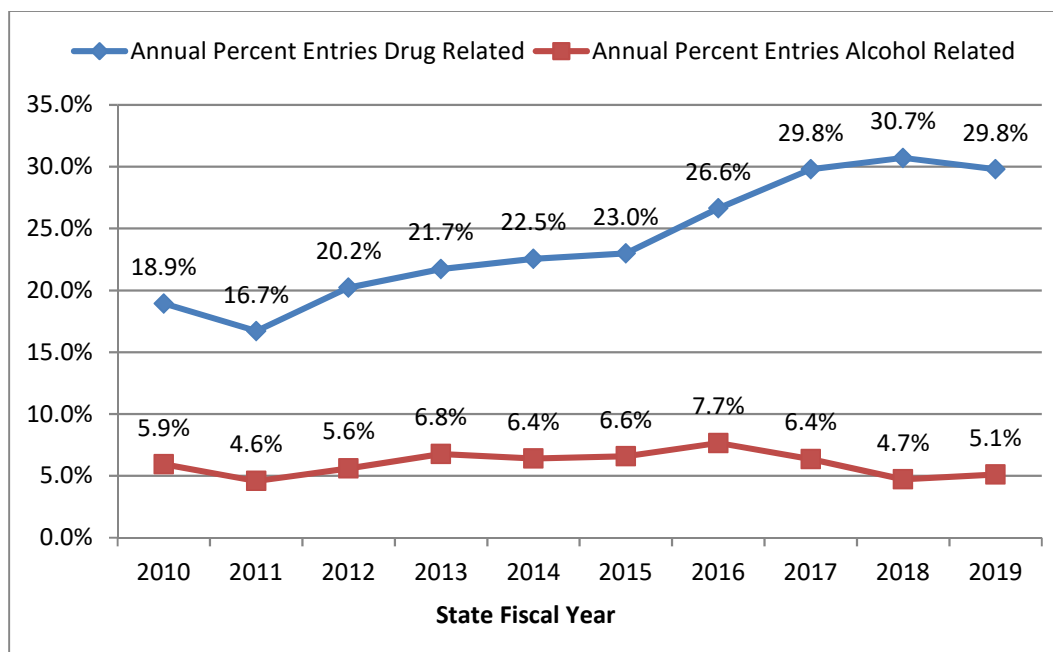


Table 1. SFY Data for Foster Care Entries Related to Parental Alcohol Abuse and Drug Abuse

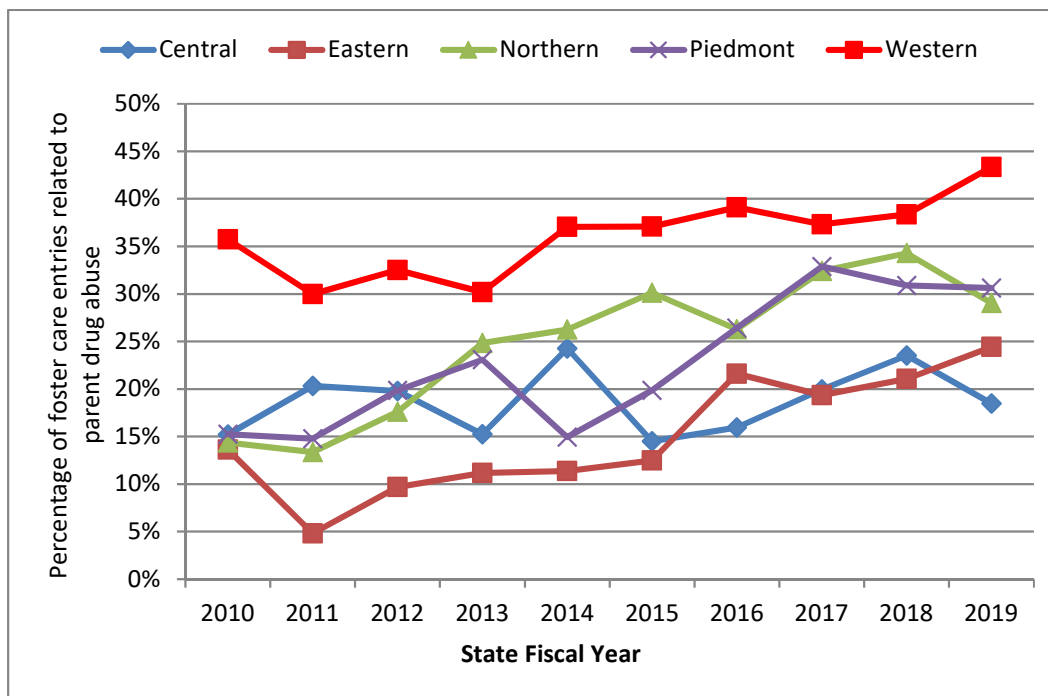
SFY	Parent Alcohol Abuse					Parent Drug Abuse					
	No	Yes	Total	Annual Alcohol-Related Entries %	Annual Rate of Change	SFY	No	Yes	Total	Annual Drug - Related	Annual Rate of Change
2010	2,468	156	2,624	5.9%		2010	2,127	497	2,624	18.9%	
2011	2,330	112	2,442	4.6%	-28.2%	2011	2,034	408	2,442	16.7%	-17.9%
2012	2,388	142	2,530	5.6%	26.8%	2012	2,018	512	2,530	20.2%	25.5%
2013	2,232	162	2,394	6.8%	14.1%	2013	1,874	520	2,394	21.7%	1.6%
2014	2,599	178	2,777	6.4%	9.9%	2014	2,151	626	2,777	22.5%	20.4%
2015	2,528	178	2,706	6.6%	0.0%	2015	2,084	622	2,706	23.0%	-0.6%
2016	2,520	209	2,729	7.7%	17.4%	2016	2,002	727	2,729	26.6%	16.9%
2017	2,473	168	2,641	6.4%	-19.6%	2017	1,854	787	2,641	29.8%	8.3%
2018	2,606	129	2,735	4.7%	-23.2%	2018	1,895	840	2,735	30.7%	6.7%
2019	2,525	136	2,661	5.1%	5.4%	2019	1,868	793	2,661	29.8%	-5.6%
Total	24,669	1,570	26,239	6.0%		Total	19,907	6,332	26,239	24.1%	

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During the reporting period, SFY 2018 was the year with the highest percentage (31%) of children entering foster care due to parental drug abuse. This rate represents an increase of 7% from the previous year's entries. As of SFY 2019, the percentage of children entering foster care decreased by 6%. This decrease represents the first substantial decline since SFY 2011, which experienced a drop of 18%. However, for SFY 2018 and 2019, the Western Region continued to experience the highest percentage of children who come into foster care due to parental drug abuse (43% and 36%, respectively). The Central Region had the lowest client entry-rate (18%) associated with parental drug abuse in SFY 2018, while the Eastern Region had the lowest rate in SFY 2019 (15%). Figure 2 displays the percentage of foster care entries related to parent drug abuse for each of the ten years of the foster care entry data.

From SFY 2018 to 2019, the Eastern Region experienced the most substantial annual percentage increase (18%) in the number of children entering foster care because of parental drug abuse, while the Northern Region experienced a yearly decrease of 26%. During the reporting period, while there was an upward trend in the number of children entering foster care for all regions, the Piedmont Region experienced the highest increase with a change of 158%. Statewide, there was an increase of 60% in the number of children entering foster care due to parental drug use.

Figure 2. Foster Care Entries Related to Parental Drug Abuse by DSS Region and SFY



At the local DSS level, the ten agencies with the highest number of drug-abuse related foster care entries accounted for 31% (n=245) of all foster care entries related to parental drug abuse in SFY 2019. In SFY 2018 and SFY 2017, the top 10 agencies accounted for 35% (n= 298) and 39% (n = 307) of entries related to parental drug abuse respectively.

Table 2 includes the ranking of the LDSS localities with the highest number of foster care entries related to parental drug abuse. The calculation for the ranking on page seven includes child-level case records for entry to foster care from SFY 2010 through SFY 2019. The table presents the localities that have been in the top ten in the number of parental drug-abuse related entries during the reporting period. In addition to the ranking data, during the ten years reporting period, 39% of the agencies in the Central and Eastern Regions had 20 or more foster care entries related to parental drug abuse. In the Northern Region, 76% of the agencies had 20 or more entries, while

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in the Piedmont Region, 83% of the agencies experienced a similar number of entries. Finally, all the agencies in the Western Region had 20 or more foster care entries related to parental drug abuse since SFY 2010.

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Table 2. Top Ten Rankings: LDSS with highest number of foster care entries related to parental drug abuse - SFY

Region	LDSS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Central	Chesterfield				10	9		8			
Central	Henrico					7	7				
Central	Petersburg					7					
Central	Richmond City	2		7		2			9	8	
Eastern	Newport News	8									
Eastern	Norfolk										9
Eastern	Virginia Beach						3	2	10	5	7
Northern	Fairfax County	4	10	3	10	6	5	8		10	4
Northern	Fauquier		7		4	3					
Northern	Frederick						2				
Northern	Fredericksburg				9						
Northern	Rockingham		4	1	1	5	5	4	3	3	2
Northern	Spotsylvania				10			10	6		
Northern	Winchester							5	4		
Piedmont	Augusta		6								
Piedmont	Bedford County	10								7	
Piedmont	Charlottesville								5		
Piedmont	Franklin County	3			6						
Piedmont	Henry								6		
Piedmont	Lynchburg						7				1
Piedmont	Roanoke City			2	8		5	1	2		5
Piedmont	Roanoke County										8
Piedmont	Staunton			5	3	10	7	10		7	
Western	Buchanan	7		9							
Western	Carroll										2
Western	Dickenson	4	1		5	1	4	6			
Western	Giles		10	9							
Western	Montgomery		1								
Western	Norton			8							
Western	Pulaski	8	4		2				6		
Western	Russell	4	7	9							
Western	Scott									9	9
Western	Smyth				10						
Western	Tazewell		7	6							
Western	Wise	1	3	4	6	4	1	2	1	2	5
Western	Wythe							7			

When a tie occurs between two or more ranks, the next sequential value is skipped. For example, if two agencies each had 20 foster care entries, and 20 is ranked as 1, then the number 2 will not appear in the ranking for that year.

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Table 3 includes statistics on parental drug abuse and exits from care (i.e., discharge to permanency). Among the predominant types of foster care exit reasons (e.g., reunification, transfer custody to other relatives, adoption, and emancipation), emancipation is the least likely exit outcome (8%), while exiting foster care to live with another relative was the most likely outcome (32%) for clients who entered foster care due to parental drug abuse.

