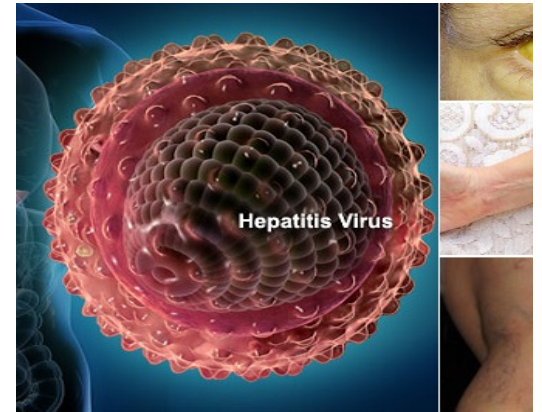


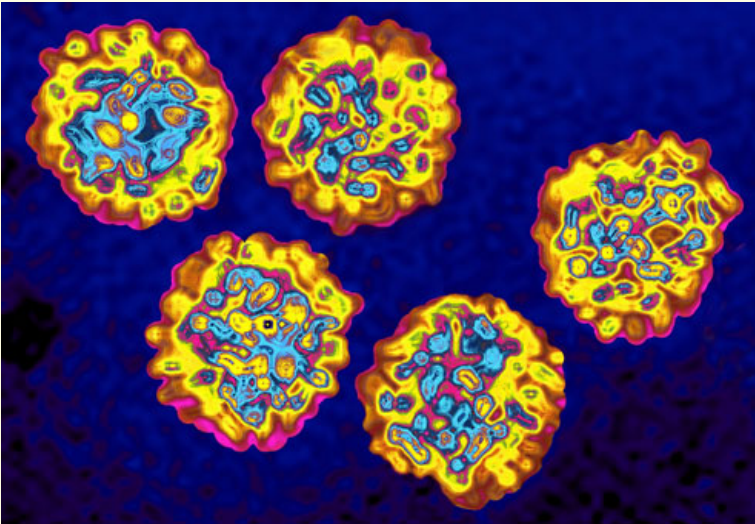
# Hepatitis B and the Opioid Crisis in West Virginia

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# Objectives

- Describe laws governing reporting communicable diseases
- Review the role of surveillance in case investigation
- Overview of data and burden of disease in WV
- Describe challenges and successes in dealing with hepatitis B in WV



# Reportable Disease Rule

## West Virginia Legislative Code of State Rule, 16-3-1; 64CSR7

**What**



Mandates the reporting of hepatitis B infections

**Who**



Health care providers, hospitals, clinics, laboratories

**When**



Within 24 hours of diagnosis or result

**Where**



The local health department

# Hepatitis B Case Investigation Process

Reporting



Investigation



Surveillance



Notification

## Required to report by law:

- Commercial laboratories
- Providers
- State Public Health Lab
- Hospitals

## Local Health Department

- Education and outreach
- Disease investigation
- Contact tracing and partner notification

## State Health Department

- Review cases for completeness and accuracy
- Report all cases to CDC via the Nationally Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS)
- Feedback disease surveillance findings to the public and stakeholders

