

Saving Lives through the Angel Initiative

2020 in Review

2020 Kentucky Statistics

- There were 1,964 drug overdose-related deaths among Kentuckians, equating to 43.87 drug overdose-related deaths per 100,000 Kentucky residents.¹
- The drug classes most commonly involved in overdose-related deaths of Kentucky residents in 2020 were non-heroin opioids and fentanyl/fentanyl analogs (1,588 and 1,344, respectively).²
- There were 12,894 nonfatal drug overdose-related emergency department visits, equating to 287.99 per 100,000 Kentucky residents.¹
- There were 859 babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome.¹
- The rate of emergency department visits that resulted in a substance use disorder diagnosis among Kentucky residents was 1,020.11 per 100,000 Kentucky residents.¹
- Infectious diseases were also prevalent among emergency department visits, with 624 endocarditis-, 10,267 hepatitis C-, 179 hepatitis A-, and 3,410 HIV-related encounters.¹
- Of infectious disease-related emergency department visits that co-occurred with a drug-related diagnosis, the combination of hepatitis C with a drug-related comorbidity was the most common (67.36 per 100,000 Kentucky residents).¹
- Per executive order, the Angel Initiative was suspended from April 2020 through January 2021, thus impacting in-person accessibility and referral to treatment services.

2020 Angel Initiative Program Acceptance Statistics³

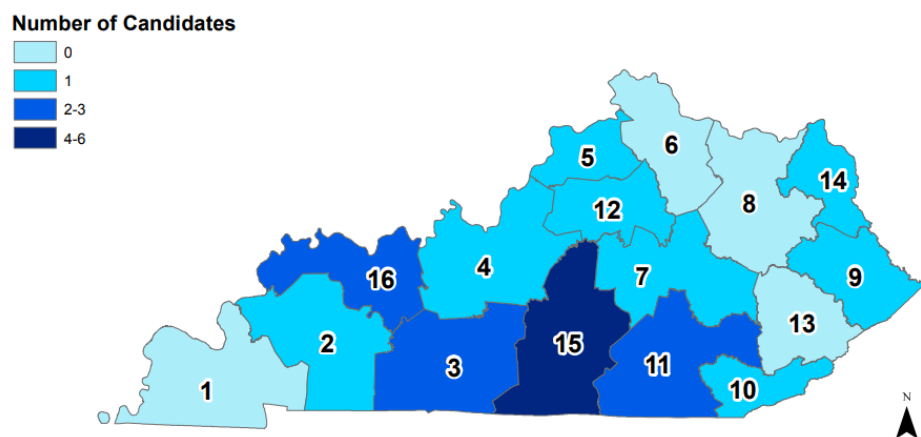
The Angel Initiative proactively helps individuals battling substance use or misuse find treatment options that best fit their needs. Individuals seeking help can visit any Kentucky State Police (KSP) post and an intake officer will work with them to quickly locate a treatment facility within the state with availability.



Between January and April of 2020, when the Angel Initiative was suspended for the year, 22 persons sought assistance at KSP posts via website or phone. Ninety-one percent of Angel Initiative candidates were accepted and placed in treatment, 5% were accepted with placement status unknown, and 5% were not accepted in accordance with KSP General Order OM-B-23.

ANGEL INITIATIVE CANDIDATES BY KSP POST, 2020

Commonwealth of Kentucky



Data reflect the physical KSP post location (shown by numbers 1-16 on the map) where an Angel Initiative candidate arrived seeking assistance; data may not represent where the candidate lives or was placed for treatment. Source: GIS Section, Kentucky State Police Records and Technology Center: Frankfort, Kentucky.

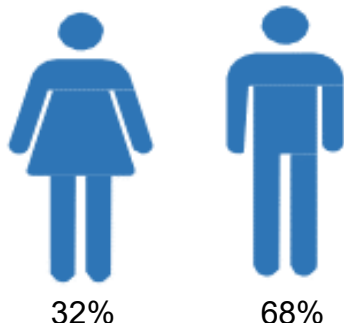
¹Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. (2021). *Drug overdose and related comorbidity county profiles*. Retrieved July 2022. <https://kiprc.uky.edu/programs/overdose-data-action/county-profiles>. ²Kentucky Substance Use Research & Enforcement. A four-year review of substance use and distribution in Kentucky, 2017–2020. *K-SURE Report (No. 14)*, September 2021. ³Angel Initiative candidate data are extrapolated from Kentucky State Police Teletype system and KSP-324 and KSP-325 forms. Data source: KSP Post Angel Initiative Candidates 2020. Data are provisional and subject to change.

