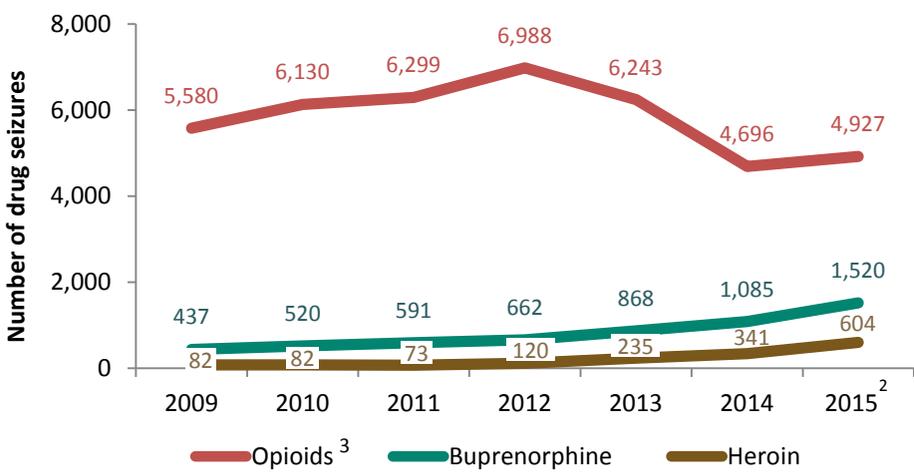


Heroin and buprenorphine drug seizures are on the rise while other opioid seizures are at their lowest in 7 years

Figure 1. Number of opioid³, buprenorphine, and heroin confirmed drug seizures¹: TN 2009-2015²

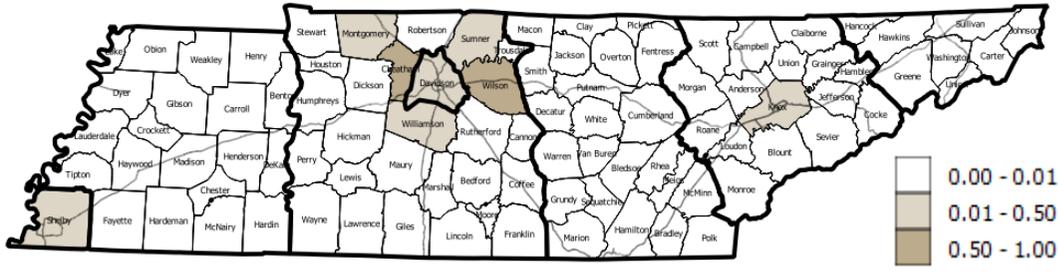


Opioid³ seizures showed a steep decline between 2012 and 2014.

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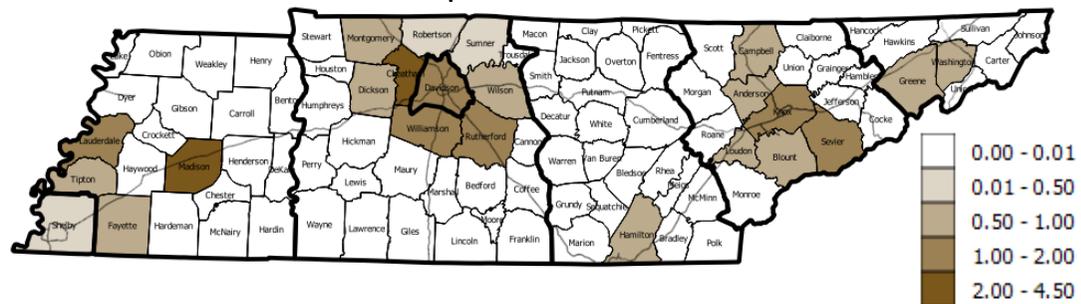
Maps 1-3. Confirmed heroin seizures¹ (per 10K population)