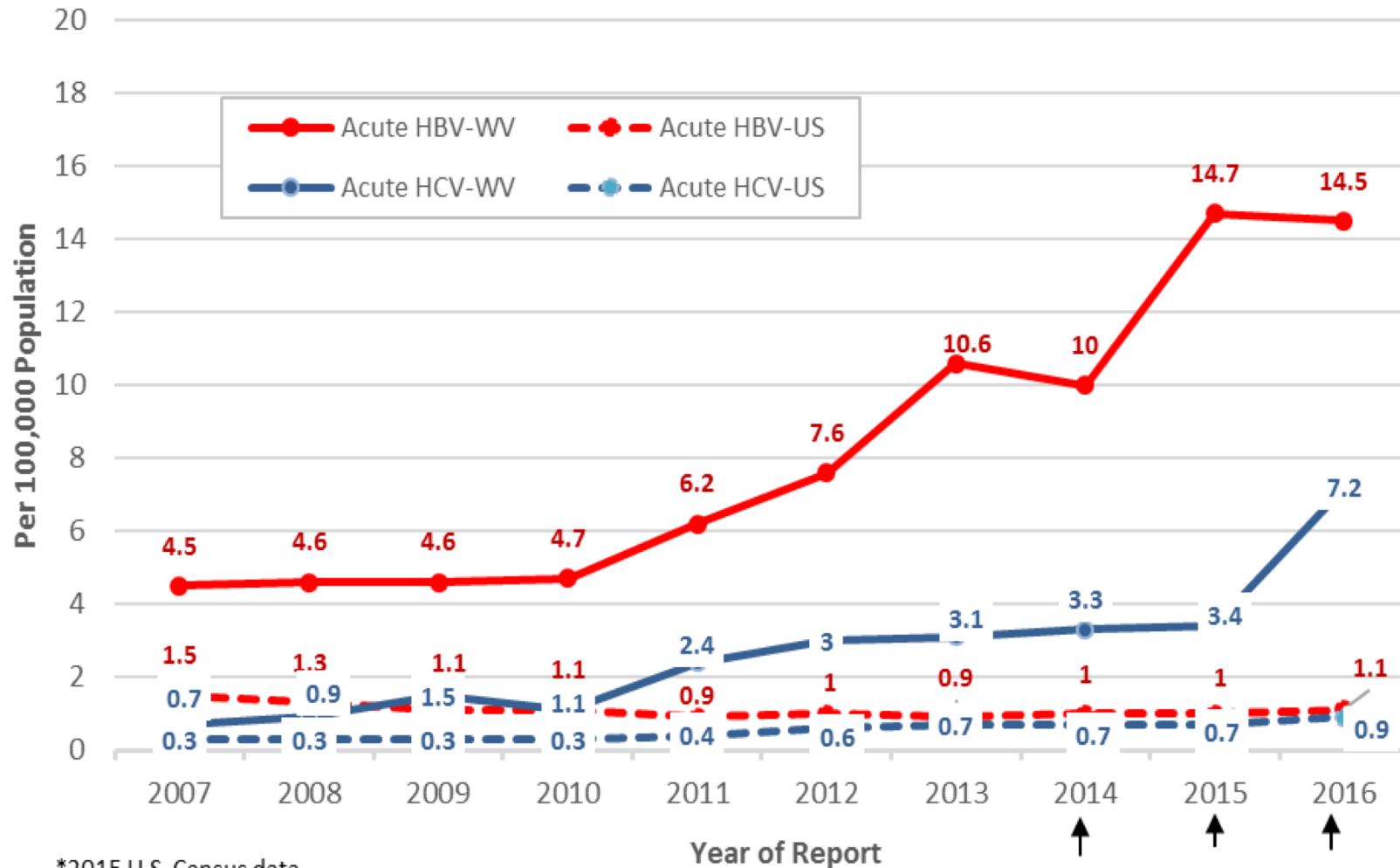
## Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