2020 Angel Initiative Candidate Demographic Characteristics*

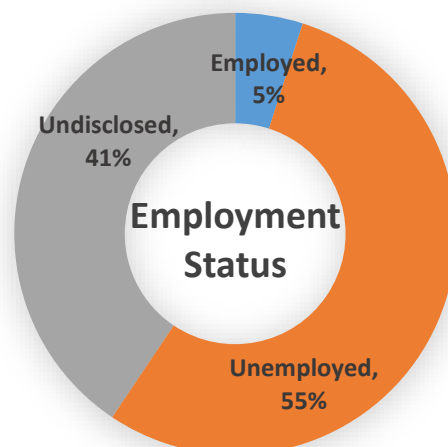
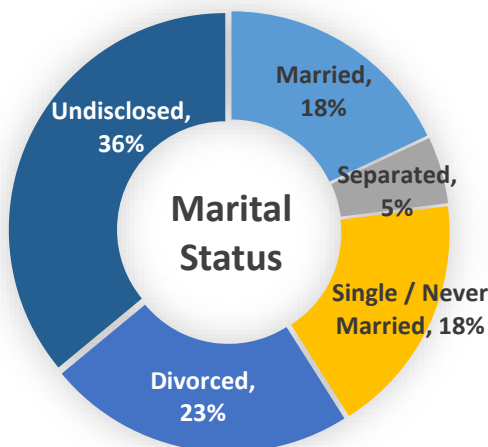
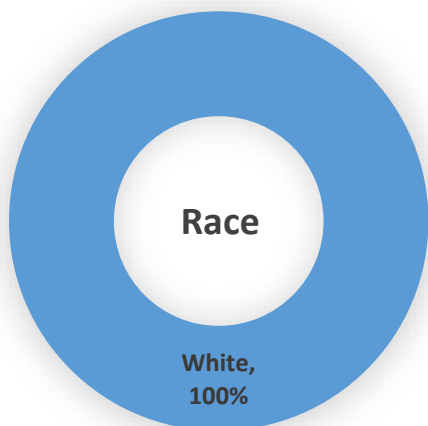
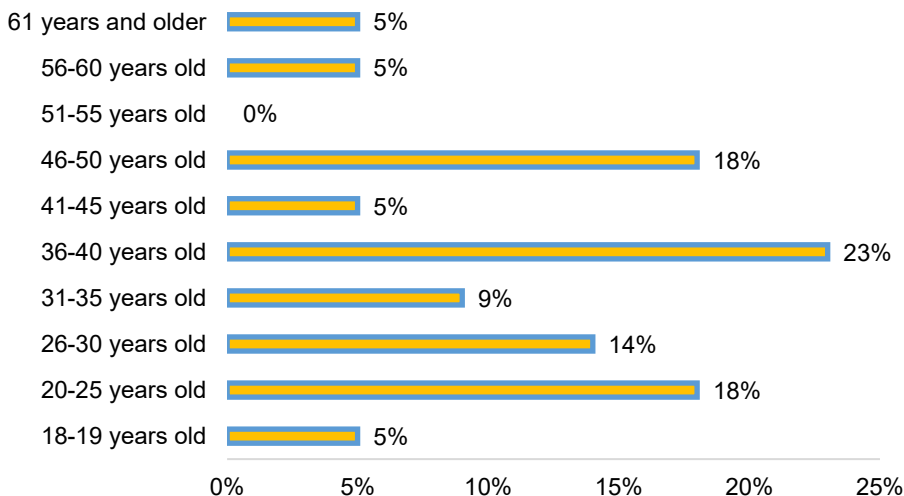
(n=22)

*Due to rounding, some percentages may total more than 100%.

Sex



Age Groups



9% of Angel Initiative candidates had some high school education, 23% had completed high school/GED, 18% had some college, 9% had completed college, and 41% did not disclose their education.



50% had health insurance, while 9% did not; 41% failed to disclose whether they had health insurance.



14% were homeless; 46% did not disclose information regarding their housing.



