Saving Lives through the Angel Initiative
2018 in Review

2018 Kentucky Statistics

- There were 1,250 drug overdose-related deaths among Kentucky residents. The leading contributing drugs were opioids, fentanyl, psychostimulants, benzodiazepines, and heroin.¹
- There were 16,795 drug overdose-related hospitalizations and emergency department (ED) visits among Kentucky residents.²
- Kentuckians were discharged from Kentucky EDs and hospitals 22,390 times with drug dependence.²
- There were 1,082 babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome.²
- Infectious diseases were also prevalent among hospitalizations and ED visits with 12,013 hepatitis C, 1,394 hepatitis A, and 756 HIV drug-related encounters.²
- In 2018, there were 61,144 drug cases filed in District Court and 21,838 drug cases filed in Circuit Court across the Commonwealth.³

2018 Angel Initiative Program Acceptance Statistics

The Angel Initiative is a pro-active approach to assist individuals with substance use or misuse find treatment options that best fit their needs. Individuals seeking help can stop into any Kentucky State Police (KSP) post, where an Intake Officer will work with them to quickly locate a treatment facility within the state.

In 2018, 86% of the Angel Initiative Candidates were accepted and placed in treatment, 6% were accepted and not placed in treatment, and 8% were not accepted in accordance with KSP General Order OM-B-23.

Angel Initiative Candidates by KSP Post, 2018

Angel Initiative Candidate data is extrapolated from Kentucky State Police (KSP) Teletype system and KSP-324 and KSP-325 Forms. Data reflect the physical KSP post location where an Angel Candidate arrived seeking assistance; data may not represent where a Candidate lives or was placed for treatment. Produced by the Kentucky Substance Use Research and Enforcement (K-SURE) Collaborative. August 2020. Data source: KSP Post Angel Initiative Candidates 2018. Data are provisional and subject to change.

2018 Angel Initiative Candidate Demographic Characteristics

### Gender
- 36% female
- 64% male

### Education Level
- 12% had some high school education
- 42% completed high school/GED
- 24% had some college
- 6% completed college
- 16% did not disclose their completed education level

### Health Insurance
- 66% had health insurance
- 18% did not have health insurance
- 16% failed to disclose if they had health insurance

### Homelessness
- 34% percent were homeless
- 46% were not homeless
- 20% failed to disclose if they were homeless

### Dependents
- 50% had Dependents
- 34% did not have dependents
- 16% did not disclose whether they had dependents

### Military History
- 6% had U.S. military history
- 76% did not have military history
- 18% did not disclose whether they had military history

### Race
- White: 92%
- Black: 2%
- Undisclosed: 6%

### Age Groups
- 20–25 year olds: 16%
- 26–30 years old: 16%
- 31–35 years old: 18%
- 36–40 years old: 16%
- 41–45 years old: 16%
- 46–50 years old: 9%
- 51–55 years old: 4%
- 56–60 years old: 4%
- 61–65 years old: 2%

### Marital Status
- Single/Never Married: 22%
- Married: 24%
- Divorced: 24%
- Widowed: 2%
- Separated: 10%
- Committed: 2%
- Undisclosed: 16%

### Employment
- Unemployed: 76%
- Employed: 8%
- Undisclosed: 16%
2018 Angel Initiative Candidate Drug-Related Characteristics

Age at Drug Use Initiation
- 46% from age 10–15
- 16% from age 16–20
- 8% from age 21–25
- 4% from age 36–40
- 2% from age 41–45
- 24% did not disclose

First Substance Used
- Barbituates: 2%
- Heroin: 2%
- Cocaine: 6%
- Pills: 18%
- Alcohol: 20%
- Undisclosed: 20%
- Marijuana: 26%
- Methamphetamine: 6%

Prior Drug Arrest
- Undisclosed: 18%
- Yes: 48%
- No: 34%

Prior Drug Treatment
- Undisclosed: 14%
- Yes: 52%
- No: 34%

Prior Self-Help Program
- Undisclosed: 18%
- Yes: 40%
- No: 42%

Employment Effects
- 60% Reported That Drugs/Alcohol Were Affecting Employment
- 18% Reported That Drugs/Alcohol Were Not Affecting Employment
- 22% Did Not Disclose Effects on Employment

Top Five Drugs* for Seeking Angel Initiative Help
- Heroin: 8%
- Marijuana: 12%
- Opiates: 16%
- Alcohol: 16%
- Methamphetamine: 50%

*22% 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 Posts**

- **POST 1**: MAYFIELD (270) 856-3721, 8366 US 45 North, Mayfield KY
- **POST 2**: MADISONVILLE (270) 676-3313, 1000 Western KY Parkway, Nortonville, KY
- **POST 3**: BOWLING GREEN (270) 782-2010, 3119 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY
- **POST 4**: ELIZABETHTOWN (270) 766-5078, 1055 North Mulberry, Elizabethtown, KY
- **POST 5**: CAMPBELLSBURG (502) 532-6363, 160 Citation Lane, Campbellsburg, KY
- **POST 6**: DRY RIDGE (859) 428-1212, 4265 US 25, Dry Ridge, KY
- **POST 7**: RICHMOND (859) 623-2404, 699 Eastern Bypass, Richmond, KY
- **POST 8**: MOREHEAD (606) 784-4127, 1595 Flemingsburg Road, Morehead, KY
- **POST 9**: PIKEVILLE (606) 433-7711, 3499 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY
- **POST 10**: HARLAN (606) 573-3131, 3319 US 421 South Harlan, KY
- **POST 11**: LONDON (606) 878-6622, 11 State Police Road, London, KY
- **POST 12**: FRANKFORT (502) 227-2221, 1250 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY
- **POST 13**: HAZARD (606) 435-6069, 100 Justice Drive, Hazard, KY
- **POST 14**: ASHLAND (606) 928-6421, 5975 US 60, Ashland, KY
- **POST 15**: COLUMBIA (270) 384-4796, 1118 Jamestown Street, Columbia, KY
- **POST 16**: HENDERSON (270) 826-3312, 8298 Keach Drive, Henderson, KY

**KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST LOCATIONS**

**TREATMENT RESOURCES**

**ONLINE**
- Find Help Now Kentucky Near- Real-Time Treatment Locator Online
  - [FindHelpNowKy.org](http://FindHelpNowKy.org)

**PHONE**
- KY Help Statewide Call Center (8:00am–5:30pm EST): 1-877-318-1871
- Kentucky Opioid and Assistance Resources (After Hours): 1-800-854-6813
- Substance Abuse Call Center: 1-833-859-4357

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