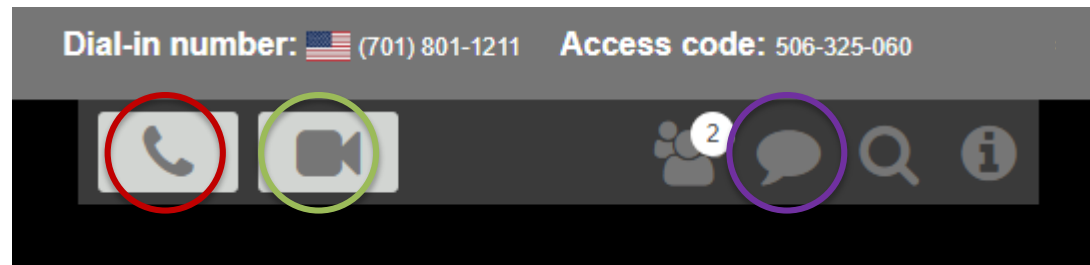
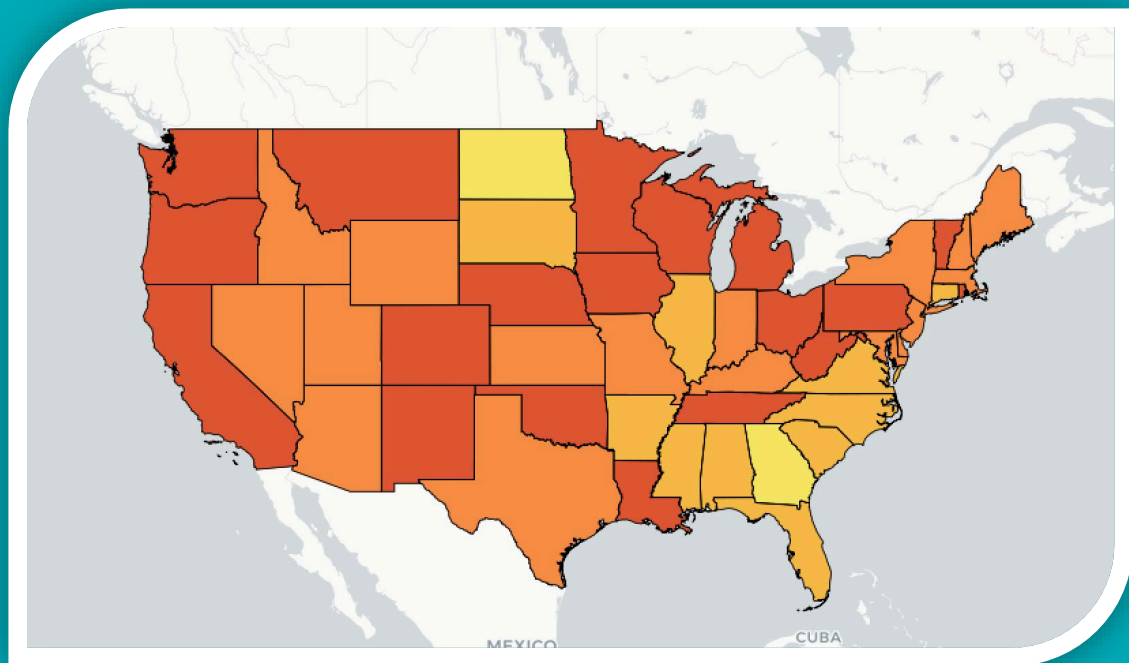


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# HepVu Data Launch:

# New Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimates Stratified by Age, Sex, and Race

# Dr. Ronald Valdiserri and Dr. Heather Bradley

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# Overview

## I. Introduction: New Stratified Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimates

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## II. Stratified Hep C Prevalence Estimates: Data Methods

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## III. Key Findings and Implications

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# HepVu Overview

- **HepVu.org is an online platform** that visualizes data and disseminates insights on the Hepatitis C epidemic across the United States
- Established in 2017 to **present the first standardized state-level estimates** of people living with Hepatitis C
- **HepVu is presented by** Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in partnership with Gilead Sciences, Inc.



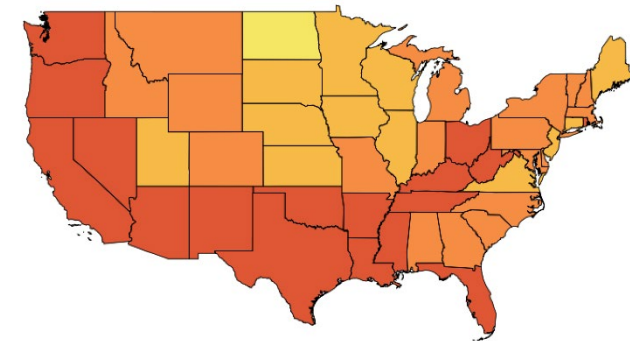
# Mission

Vu visualizes data,  
presents insights, and  
catalyzes research to  
drive public health action  
across the U.S.



Table 1. Estimated prevalence of hepatitis C by sex, U.S. states and District of Columbia, 2013–2016

| State                | Male       |                      |  | Female     |                      |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------|--|------------|----------------------|
|                      | Population | Prevalence (per 100) | Prevalence ratio (ref=overall in strata) | Population | Prevalence (per 100) |
| ALABAMA              | 1,782,700  | 1.09                 | 2.03                                     | 1,954,000  | 0.54                 |
| ALASKA               | 288,200    | 1.23                 | 1.96                                     | 259,800    | 0.63                 |
| ARIZONA              | 2,500,000  | 1.78                 | 2.45                                     | 2,590,600  | 0.73                 |
| ARKANSAS             | 1,094,100  | 1.36                 | 2.29                                     | 1,164,600  | 0.59                 |
| CALIFORNIA           | 14,553,900 | 1.55                 | 2.37                                     | 14,990,800 | 0.65                 |
| COLORADO             | 2,047,400  | 1.23                 | 2.32                                     | 2,061,100  | 0.53                 |
| CONNECTICUT          | 1,352,800  | 0.95                 | 2.82                                     | 1,460,000  | 0.34                 |
| DELAWARE             | 348,700    | 1.22                 | 2.35                                     | 381,800    | 0.52                 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 252,100    | 3.13                 | 1.76                                     | 290,300    | 1.78                 |
| FLORIDA              | 7,657,300  | 1.36                 | 2.40                                     | 8,202,900  | 0.57                 |
| GEORGIA              | 3,645,200  | 0.99                 | 2.18                                     | 3,952,500  | 0.45                 |
| HAWAII               | 553,300    | 0.84                 | 2.92                                     | 554,100    | 0.29                 |
| IDAHO                | 598,500    | 1.25                 | 2.05                                     | 604,800    | 0.61                 |
| ILLINOIS             | 4,770,100  | 0.74                 | 2.24                                     | 5,072,300  | 0.33                 |
| INDIANA              | 2,430,200  | 1.08                 | 2.10                                     | 2,569,900  | 0.51                 |
| IOWA                 | 1,169,700  | 0.71                 | 2.41                                     | 1,209,600  | 0.30                 |
| KANSAS               | 1,069,900  | 0.89                 | 2.23                                     | 1,103,700  | 0.40                 |
| KENTUCKY             | 1,647,200  | 1.75                 | 2.03                                     | 1,743,400  | 0.86                 |
| LOUISIANA            | 1,689,800  | 2.10                 | 2.24                                     | 1,828,700  | 0.94                 |
| MAINE                | 517,500    | 0.98                 | 3.02                                     | 551,900    | 0.32                 |
| MARYLAND             | 2,193,100  | 1.25                 | 2.31                                     | 2,409,800  | 0.54                 |
| MASSACHUSETTS        | 2,553,300  | 1.05                 | 2.72                                     | 2,793,200  | 0.39                 |
| MICHIGAN             | 3,725,200  | 1.24                 | 2.14                                     | 3,951,500  | 0.58                 |
| MINNESOTA            | 2,049,400  | 0.82                 | 2.53                                     | 2,110,500  | 0.32                 |
| MISSISSIPPI          | 1,070,900  | 1.42                 | 2.13                                     | 1,180,800  | 0.66                 |
| MISSOURI             | 2,255,800  | 1.20                 | 2.28                                     | 2,405,100  | 0.53                 |



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  - NIDA
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  - UAB Emergency Medicine Department
  - UCSD

# The Hepatitis C Epidemic

- **Hepatitis C is a leading cause of liver-related morbidity and mortality in America**
  - Hepatitis C-related deaths were greater than deaths from 60 other infectious diseases combined in 2013
- **An estimated 2.3 million people were living with Hepatitis C from 2013 to 2016**
  - Heaviest impact on males, Baby Boomers, Black Americans, and, increasingly, young persons in states highly affected by the opioid epidemic
- **Hepatitis C and other infectious diseases are often-overlooked consequences of America's opioid crisis**
  - Hepatitis C infections have nearly tripled in recent years, with the largest increases among persons under 40, largely due to injection drug use



# Eliminating Hepatitis C

- It is important to have a **well-funded, robust public health surveillance system** for Hepatitis C in order to have the data needed to end Hepatitis C in the U.S.
- HepVu visualizes and contextualizes the most accurate and timely data available to **inform researchers and public health decision-makers' prevention and care efforts**