- Receives cases via NNDSS
- Summarizes HBV data nationally



# Epidemiology of HBV in West Virginia

## Acute HBV and Acute HCV Infections in WV vs the U.S., 2007-2016

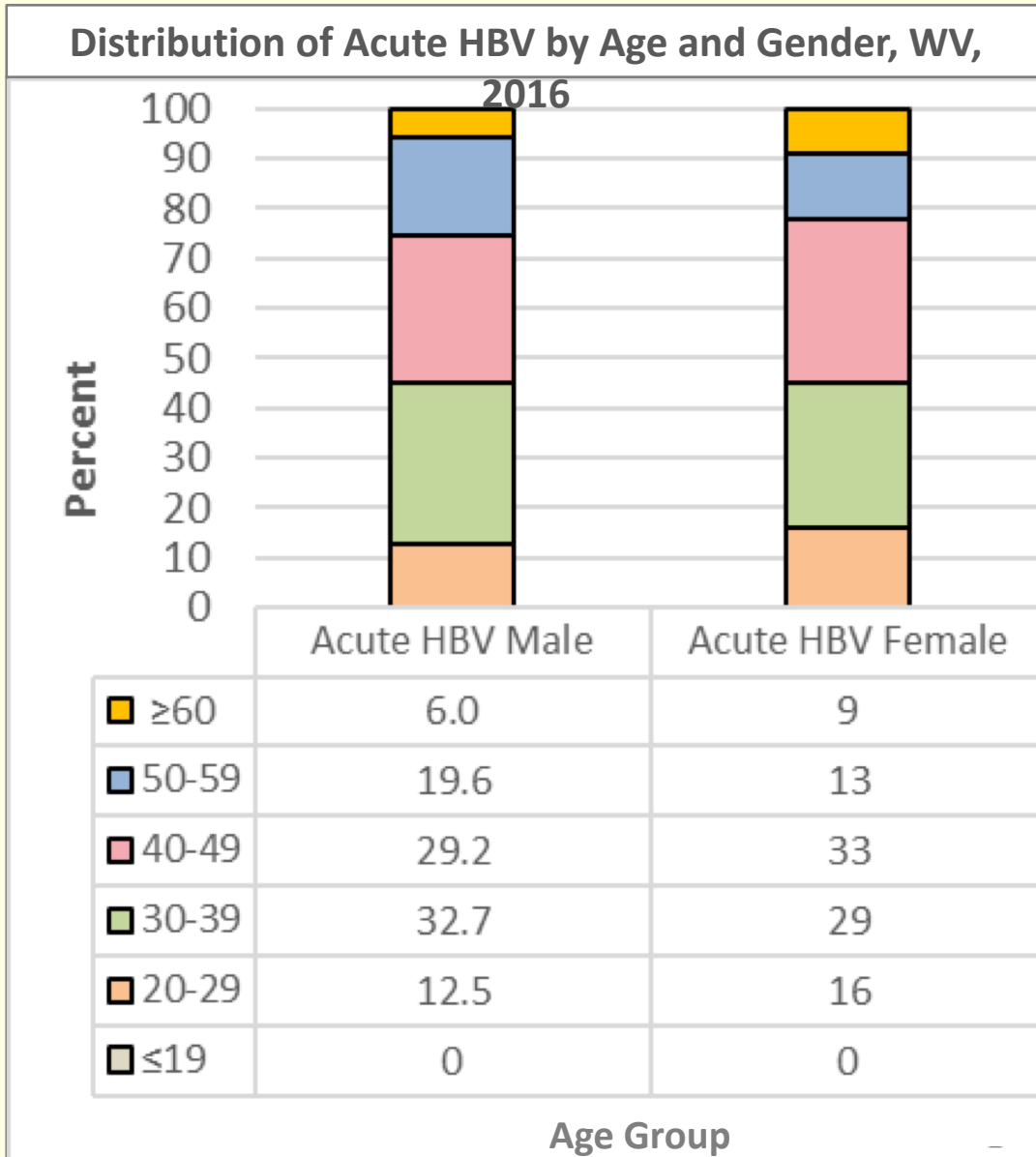


\*2015 U.S. Census data

\*\* Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology

Hep B to DIDE\*\*    Electronic lab reporting    Change case definition

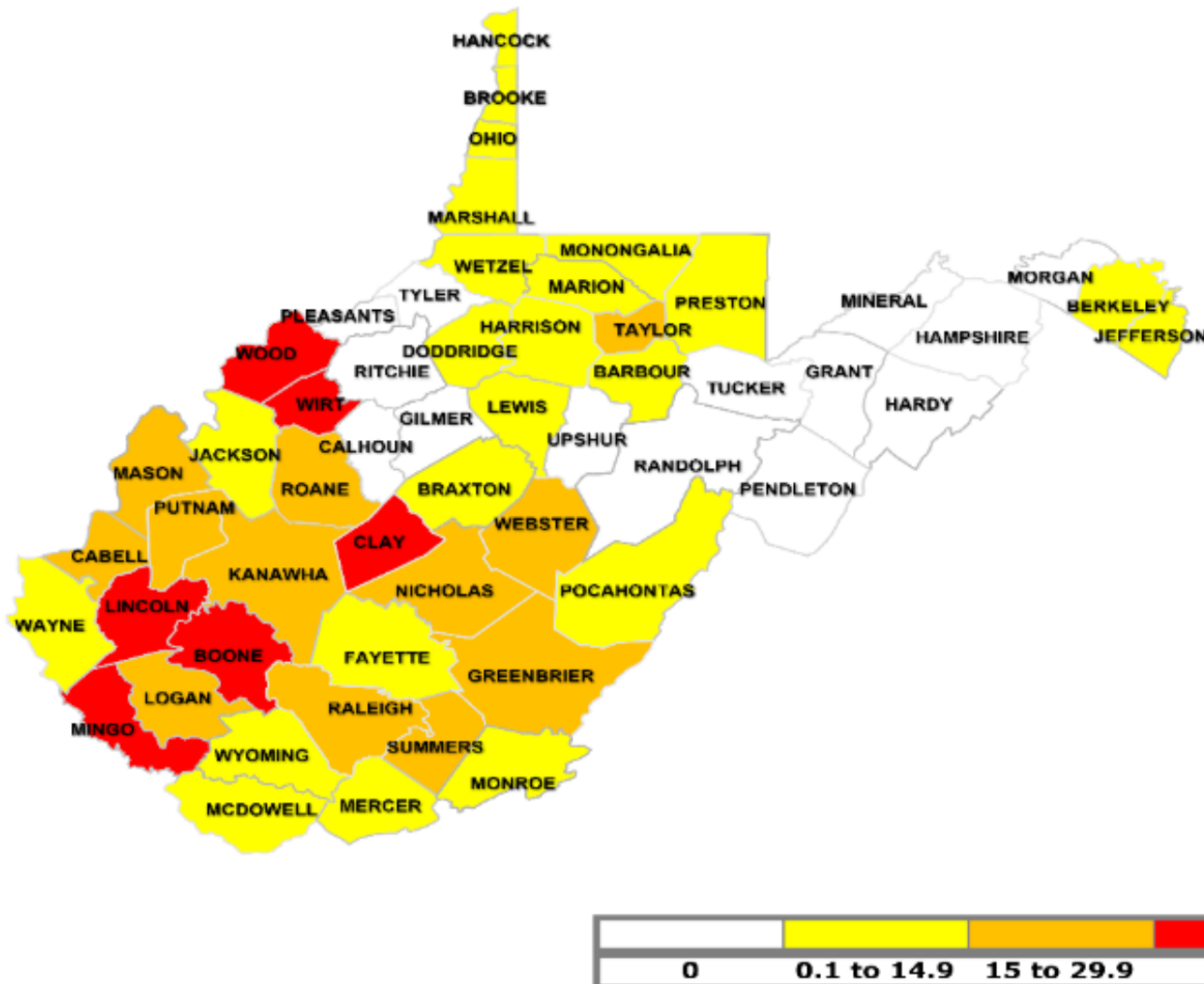
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WV Demographics, 2015	Percent of Population
<b>Total Population = 1,844,128</b>	
<b>Gender and Age</b>	
• Female	50.6
• Male	49.4
• Persons under 18 years	20.6
• Persons 65 and over	18.2
<b>Race</b>	
• White	93.6
• Black/African American	3.6
• Hispanic/Latino	1.5
• Asian	0.8
• Two or more races	1.6
<b>Persons in poverty</b>	18.0
<b>Live in rural areas</b>	44.0