Even if 24% of all foster care entries between SFY 2010 and SFY 2019 were due to parental drug abuse (see Table 1), 22% of all exits to permanency during the same period were of children who entered care for the same reason. Even with such close numbers, more advanced analysis is necessary to explore whether there is a significant relationship between parental drug abuse and the likelihood and cause for discharge to permanency.

Table 3. Foster Care Exits Related to Parent Drug Abuse (SFY 2010 – 2019)

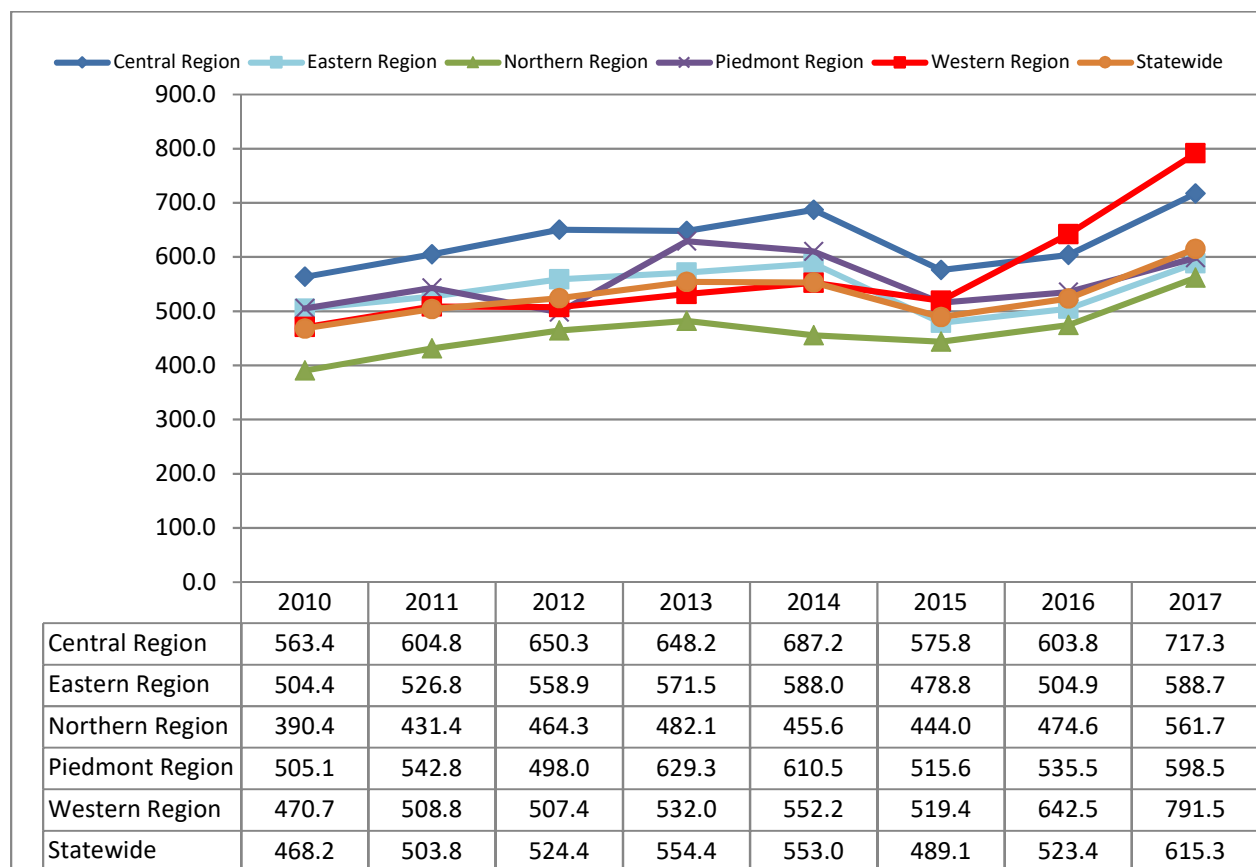
Exit Reason	Parent Drug Abuse No	Parent Drug Abuse Yes	Total	% No Drug Abuse	% Drug Abuse
Reunification	6,081	1,437	7,518	80.9%	19.1%
Transfer Custody to Other Relative	3,495	1,627	5,122	68.2%	31.8%
Adoption	4,958	1,988	6,946	71.4%	28.6%
Emancipation	5,324	479	5,803	91.7%	8.3%
Transfer to Guardianship ¹	35	15	50	70.0%	30.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	483	128	611	79.1%	20.9%
Runaway	24	3	27	88.9%	11.1%
Death	33	14	47	70.2%	29.8%
Missing Data	1	0	1	100.0%	0.0%
Total	20,434	5,691	26,125	78.2%	21.8%

¹ Transfer to guardianship is a newly introduced exit reason as of SFY 2019.

Section III. Drug Arrests in the Commonwealth of Virginia

The drug arrest rates presented in this report originate from the Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia State Police. These rates are expressed here as the number of arrests per 100,000 for Virginia residents age ten and above each calendar year (Figure 3). As stated in the introduction, the detailed Census data necessary to calculate the drug arrest rate was unavailable at the time of writing. As such, the figures and charts below include arrest data from 2010 to 2017. In 2017, the drug arrest rate increased in all Virginia regions. While drug arrest rates in the Central Region remained high but consistent from 2010 to 2016, during 2017, it experienced an annual 19% increase. The Western Region continues to experience the steepest rise in drug arrest rate with a 23% increase from 2016 to 2017. Even if the Northern Region’s drug arrest rate remains the lowest in the state, its 2017 rate of 561.7 arrests per 100,000 residents aged ten and above was comparable to the drug arrest rates for the Eastern (588.7) and Piedmont (598.5) Regions. While 2015 numbers indicated a statewide decrease in drug arrest rates, 2017 rates were the highest of the past eight years for all regions.

Figure 3. DSS Regional Drug Arrest Rates (per 100,000) by State Fiscal Year



The sections below include a brief description of the drug-related arrest rates for each of the regions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Tables 4-1 through 4-5 starting on page 12 of this report include Local DSS drug arrest rates. Bold font indicates the five localities in each of the state’s regions with the highest drug arrest rates over the entire reporting period.

Central Region

For 2017 in the Central Region, the DSS jurisdictions with the highest drug arrest rates were Caroline, Hanover, Hopewell, King and Queen, and Petersburg. Caroline, with its first entry in the list of localities with the top five drug arrest rates, experienced an arrest rate increase of 53% from the previous year and an increase of 209% since 2010. In terms of annual change, since 2016, Charles City experienced the highest increase with a growth of 270%, while Fluvanna experienced the most substantial decrease with a reduction of 37%. Since 2010, King and Queen County has experienced the highest arrest rate increase in the Central Region, with a growth of 1280%. While the DSS localities of Chesterfield/Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond City appeared consistently in the ranking of the top five localities for drug arrest rates, the 2017 ranking no longer includes Chesterfield and Richmond City. Richmond City, in particular, has experienced an arrest rate decrease of 37% since 2010. Nevertheless, the trend of drug arrest rates in the Central Region is upward. Overall, since 2010, the Central Region has seen a twenty-seven percent (27%) increase in drug-related arrest rates.

Eastern Region

In the Eastern Region, the 2017 drug arrest rates were the highest in the following DSS jurisdictions: Greenville/Emporia, Hampton, Williamsburg, Chesapeake, and Newport News. Out of the Eastern localities, Southampton experienced the most significant change in arrest rate with an increase of 83% over one year, while Matthews' arrest rate decreased by 70% during the same period. Norfolk experienced the highest growth of the reporting period with an arrest rate increase of 190%, while Sussex experienced an arrest rate decrease of 54% from 2010 to 2017. While there continues to be an upward trend in the Eastern Region's drug arrest rate, with a regional increase of 17% from 2010 to 2017, it is the region with the lowest arrest rate increase. What is more, several Eastern localities have experienced steady arrest rate decrease during the period in which the data is available, such as Sussex, which experienced a 54 % reduction, Dinwiddie, with a decline of 52 %, Newport News, with a 35 % reduction, Franklin City with a drop of 31 %, and Portsmouth with a 30 % reduction.

Northern Region

The Northern Region experienced an annual increase of 18% in its drug arrest rate. Even if it continues to have the lowest drug arrest rate in the Commonwealth, the local rate is only nine percent (9%) lower than the statewide drug arrest rate, and five percent (5%) and six percent (6%) lower than the Eastern and Piedmont areas rates respectively. What is more, some Northern DSS jurisdictions have experienced consistently high drug arrest rates. During 2017, the Northern localities with the top five arrest rates included Fredericksburg, Winchester, Manassas Park, Manassas, Shenandoah, and Culpepper. After three years of declining arrest rates, Manassas experienced an annual increase of 73%. Manassas is also the locality that has experienced the highest arrest rate increase during the reporting period, with a growth of 198%. Another Jurisdiction that experienced a sizeable annual rate increase was Page, with a yearly growth of 72% since 2016 and an upward change of 133% since 2010. On the other hand, Louisa experienced the most considerable drop, with a 70% decrease from 2016's rate. Additionally, after peaking with an arrest rate of 1,111.8 in 2014, Warren has experienced a reduction of 50 % since 2014, as well as the most sizable arrest rate reduction (35%) since 2010.

Piedmont Region

During 2017, the Piedmont DSS jurisdictions with the highest drug arrest rates included Danville, Rockbridge / Buena Vista / Lexington, Botetourt, Lynchburg, and Franklin City. Danville and Lynchburg are two of the DSS jurisdictions in the Piedmont Region with consistently high drug arrest rates during the eight-year arrest-rate reporting period. Franklin City was the jurisdiction that experienced both the highest annual (103% since 2016) and reporting period (357%) arrest rate increase. Two other jurisdictions with high one-year and reporting period increases in the region were Bedford County (94% since 2016 and 131% since 2010) and Nelson (69% since 2016 and 100% since 2010). On the other hand, Craig experienced the largest annual drop in arrest rate (49%), as well as the most considerable reduction since 2010 (57%).

