

# Opioid Community Impact Survey Results

## Calcasieu Parish Police Jury

2024

### Overview

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) defines opioids as a class of drugs that includes prescription pain relievers (such as OxyContin®, Vicodin®, codeine, and morphine), the illegal drug heroin, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl. These substances interact with opioid receptors in the body and brain to provide effective pain relief. However, regular use can lead to dependence, and misuse can result in addiction, overdoses, and potentially fatal incidents.

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury (CPPJ) received funding through a national opioid settlement to address the impacts associated with the marketing, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of pharmaceutical opioids. These funds are dedicated to supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives aimed at reducing the effects of the opioid crisis in the community. To guide the effective allocation of these resources, the CPPJ partnered with Emergent Method, a Baton Rouge-based third-party consulting firm with strong familiarity with the Calcasieu Parish community, to conduct a survey that ensured the confidentiality of responses and maintained objectivity in its findings.

The survey, distributed and promoted by the CPPJ from April 15 to May 3, 2024, aimed to gather community insights on unmet needs, barriers to care, and funding priorities. A total of 662 respondents completed the survey, with 635 submissions online and 27 via hard copy.

The anonymous survey responses are presented below.

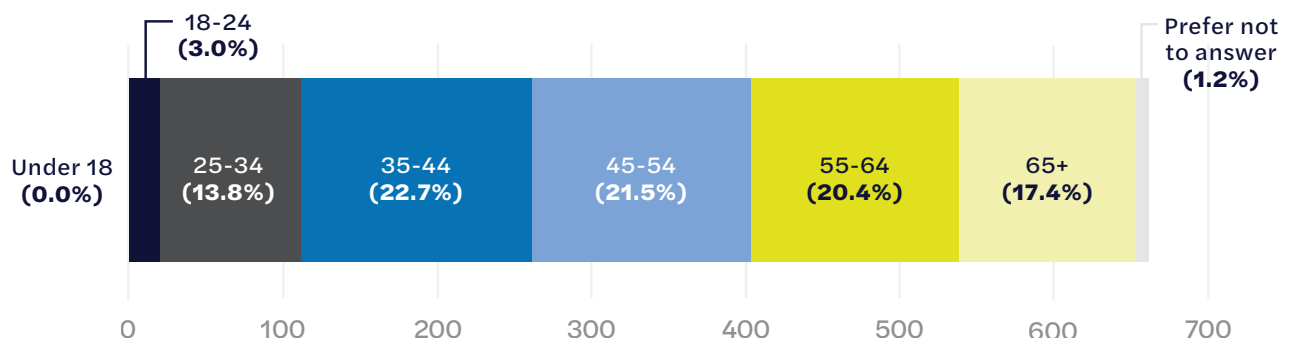
### Questions and Responses

#### Demographics

Respondents were asked demographic questions about age, education, military service, race/ethnicity, and gender identity.