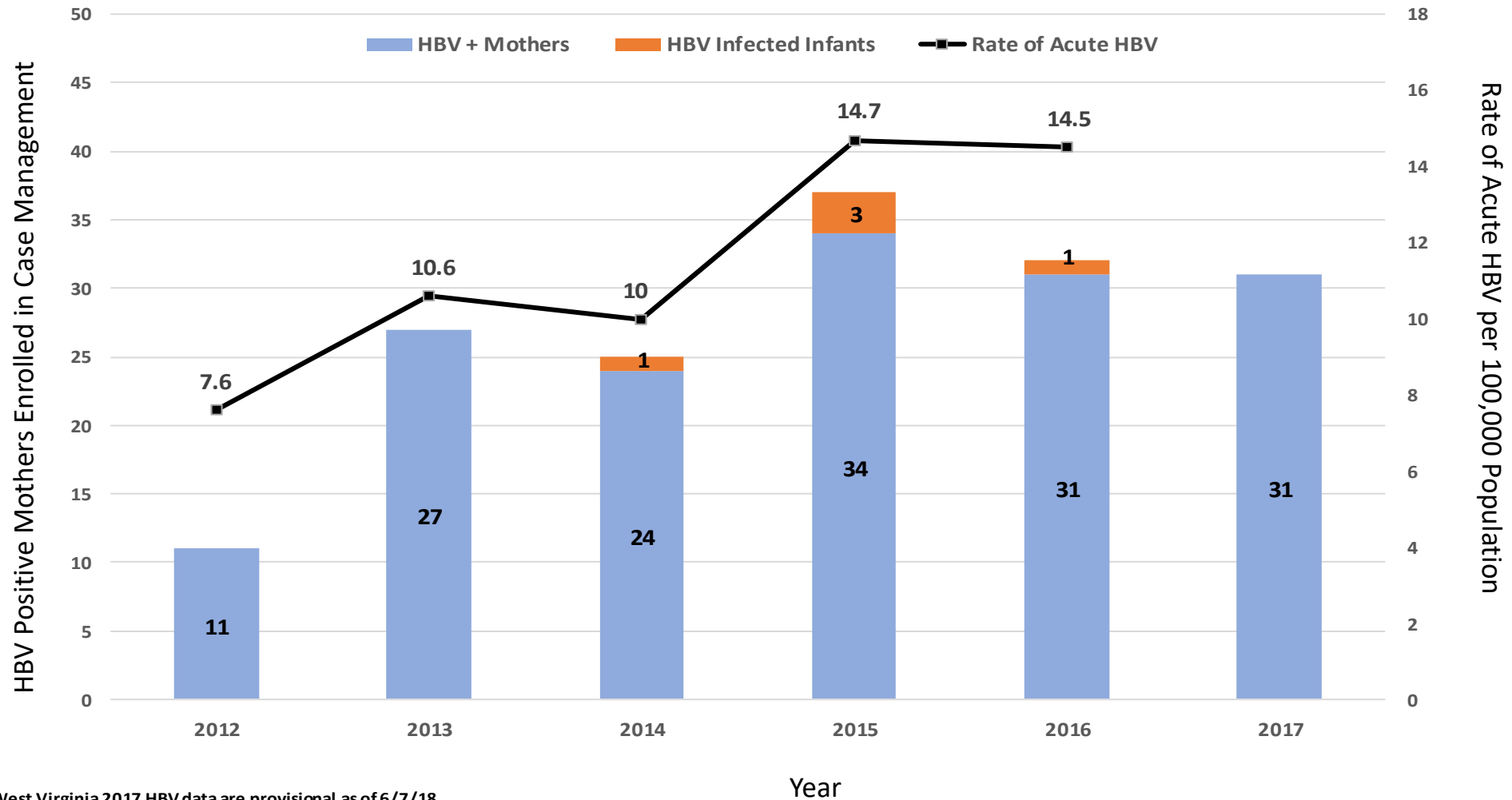
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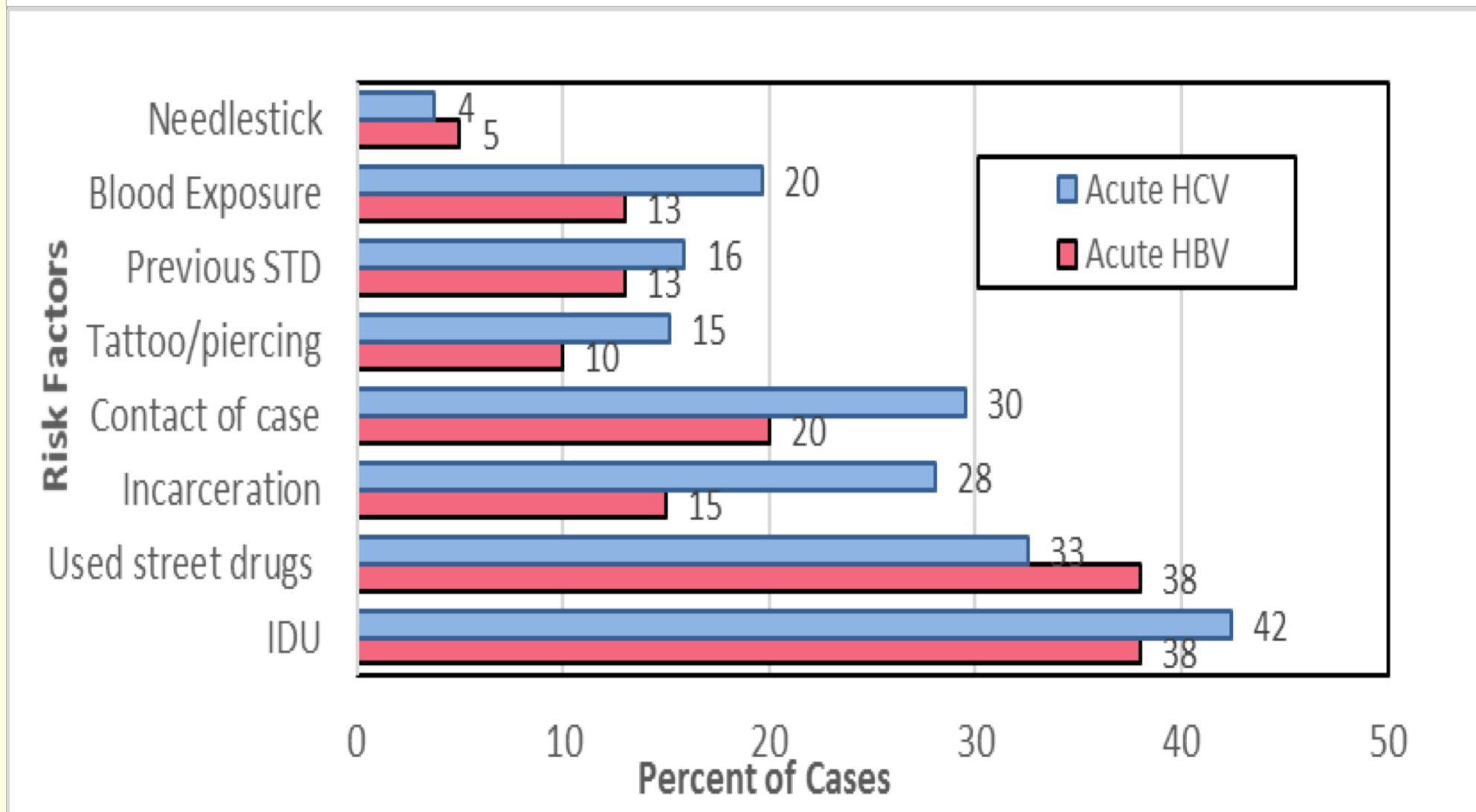
**Perinatal HBV Infection Identified Among Infants vs Pregnant Mothers in Case Management, WV - 2012-2017\***