Map 1. 2011 and 2012



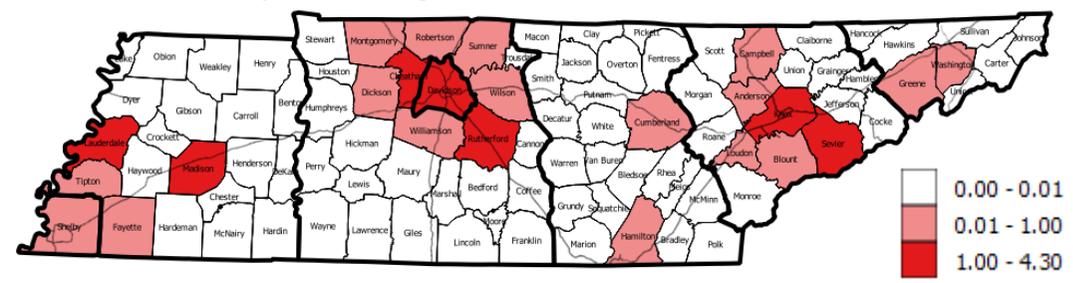
In 2011/2012 there were very few heroin seizures.

Map 2. 2014 and 2015²



In 2014/2015* heroin seizures occurred in the larger cities and their surrounding counties.

Map 3. Rate change from 2011 and 2012 to 2014 and 2015²



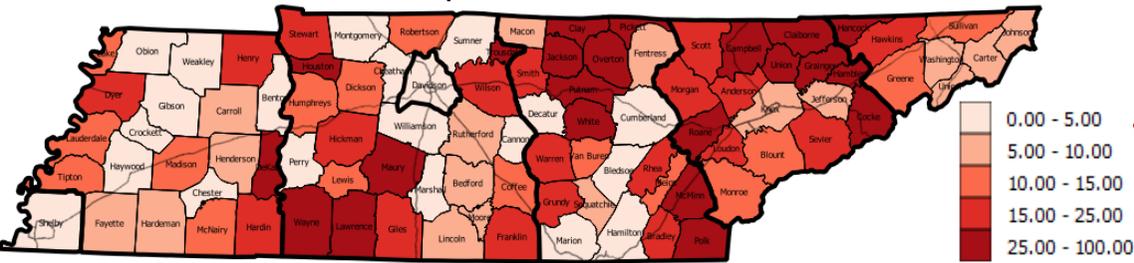
All counties either increased the rate of heroin seizures or remained at no seizures.

Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) lab data, 2015.

Notes: (1) The data represent the number of incidents in which a drug was seized, tested by the TBI lab, and confirmed to be the substance. This data does not reflect the amount of the drug that was seized; (2) 2015 rates estimated as of Jan-Jun, 2015; (3) opioid seizures exclude buprenorphine and heroin.

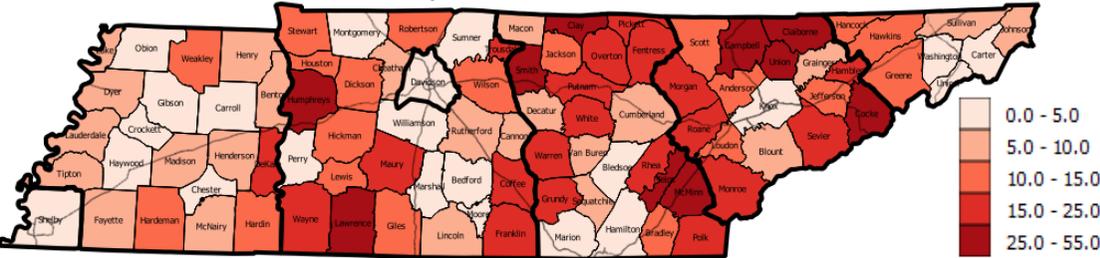
Maps 4-6. Confirmed other opioid³ seizures¹ (per 10K)

Map 4. 2011 and 2012



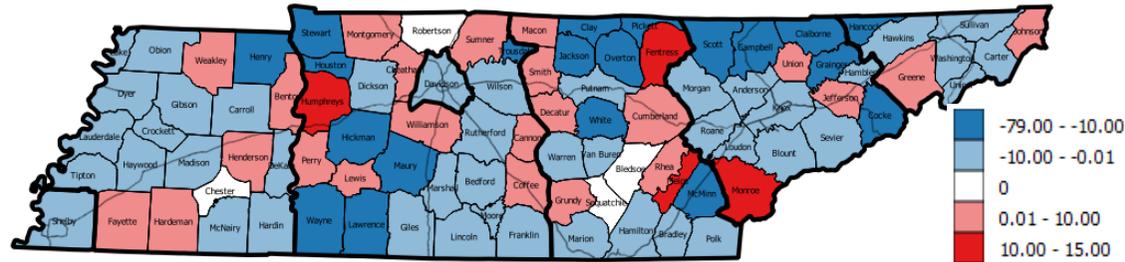
In 2011/2012 opioid seizures were at their peak and rates were highest in rural areas.