**“One of the most critical gaps is limited data to monitor viral hepatitis locally and nationally.**

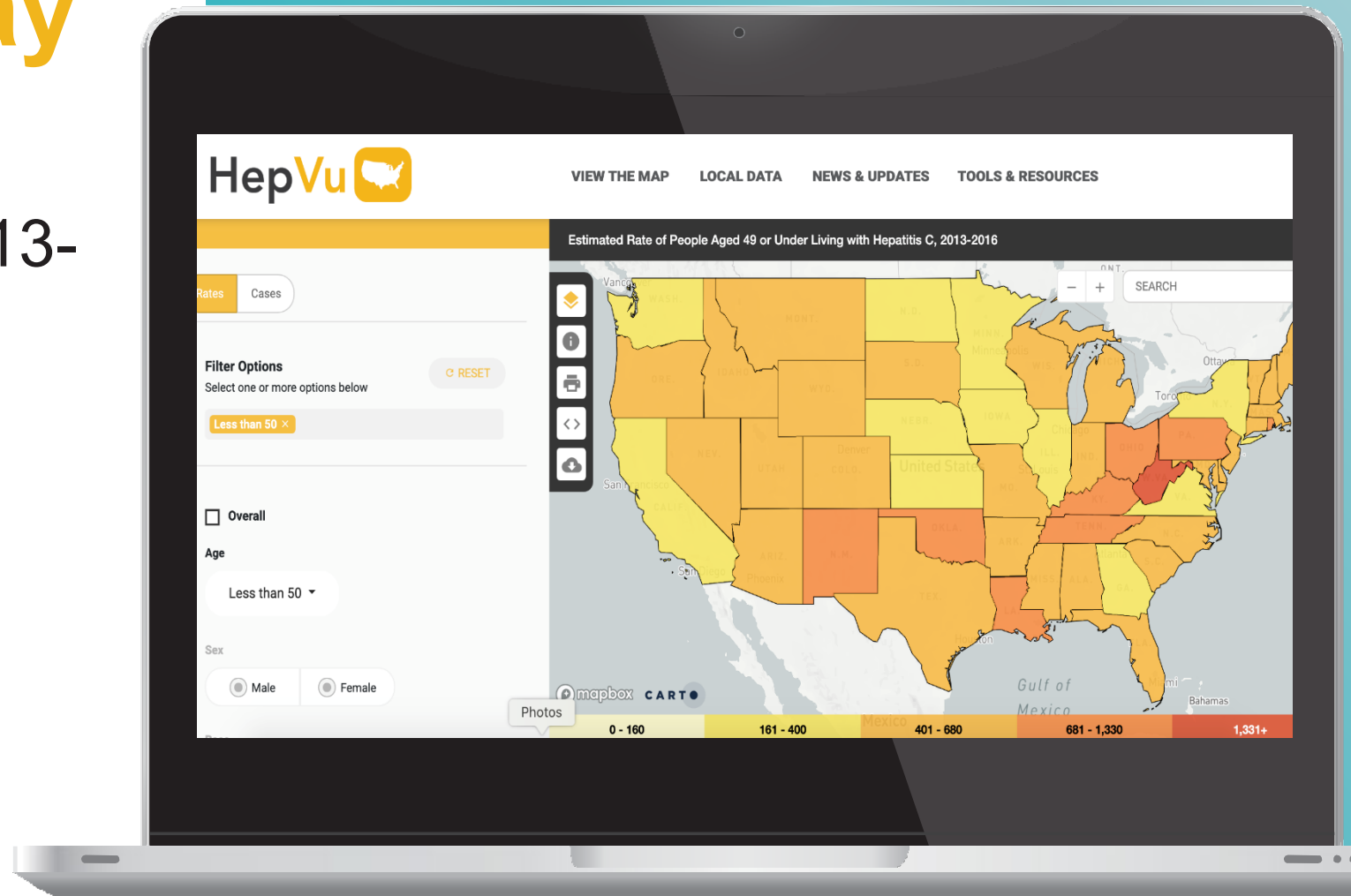
The public health surveillance system for viral hepatitis is not as robust or extensive as it is for some other infectious diseases.”

— *National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan, 2017-2020*

# New Data Launched Today

State-level Hepatitis C prevalence estimates (2013-2016) stratified by:

- **Sex**
- **Age**
- **Race**



# Stratified Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimation: Data Methods

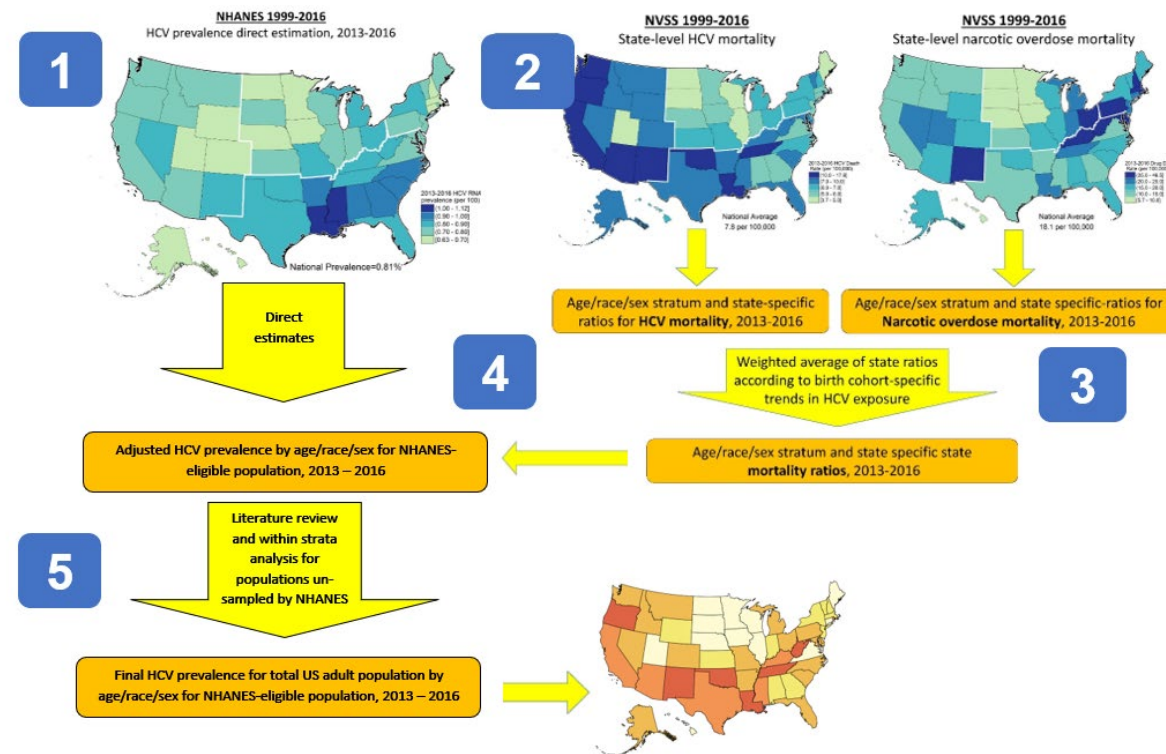
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# Data Methods: What We'll Cover

- Background on Hepatitis C stratified prevalence estimation
- Overview of methodology
- Results
- Limitations and strengths
- Conclusions



# Background on Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimation

- State-level burden of Hepatitis C infection informs policies, resource allocation, advocacy, and elimination efforts
- Prevalence of current infection (RNA)
  - Measured in nationally representative residential survey:  
National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
  - In most states, it is challenging to measure directly from diagnoses reported to surveillance
- Statistical models allow combining national NHANES Hepatitis C prevalence with local information to yield state-level results
  - National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) mortality
  - American Community Survey (ACS) population sizes

Original Investigation | Public Health

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December 21, 2018

## Prevalence of Hepatitis C Virus Infection in US States and the District of Columbia, 2013 to 2016

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### Key Points

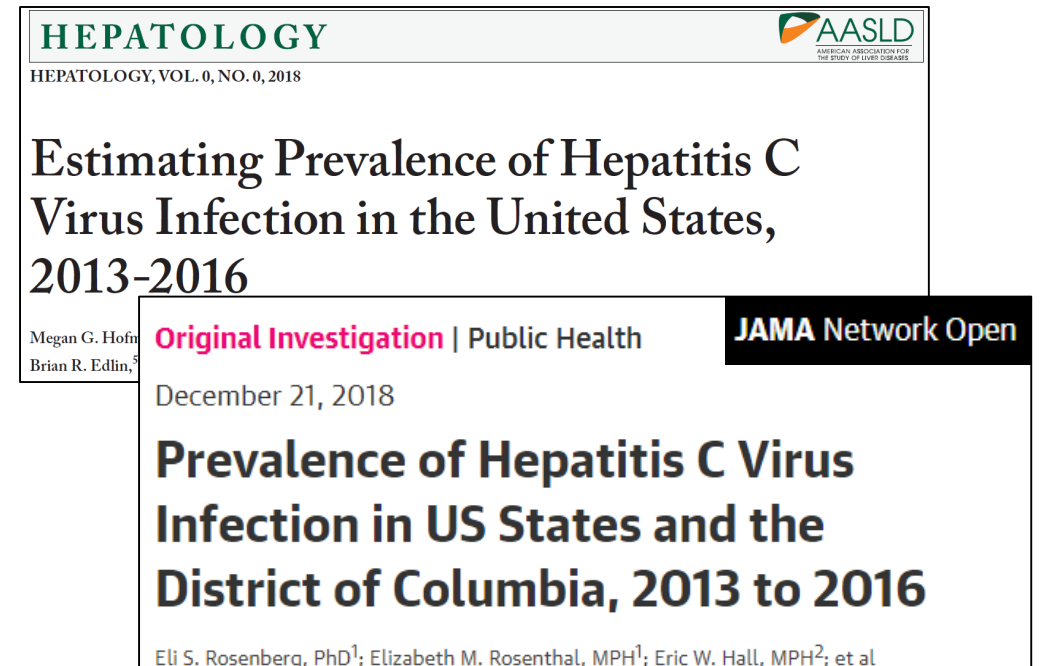
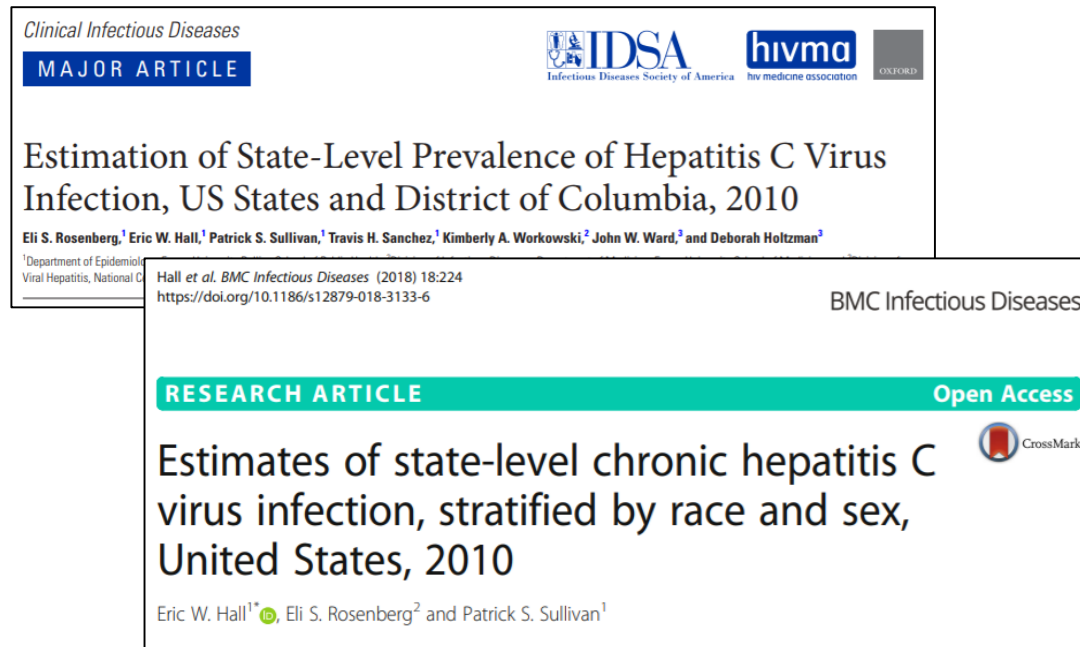
**Question** During 2013 to 2016, what proportion of adults were living with hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in each US state?