Western Region

The Western Region continues to have the highest drug-related arrest rate in the state, with a regional rate of 791.5 arrests per 100,000 residents' 10-years of age and up. This figure is 29% higher than the statewide arrest

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rate of 615.3. The LDSS jurisdictions with the top five highest arrest rates for 2017 were Radford, Smyth, Scott, Galax, and Wythe. While not listed in the top five, Patrick experienced both the highest one-year rate increase (397%) and the highest growth since 2010 (590%). On the other hand, Galax experienced a one-year arrest rate decline of 24%, and Montgomery experienced a decrease of 23% since 2016. While the trend of drug arrest rates in the Western Region during the reporting period was upward in most of the LDSS jurisdictions, Dickenson and Bristol experienced a 22% and 16% decrease in drug arrest rates since 2010.

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Table 4-1. DSS Central Region Drug Arrests (per 100,000) by State Fiscal Year

LDSS	Number of arrests (SFY)								Arrest rates (SFY) per 100,000							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Central Region	6,499	7,046	7,649	7,713	8,177	6,994	7,394	8700	563.4	604.8	650.3	648.2	687.2	575.8	603.8	717.3
Amelia	19	26	24	21	24	17	13	31	170.1	229.1	212.0	185.7	212.3	147.9	113.4	273.9
Buckingham	60	77	62	78	122	105	96	121	390.0	497.3	406.0	508.6	795.6	689.6	629.0	783.0
Caroline	91	94	94	108	101	127	195	298	369.8	378.7	375.3	425.7	398.1	490.4	746.8	1142.0
Charles City	18	7	2	8	6	5	3	11	272.8	105.7	30.4	121.8	91.4	76.7	46.2	170.7
Chesterfield/ Colonial Heights	1,792	2,179	2,585	2,589	3,027	2,604	2,594	2,609	620.2	741.9	868.2	858.3	1,003.5	841.9	830.3	846.0
Cumberland	32	18	27	43	73	36	24	31	361.9	205.1	310.1	491.8	834.9	417.1	278.0	352.6
Essex	46	41	79	49	55	46	27	28	466.9	414.3	797.7	491.9	552.2	461.2	271.6	281.7
Fluvanna	27	35	36	28	37	34	59	37	120.1	153.0	157.5	121.9	161.1	145.3	251.1	159.5
Goochland	53	36	36	29	47	18	28	57	272.4	182.0	186.0	147.5	239.0	88.7	136.0	283.5
Hanover	528	538	579	639	694	571	703	1,012	603.5	607.9	648.8	709.5	770.6	618.8	756.1	1100.7
Henrico	945	974	859	643	939	269	886	1,799	355.2	361.1	313.5	231.9	338.6	94.8	310.5	635.4
Hopewell	152	172	173	195	145	204	226	218	787.4	893.2	911.5	1,032.2	767.6	1,069.9	1,171.5	1140.9
King And Queen	6	17	54	25	12	42	72	84	97.3	271.5	850.5	388.4	186.4	643.5	1,113.2	1342.9
King William	42	21	36	13	40	32	37	31	304.0	150.9	258.8	92.6	285.0	225.0	257.5	216.9
Lancaster	19	6	10	20	5	24	25	18	182.4	58.0	96.6	195.1	48.8	236.4	247.1	179.1
Lunenburg	33	68	37	22	67	46	41	28	285.9	589.8	327.6	195.0	593.9	414.6	371.5	253.4
Middlesex	18	17	15	3	3	4	13	9	179.4	170.8	151.3	30.5	30.5	41.0	131.9	90.9
New Kent	79	78	78	97	102	83	89	108	482.9	465.8	456.1	558.6	587.4	453.9	469.6	592.5
Northumberland	19	13	27	4	26	55	138	100	169.0	114.1	238.7	35.7	231.8	489.3	1,228.6	884.0
Nottoway	28	41	53	67	56	49	32	41	199.2	292.0	377.5	478.0	399.5	353.5	230.3	297.2
Petersburg	401	427	687	550	361	289	221	323	1,403.3	1,515.7	2,482.7	1,954.0	1,282.5	1,033.8	802.4	1159.0
Powhatan	107	83	95	48	77	54	88	155	429.5	329.0	376.0	187.4	300.6	212.1	341.1	605.2
Prince Edward	39	138	131	104	209	178	110	104	184.1	649.8	620.1	499.8	1,004.5	847.7	520.7	497.6
Richmond City	1,908	1,901	1,800	2,215	1,838	1,954	1,480	1,296	1,053.3	1,048.9	973.2	1,171.1	971.7	1,000.5	745.5	661.2
Richmond Co	17	17	6	31	9	30	38	29	202.2	202.6	72.8	380.3	110.4	369.1	474.1	353.4
Westmoreland	20	22	64	84	102	118	156	122	128.3	140.3	408.5	532.2	646.3	747.9	992.9	784.8

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Table 4-2. DSS Eastern Region Drug Arrests by State Fiscal Year

LDSS	Number of arrests (SFY)								Arrest rates (SFY) per 100,000							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Eastern Region	8,060	8,462	9,056	9,300	9,569	7,877	8,310	9,639	504.4	526.8	558.9	571.5	588.0	478.8	504.9	588.7
Accomack	121	58	117	102	87	113	86	121	413.7	197.6	399.0	350.0	298.6	388.0	295.0	416.9
Brunswick	61	38	40	40	82	46	74	72	388.4	244.1	259.0	259.9	532.8	301.5	500.6	485.9
Chesapeake	968	1,131	1,387	1,471	1,658	1,219	1,124	1,688	502.9	579.1	698.1	733.5	826.8	594.0	542.4	825.1
Dinwiddie	156	137	141	123	128	31	49	75	631.7	553.6	563.8	492.4	512.4	124.0	194.3	303.3
Franklin City	59	78	101	70	63	45	32	40	801.4	1,058.5	1,394.6	957.7	862.0	623.3	443.1	557.1
Gloucester	87	145	135	153	193	143	267	190	265.2	440.0	409.6	464.1	585.4	430.5	803.9	570.6
Greensville / Emporia	180	147	156	194	201	169	169	185	1,107.9	911.5	989.9	1,241.4	1,286.2	1,080.9	1,107.3	1202.9
Hampton	812	803	816	979	739	684	725	1,139	675.3	672.2	679.9	815.6	615.6	571.4	608.8	946.2
Isle Of Wight	82	103	47	118	142	127	214	198	262.6	327.8	149.1	370.5	445.9	390.5	657.6	616.6
James City	270	203	201	202	153	150	226	230	452.3	333.1	325.9	321.0	243.1	228.7	338.9	351.6
Mathews	30	28	23	26	78	30	83	26	365.9	340.2	280.3	317.4	952.1	367.2	1,027.0	312.5
Newport News	1,624	1,947	1,579	1,508	1,246	848	899	1,043	1,045.2	1,263.5	1,016.9	964.4	796.8	539.6	573.6	674.9
Norfolk	376	704	720	1,044	1,086	918	1,054	1,107	177.1	332.8	336.2	485.6	505.1	426.2	491.0	514.0
Northampton	51	29	56	62	23	55	58	50	462.5	263.7	516.9	577.3	214.2	510.9	540.1	465.9
Portsmouth	657	503	569	533	497	403	446	457	799.7	612.5	688.9	646.1	602.4	488.4	545.1	556.4
Prince George	74	98	156	133	221	122	123	161	234.9	304.2	477.2	401.4	667.0	363.2	367.6	480.6
Southampton	37	45	44	52	60	33	39	71	223.7	273.9	266.9	318.6	367.7	202.3	239.8	439.7
Suffolk	355	351	472	357	463	377	396	379	490.3	481.4	643.7	482.7	626.0	493.7	513.2	498.6
Surry	6	17	4	4	8	9	10	11	95.0	272.5	64.9	65.4	130.8	148.3	167.4	182.2
Sussex	105	70	85	70	96	84	42	47	953.8	638.2	781.5	649.7	891.0	788.3	401.2	441.7
Virginia Beach	1,567	1,495	1,804	1,735	1,934	1,969	1,746	1,886	412.0	388.4	463.6	444.9	495.9	498.4	441.4	479.8
Williamsburg	61	72	104	88	113	100	126	129	459.7	532.2	737.0	616.6	791.8	709.7	885.6	936.1
York/Poquoson	321	260	299	236	298	202	322	334	473.7	378.1	433.3	340.6	430.1	285.8	457.5	476.6

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Table 4-3. DSS Northern Region Drug Arrests by State Fiscal Year

LDSS	Number of arrests (SFY)								Arrest rates (SFY) per 100,000							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northern Region	10,396	11,792	12,955	13,666	12,915	12,921	13,929	16,336	390.4	431.4	464.3	482.1	455.6	444.0	474.6	561.7
Alexandria	423	475	521	414	465	486	495	623	342.1	374.4	406.1	317.0	356.0	361.3	362.1	458.0
Arlington City	429	419	506	680	800	711	906	679	229.8	216.1	255.9	338.8	398.6	348.9	442.9	332.2
Clarke	41	32	40	45	48	54	48	38	329.2	252.0	313.0	352.2	375.7	421.4	371.3	297.3
Culpeper	201	254	241	291	328	367	334	466	503.2	623.2	584.8	697.3	785.9	859.5	771.2	1084.5
Fairfax /Fairfax City/Falls Church	2,550	3,601	4,127	4,272	3,766	3,831	4,263	5,838	263.7	366.1	412.2	422.7	372.6	374.3	417.1	570.8
Fauquier	359	427	647	503	473	303	349	272	632.0	738.8	1,107.8	852.8	802.0	501.0	573.7	451.6
Frederick	277	329	319	436	425	440	418	520	408.2	475.2	455.9	613.1	597.6	603.5	563.5	710.1
Fredericksburg	234	306	324	297	243	303	293	426	1,099.7	1,372.9	1,371.4	1,214.4	993.6	1,239.5	1,190.3	1731.8
Greene	28	34	33	37	55	29	69	59	177.5	211.9	203.6	227.8	338.6	174.0	409.2	359.1
King George	74	105	85	104	80	75	100	138	370.4	509.5	406.4	489.3	376.3	342.4	445.4	627.1
Loudoun	763	623	776	662	658	753	705	865	298.3	232.3	278.0	227.7	226.3	238.8	216.6	275.2
Louisa	70	77	75	88	81	110	166	50	240.7	261.8	254.2	293.3	270.0	358.9	531.2	162.3
Madison	11	16	20	30	23	25	30	43	93.8	137.0	170.6	255.5	195.9	212.8	255.0	367.0
Manassas	125	151	265	419	350	298	237	408	394.5	459.2	776.3	1,198.5	1,001.1	849.4	678.7	1174.8
Manassas Park	90	98	108	127	113	113	138	164	761.0	773.8	822.2	938.9	835.4	836.0	1,002.9	1205.4
Orange	104	79	88	95	116	165	178	183	353.7	264.3	291.9	310.8	379.5	528.0	567.5	588.0
Page	71	81	107	171	141	105	96	166	334.1	381.0	502.6	803.8	662.8	494.2	452.7	778.4
Prince William	1,909	1,866	1,806	2,070	2,120	1,900	1,962	2,236	568.6	532.0	500.0	562.6	576.1	499.0	509.2	588.6
Rappahannock	24	29	45	47	48	33	24	32	360.5	431.0	664.0	689.9	704.5	488.4	356.9	479.3
Rockingham /Harrisonburg	518	553	558	635	651	613	638	693	466.5	491.8	489.1	552.6	566.5	524.3	538.4	589.5
Shenandoah	283	279	218	219	257	286	282	334	764.4	746.0	578.0	579.6	680.1	746.8	737.6	878.6
Spotsylvania	657	793	858	735	531	625	764	585	627.0	741.2	791.2	667.0	481.8	550.7	666.3	517.1
Stafford	629	611	630	645	498	660	831	1,029	570.8	538.8	543.7	546.2	421.7	537.2	665.2	842.8
Warren	282	266	287	368	377	313	270	191	862.6	806.7	862.2	1,085.3	1,111.8	913.7	785.7	560.7
Winchester	244	288	271	276	268	323	333	298	1,072.4	1,251.9	1,163.6	1,175.0	1,141.0	1,353.7	1,386.2	1238.7