Map 5. 2014 and 2015²



In 2014/2015 the highest rates of opioid seizures were still occurring in rural areas.

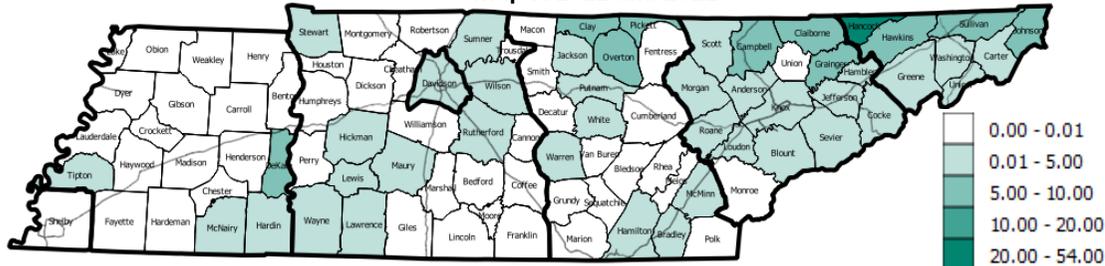
Map 6. Rate change from 2011 and 2012 to 2014 and 2015²



The rate of opioid seizures decreased in two-thirds of TN counties.

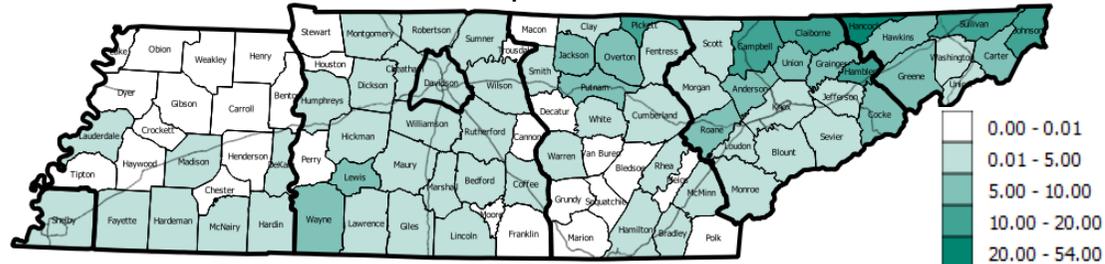
Maps 7-9. Confirmed buprenorphine seizures¹ (per 10K)

Map 7. 2011 and 2012



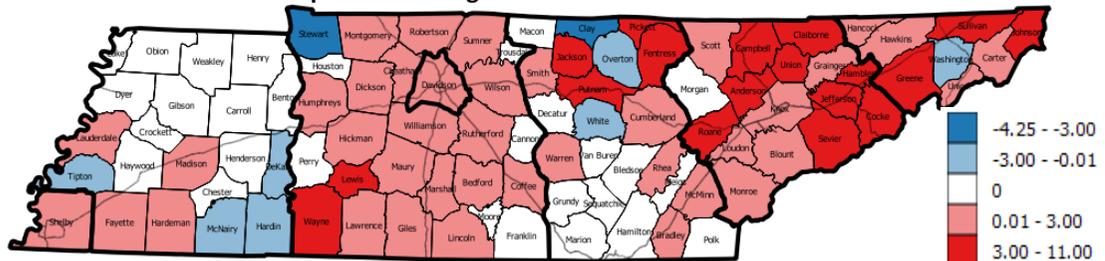
In 2011/2012 48% of TN counties had buprenorphine seizures.

Map 8. 2014 and 2015²



In 2014/2015, 69% of TN counties had buprenorphine seizures.

Map 9. Rate change from 2011 and 2012 to 2014 and 2015²



East and Middle Tennessee had the largest buprenorphine seizure rate increase.