**Findings** In this survey study, US national HCV prevalence during 2013 to 2016 was 0.93% and varied by jurisdiction between 0.45% and 2.34%. Three of the 10 states with the highest prevalence and 5 of the 9 states with the highest number of HCV infections were in the Appalachian region.

*Hepatitis C prevalence estimates (2013-2016)  
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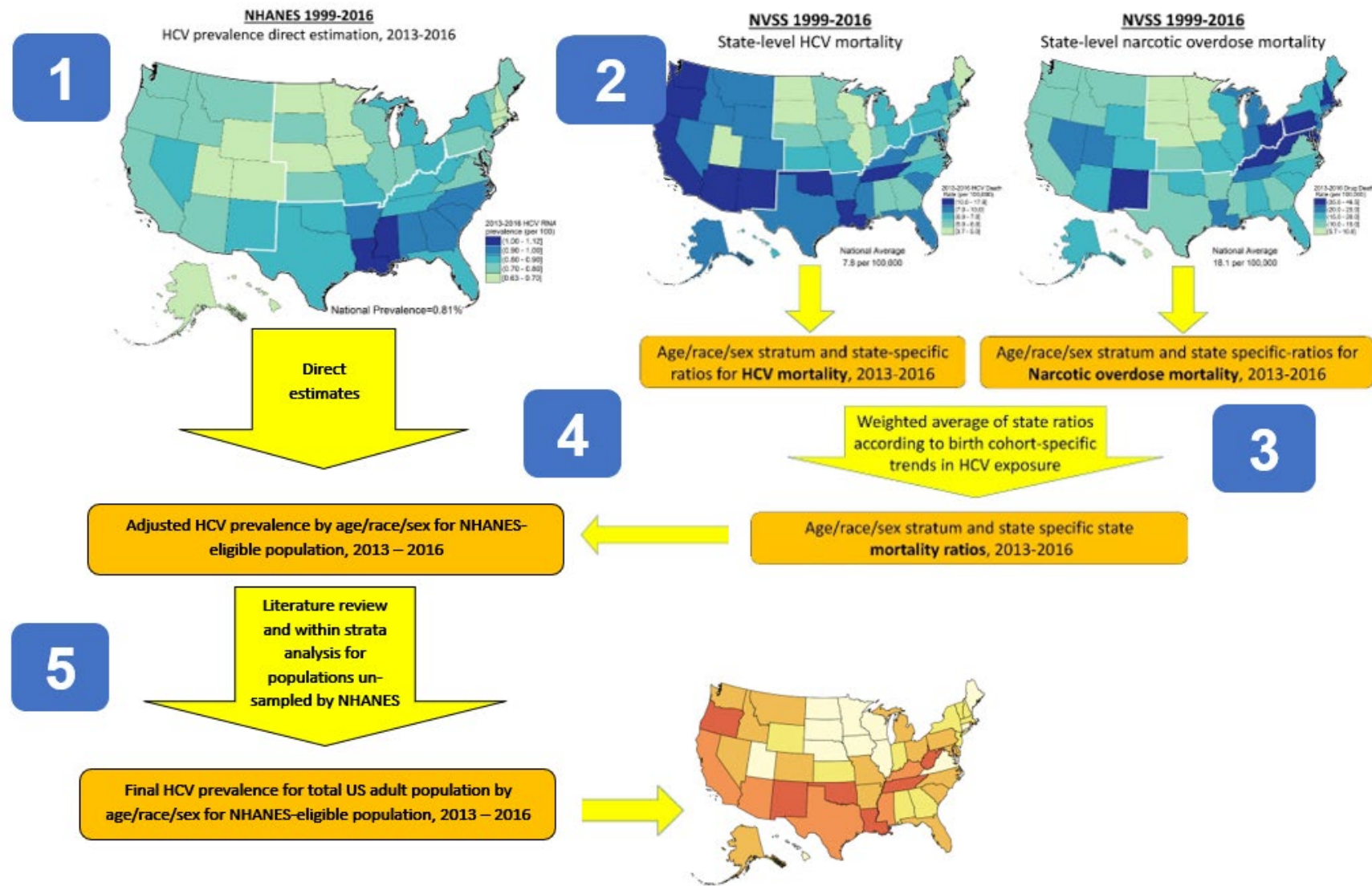
# Overview of Methodology

*Method builds on previous approaches for national and state estimates*





# Review of Analytic Approach



# Data Sources for Steps 1- 4

| Data source   | Years     | Purpose  | Number of individuals represented   | Number of cases   |
|---|-----------|--|---|---|
| National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) | 1999-2016 | National HCV RNA prevalence overall and by strata of sex, race/ethnicity, birth cohort, and poverty. Trends in anti-HCV inform analysis weights. | 47,387 with non-missing HCV RNA test results<br>47,590 with non-missing anti-HCV test results | 575 with positive HCV RNA test<br>874 with positive anti-HCV test                           |
| U.S. Census intercensal data                              | 1999-2016 | Population structure for modeling HCV- and overdose-related mortality rates.   | 4,109,869,228 person-years age 18 or above  | n/a   |
| U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS)               | 2012-2016 | Noninstitutionalized United States population structure for final estimates.   | 12,023,450 observations of noninstitutionalized persons aged 18 or above                      | n/a   |
| National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)                   | 1999-2016 | Distribution of Hepatitis C-related mortality, signaling underlying HCV prevalence, to inform distribution of older HCV infections.              | 44,071,310 decedents age 18 or above who resided in the 50 states or Washington DC            | 261,858 with HCV as underlying or multiple cause of death                                   |
| National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)                   | 1999-2016 | Distribution of narcotic overdose mortality, signaling underlying injection patterns, to inform distribution of newer HCV infections.            | 44,071,310 decedents age 18 or above who resided in the 50 states or Washington DC            | 541,130 with unintentional or undetermined cause narcotic or unknown drug as cause of death |



# Limitations and Strengths

- **Limitations to consider**
  - NHANES representation of Hepatitis C increases among PWID
  - Hepatitis C- and narcotic-related mortality are incomplete proxies for underlying Hepatitis C infection
  - Estimates represent average during 2013-2016
    - Period of rising incidence
    - Likely increasing >2016
  - Model unable to produce robust, separate estimates for Hispanic/Latinx population
- **Strengths of approach**
  - Synthesis of large national datasets, with local information
  - Few model assumptions
  - Allows apples-to-apples comparisons between states

# Differences From Some Jurisdictions' Data

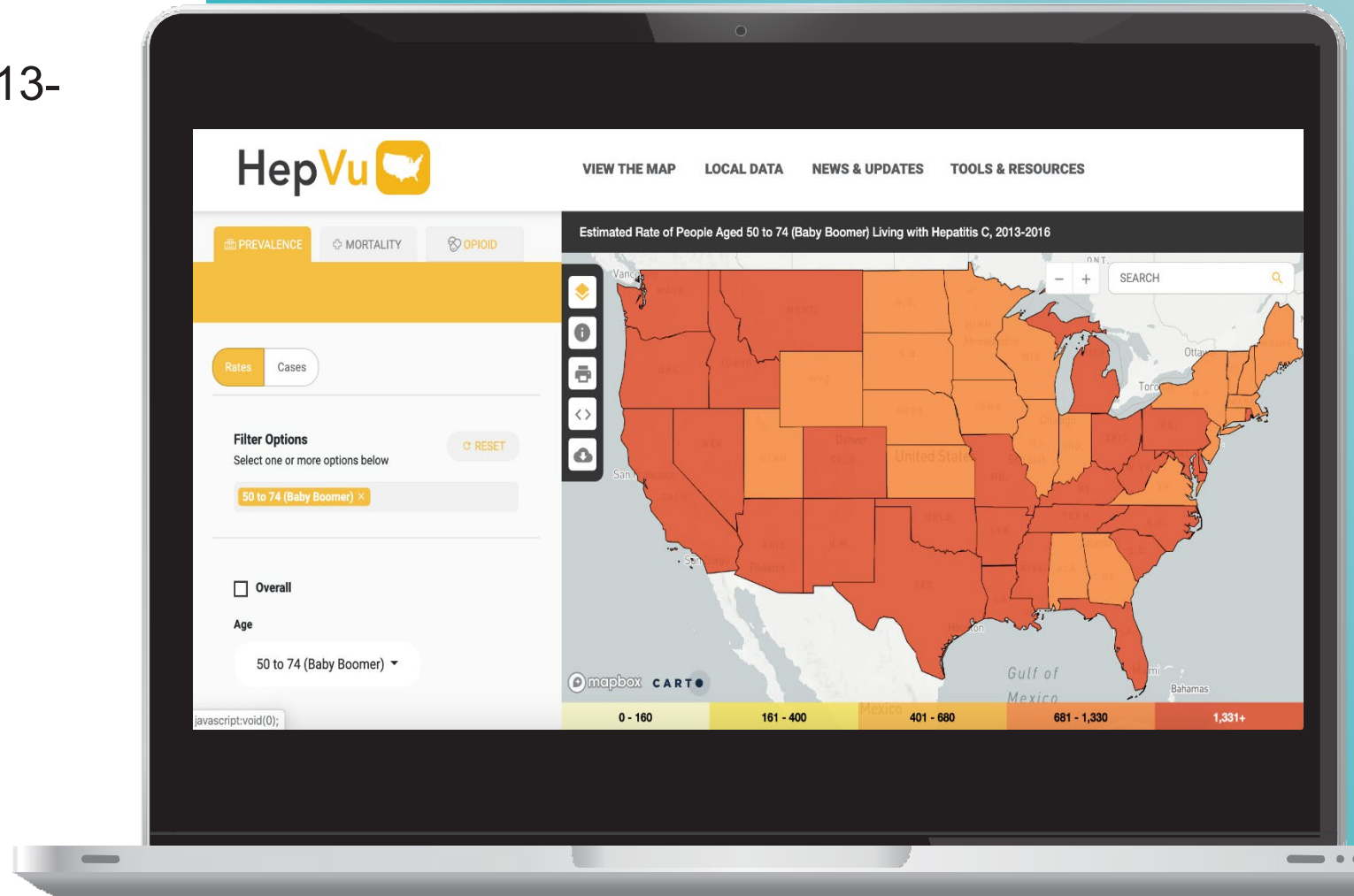
- Prevalence estimates may differ from some states' own internal estimates
  - Common approach: Make adjustments to go from diagnosed cases to prevalent infections
  - Different data sources
  - Different methods, models, and assumptions
  - Differences in time periods described
- Best estimates from national prevalence surveillance and vital statistics data
  - State-specific methodologies not replicable in most jurisdictions with different or no case surveillance. Different assumptions required per jurisdiction
  - Previous 2010 estimates closely mirrored local estimates in many states with available comparison
- **Primary objective:** Standardized approach to allow state-to-state comparisons
  - Some jurisdictions may have additional data to inform HCV epidemic estimates, which are valuable and should be taken into consideration for local decision-making