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Table 4-4. DSS Piedmont Region Drug Arrests by State Fiscal Year

LDSS	Number of arrests (SFY)								Arrest rates (SFY) per 100,000							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Piedmont Region	5,197	5,603	5,154	6,535	6,372	5,177	5,382	6,244	505.1	542.8	498.0	629.3	610.5	515.6	535.5	598.5
Albemarle	320	302	252	222	272	371	454	281	365.7	339.4	278.2	243.3	298.1	395.0	476.9	301.6
Alleghany Co/Covington City	127	190	111	62	84	129	59	73	641.3	958.4	562.5	314.3	425.9	671.5	308.4	382.6
Amherst	196	179	59	241	80	50	84	147	679.7	621.1	203.4	836.3	277.6	175.1	297.0	516.5
Appomattox	19	25	15	7	47	35	38	39	143.5	187.5	112.0	51.9	348.8	257.0	277.8	285.0
Augusta/Staunton /Waynesboro	352	337	411	376	504	445	566	682	335.9	320.4	390.0	353.5	473.9	414.4	523.2	636.1
Bath	14	11	11	12	25	8	10	11	320.1	255.4	254.9	281.2	585.9	193.1	244.1	269.7
Bedford County	166	140	206	273	357	255	209	401	249.5	207.8	304.4	401.3	486.8	365.1	298.1	577.4
Botetourt	195	135	127	186	229	289	215	309	661.6	458.5	426.0	623.2	767.2	953.2	712.8	1,025.6
Campbell	116	87	54	139	106	77	55	90	238.4	177.5	109.7	281.3	214.5	156.0	111.5	183.4
Charlotte	27	41	7	49	142	41	38	43	242.8	369.0	63.4	448.2	1,298.8	377.2	354.3	398.5
Charlottesville	191	260	269	204	241	169	249	178	483.5	656.9	677.9	509.5	601.9	403.4	591.4	424.3
Craig	7	42	12	2	1	18	6	3	151.7	922.7	256.3	42.5	21.2	382.8	127.8	65.2
Danville	354	552	610	666	676	509	473	540	935.2	1,468.1	1,626.3	1,781.5	1,808.3	1,388.5	1,295.5	1,478.6
Franklin City	98	127	130	216	305	45	32	452	196.5	252.4	257.7	428.2	604.7	623.3	443.1	897.9
Halifax	168	177	79	249	145	197	146	155	523.4	553.0	247.6	789.1	459.5	628.7	466.8	494.2
Henry Co/Martinsville	230	125	163	365	194	332	378	262	380.9	209.2	275.1	619.4	329.2	571.3	655.6	451.5
Highland	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	2	138.8	284.1	95.5	48.1	48.1	48.5	48.6	97.1
Lynchburg	774	965	732	1,024	785	691	716	646	1,155.5	1,423.8	1,074.5	1,486.6	1,139.7	979.0	1,007.8	913.6
Mecklenburg	137	115	173	207	191	98	113	129	465.7	391.7	607.2	732.2	675.6	349.4	405.3	459.3
Nelson	22	35	37	24	35	35	26	44	163.1	257.4	277.0	179.9	262.4	262.1	193.6	326.7
Pittsylvania	159	127	128	114	113	110	102	81	281.4	226.2	226.9	202.7	200.9	196.2	182.8	146.1
Roanoke City	814	937	906	1,149	1,081	558	623	655	964.5	1,115.9	1,072.2	1,349.1	1,269.3	646.3	723.0	759.0
Roanoke County/Salem City	606	642	562	588	558	490	548	677	579.3	609.8	532.7	553.0	524.8	455.9	510.3	635.7
Rockbridge /Buena Vista /Lexington	102	46	98	159	200	224	241	344	312.9	140.5	298.6	482.9	607.4	678.2	733.8	1,048.1

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Table 4-5. DSS Western Region Drug Arrests by State Fiscal Year

LDSS	Number of arrests (SFY)								Arrest rates (SFY) per 100,000							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Western Region	2,524	2,726	2,717	2,847	2,955	2,764	3,395	4,209	470.7	508.8	507.4	532.0	552.2	519.4	642.5	791.5
Bland	13	21	34	25	22	29	16	34	209.7	337.8	552.5	406.7	357.9	481.0	267.5	568.4
Bristol	172	199	139	146	183	77	145	138	1,095.5	1,262.8	879.9	940.4	1,178.7	499.4	951.9	918.8
Buchanan	105	49	79	56	128	135	153	182	481.5	229.1	364.8	262.0	598.9	653.8	759.1	883.0
Carroll	63	64	84	66	77	104	185	202	235.2	238.6	313.4	245.2	286.1	387.0	693.6	755.1
Dickenson	53	81	80	22	31	38	15	40	375.5	579.0	573.8	159.8	225.1	282.4	112.3	294.4
Floyd	7	65	24	24	17	11	15	15	51.9	476.9	175.3	173.4	122.8	78.6	106.4	105.5
Galax	37	58	61	64	72	67	97	76	595.0	943.4	1,005.8	1,045.1	1,175.7	1,118.5	1,640.7	1,242.0
Giles	58	41	98	62	102	85	91	87	379.5	268.9	648.4	409.6	673.9	565.7	603.9	579.5
Grayson	58	69	45	59	38	37	49	100	412.2	494.9	325.9	427.3	275.2	254.5	358.4	701.1
Lee	70	23	19	28	7	24	51	99	306.5	102.3	83.2	124.1	31.0	107.9	234.3	449.1
Montgomery	332	364	395	393	400	361	499	383	386.8	421.9	455.2	448.5	456.5	406.1	556.4	429.7
Norton	36	39	29	19	36	29	23	40	1,037.5	1,093.0	807.8	537.8	1,019.0	830.2	668.4	1,143.2
Patrick	25	55	13	76	24	54	34	169	150.2	331.0	77.6	457.0	144.3	328.4	208.5	1,036.6
Pulaski	145	257	178	236	202	221	170	198	463.0	825.0	568.2	757.8	648.6	713.6	550.5	636.1
Radford	173	179	211	211	212	176	213	280	1,138.9	1,171.2	1,378.4	1,326.6	1,332.9	1,090.5	1,313.6	1,710.8
Russell	91	112	138	128	121	113	132	173	353.3	436.2	542.9	506.1	478.4	453.6	536.8	690.5
Scott	168	129	175	130	136	79	128	293	806.2	618.8	852.2	637.7	667.1	396.8	644.1	1,448.6
Smyth	173	110	128	153	149	96	236	475	603.9	385.1	452.2	541.5	527.3	341.0	845.0	1,691.9
Tazewell	288	310	231	366	346	435	405	401	716.1	775.7	583.3	926.7	876.0	1,130.1	1,070.7	1,054.3
Washington	212	209	221	223	254	204	267	340	431.4	424.5	445.6	452.2	515.1	415.2	546.0	692.1
Wise	101	99	99	109	132	100	119	179	274.5	268.2	272.1	301.1	364.7	282.9	340.6	509.9
Wythe	144	193	236	251	266	289	352	305	555.5	741.6	905.6	959.5	1,016.8	1,109.0	1,357.9	1,167.1

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Section IV. Drug-Related Deaths in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Regional Department of Social Services drug-related death counts and rates derived from two sources: Drug-Related Death data from the Forensic Epidemiology website produced by the Virginia Department of Health, and population estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center. While not specific to children entering foster care, or to their caregivers, these figures provide additional information about the consequences of drug use in Virginia.