\*West Virginia 2017 HBV data are provisional as of 6/7/18.

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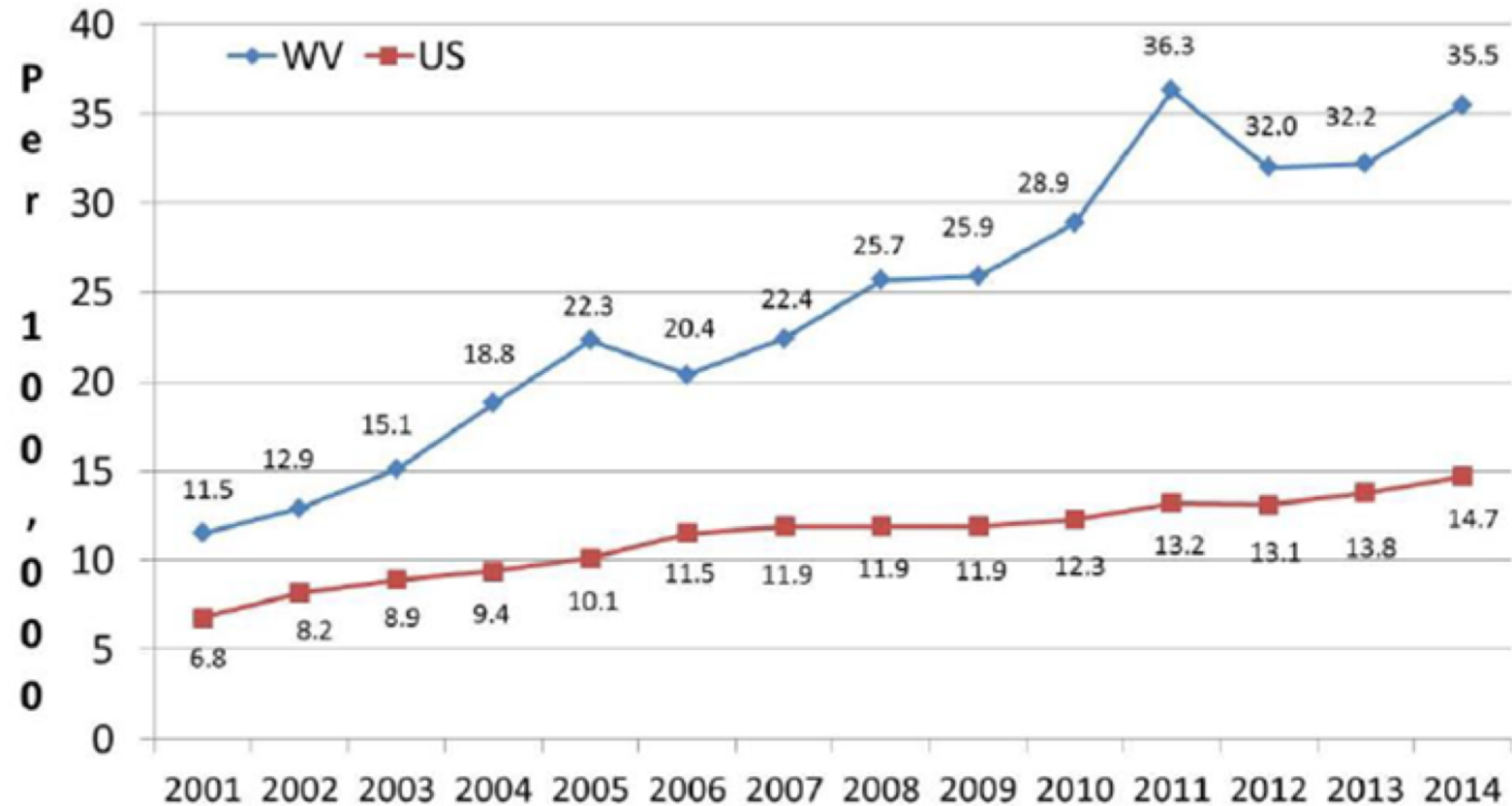
Percent of Acute HBV and Acute HCV Cases with Risk Factors, WV, 2016