# Key Findings and Implications

# New Stratified Maps

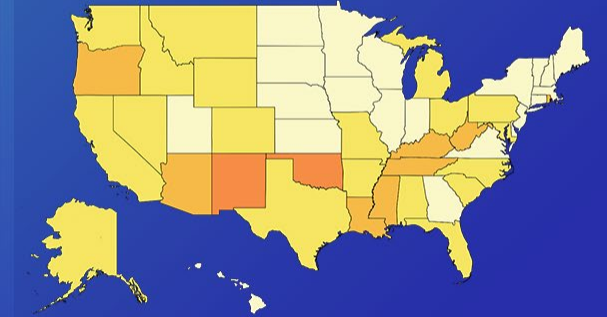
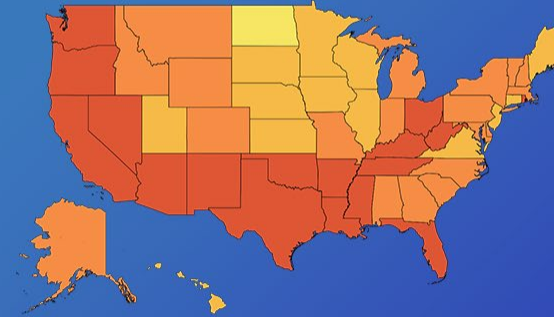
Hepatitis C prevalence estimates (2013-2016) stratified by:

- **Sex**
  - Male
  - Female
- **Age**
  - Less than 50
  - 50 – 74 (Baby Boomer)
  - 75 and older
- **Race**
  - Black
  - Non-Black



# Hepatitis C by Sex

From **2013-2016**, the rate of **Hepatitis C** was **2X higher among males than females** across the U.S.



Estimated Rate of Males and Females Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016

0 - 520

521 - 650

651 - 980

981 - 1,350

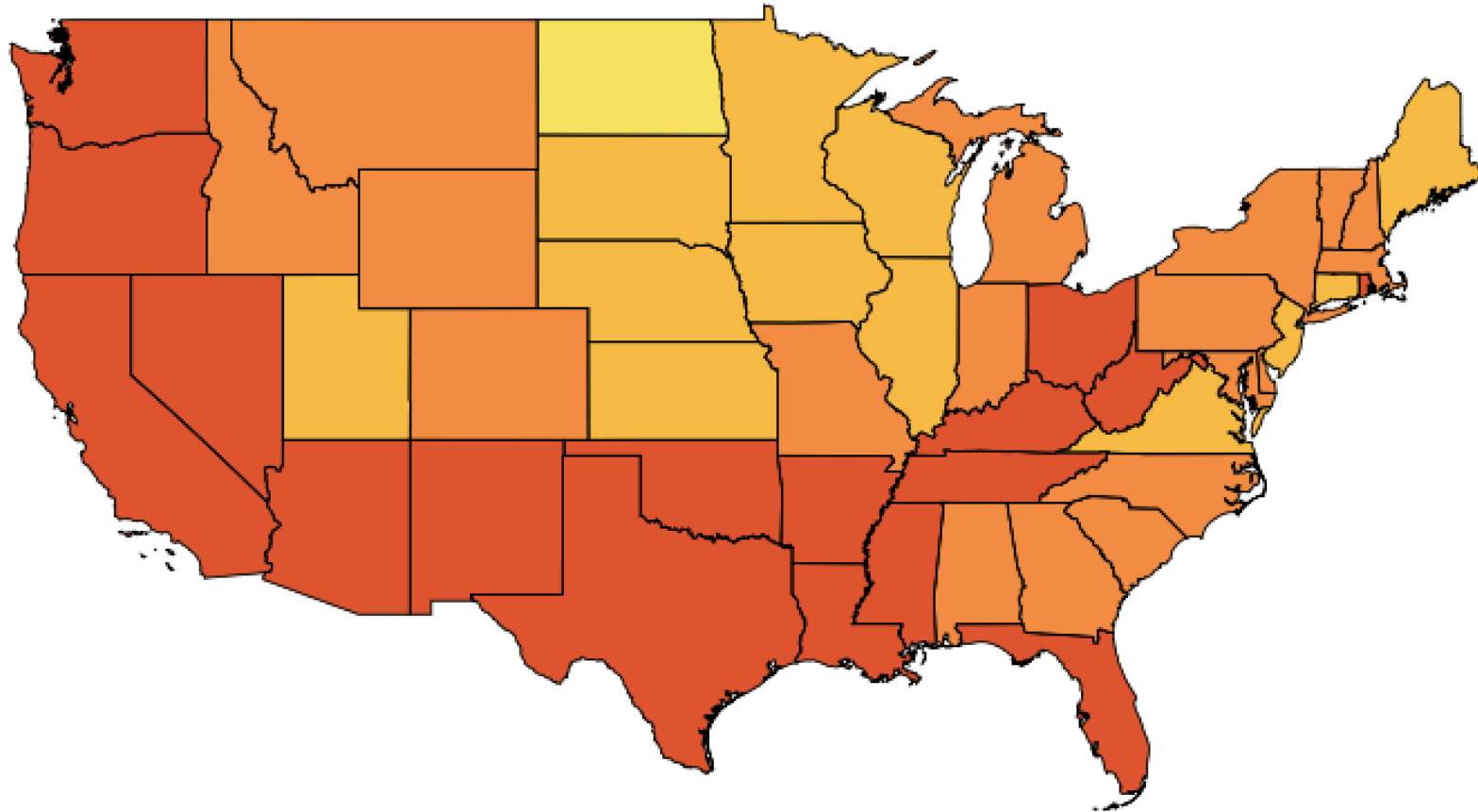
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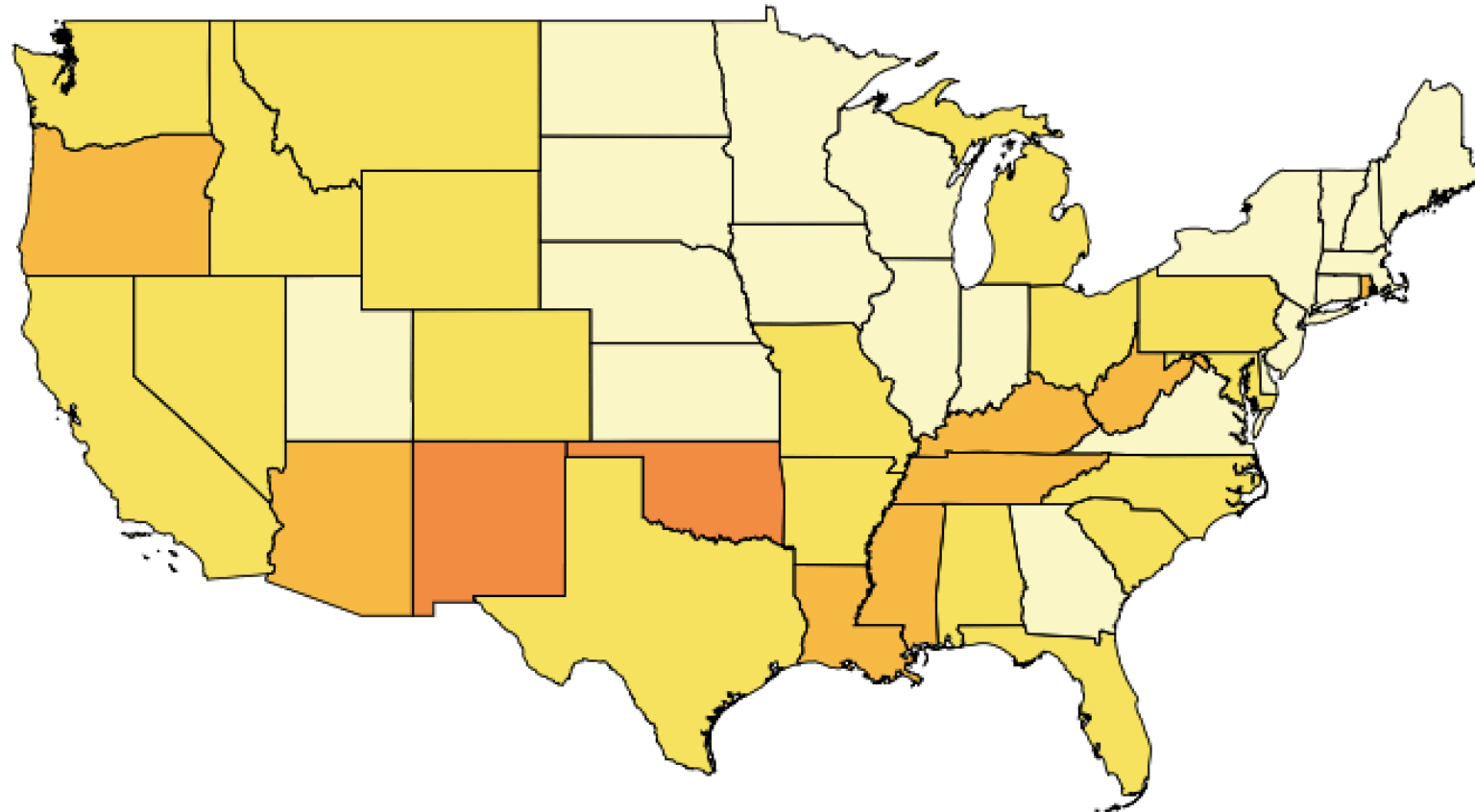
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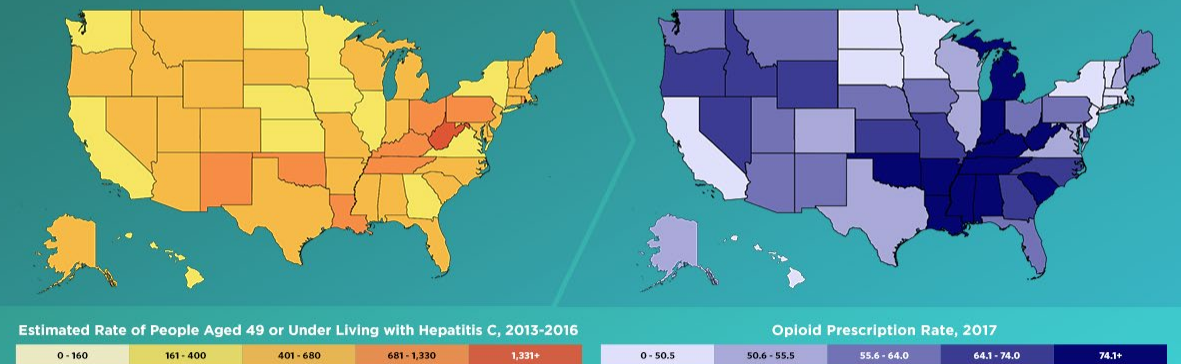
# Key Findings

