Delaware Ranks 9th in the Nation in Drug Poisoning Deaths in 2010

In 2010, the most recent year for which data are available, Delaware’s rate of Drug Poisoning deaths determined by the number of deaths per 100,000 total population ranked 9th among the United States. Delaware’s rate of 16.6 per 100,000 far exceeded the national rate of 12.3 per 100,000. Among surrounding states, Pennsylvania’s rate was closest (15.3), with Maryland (11.0) and New Jersey (9.8) significantly lower. Delaware’s homicide rate—7 per 100,000—also exceeded the U.S. rate of 5.3 per 100,000.

![Graph showing drug poisoning rates per 100,000 population for the US, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey in 2010.](image)

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