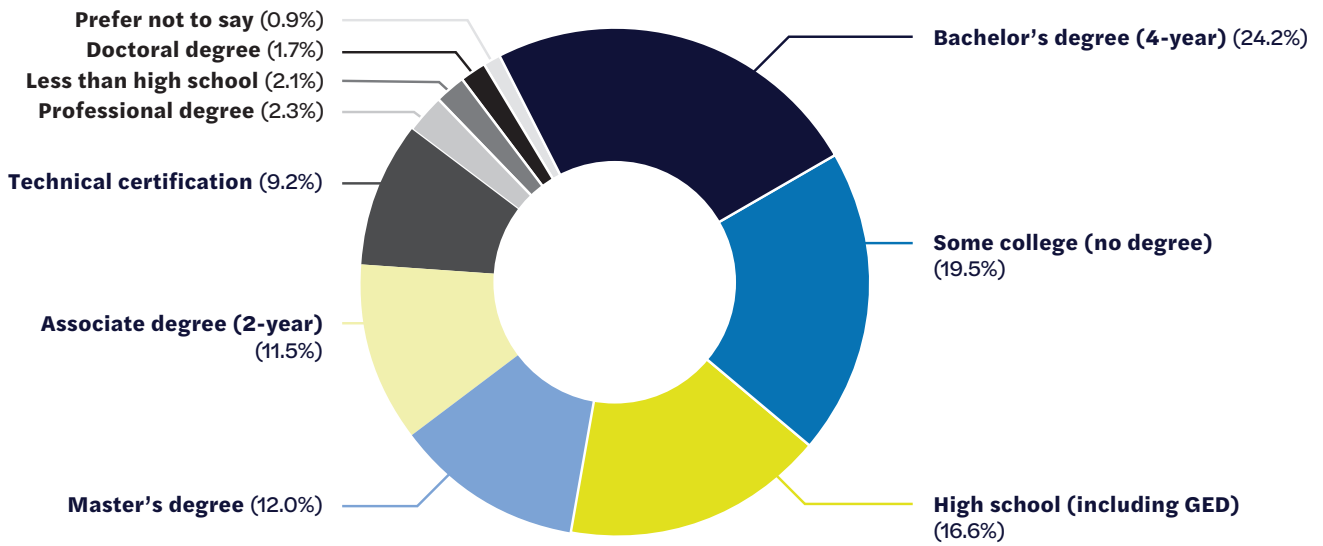
#### AGE

##### 1. HOW OLD ARE YOU?



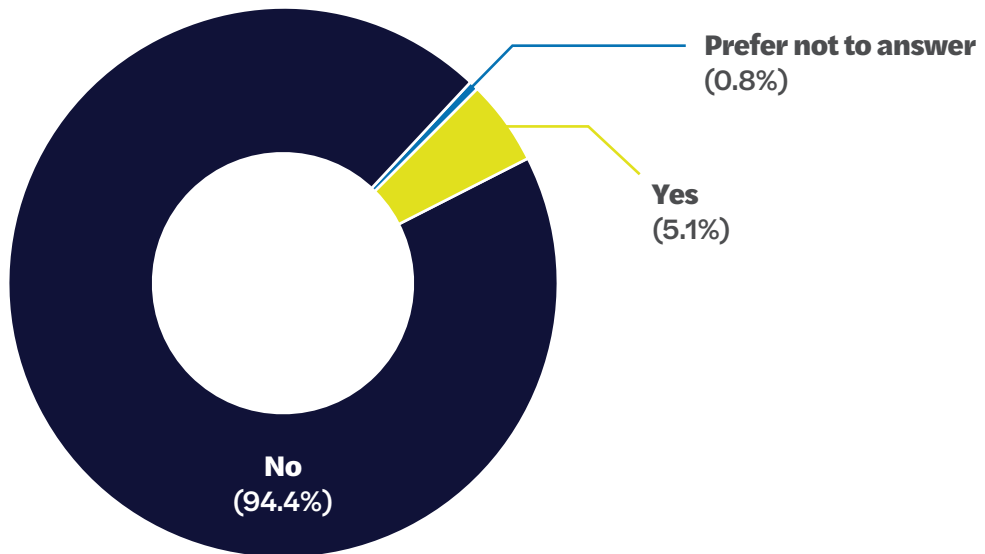
# EDUCATION

## 1A. WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF EDUCATION?



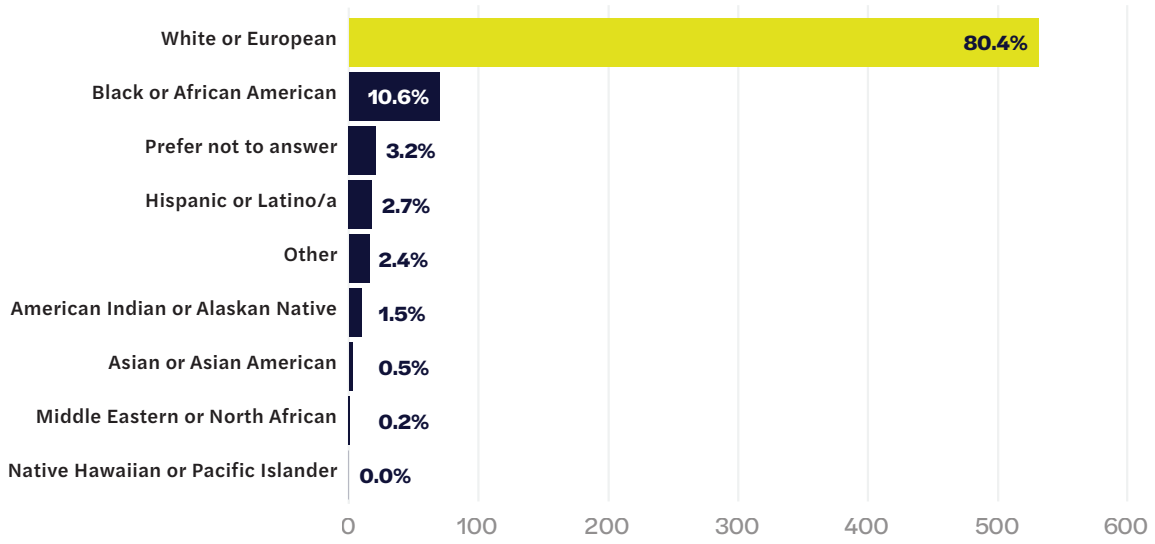
# MILITARY SERVICE

## 2. HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES?

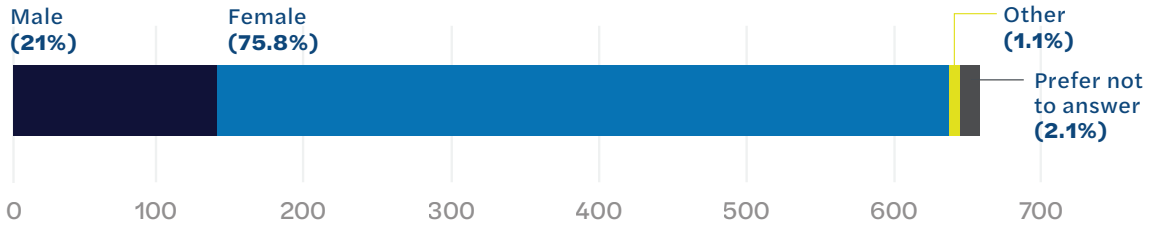


# VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION

## 3. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR RACE/ETHNICITY



## 4. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR GENDER IDENTITY.



## LIVED EXPERIENCE

### 5. PLEASE SELECT ALL ITEMS THAT MAY APPLY.

I HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH ...	%
Mental Health Condition(s)	65.2%
Substance Use Disorder(s)	52.4%
Using Naloxone (Narcan) on someone	23.6%
Previous or current involvement in the criminal legal system	21.0%
Previous or current involvement in a parish or state correctional facility (jail or prison)	16.9%
Active (current) use of substances	16.1%
Previous or current involvement in community supervision (probation or parole)	15.4%
Overdose	14.6%
Having Naloxone (Narcan) used on me	6.7%
Multiple overdoses	6.4%
Prefer not to answer	2.0%
None of the above	47.0%

### 6. PLEASE SELECT ALL ITEMS THAT MAY APPLY.

MY FAMILY MEMBER(S) HAS LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH ...	%
Substance use disorder(s) (SUD)	81.8%
Mental health condition(s)	66.2%
Active (current) use of substances	42.5%
Previous or current involvement in the criminal legal system	37.1%
Previous or current involvement in a parish or state correctional facility (jail or prison)	35.3%
Overdose	32.2%
Previous or current involvement in community supervision (probation or parole)	24.8%
Multiple overdoses	18.0%
Using Naloxone (Narcan) on someone	12.5%