- **Men had double the Hepatitis C prevalence of women** – a ratio that was consistent in nearly every state
- Nationally, the rate of Hepatitis C prevalence was 1.3 percent for males and 0.6 percent for females
- This disparity is consistent with previously published estimates

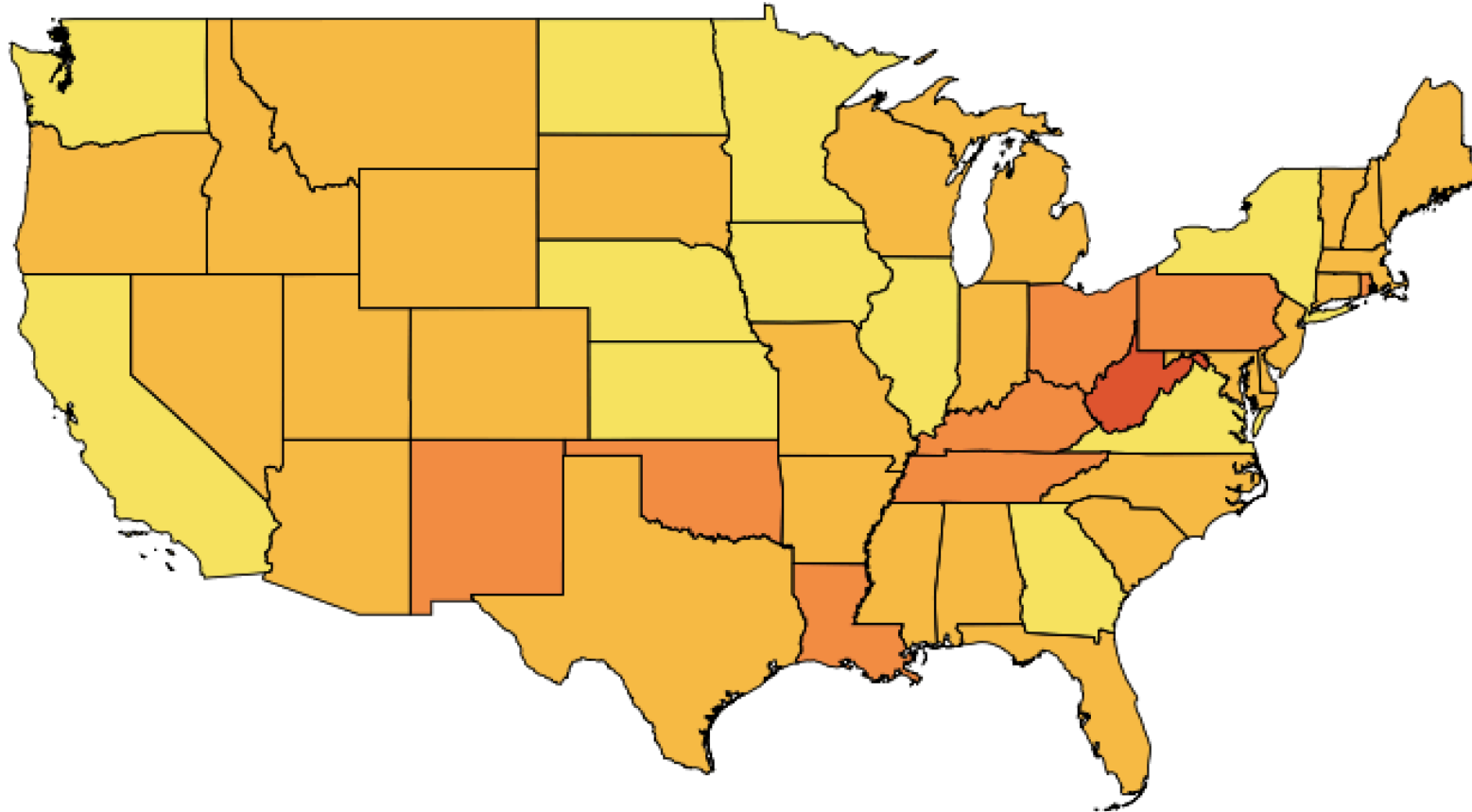


# Hepatitis C by Age

The **largest increase** in **new Hepatitis C infections** over the last decade have been among **people under 50**, primarily as a consequence of **injection drug use associated with the opioid crisis**.



# Estimated Rate of People Aged 49 or Under Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016



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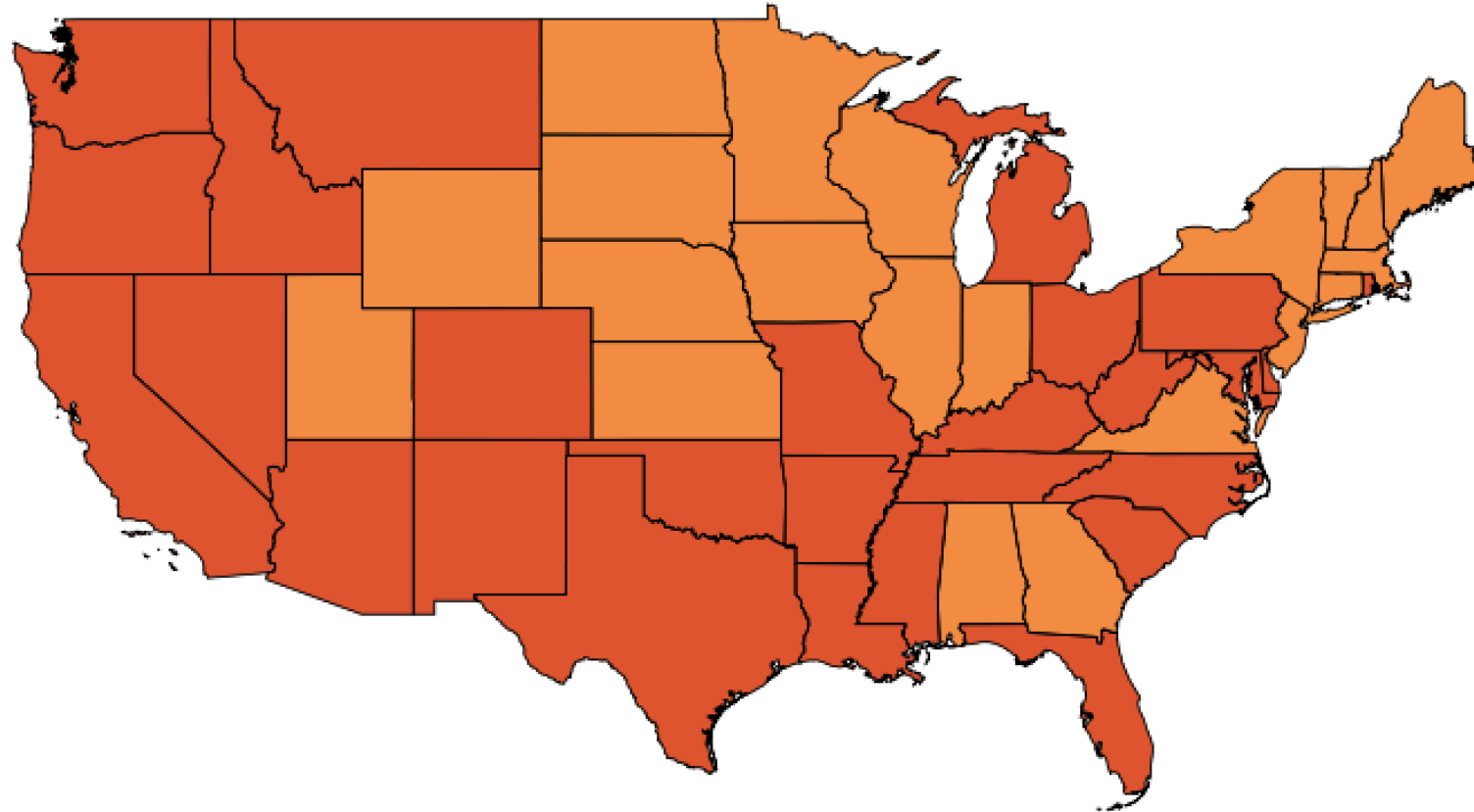
161 - 400