Figure 4. Deaths from All Drugs by DSS Region

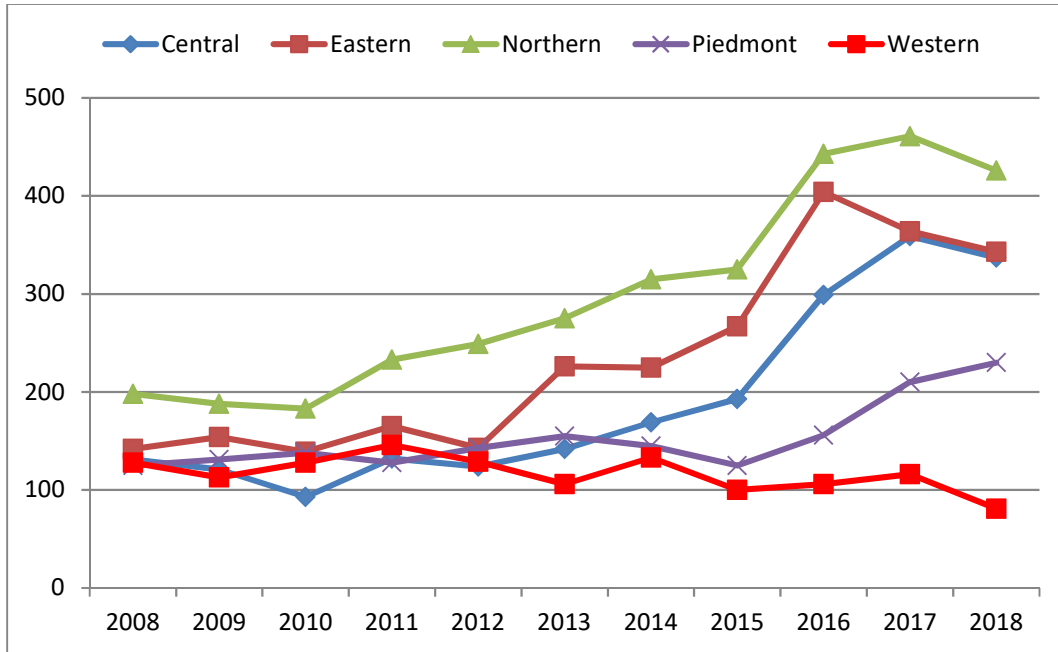


Figure 5. Death Rate from All Drugs by DSS Region

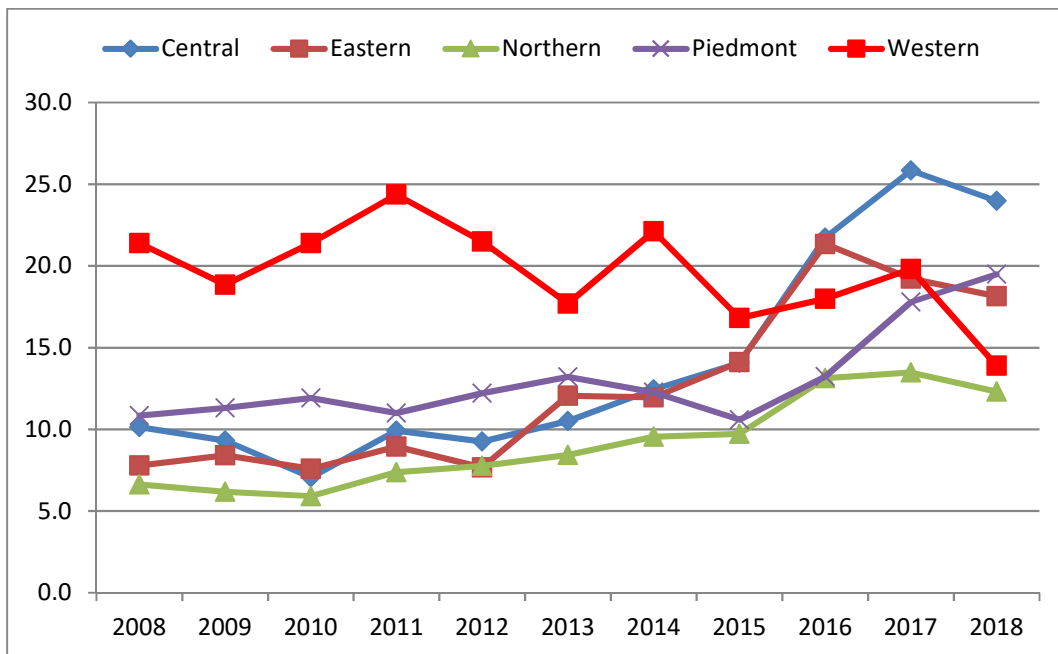


Figure 6. Deaths from Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl) by DSS Region

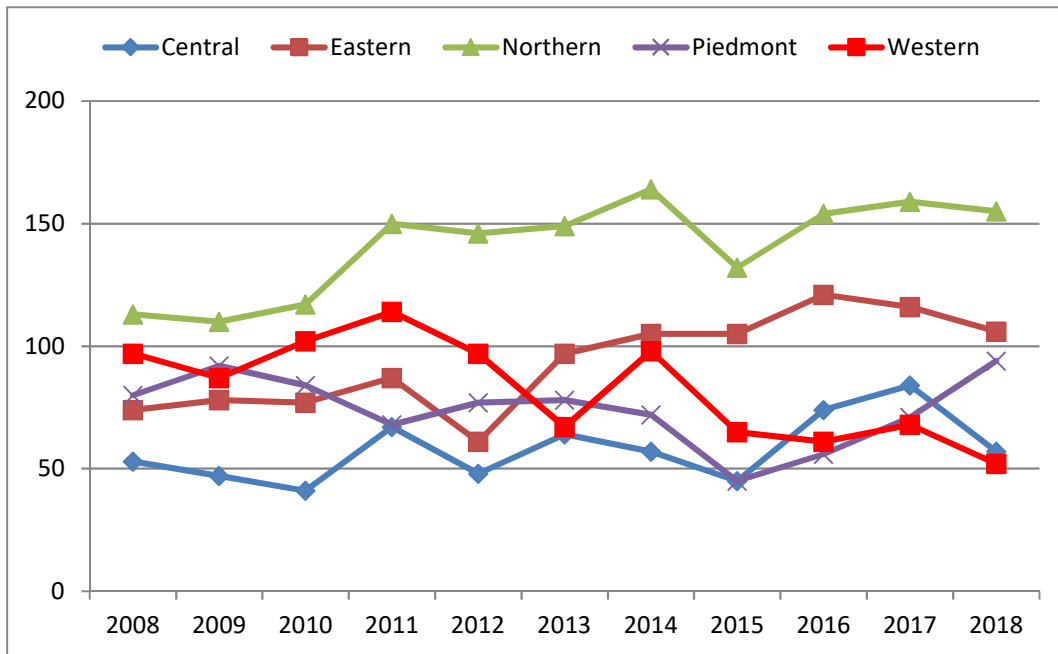


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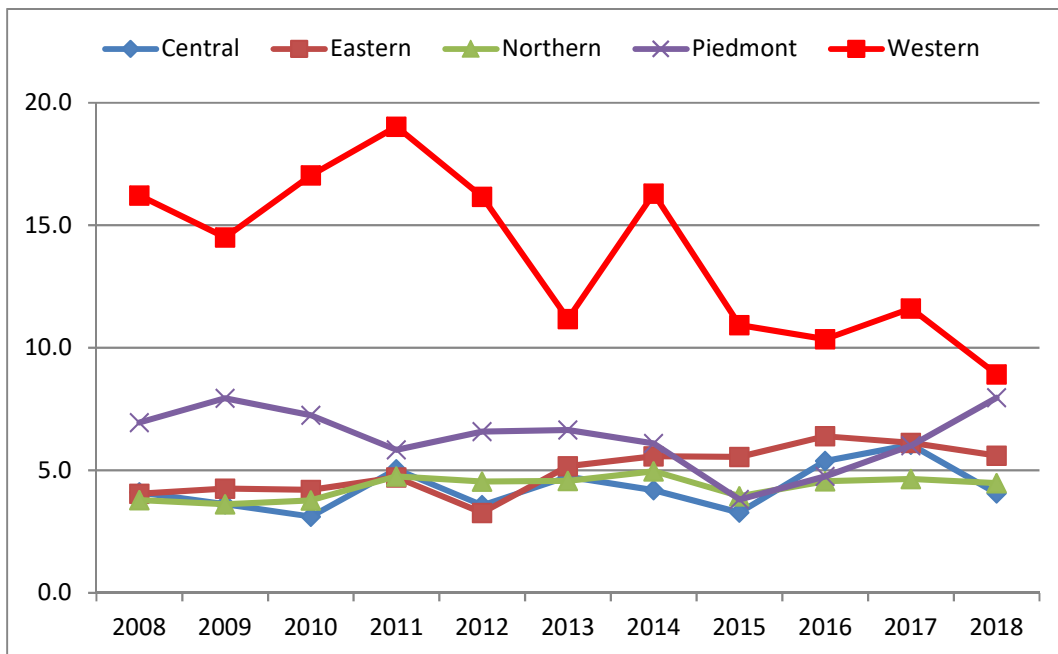


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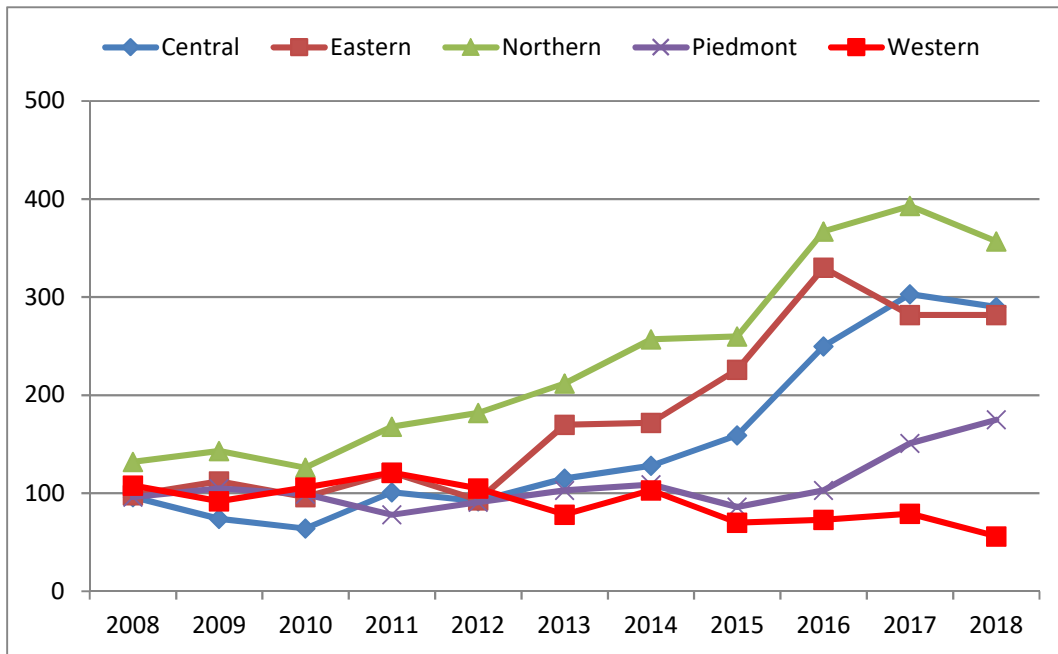
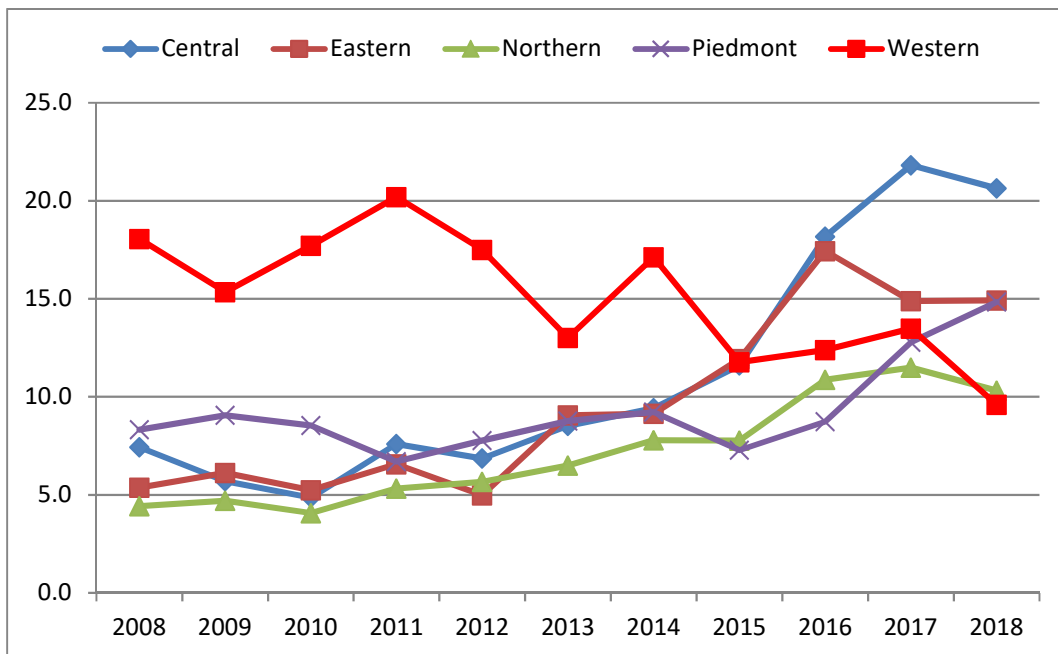


