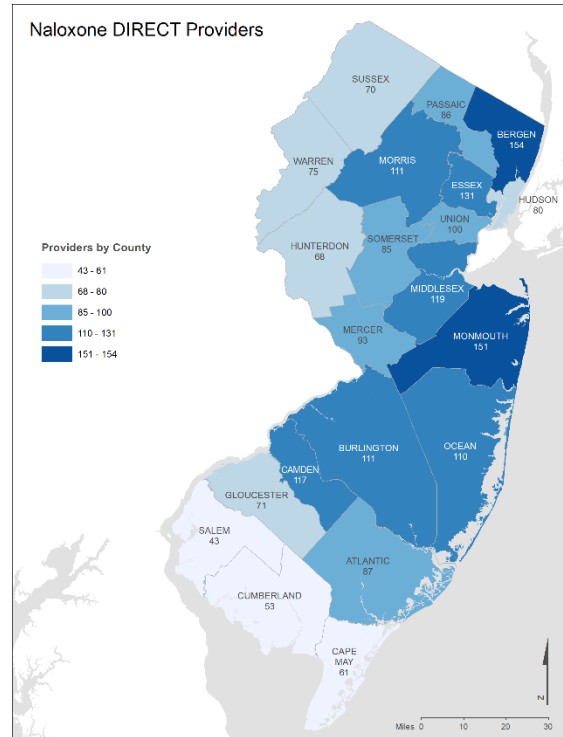


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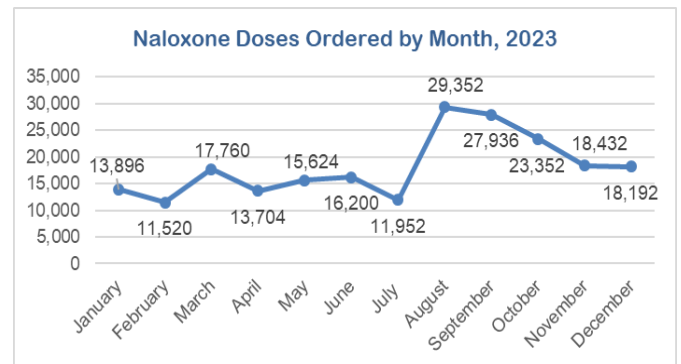
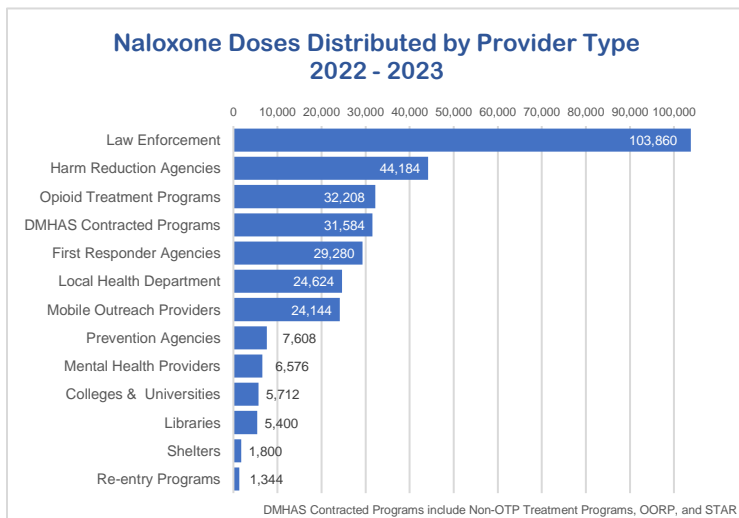
Widespread availability of naloxone can prevent fatal overdoses and save lives. New Jersey's Naloxone DIRECT distribution program provides naloxone to community partners at no cost. The Department of Human Services launched the Naloxone DIRECT portal in July 2022 in partnership with the Department of Health and Office of the Attorney General in response to the devastating opioid overdose crisis.¹ Approved organizations order naloxone through the portal, which is shipped directly from the manufacturer to the requesting agency to minimize delay and maximize shelf life. Eligible recipients include:

- Colleges and Universities;
- DMHAS-contracted community peer recovery centers; family support centers;
- Re-entry programs;
- DOH Licensed Opioid Treatment programs;
- First responder agencies such as fire and emergency medical services;
- Harm reduction agencies;
- Law enforcement including County Prosecutors Offices; Correctional Facilities
- Libraries;
- Mobile outreach providers;
- Non-OTP Treatment Programs including OORP; STAR
- Shelters.



Naloxone Distribution

By the end of 2023 **1,241** providers had registered and **2,292** orders had been placed through the portal. Naloxone DIRECT has provided **318,144** doses of naloxone across all provider types throughout NJ, **saving local entities over \$7.1 million** in purchasing and delivery costs.



**Increase in July to August due to shore agencies placing large orders to meet summer demand program expansion to Institutes of Higher Education and Harm Reduction Coalitions.*

For more information on Naloxone DIRECT or to register as a provider, please visit

<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562022/2020728a.shtml>.

¹ The Overdose Prevention Act of 2021 (P.L. 2021 c.152) was enacted to ensure access to opioid antidotes across a myriad of eligible participants including first responders, libraries, and other recognized places of public access.