401 - 680

681 - 1,330

1,331+

# Estimated Rate of People Aged 50 to 74 (Baby Boomer) Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016



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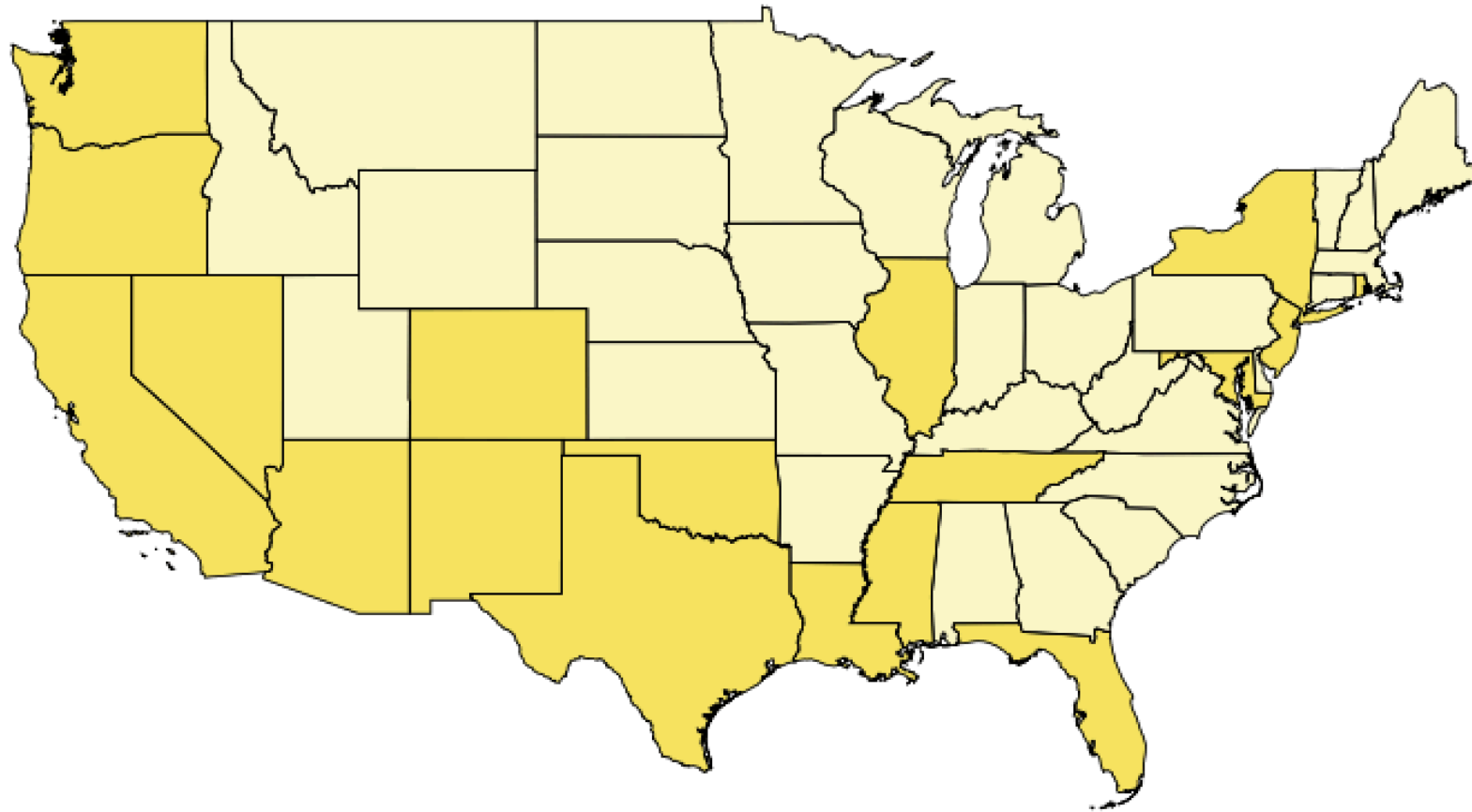
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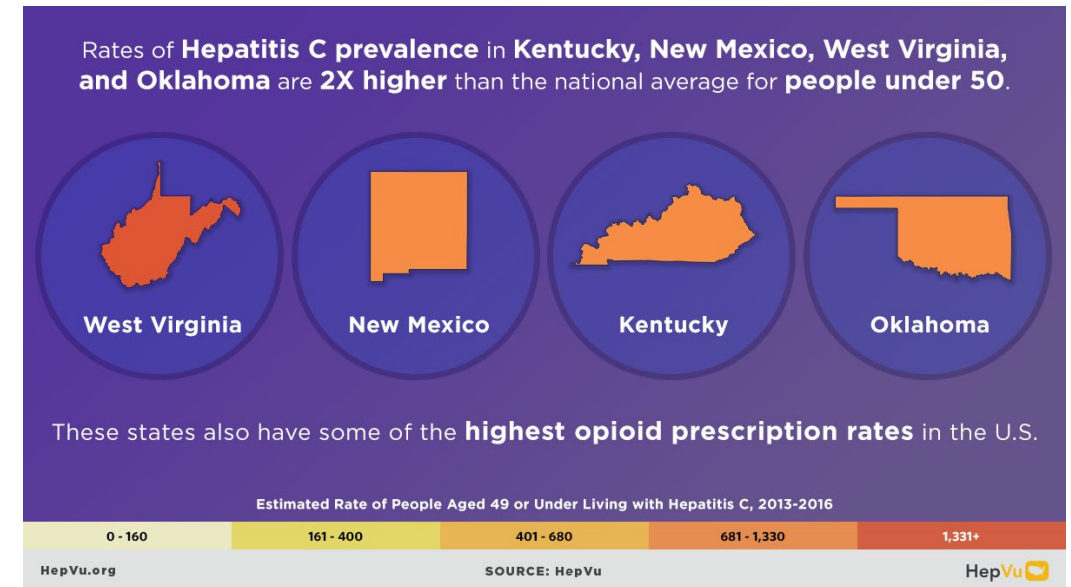
1,331+

# Estimated Rate of People Aged 75+ Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016



# Key Findings

- Nationally, Hepatitis C prevalence among persons:
  - 50 – 74 years (Baby Boomers): **1.6%**
  - 49 years or younger: **0.5%**
  - 75 years or older: **0.2%**
- 71% of infections were among **Baby Boomers**, but...
- ...**Younger Americans** represent larger proportions of Hepatitis C infections in states hardest hit by the opioid epidemic