Figure 9. Death Rate from use of Opioids (All) by DSS Region



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Table 5. Number of Drug-Related Death by DSS Region and Calendar Year

Region	Drug Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	10 yrs. Average
Central	All Drug Deaths	131	121	93	132	124	142	169	193	299	359	337	190.9
	Benzodiazepines	10	12	10	30	13	27	24	20	38	28	16	20.7
	Cocaine	21	17	16	18	14	16	20	27	64	113	124	40.9
	Fentanyl	10	3	12	9	7	7	27	42	135	214	217	62.1
	Heroin	34	26	12	34	38	50	54	100	129	191	186	77.6
	Opioids (All)	96	74	64	101	92	115	128	159	250	303	290	152.0
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	53	47	41	67	48	64	57	45	74	84	57	57.9
	Total	355	300	248	391	336	421	479	586	989	1292	1227	602.2
Eastern	All Drug Deaths	142	154	139	165	143	226	225	267	404	364	343	233.8
	Benzodiazepines	29	42	31	46	30	59	63	44	62	49	46	45.5
	Cocaine	21	22	32	36	21	53	54	59	128	129	126	61.9
	Fentanyl	14	9	11	14	4	31	22	89	214	182	185	70.5
	Heroin	15	30	20	35	40	71	69	99	127	135	143	71.3
	Opioids (All)	98	112	96	121	93	170	172	226	330	282	282	180.2
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	74	78	77	87	61	97	105	105	121	116	106	93.4
	Total	393	447	406	504	392	707	710	889	1386	1257	1231	756.5
Northern	All Drug Deaths	198	188	183	233	249	275	315	325	443	461	426	299.6
	Benzodiazepines	30	29	47	53	44	76	81	80	67	73	76	59.6
	Cocaine	35	28	23	32	23	30	38	49	70	102	108	48.9
	Fentanyl	7	10	11	12	15	27	47	64	220	265	268	86.0
	Heroin	32	39	12	28	43	76	97	113	153	168	125	80.5
	Opioids (All)	132	143	126	168	182	212	257	260	367	393	357	236.1
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	113	110	117	150	146	149	164	132	154	159	155	140.8
	Total	547	547	519	676	702	845	999	1023	1474	1621	1515	951.6
Piedmont	All Drug Deaths	125	131	138	128	143	155	145	125	156	210	230	153.3

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	Benzodiazepines	35	22	34	29	28	37	24	5	17	20	30	25.5
	Cocaine	18	7	16	23	20	31	30	33	25	48	59	28.2
	Fentanyl	16	11	20	11	11	23	29	25	37	83	96	32.9
	Heroin	5	11	3	2	9	14	18	24	26	55	71	21.6
	Opioids (All)	96	105	99	78	91	103	109	86	103	151	175	108.7
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	80	92	84	68	77	78	72	45	56	71	94	74.3
	Total	375	379	394	339	379	441	427	343	420	638	755	444.5
Western	All Drug Deaths	128	113	128	146	129	106	133	100	106	116	81	116.9
	Benzodiazepines	48	55	57	57	53	37	44	26	28	23	14	40.2
	Cocaine	7	6	3	6	3	6	3	3	1	5	4	4.3
	Fentanyl	20	9	10	7	12	14	9	3	9	16	7	10.5
	Heroin	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	9	6	3	2.4
	Opioids (All)	108	92	106	121	105	78	103	70	73	79	56	90.1
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	97	87	102	114	97	67	98	65	61	68	52	82.5
	Total	408	362	406	452	401	310	391	269	287	313	217	346.9

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Table 6. Rates of Drug-Related Deaths by Calendar Year and DSS Region

Region	Drug Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	10 yrs. Average
Central	All Drug Deaths	10.1	9.3	7.1	9.9	9.2	10.5	12.4	14.1	21.7	25.8	24.0	14.0
	Benzodiazepines	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.3	1.0	2.0	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.0	1.1	1.5
	Cocaine	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0	4.6	8.1	8.8	3.0
	Fentanyl	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	2.0	3.1	9.8	15.4	15.4	4.5
	Heroin	2.6	2.0	0.9	2.6	2.8	3.7	4.0	7.3	9.4	13.7	13.2	5.7
	Opioids (All)	7.4	5.7	4.9	7.6	6.9	8.5	9.4	11.6	18.2	21.8	20.6	11.1
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	4.1	3.6	3.1	5.0	3.6	4.7	4.2	3.3	5.4	6.0	4.1	4.1
	Total	27.5	23.1	18.8	29.4	25.1	31.2	35.3	42.7	71.9	93.0	87.3	33.9
Eastern	All Drug Deaths	7.8	8.4	7.6	8.9	7.7	12.1	11.9	14.1	21.3	19.2	18.1	11.1
	Benzodiazepines	1.6	2.3	1.7	2.5	1.6	3.1	3.3	2.3	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.4
	Cocaine	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	6.8	6.8	6.7	2.5
	Fentanyl	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.2	1.7	1.2	4.7	11.3	9.6	9.8	2.4
	Heroin	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.9	2.1	3.8	3.7	5.2	6.7	7.1	7.6	3.0
	Opioids (All)	5.4	6.1	5.2	6.6	5.0	9.1	9.1	11.9	17.4	14.9	14.9	8.4
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.7	3.3	5.2	5.6	5.5	6.4	6.1	5.6	4.8
	Total	21.5	24.4	22.2	27.3	21.0	37.7	37.7	47.0	73.2	66.4	65.1	34.7
Northern	All Drug Deaths	6.6	6.2	5.9	7.4	7.8	8.4	9.5	9.7	13.1	13.5	12.3	8.3
	Benzodiazepines	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.7
	Cocaine	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	2.1	3.0	3.1	1.1
	Fentanyl	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.9	6.5	7.7	7.7	1.4
	Heroin	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.9	1.3	2.3	2.9	3.4	4.5	4.9	3.6	2.0
	Opioids (All)	4.4	4.7	4.1	5.3	5.7	6.5	7.8	7.8	10.9	11.5	10.3	6.3
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.0	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.3
	Total	18.3	18.0	16.8	21.4	21.9	25.9	30.3	30.6	43.7	47.4	43.8	25.2
Piedmont	All Drug Deaths	10.8	11.3	11.9	11.0	12.2	13.2	12.3	10.6	13.2	17.8	19.5	11.8

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	Benzodiazepines	3.0	1.9	2.9	2.5	2.4	3.2	2.0	0.4	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.2
	Cocaine	1.6	0.6	1.4	2.0	1.7	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.1	4.1	5.0	1.9
	Fentanyl	1.4	0.9	1.7	0.9	0.9	2.0	2.5	2.1	3.1	7.0	8.1	1.7
	Heroin	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.2	4.7	6.0	1.1
	Opioids (All)	8.3	9.1	8.5	6.7	7.8	8.8	9.2	7.3	8.7	12.8	14.8	8.3
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	6.9	7.9	7.2	5.8	6.6	6.6	6.1	3.8	4.8	6.0	8.0	6.2
	Total	32.5	32.7	34.0	29.1	32.4	37.6	36.2	29.1	35.6	54.0	64.0	33.2
Western	All Drug Deaths	21.4	18.8	21.4	24.4	21.5	17.7	22.1	16.8	18.0	19.8	13.9	20.2
	Benzodiazepines	8.0	9.2	9.5	9.5	8.8	6.2	7.3	4.4	4.8	3.9	2.4	7.5
	Cocaine	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.7
	Fentanyl	3.3	1.5	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.3	1.5	0.5	1.5	2.7	1.2	1.7
	Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3
	Opioids (All)	18.1	15.3	17.7	20.2	17.5	13.0	17.1	11.8	12.4	13.5	9.6	15.9
	Prescription Opioids (excluding Fentanyl)	16.2	14.5	17.0	19.0	16.2	11.2	16.3	10.9	10.4	11.6	8.9	14.6
	Total	68.2	60.4	67.8	75.4	66.8	51.7	65.0	45.2	48.7	53.4	37.2	61.0

Section V. Foster Care Entries Related Drug/Alcohol Abuse of the Child

In a few cases, foster care entry is related to the child’s alcohol and/or drug abuse. The number and rates of entry related to alcohol abuse have remained low and consistent. However, for drug-abuse related entries, the numbers are higher, and the rates have fluctuated during the reporting period. The rates of child drug-abuse related entries increased between SFY 2012 and 2015, followed by a period of equivalent up and down fluctuations since (Figure 10 and Table 7).