Having Naloxone (Narcan) used on me	11.4%
Prefer not to answer	1.5%
None of the above	17.9%

Disclaimer: this question will be asking about overdose death, suicide, and substance-related death.

## 7. PLEASE SELECT ALL ITEMS THAT MAY APPLY.

I HAVE HAD ...	%
More than one friend die by overdose or substance-related death	31.6%
A friend die by overdose or substance-related death	30.2%
A friend die by suicide	28.5%
A family member die by overdose or substance-related death	24.5%
A family member die by suicide	22.8%
More than one friend die by suicide	16.8%
More than one family member die by overdose or substance-related death	10.1%
More than one family member die by suicide	5.7%
Prefer not to answer	0.8%
None of the above	23.4%

## SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND ACCESS

### 8. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT MAY APPLY.

I AM CURRENTLY RECEIVING OR HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED ...	%
Medication for a mental health condition(s)	22.8%
Mental health services	21.6%
Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment	8.5%
Harm reduction/health promotion services (e.g., access to Naloxone/Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and testing)	6.9%
Recovery support services (e.g., services delivered through a recovery community organization)	6.8%
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services	6.2%
Peer support services	5.7%
Trauma-specific services	5.0%
Pregnant & Parenting: Services for pregnant and postpartum persons	3.5%
Services or support for co-occurring disorders (COD)	3.2%
General case management services	2.9%
Justice-Involved: Services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system	2.4%
Other	2.1%
Wraparound and/or intensive case management services	2.0%
Housing support services	1.8%
Prefer not to answer	1.5%

