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NEWSLETTER

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SHADAC Announcements

SHADAC Blog Outlines Two Decades of Evolving Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

Just over a decade since the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared an “epidemic” of overdoses from prescription painkillers in 2011, the opioid crisis is worse than ever—yet it only vaguely resembles those earlier days. Research fellow Colin Planalp [explores the rising complexity](#) and deadliness of the opioid crisis.

New State Health Compare Data Available: 2021 State Public Health Funding Estimates

In the U.S., state governments are the predominant source of public health funding. But some states spend far more dollars per person. For example, Washington, D.C. allocated \$371/person in 2021 while Missouri spent \$7/person. [This updated SHADAC brief](#) provides a state-level view of public health funding using new data on State Health Compare.

BRFSS Estimates Show Potential Break in Series for Usual Source of Care

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a long-running state survey designed to monitor trends in adults’ health-related risk behaviors. [A recent wording change](#) to a question asking respondents if they have a “personal doctor” caused a significant shift in responses, [as outlined in this recent blog](#).

Updated SHADAC Brief: Comparing Federal Government Surveys That Count the Uninsured

In this [annually updated brief](#), SHADAC presents 2021 national estimates of uninsurance along with the most recent available state-level estimates from these surveys, advising when and where to use each survey’s data. We also breakdown the reasons for variation across the different surveys as well as possible causes of incomparability of estimates across and within the surveys.

State Health Compare Spotlight

SHADAC’s State Health Compare (SHC) is a free online data tool for obtaining state-level estimates on a range of topics related to health care and social determinants of health for nearly 50 measures. SHC allows users to compare measures across states, look at trends over time, as well as download data and data visualizations. This month, we are highlighting the SHC measure...

Adult E-Cigarette Use

SHADAC research fellow Andrea Stewart published a [recent blog post](#) using the Adult E-Cigarette Use measure on [State Health Compare](#) to analyze the trends from 2017 to 2021. Over this five-year period, adult e-cigarette use increased across the states, particularly within the 18-24 age group where the use rate rose from 10.1% in 2017 to 18.5% in 2021. [The blog](#) also highlights the top and bottom five states for e-cigarette use, with Oklahoma claiming the highest rate of e-cigarette use at 9.4%.



[EXPLORE THIS MEASURE ON SHC](#)

Additional News and Resources

[BLOG: California Health Insurance Stable in 2021, but Many Will Need to Switch Coverage Once COVID-19 Pandemic Protections End](#)

The California Health Care Foundation tapped SHADAC researchers to [review California's health insurance landscape](#) throughout the second calendar year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the turbulence and job loss experienced in 2020, researchers found that Californians were able to hold a low rate of uninsurance into 2021.

[BLOG: Neighborhood Support Matters for Child Outcomes](#)

Data show that growing up in a supportive environment can have a notably positive impact on a child's health. SHADAC researcher Natalie Mac Arthur discusses this [in a new SHADAC blog](#), highlighting the definitions of "neighborhood support" and how only about half (55%) of children experience this type of cohesion where they live.

[PRESENTATION: Better Health through Data: Improved Collection of Demographic Data in Medicaid](#)

SHADAC deputy director Elizabeth Lukanen served as an expert panelist in an [Alliance for Health Policy webinar](#) focused on existing challenges and opportunities for demographic data within Medicaid. [Watch a recording of the webinar](#) where Elizabeth shares state-based case studies and ways to improve data quality.

[UPCOMING WEBINAR: National Health Data Summit: Realizing the Promise of All-Payer Claims Databases \(APCDs\)](#)

Consider registering for [this upcoming webinar](#) hosted by Manatt Health on Wednesday, December 7th with more details available in the [executive summary](#). Also, watch for SHADAC director Lynn Blewett's upcoming paper on state use of APCDs in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law; an early release can be found [here](#).



Find us over on [LinkedIn](#) where we're catching up with SHADAC Research Assistant alumni – including Becky Wifstrand! [Read highlights from our conversation with Becky](#), and be sure to [follow SHADAC on LinkedIn](#) for more updates like these.

Recommendations for our Readers

[Rhode Island Looks to Auto-Enrollment to Ease Transitions from Medicaid to Marketplace](#)
Gia Gould, Maureen Hensley-Quinn; National Academy for State Health Policy

[California's Landmark Coverage Expansion for Immigrant Populations](#)

Patricia Boozang, Kaylee O'Connor, Inonge Kaloustian; State Health & Value Strategies

[Pandemic's Impact on Health Care Quality by Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Country of Birth Is Still Evident, Despite Improved Performance in 2021](#)

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