Figure 10. Foster Care Entries Related to Child Drug/Alcohol Abuse

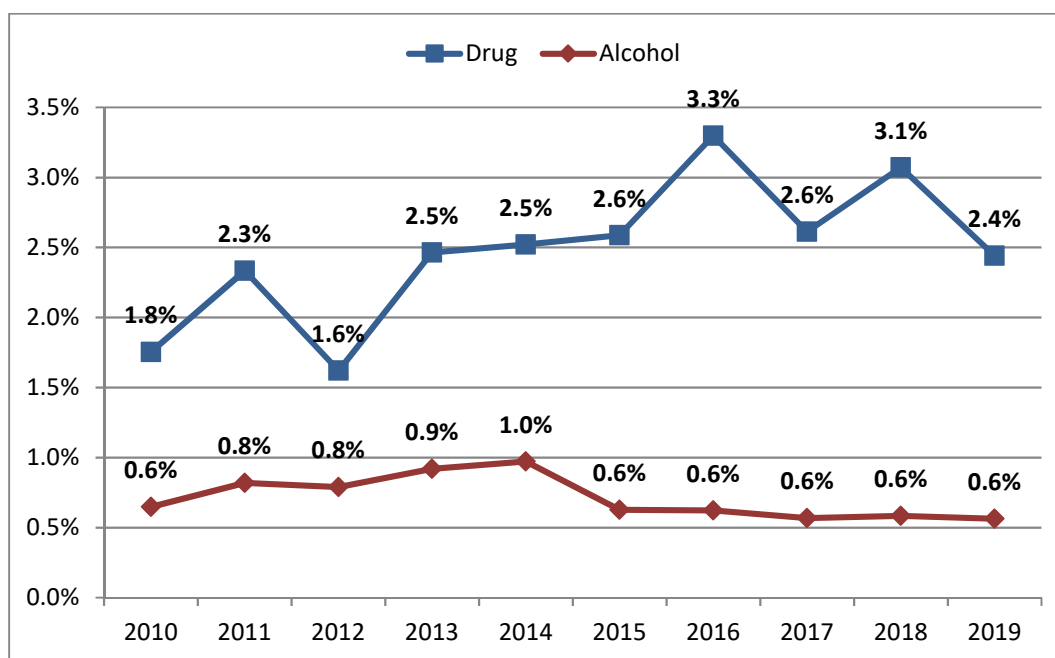


Table 7. Foster Care Entries Related to Child’s Abuse of Drugs and/or Alcohol

SFY	Child Alcohol Abuse					Child Drug Abuse				
	No	Yes	Total	Annual Percent Entries	Annual Rate of Change	No	Yes	Total	Annual Percent Entries	Annual Rate of Change
2010	2,607	17	2,624	0.6%		2,578	46	2,624	1.8%	
2011	2,422	20	2,442	0.8%	17.6%	2,385	57	2,442	2.3%	23.9%
2012	2,510	20	2,530	0.8%	0.0%	2,489	41	2,530	1.6%	-28.1%
2013	2,372	22	2,394	0.9%	10.0%	2,335	59	2,394	2.5%	43.9%
2014	2,750	27	2,777	1.0%	22.7%	2,707	70	2,777	2.5%	18.6%
2015	2,689	17	2,706	0.6%	-37.0%	2,636	70	2,706	2.6%	0.0%
2016	2,712	17	2,729	0.6%	0.0%	2,639	90	2,729	3.3%	28.6%
2017	2,626	15	2,641	0.6%	-11.8%	2,572	69	2,641	2.6%	-23.3%
2018	2,720	16	2,735	0.6%	6.7%	2,651	84	2,735	3.1%	21.7%
2019	2,646	15	2,661	0.6%	-6.3%	2,596	65	2,661	2.4%	-22.6%
Total	26,054	186	26,239	0.7%		25,588	651	26,239	2.5%	

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Region	Locality	Total Kids										
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Eastern	Accomack	4	6	3	6	3	5	8	5	8	6	54
Piedmont	Albemarle	29	17	42	57	43	37	55	31	47	41	399
Northern	Alexandria	35	36	33	32	55	54	31	30	47	33	386
Piedmont	Alleghany	4	12	10	15	6	7	8	7	8	11	88
Central	Amelia	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	13
Piedmont	Amherst	24	12	10	3	16	7	13	12	8	20	125
Piedmont	Appomattox	12	4	5	9	8	8	6	16	10	14	92
Northern	Arlington	40	31	54	51	40	55	61	45	26	51	454
Piedmont	Augusta	48	53	1	4	4	5	2	7	4	2	130
Piedmont	Bath	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Piedmont	Bedford County	58	52	29	27	39	48	33	29	61	59	435
Western	Bland	14	8	8	8	6	3	5	4	6	2	64
Piedmont	Botetourt	11	15	7	6	4	2	3	1	0	12	61
Western	Bristol	6	28	17	30	21	23	11	31	25	20	212
Eastern	Brunswick	5	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	0	2	16
Western	Buchanan	39	16	30	22	34	34	41	24	29	31	300
Central	Buckingham	8	4	8	0	4	2	4	8	10	8	56
Piedmont	Campbell	12	15	23	39	14	28	17	13	34	30	225
Central	Caroline	14	6	2	7	8	8	11	14	5	6	81
Western	Carroll	20	33	20	16	8	21	27	21	43	48	257
Central	Charles City	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
Piedmont	Charlotte	13	1	10	7	18	17	9	17	12	11	115
Piedmont	Charlottesville	31	25	44	31	29	22	42	65	49	33	371
Eastern	Chesapeake	39	34	25	19	35	21	23	31	18	19	264
Central	Chesterfield	20	38	28	48	56	47	57	49	45	53	441

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Northern	Clarke	5	2	1	0	2	4	3	3	3	3	26
Piedmont	Craig	0	8	4	2	7	2	5	4	2	20	54
Northern	Culpeper	6	15	22	20	29	13	18	30	13	13	179
Central	Cumberland	4	6	4	1	8	5	5	4	10	2	49
Piedmont	Danville	25	17	34	8	17	20	31	29	28	34	243
Western	Dickenson	48	47	31	46	73	43	34	32	19	21	394
Eastern	Dinwiddie	3	5	12	7	9	17	2	7	3	10	75
Central	Essex	4	2	4	4	0	5	8	13	2	3	45
Northern	Fairfax County	120	99	127	60	111	101	106	69	82	92	967
Northern	Fauquier	25	39	31	35	54	44	26	36	24	27	341
Western	Floyd	11	14	6	9	15	3	5	14	11	12	100
Central	Fluvanna	9	9	4	2	4	7	10	6	15	3	69
Eastern	Franklin City	4	5	2	7	3	2	2	2	0	4	31
Piedmont	Franklin County	41	36	23	39	36	37	23	36	58	43	372
Northern	Frederick	19	23	13	23	25	40	26	13	22	25	229
Northern	Fredericksburg	21	12	26	29	15	18	13	37	33	36	240
Western	Galax	3	1	1	5	3	0	6	11	16	33	79
Western	Giles	19	46	43	27	21	16	39	32	45	16	304
Eastern	Gloucester	9	14	8	21	17	13	18	11	17	5	133
Central	Goochland	9	7	12	6	7	13	12	3	9	6	84
Western	Grayson	8	13	12	11	7	6	9	10	15	13	104
Northern	Greene	7	4	8	3	2	9	10	1	5	12	61
Eastern	Greensville	7	4	8	2	10	0	0	6	6	8	51
Piedmont	Halifax	31	19	11	15	17	14	14	8	4	12	145
Eastern	Hampton	22	24	22	33	32	54	44	40	34	43	348
Central	Hanover	12	16	12	6	13	18	11	9	11	17	125
Central	Henrico	19	22	41	55	52	59	40	34	31	53	406
Piedmont	Henry	23	20	16	29	28	41	25	50	33	33	298
Piedmont	Highland	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	12
Central	Hopewell	16	8	19	13	13	11	10	8	18	4	120

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Eastern	Isle Of Wight	1	1	12	5	3	2	4	1	6	9	44
Eastern	James City	15	3	3	5	6	4	4	5	12	4	61
Central	King And Queen	0	6	1	5	3	1	0	0	4	0	20
Northern	King George	6	18	14	16	8	8	10	6	6	3	95
Central	King William	1	0	2	5	1	1	0	3	1	3	17
Central	Lancaster	5	8	3	3	6	4	4	1	4	0	38
Western	Lee	31	14	25	12	29	28	32	36	25	21	253
Northern	Loudoun	48	21	15	27	23	36	16	24	32	18	260
Northern	Louisa	26	12	10	8	10	7	21	28	17	28	167
Central	Lunenburg	14	7	1	2	1	16	2	5	5	7	60
Piedmont	Lynchburg	51	35	68	31	62	70	69	57	53	89	585
Northern	Madison	9	11	23	9	18	12	22	18	15	29	166
Northern	Manassas	1	2	4	14	16	5	9	8	1	13	73
Northern	Manassas Park	1	0	4	3	3	1	2	3	1	1	19
Eastern	Mathews	16	6	8	2	9	3	0	10	6	4	64
Piedmont	Mecklenburg	23	24	27	11	16	16	31	15	19	8	190
Central	Middlesex	2	7	1	4	6	7	5	6	6	7	51
Western	Montgomery	28	41	33	15	11	28	31	14	30	17	248
Piedmont	Nelson	0	4	10	4	2	4	7	9	6	6	52
Central	New Kent	8	3	1	4	1	0	2	7	5	2	33
Eastern	Newport News	66	60	47	52	50	61	42	74	89	82	623
Eastern	Norfolk	92	109	131	105	107	92	61	71	103	130	1,001
Eastern	Northampton	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	15
Central	Northumberland	3	7	2	1	4	5	4	1	0	1	28
Western	Norton	5	18	20	2	2	7	3	6	2	5	70
Central	Nottoway	2	0	3	3	0	2	1	5	3	0	19
Northern	Orange	14	12	6	10	11	12	39	27	17	4	152
Northern	Page	1	5	6	8	7	9	4	10	15	16	81
Western	Patrick	0	3	3	4	13	12	16	6	6	10	73
Central	Petersburg	25	27	16	18	47	22	20	11	11	15	212