27% had dependents, 36% did not, and 36% did not disclose whether they had dependents.



9% had U.S. military history, 50% did not, and 41% did not disclose military history.

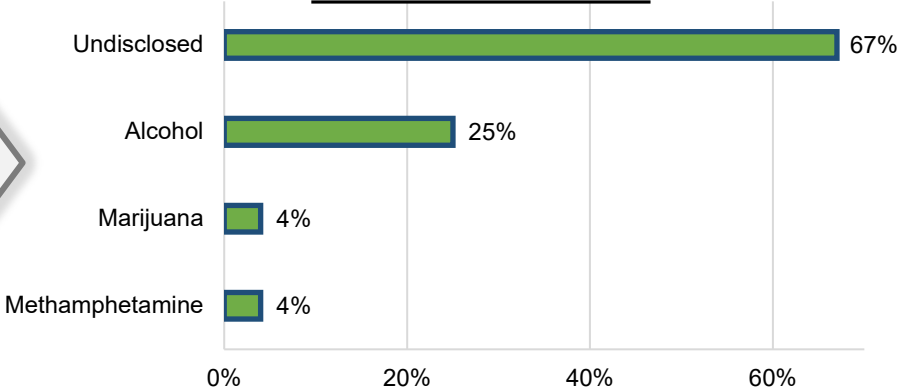
2020 Angel Initiative Candidate Drug-Related Characteristics

Age at Drug Use Initiation*

- 14% from age 10-15
- 14% from age 16-20
- 18% from age 21-25
- 5% from age 26-30
- 5% from age 31-35
- 5% from age 46-50
- 41% did not disclose

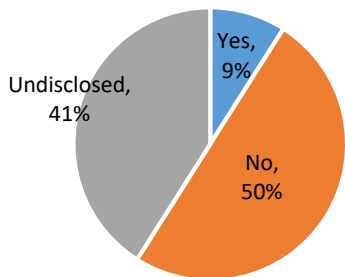
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First Substance Used*

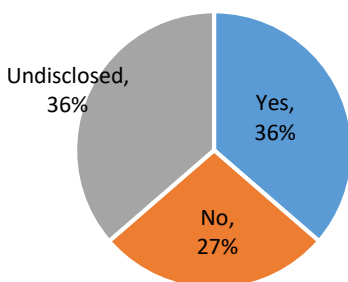


*Multiple drugs may have been reported at substance initiation.

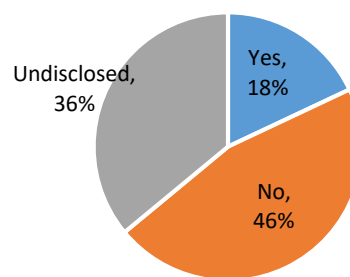
Prior Drug Arrest



Prior Drug Treatment



Prior Self-Help Program



No candidates reported having previously participated in the Angel Initiative.

32% reported having received a mental health disorder diagnosis.

27% reported never having received a mental health disorder diagnosis.

41% did not disclose any mental health disorder diagnosis.

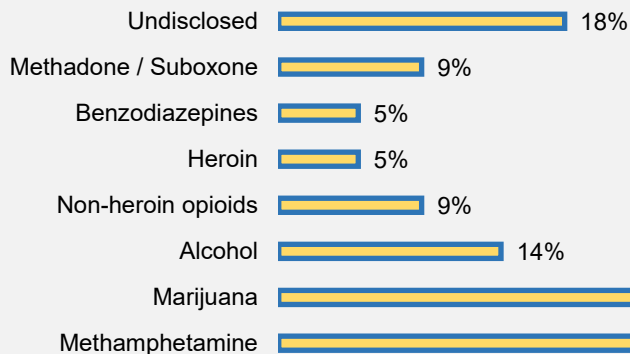
Mental Health

Employment Effects

32% reported that drugs/alcohol use affected employment.

27% reported that drugs/alcohol use did not affect employment.

41% did not disclose effects on employment.