<b>I AM CURRENTLY RECEIVING OR HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED ...</b>	<b>%</b>
Traditional or Indigenous healing practices (e.g., smudging, healing ceremonies)	1.4%
Transportation support services	1.4%
Justice-Involved: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided in jail or prison	0.8%
Pregnant & Parenting: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided during pregnancy	0.6%
None of the above	48.8%

#### 9. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT MAY APPLY.

<b>I AM A PROFESSIONAL THAT PROVIDES ...</b>	<b>%</b>
Harm reduction/health promotion services (e.g., access to Naloxone/Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and testing)	33.8%
Mental health services	30.6%
Peer support services	23.6%
Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment	22.3%
Other	21.7%
Medication for a mental health condition(s)	19.7%
Services or support for co-occurring disorders (COD)	19.1%
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services	17.2%
General case management services	16.6%
Trauma-specific services	15.3%
Justice-Involved: Services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system	11.5%
Recovery support services (e.g., services delivered through a Recovery Community Organization)	10.8%
Transportation support services	9.6%
Pregnant & Parenting: Services for pregnant and postpartum persons	8.3%
Housing support services	6.4%
Pregnant & Parenting: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided during pregnancy	6.4%
Wraparound and/or intensive case management services	5.1%
Prefer not to answer	4.5%
Traditional or Indigenous healing practices (e.g., smudging, healing ceremonies)	2.5%
Justice-Involved: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided in jail or prison	2.5%
None of the above	55.9%

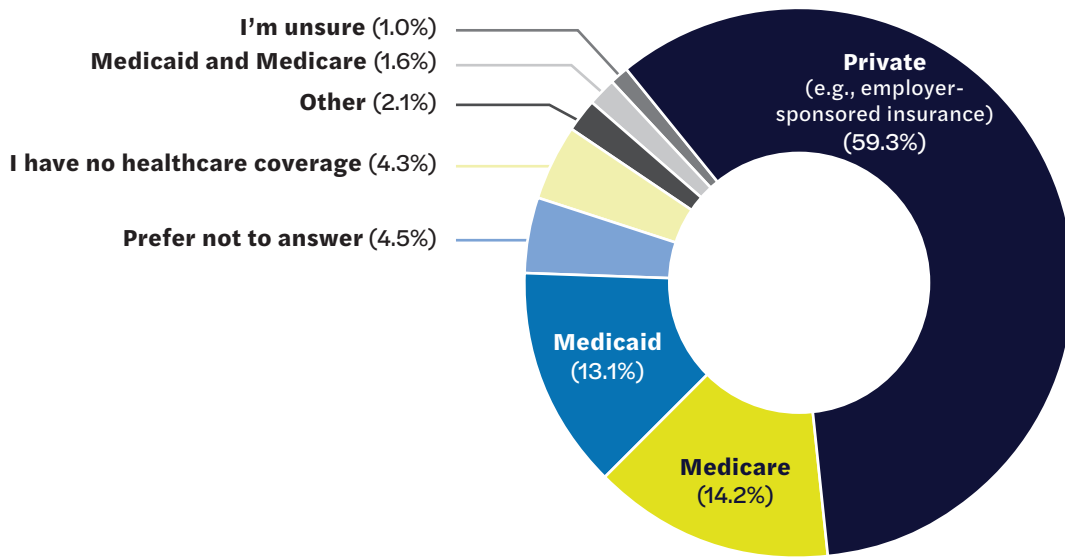
**10. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT MAY APPLY.**