# Drug Overdose Mortality Rate, WV

## Age-Adjusted Resident Drug Overdose Mortality Rate, WV and US 2001-2014



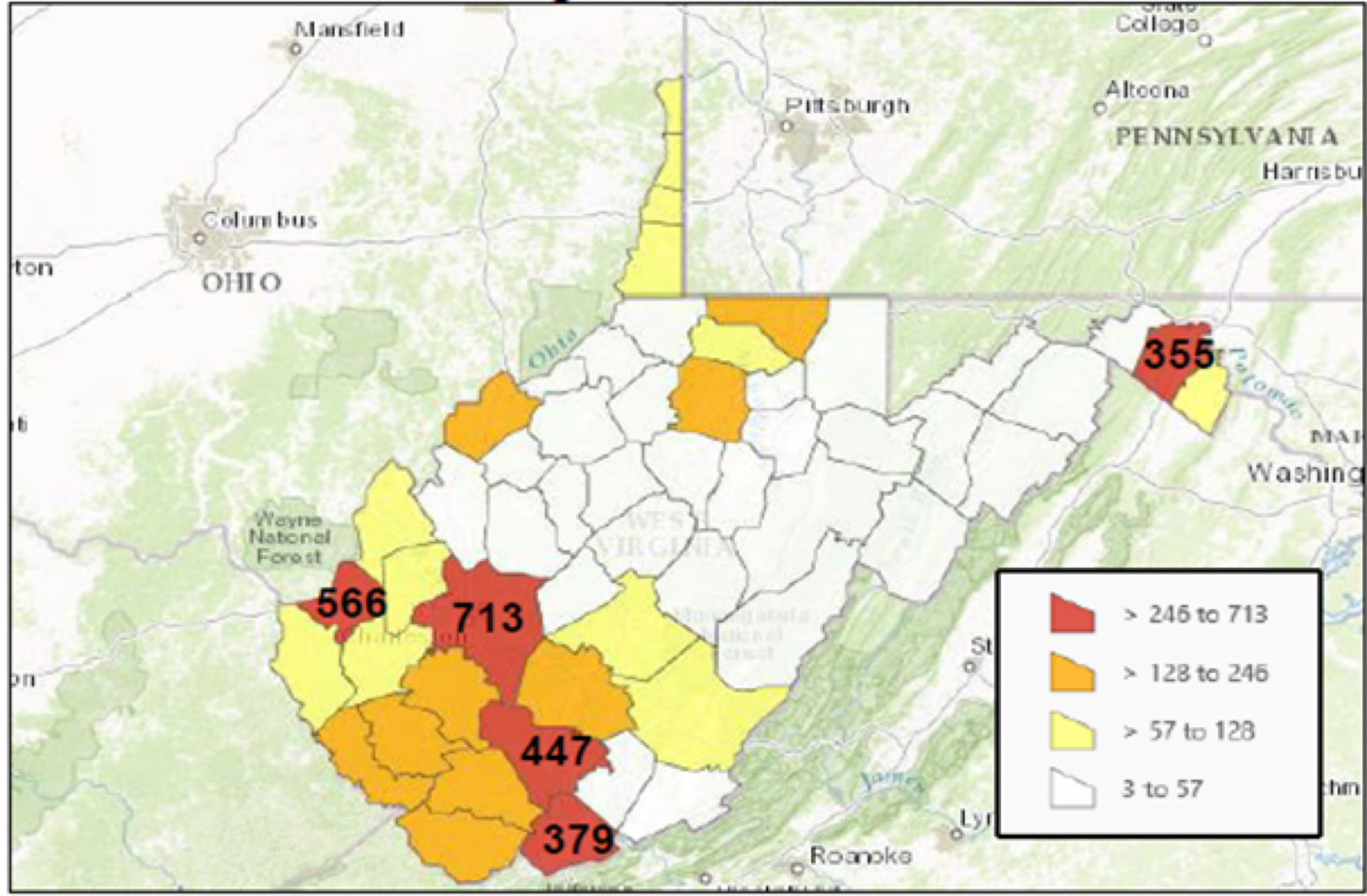
Data Source: WV Health Statistics Center, Vital Surveillance System and CDC Wonder

Rates are adjusted by age to the 2000 US Standard Million

Note: WV Rates displayed in this figure do not match CDC WONDER in 2005 and 2009 due to reporting error.

# Fatal Drug Overdoses, WV

## County-Level Distribution of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, WV, 2001-2015



Data Source: WV Health Statistics Center, Vital Statistics System 2015 Preliminary Data

# Public Health Action Partners

- Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (DIDE)
- Regional Epidemiologists
- Local Health Departments
- West Virginia Division of Immunization Services (DIS)
- West Virginia Health Statistics Center (WVHSC)
- West Virginia Division of STD, Hepatitis & HIV (DSHH)

## Challenges

- Reporting pregnancy status on laboratory results
- high volume of lab reports
- Most people with hepatitis are asymptomatic
- Lost to Follow Up (LTFU) patients
- Those in jail must request to be tested

## Successes

- Thorough case investigations
- Electronic Lab Reporting
- Investigation tools and website resources
- CDC viral hepatitis surveillance funding
- Two-dose vaccine
- WV has no religious exemption for vaccines
- State-wide registry for vaccinations

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