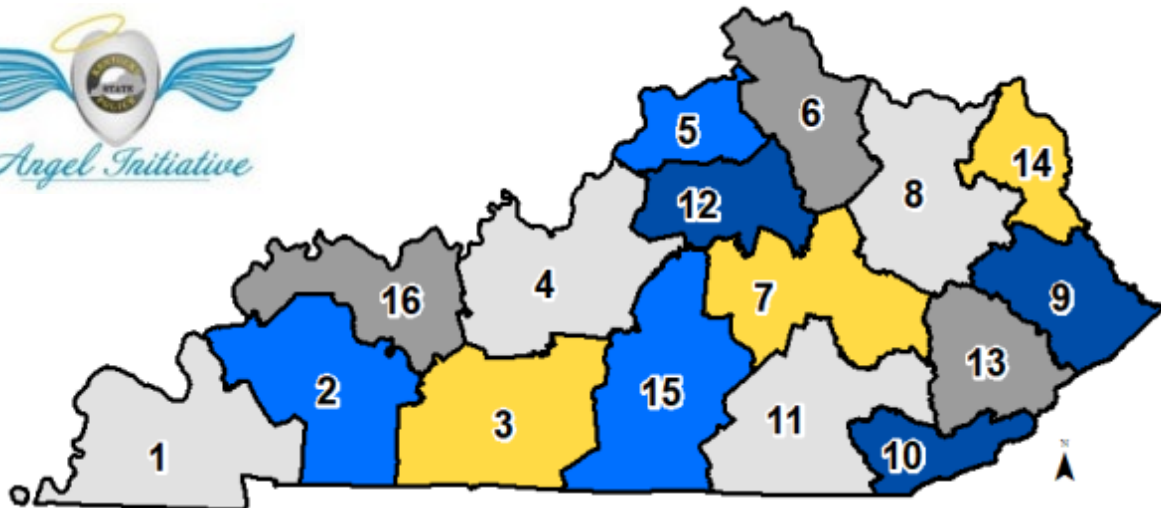
Main Drug* for Seeking Angel Initiative

*Multiple drugs may have been reported for seeking help.

***9% reported using multiple substances.**

ANY PERSON WHO VOLUNTARILY ENTERS A KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST AND REQUESTS HELP WITH SUBSTANCE USE OR MISUSE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SCREENED INTO THE ANGEL INITIATIVE.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST LOCATIONS



POST 1: MAYFIELD (270) 856-3721
8366 US 45 N, Mayfield KY, 42051

POST 2: MADISONVILLE (270) 676-3313
1000 Western KY Pkwy, Nortonville, KY 42442

POST 3: BOWLING GREEN (270) 782-2010
3119 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42102

POST 4: ELIZABETHTOWN (270) 766-5078
1055 N Mulberry, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

POST 5: CAMPBELLSBURG (502) 532-6363
160 Citation Ln, Campbellsburg, KY 40011

POST 6: DRY RIDGE (859) 428-1212
4265 US 25, Dry Ridge, KY 41035

POST 7: RICHMOND (859) 623-2404
699 Eastern Byp, Richmond, KY 40475

POST 8: MOREHEAD (606) 784-4127
1595 Flemingsburg Rd, Morehead, KY 40351

POST 9: PIKEVILLE (606) 433-7711
3499 N Mayo Trl, Pikeville, KY 41501

POST 10: HARLAN (606) 573-3131
3319 US 421 S, Harlan, KY 40831

POST 11: LONDON (606) 878-6622
11 State Police Rd, London, KY 40741

POST 12: FRANKFORT (502) 227-2221
1250 Louisville Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601

POST 13: HAZARD (606) 435-6069
100 Justice Dr, Hazard, KY 41701

POST 14: ASHLAND (606) 928-6421
5975 US 60, Ashland, KY 41102

POST 15: COLUMBIA (270) 384-4796
1118 Jamestown St, Columbia, KY 42728

POST 16: HENDERSON (270) 826-3312
8298 Keach Dr, Henderson, KY 42420

TREATMENT RESOURCES

ONLINE



- Find Help Now Kentucky Near-Real-Time Online Treatment Locator: FindHelpNowKY.org
- NIAAA Alcohol Treatment Navigator: alcoholtreatment.niaaa.nih.gov

PHONE



- Kentucky Help Statewide Call Center (8:00am-5:30pm ET): **1-877-318-1871**
- Kentucky Opioid and Assistance Resources (after hours): **1-800-854-6813**
- Substance Abuse Call Center: **1-833-859-4357**
- Operation Unite (8:00am-5:30pm ET): **1-866-908-6483**

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