# Hepatitis C by Race

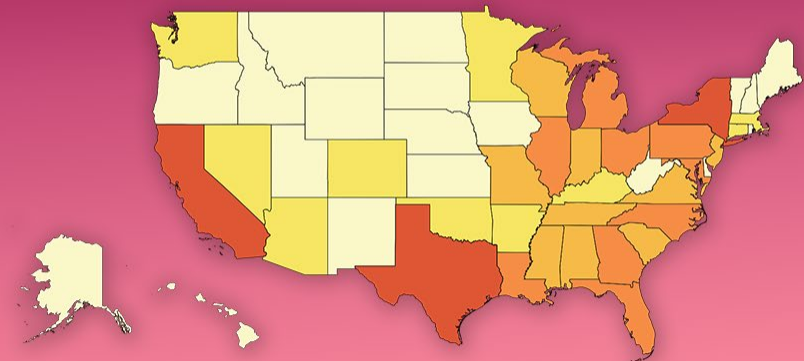
Black Americans  
account for

**23%**

of all **Hepatitis C infections**  
in the **U.S.** despite only accounting for

**12%**

of the  
**population.**

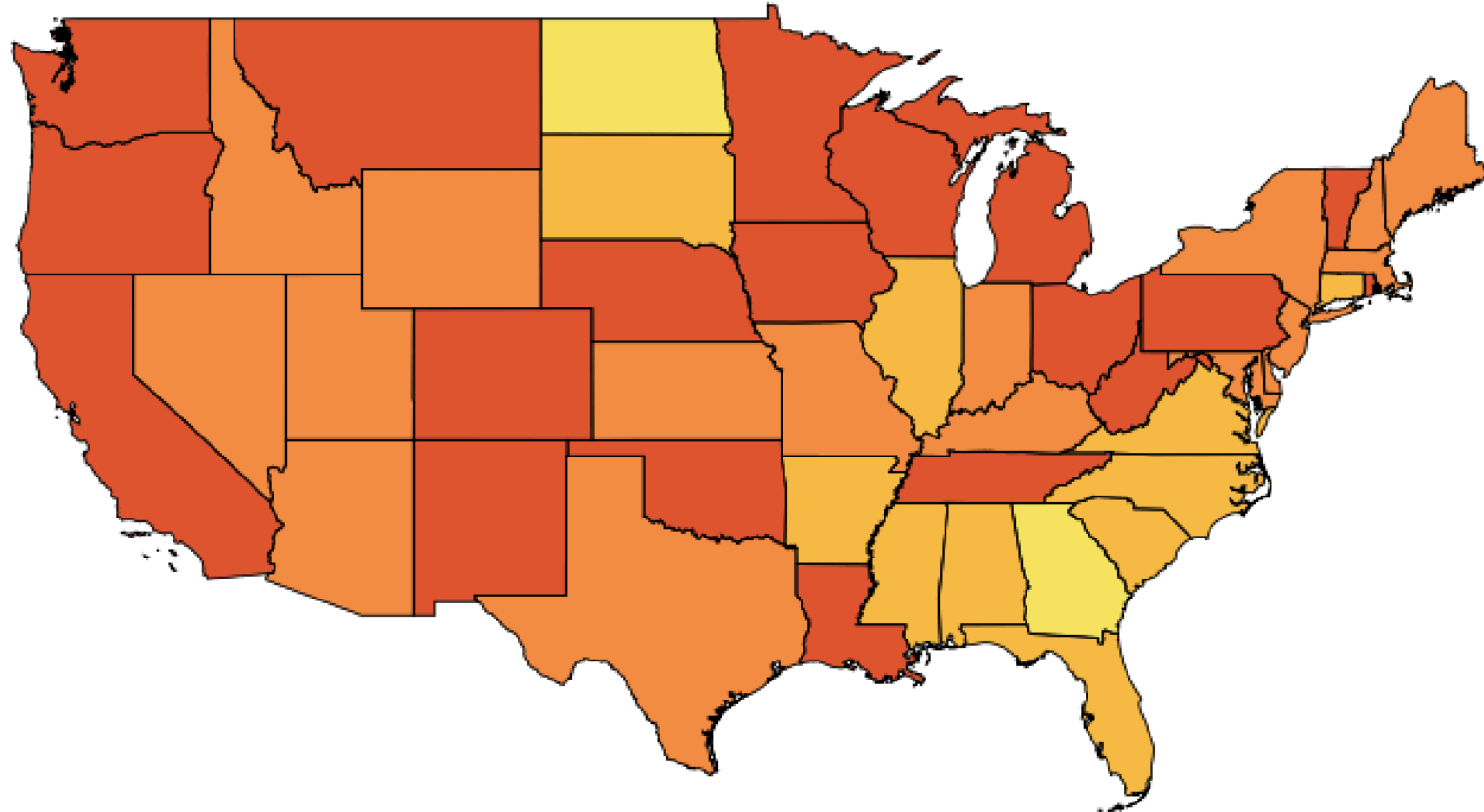


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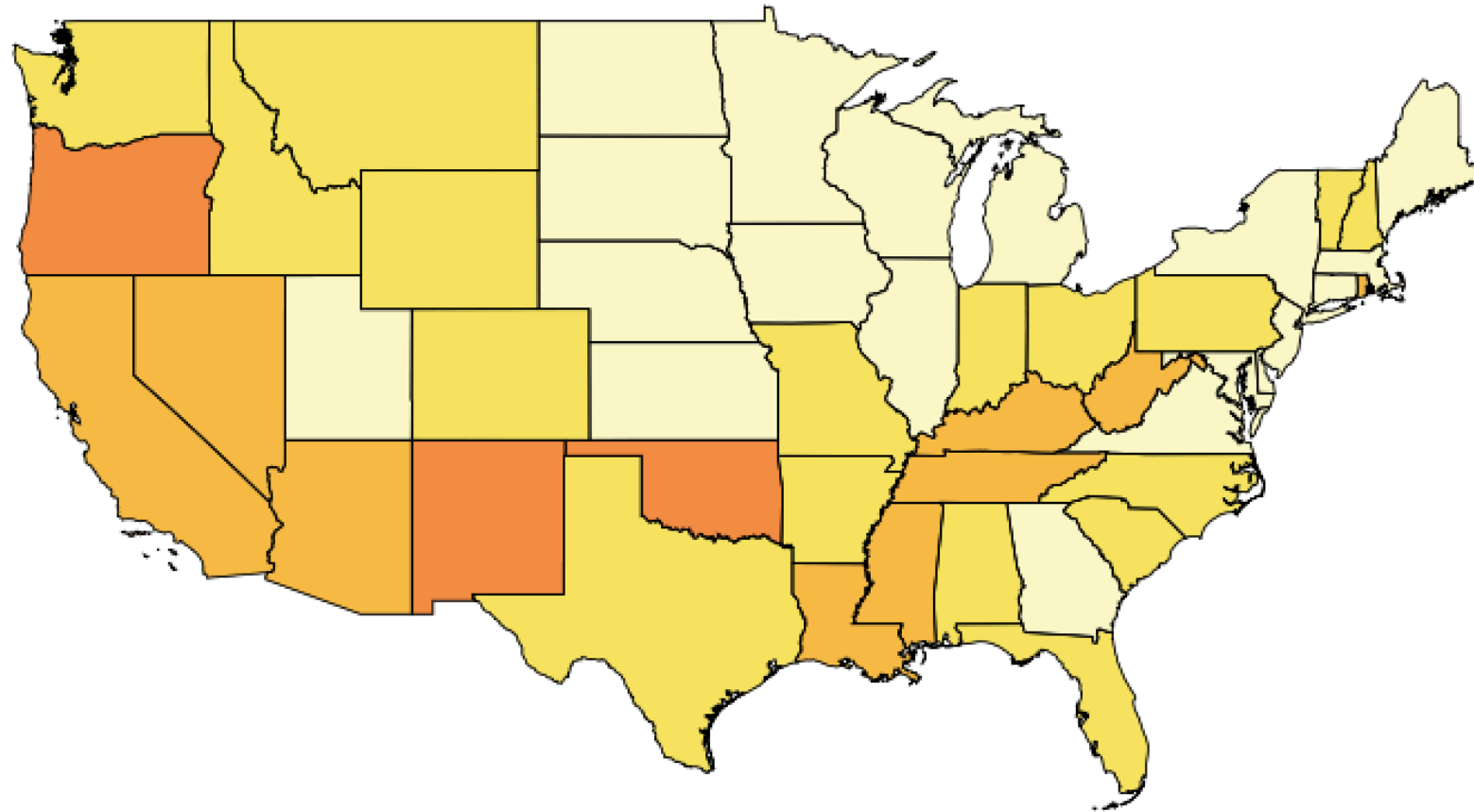
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# Estimated Rate of Black People Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016

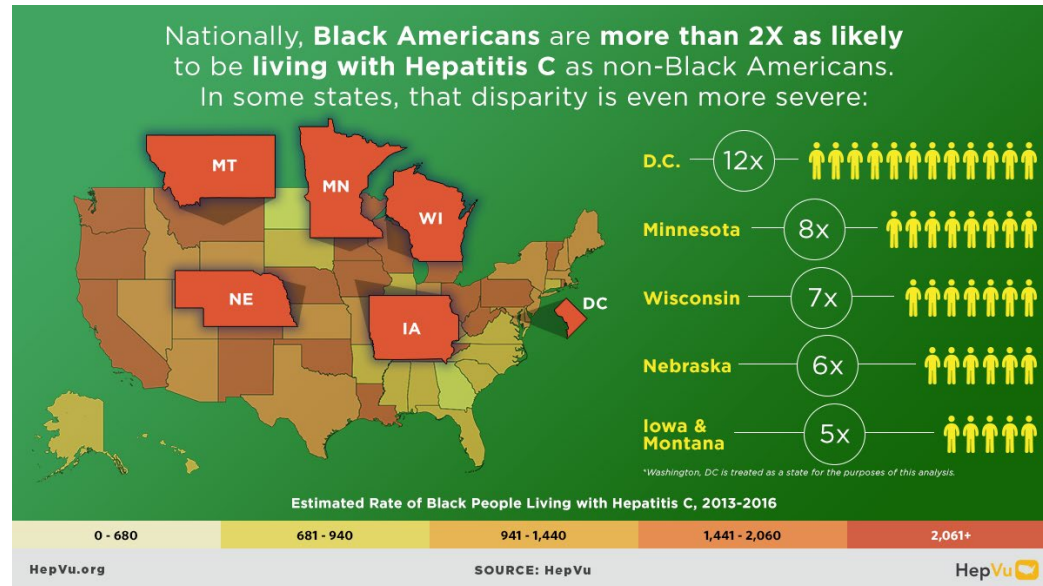


# Estimated Rate of Non-Black People Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016





# Key Findings



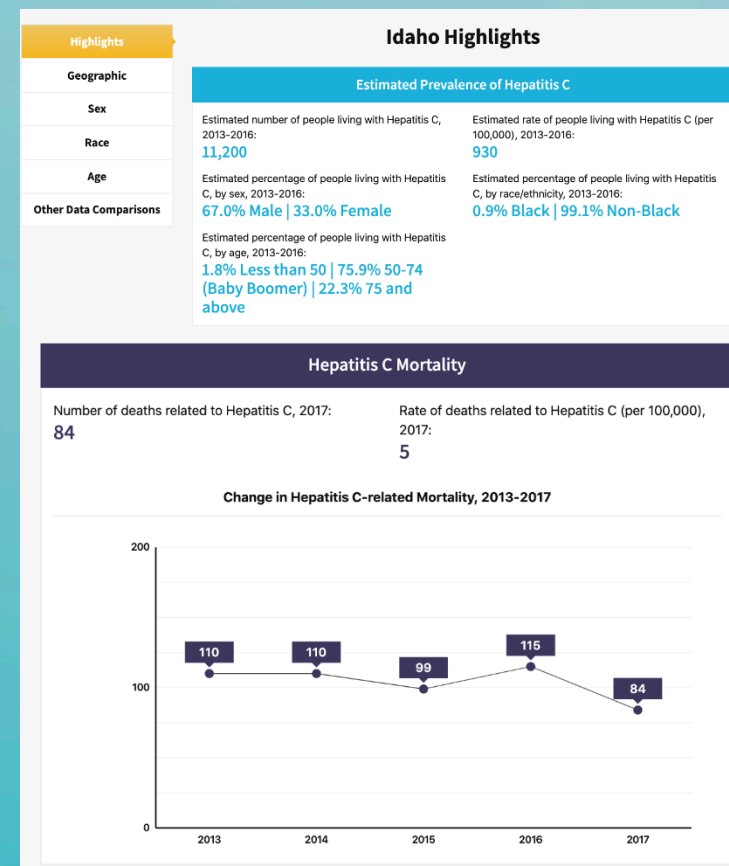
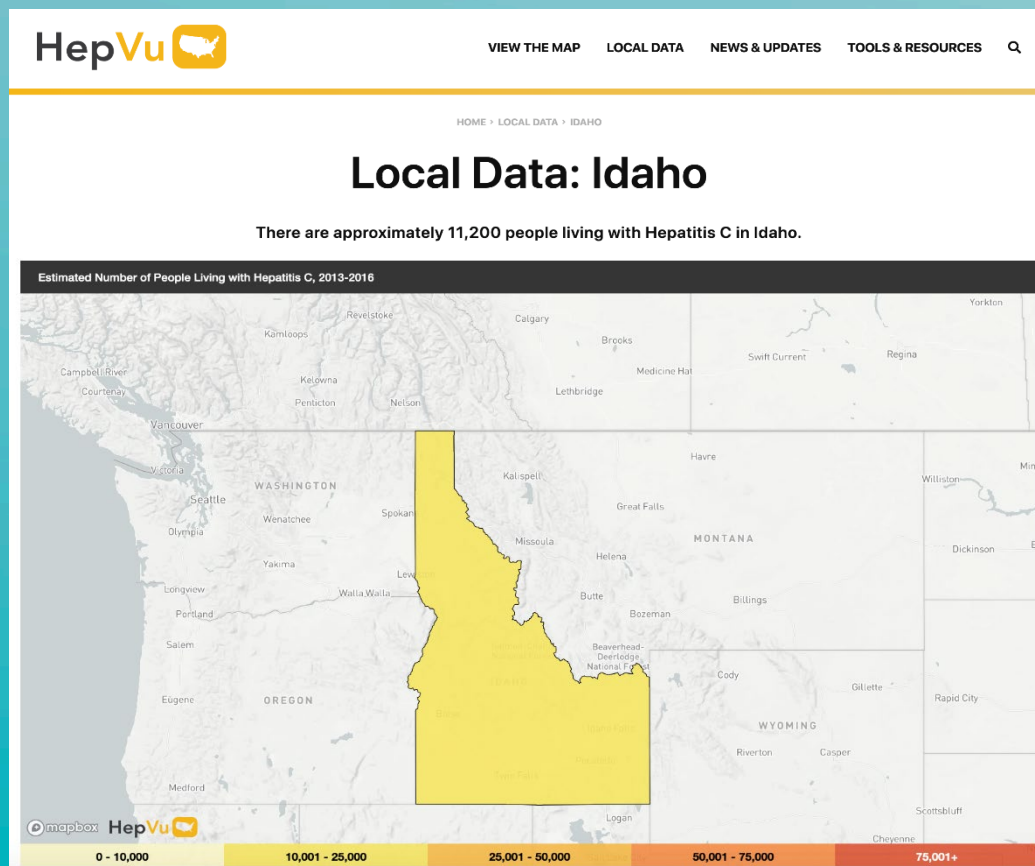
- **Hepatitis C prevalence was more than twice as high for Black Americans** than for non-Black Americans
- Black Americans account for **23% of Hepatitis C infections**, but only 12% of the U.S. population
- All but five jurisdictions had more than 1.0% prevalence among non-Hispanic Black persons