<b>I HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY ACCESSING ...</b>	<b>%</b>
Mental health services	13.6%
Housing support services	8.8%
Medications for a mental health condition(s)	8.2%
Trauma-specific services	7.9%
Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment	6.8%
Harm reduction/health promotion services (e.g., access to Naloxone/Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and testing)	5.4%
Transportation support services	5.4%
Services or support for co-occurring disorders (COD)	4.4%
Recovery support services (e.g., services delivered through a Recovery Community Organization)	4.2%
Peer support services	3.3%
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services	3.2%
Wraparound and/or intensive case management services	2.9%
General case management services	2.6%
Justice-Involved: Services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system	2.4%
Justice-Involved: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided in jail or prison	2.4%
Traditional or Indigenous healing practices (e.g., smudging, healing ceremonies)	2.3%
Other	2.3%
Pregnant & Parenting: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided during pregnancy	1.8%
Pregnant & Parenting: Services for pregnant and postpartum persons	1.7%
Prefer not to answer	1.4%
None of the above	50.5%

**11. PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT MAY APPLY.**

<b>I BELIEVE OTHERS IN MY COMMUNITY MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING ...</b>	<b>%</b>
Mental health services	50.0%
Housing support services	45.2%
Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment	44.9%
Transportation support services	40.0%
Recovery support services (e.g., services delivered through a recovery community organization)	35.3%
Medications for a mental health condition(s)	35.2%
Services or support for co-occurring disorders (COD)	34.0%
Trauma-specific services	33.5%
Harm reduction/health promotion services (e.g., access to Naloxone/Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and testing)	32.5%
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services	30.1%
Peer support services	28.7%
Justice-Involved: Services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system	25.8%
Justice-Involved: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided in jail or prison	25.4%
Wraparound and/or intensive case management services	23.0%
Pregnant & Parenting: Services for pregnant and postpartum persons	21.9%
General case management services	21.8%
Pregnant & Parenting: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services, provided during pregnancy	21.8%
Traditional or Indigenous healing practices (e.g., smudging, healing ceremonies)	19.5%
Other	2.6%
Prefer not to answer	1.4%
None of the above	11.5%

## 12. I HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTHCARE COVERAGE.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CALCASIEU PARISH

### 13. HOW DO YOU THINK CALCASIEU PARISH SHOULD USE THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS?

#### SUMMARY RESPONSES

Provide expanded and accessible recovery support and treatment, including mental health support and counseling for individuals struggling with addiction, rehabilitation services, direct personal support, and expanded peer-to-peer support networks.

Expand harm reduction efforts and resources

Educate the community and schools to inform youth and the broader public about the risks and realities of drug use

Increase law enforcement

Address the homelessness issues and provide support to those who are suffering from addiction

Support the families and children of addicts with resources, funding, and counseling

Provide more access to housing

Offer more resources to existing nonprofits doing impactful work

**14. PLEASE SELECT THE OPTION THAT YOU FEEL BEST APPLIES.**

PLEASE CHOOSE UP TO THREE AREAS THAT ARE IN MOST NEED OF FUNDING:	RESPONDENTS			
	OVERALL	WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE	WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE	PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS
<b>Recovery Support</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Housing, Food, and Transportation Support</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Support for Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>76</b>
Support for Wellness and Healthcare	167	75	123	39
Prevention and Anti-Stigma Efforts	149	71	115	50
Support for Impacted Families	144	59	115	33
Support for Co-Occurring Disorders (COD)	70	36	57	27
Support for Justice-Involved Individuals	62	28	50	16
Support for Pregnant & Parenting Persons	60	21	43	11
Culturally and Community-Specific Support	47	24	35	18

*\*Note: The responses from different respondent groups may exceed the overall total because individuals could identify with multiple groups.*

**15. PLEASE SELECT ALL ITEMS THAT APPLY.**

CALCASIEU PARISH SHOULD FOCUS MORE ON ...	RESPONDENTS			
	OVERALL	WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE	WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE	PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS
<b>Improving access to health and behavioral health services</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Increasing support that address the whole person</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Increasing support for co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>70</b>
Expanding support that is delivered at critical times and critical access points (e.g., in the emergency department after an overdose)	197	104	159	54
Increasing support for housing and transportation	195	103	156	62
Increasing support to communities and groups that have been most impacted	180	92	139	52
Increasing support for polysubstance use (active use of more than one substance)	176	105	148	49
Ensuring that services are developed around culture and community	129	63	107	47
Other	32	13	22	13

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**16. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU WANT TO SHARE.**

**SUMMARY RESPONSES**

Ensure continuing and ongoing treatment

Provide housing to those in need

Harm reduction efforts

Mental health support

Community education

Ensure continued access to prescribed medications

Support the families and children of addicts

Decrease judgment around substance use disorders and addiction