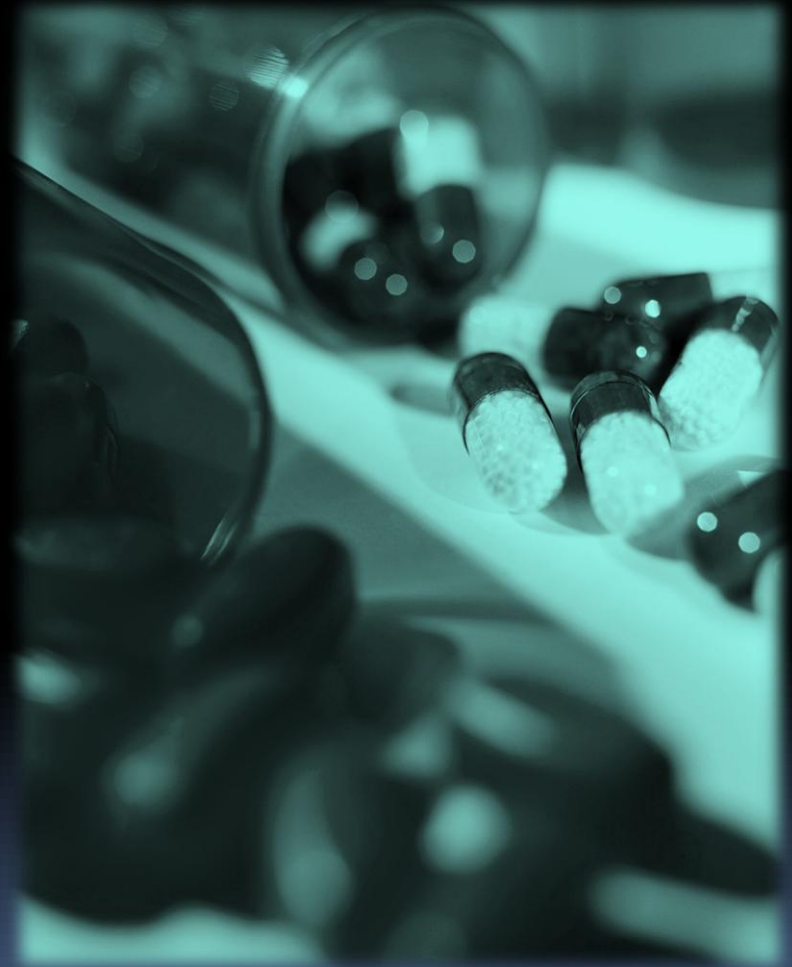