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Piedmont	Pittsylvania	4	8	11	7	11	7	11	21	21	26	127
Eastern	Portsmouth	45	60	54	56	69	87	43	26	19	12	471
Central	Powhatan	6	6	6	0	5	8	5	4	8	0	48
Central	Prince Edward	14	10	13	5	8	6	3	4	1	5	69
Eastern	Prince George	7	11	6	7	10	7	11	6	9	13	87
Northern	Prince William	74	72	79	76	36	36	59	42	38	25	537
Western	Pulaski	49	58	60	69	22	18	36	41	30	29	412
Western	Radford	14	14	17	7	10	4	14	8	6	8	102
Northern	Rappahannock	2	6	9	9	9	13	6	9	13	19	95
Central	Richmond City	187	102	77	104	226	212	220	163	111	139	1,541
Central	Richmond County	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	11
Piedmont	Roanoke City	67	53	91	71	98	97	159	132	82	98	948
Piedmont	Roanoke County	33	31	36	41	50	55	44	49	34	64	437
Piedmont	Rockbridge	8	7	7	10	12	4	10	16	29	18	121
Northern	Rockingham	54	74	91	109	74	85	74	95	74	77	807
Western	Russell	57	56	34	24	40	54	60	33	29	20	407
Western	Scott	15	17	17	20	18	26	29	34	39	35	250
Northern	Shenandoah	10	14	15	15	7	12	4	3	12	4	96
Western	Smyth	18	16	25	19	13	12	23	20	23	15	184
Eastern	Southampton	1	1	4	4	0	4	2	2	3	0	21
Northern	Spotsylvania	70	46	48	49	54	50	62	72	116	39	606
Northern	Stafford	19	19	21	30	26	10	21	23	38	26	233
Piedmont	Staunton	24	17	71	71	97	71	33	46	97	57	584
Eastern	Suffolk	19	15	13	9	4	11	10	4	15	13	113
Eastern	Surry									1	0	1
Eastern	Sussex	5	4	3	1	11	0	2	0	3	5	34
Western	Tazewell	29	45	41	30	33	15	32	23	49	43	340
Eastern	Virginia Beach	118	102	65	82	109	116	110	91	101	103	997
Northern	Warren	9	15	6	11	13	6	14	7	10	3	94
Western	Washington	18	17	20	19	21	14	20	26	14	13	182

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Central	Westmoreland	3	0	3	7	8	3	4	3	3	13	47
Eastern	Williamsburg	5	2	2	8	4	2	1	2	4	1	31
Northern	Winchester	5	18	5	9	19	27	28	49	46	23	229
Western	Wise	76	47	63	41	66	69	62	77	54	42	597
Western	Wythe	32	15	28	18	25	17	30	14	26	19	224
Eastern	York	5	10	11	5	8	3	0	3	7	2	54
Statewide		2,624	2,442	2,530	2,394	2,777	2,706	2,729	2,641	2,735	2,661	26,339

Appendix B: Parental Drug Abuse Entries by LDSS and SFY 2010 – 2019

Region	LDSS	Number of Children Entering Foster Care due to Parent Drug Abuse										
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2,018	2,019	Total
Eastern	Accomack	3	1				2	1	2		2	11
Piedmont	Albemarle	2	1	3	5	2	2	6	8	4	12	45
Northern	Alexandria	3	3	9	8	10	13	6	8	12	7	79
Piedmont	Alleghany	1		2	4			2	1	3	0	13
Central	Amelia									3	1	4
Piedmont	Amherst		3	1	1	5	1	7	7	4	4	33
Piedmont	Appomattox			1	3			2	8	7	9	30
Northern	Arlington			2	6	5	9	8	10	9	13	62
Piedmont	Augusta	3	15			1	1			3		23
Piedmont	Bath											0
Piedmont	Bedford County	14	5	6	6	1	11	13	8	27	16	107
Western	Bland	6	3		4	6	3		2	5	1	30
Piedmont	Botetourt	3	2		2		1				3	11
Western	Bristol	2	10	5	2	2	5	1	9	6	11	53
Eastern	Brunswick								1			1
Western	Buchanan	16	7	13	9	12	19	16	7	12	10	121
Central	Buckingham			2			1		2	2		7
Piedmont	Campbell	1	6	7	8	5	11	3	5	12	10	68
Central	Caroline	5	3		2	4	4	4		3	2	27
Western	Carroll	3	5	1	4	1	4	15	5	22	31	91
Central	Charles City											0
Piedmont	Charlotte	1		1						2	2	6
Piedmont	Charlottesville	2	1	4	5	5	2	2	26	19	11	77
Eastern	Chesapeake	11	2	10	6	15	5	8	9	3	10	79
Central	Chesterfield	5	2	4	11	19	12	18	14	13	13	111

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Northern	Clarke	3				2	2	2		3		12
Piedmont	Craig		2	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	14	28
Northern	Culpeper	4	1	3	3	1	4	6	13	5	3	43
Central	Cumberland	3	3			4	3		2	1		16
Piedmont	Danville	4		7	2	2		1	3	0	2	21
Western	Dickenson	17	20	9	21	49	23	21	1			161
Eastern	Dinwiddie	1		4		2	3		4	2	2	18
Central	Essex			1	2			1		1		5
Northern	Fairfax County	17	13	27	11	21	21	18	11	23	25	187
Northern	Fauquier	6	14	10	24	33	13	12	18	14	10	154
Western	Floyd	9	5	1	2	7	1	4	11	2	3	45
Central	Fluvanna					1	4	2	3	3	1	14
Eastern	Franklin City					1						1
Piedmont	Franklin County	18	7	2	17	8	9	11	14	31	14	131
Northern	Frederick	5	7		7	14	28	7	6	9	9	92
Northern	Fredericksburg	3	4	12	12	5	9	6	20	11	14	96
Western	Galax	2						1	4	5	9	21
Western	Giles	11	13	13	6	7	6	3	8	10	9	86
Eastern	Gloucester	2			5	2	2	10	3	10	4	38
Central	Goochland	2	4	4	4	1	2	5		0	5	27
Western	Grayson	1	1	3	2	3		3	2	3	8	26
Northern	Greene	1	1				3	2		2	1	10
Eastern	Greensville	2							1	1	2	6
Piedmont	Halifax		2	4	2			3	5	2	5	23
Eastern	Hampton	4		2	1		4	8	4	8	18	49
Central	Hanover	1		2		9	5	1	5	2	3	28
Central	Henrico	2	6	7	10	20	20	12	12	3	14	106
Piedmont	Henry	8	8	4	4	4	6	5	25	10	18	92
Piedmont	Highland							1				1
Central	Hopewell	1	4	3	3		1	3	5	6	2	28

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Eastern	Isle Of Wight	1			1	2		2		1	4	11
Eastern	James City	4			2	1		2		6	1	16
Central	King And Queen			1								1
Northern	King George	2		1	5	1	4		1		1	15
Central	King William			2								2
Central	Lancaster	1			2	1						4
Western	Lee	1	2	11	3	6	8	12	10	4	5	62
Northern	Loudoun	5		2	9	3	8	3	6	3	3	42
Northern	Louisa	4	1	1	3	5	1	8	7	5	8	43
Central	Lunenburg		1						3	1	2	7
Piedmont	Lynchburg	3		6	10	12	20	10	15	22	35	133
Northern	Madison	1	1		1	2	1	6	3	6	7	28
Northern	Manassas	1		1		1	1	3			1	8
Northern	Manassas Park					1	1					2
Eastern	Mathews	4	1	3		4	1		7	3	3	26
Piedmont	Mecklenburg	5	4	4	1	4	1	13	7	5	1	45
Central	Middlesex	1	6			2	2	3	3	6	3	26
Western	Montgomery	8	20	11	1	3	15	13	9	9	7	96
Piedmont	Nelson			3	3		1	6	5	4	4	26
Central	New Kent	1										1
Eastern	Newport News	15	7	4	9	6	4	4	13	8	17	87
Eastern	Norfolk	8	2	7	8	1	7	8	3	20	18	82
Eastern	Northampton	3							2			5
Central	Northumberland				1						1	2
Western	Norton	3	11	15			1	2	1	2	2	37
Central	Nottoway											0
Northern	Orange	2			5	1	5	10	12	4		39
Northern	Page	1	3	1	3	1		3	2	13	5	32
Western	Patrick			2	1	6	9	12	3	2	2	37
Central	Petersburg	7	10	4	2	20	5	8			1	57

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Piedmont	Pittsylvania		3	5	5	3	6	2	7	1	6	38
Eastern	Portsmouth	1	4	2		4	6	4	3	1		25
Central	Powhatan	1	1							5		7
Central	Prince Edward	4	8	5	4			1			4	26
Eastern	Prince George		4			5	2	5	4	3	10	33
Northern	Prince William	6	2	1	8	3	2	9	6	6	5	48
Western	Pulaski	15	16	11	26	6	3	12	25	11	15	140
Western	Radford	2	4	1				6	4	4	7	28
Northern	Rappahannock	2	3	2	1	6	11	3		4	4	36
Central	Richmond City	25	12	18	4	34	8	10	23	25	9	168
Central	Richmond County		2		2					2		6
Piedmont	Roanoke City	6	7	28	14	10	21	50	43	22	23	224
Piedmont	Roanoke County	10	3	8	3	9	7	10	12	6	19	87
Piedmont	Rockbridge	1	2		2	2	2	6	1	4	7	27
Northern	Rockingham	7	16	37	40	26	21	25	41	34	31	278
Western	Russell	17	14	13	5	8	9	11	9	9	6	101
Western	Scott	10	1	3	2	3	5	13	6	24	18	85
Northern	Shenandoah		2	2			8	1		5	2	20
Western	Smyth	2	2	5	11	3	6	7	8	2	6	52
Eastern	Southampton	1										1
Northern	Spotsylvania	6		5	11	13	16	17	25	43	15	151
Northern	Stafford	8	2	2	4	6	3	3	6	7	9	50
Piedmont	Staunton	6	1	21	25	18	20	17	20	27	12	167
Eastern	Suffolk		2	1	7		3			1	3	17
Eastern	Sussex					3				1		4
Western	Tazewell	11	14	20	8	8	3	10	4	19	18	115
Eastern	Virginia Beach	7		4	9	9	24	31	22	29	22	157
Northern	Warren	3	3		2		2			3		13
Western	Washington	3	1	8	7	13	7	9	9	7	7	71
Central	Westmoreland					2		2			4	8

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Eastern	Williamsburg					2		1		1		4
Northern	Winchester		5			15	15	22	28	21	7	113
Western	Wise	45	19	25	17	32	36	31	49	35	23	312
Western	Wythe	9	2	10	6	7	5	19	7	15	7	87
Eastern	York			6	1							7
Statewide	Statewide	497	408	512	520	626	622	727	787	840	793	6,332