

## SUBSTANCE USE

HEALTH PRIORITY | #2

**Defined as:** Use of and negative impacts from mood altering substances (marijuana, heroin) or misuse of prescription drugs

### LOCAL DATA

Drug arrests per 100,000 people<sup>1</sup>



**824** Eau Claire County  
**439** Wisconsin  
**490** U.S.

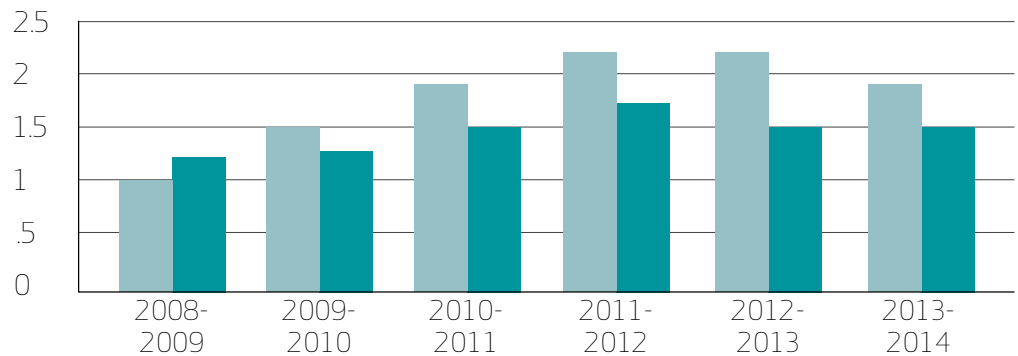
Drug-related hospitalizations per 100,000 people<sup>2</sup>



**340** Eau Claire County  
**261** Wisconsin

Opioid-related hospitalization per 1,000 people<sup>3</sup>

■ Eau Claire County  
 ■ Wisconsin



In Wisconsin, between 2012-2014, forty percent of counties experienced an increase in opioid-related hospitalizations (Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 2016).

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY<sup>4</sup>

Top reasons this is a problem in our community:

Substances are easily available

**68%**

Treatment is too expensive

**51%**

People cannot easily access services for substance use treatment

**49%**

How serious is this health topic?

Major problem..... **46%**

Moderate problem..... **32%**

Slight problem..... **17%**

Not a problem..... **5%**

<sup>1</sup>2016 WI Epidemiological Profile on Alc. & Other Drug Use (2013-2014)  
<sup>2</sup>2016 WI Epidemiological Profile on Alc. & Other Drug Use (2014)  
<sup>3</sup>2016 WI Epidemiological Profile on Alc. & Other Drug Use (2013-2014)  
<sup>4</sup>2017 Eau Claire County Community Health Survey