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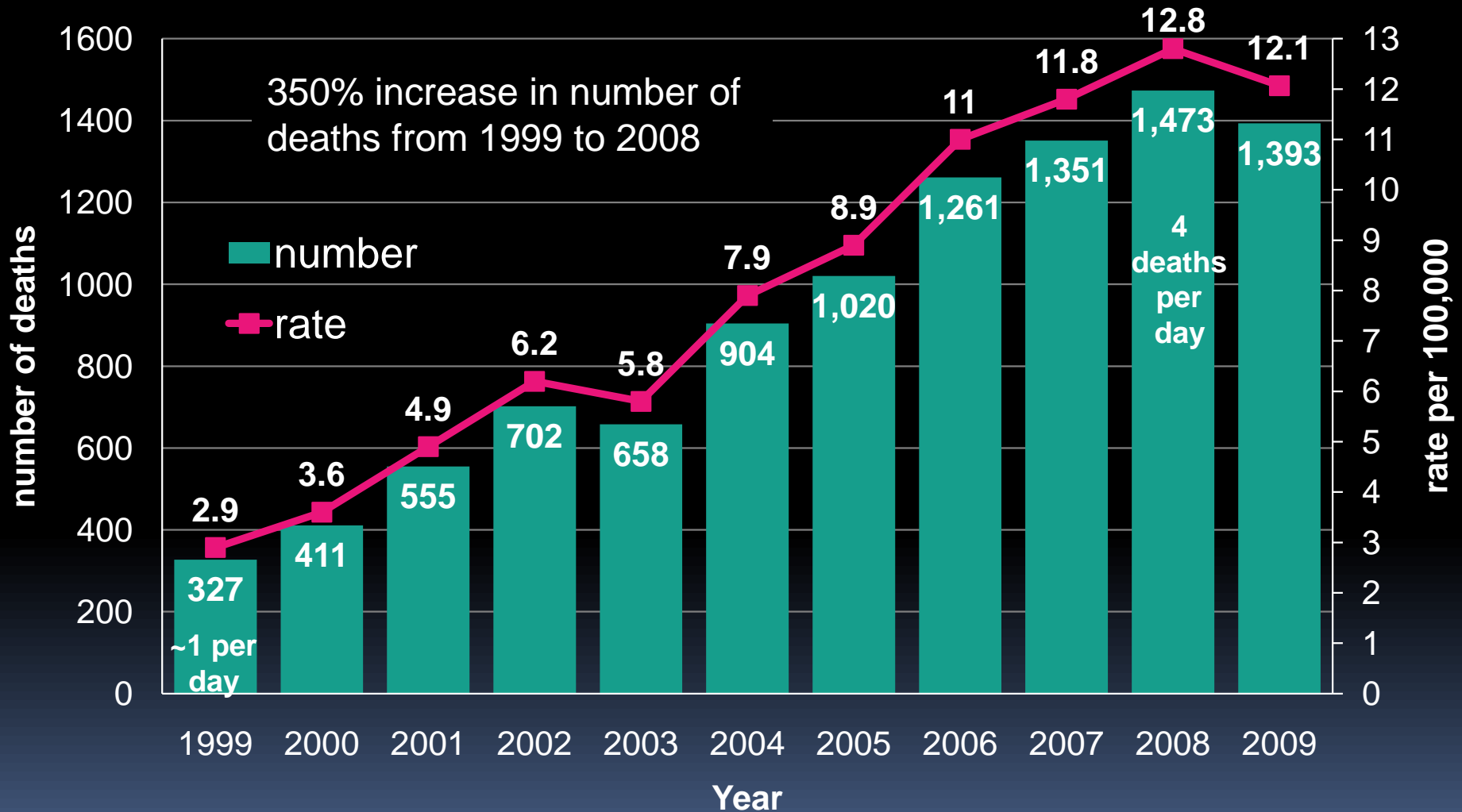