# Conclusions

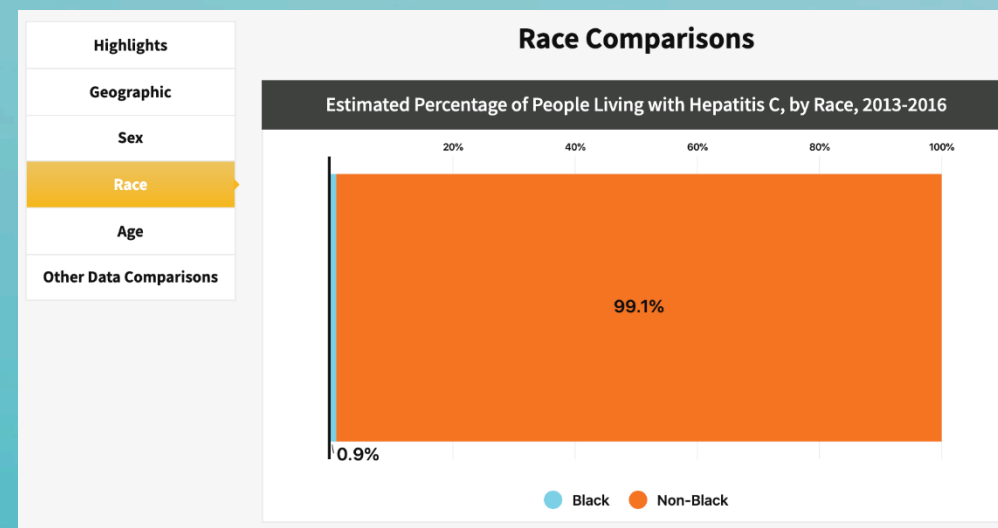
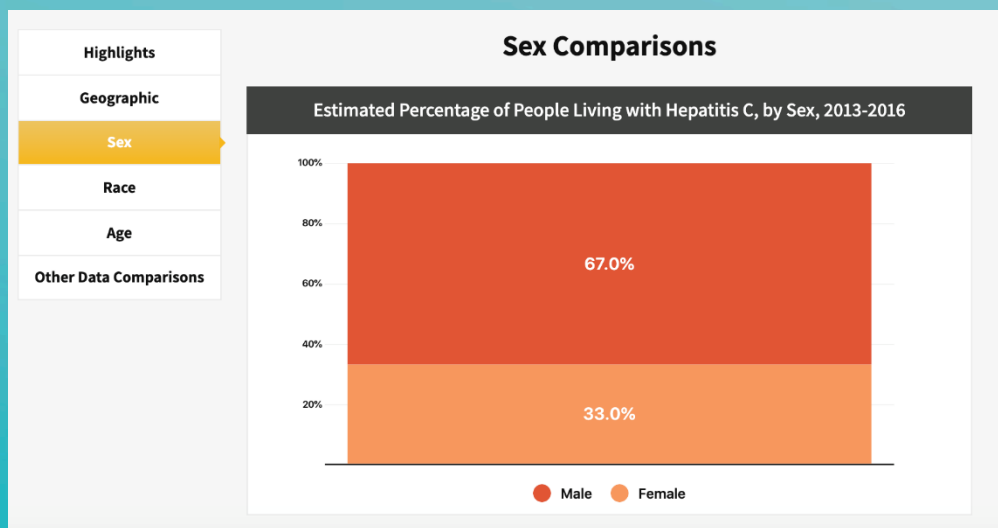
- National surveys, in conjunction with local mortality data that capture multiple aspects of Hepatitis C epidemics, enable systematic estimation of state-level Hepatitis C prevalence
- Hepatitis C continues to affect populations including:
  - Males
  - Baby Boomers
  - Black Americans
- Highest rates frequently in states:
  - With history of increased levels of injection drug use and chronic Hepatitis C infection
  - That are deeply affected by opioid crisis
- **Estimates can benchmark epidemic and guide prevention, diagnosis, and treatment efforts**

# New HepVu Features & Resources

# State Profiles



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## Opioid Indicators

Opioid prescription rate, 2017

**70.3**

Pain Reliever Misuse Percent,  
2015-2016

**5.1**

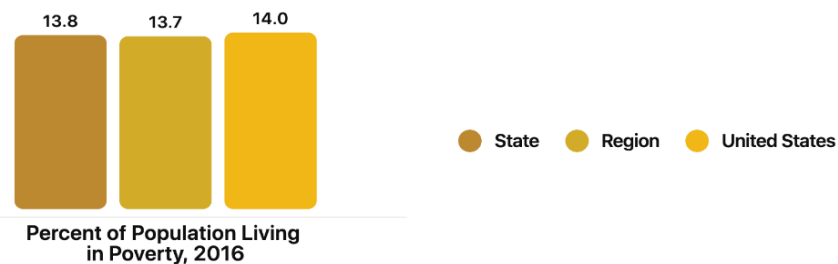
Narcotic Overdose Mortality Rate,  
2013-2016

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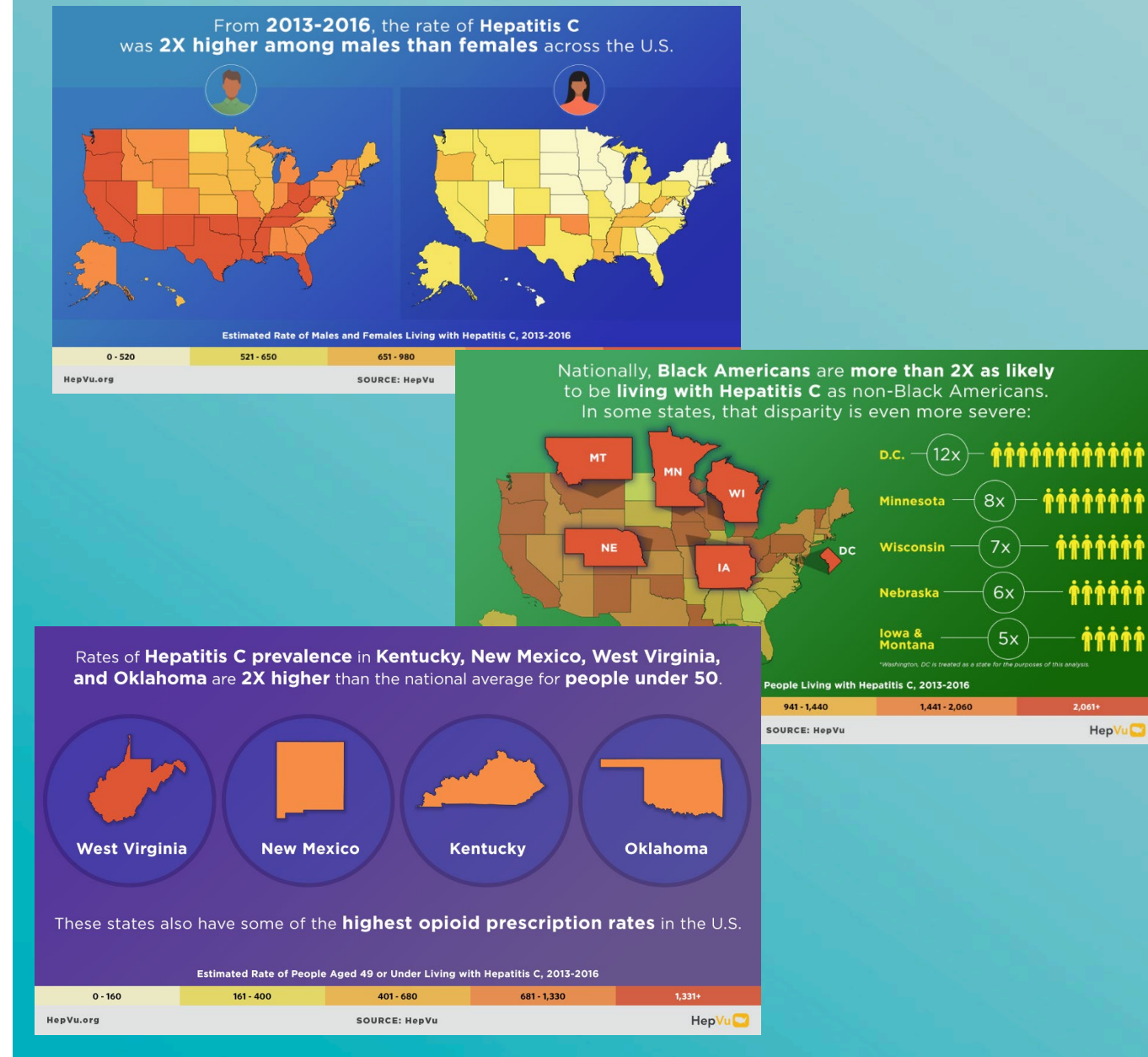


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# Shareable Resources on Stratified Data

- **New infographics** on Hepatitis C by sex, age, and race
- **Expert Q&A blogs** about viral hepatitis, opioids, and Hepatitis C elimination campaigns, with recent examples including:
  - Dr. John W. Ward, Director of the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination
  - Dr. Monica Graybeal, Hepatitis C ambulatory and community pharmacist at Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
  - Dr. Heather Bradley, HepVu Project Director (*introduction to stratified data*)





# HepVu: Coming This Year

- Focus on viral hepatitis surveillance
  - Webinar with jurisdictional representatives: **Join us January 28, 12:30 – 1:30 PM EST**
- May: Hepatitis Awareness Month and Testing Day
  - National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day
- July: World Hepatitis Day
  - National African American Hepatitis C Action Day
- Ongoing blog series with experts and infographics



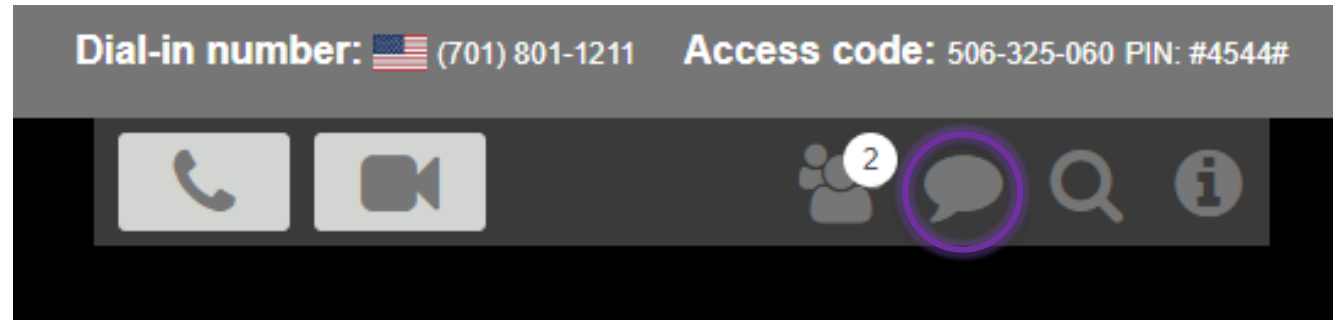


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