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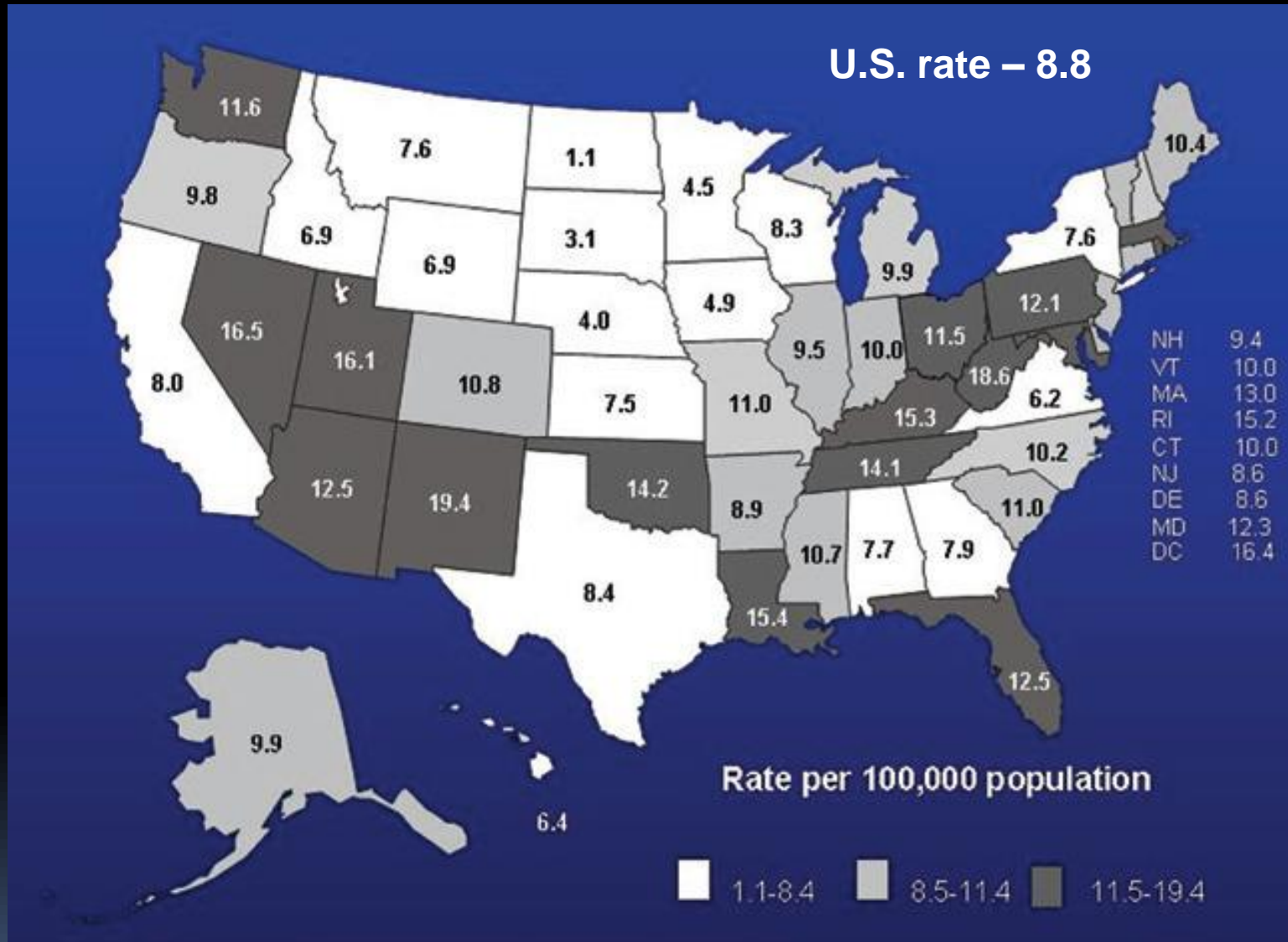


# Ohio deaths and death rates per 100,000 due to unintentional drug poisoning by year, 1999-2009<sup>1,2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Source: ODH Office of Vital Statistics,  
<sup>2</sup> preliminary data for 2009; does not include out-of-state deaths of Ohio residents.

# Drug Overdose Death Rates by State, 2006.



Source: Len Paulozzi, MD, MPH, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prepared August 2009..

# Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group (PDAAG)\*/New and Emerging Drug Trends Work Group (NEDTW)

Convened in 2009 by

- The Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP)
- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
- The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS)

\*Formerly known as Poison Action Group (PAG)

# Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force (OPDATF)

- The Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force was established by Executive Order on April 2, 2010.

# Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force (OPDATF) Workgroups

- Public Health
- Treatment
- Regulatory
- Law Enforcement

# Public Health Recommendations & ODH's Response

- Establishing Local Coalitions
- Funding and Implementing Public Awareness Campaigns
- Increasing Education
- Implementing Drug Disposal Days
- Increasing, Improving and Coordinating Data Collection

# Public Health Recommendations & ODH's Response

- Prescription for Prevention (P4POhio)
  - Implemented in these high-risk counties in Ohio:
    - Adams
    - Cuyahoga
    - Jackson
    - Ross
    - Vinton
- Drug Disposal Days in Ohio
- Pilot Programs in Montgomery & Scioto Counties

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