

Hepatitis C

2014 - 2018



About this report

The Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health is a collaborative of over thirty partner organizations. By aligning the resources and expertise of state universities, researchers, hospital associations, healthcare providers and public health experts, the Alliance works to solve the most complex and pressing health problems in the state.

The following findings and figures are based on data from the Hepatitis Surveillance Program, a service of the Ohio Department of Health which is responsible for the collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of population-based information about persons diagnosed with non-perinatal Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis D viruses in Ohio. ODH specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations or conclusions.

Key Findings

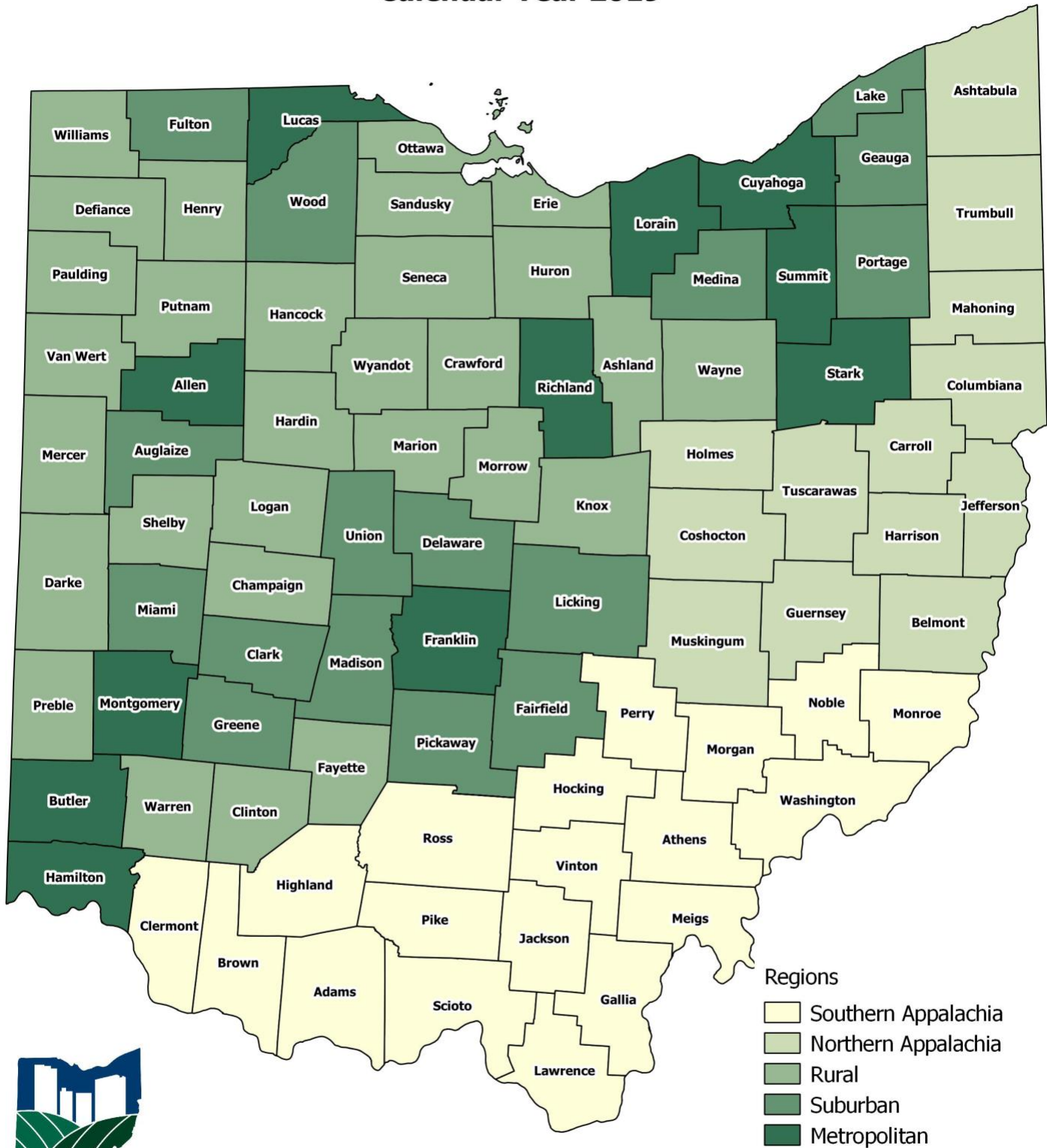
This monograph focuses on Hepatitis C rates within the state of Ohio during a five-year study period from 2014 through 2018. Significant attention has been drawn to the severity of opioid overdose deaths within Ohio's Appalachian counties and overdose deaths are an important measure of the impact of the opioid epidemic in our state. However, it is important to note that overdose death rates can be influenced by a wide range of factors such as the accuracy of coroner records, the availability of treatment, and the use of naloxone by emergency responders. Hepatitis C is often linked to intravenous (IV) drug use since one of the major sources of infection is the practice of sharing previously used needles.

The following findings illustrate the variability of reported Hepatitis C incidents throughout the eighty-eight counties in Ohio, five designated cultural regions and key demographic characteristics:

1. Analyses of statewide Hepatitis C incidents shows increasing rates from 2014 through 2016 and broad declines in 2017 and 2018. This would suggest that IV drug use in Ohio may have peaked in 2016 and declined in the two latter years of the study period.
2. Five southern Appalachian counties (Pike, Scioto, Gallia, Lawrence and Meigs) exhibited the highest five-year average Hepatitis C rates for the study period.
3. Putnam, Holmes, Delaware, Auglaize and Geauga exhibited the lowest five-year average rates for the study period.
4. The southern Appalachian region exhibited consistently higher Hepatitis C rates than the remainder of Ohio. This finding supports the notion that Appalachian Ohio has been the most impacted by the opioid epidemic. The metropolitan counties, northern Appalachia, rural non-Appalachian and suburban counties followed.
5. Ohioans between the ages of 20 and 29 exhibited the highest Hepatitis C rates, followed by persons between 30 - 39, 50 – 59, 40 -49 and persons 60 and older. Few incidents of Hepatitis C were recorded for persons nineteen and under. (*Figure 9*).
6. Males were more likely to exhibit Hepatitis C than females. (*Figure 8*).
7. White Ohioans exhibited the highest Hepatitis C rates followed closely by African Americans. Hepatitis C rates for Native Americans and Asian Americans followed distantly. (*Figure 10*).

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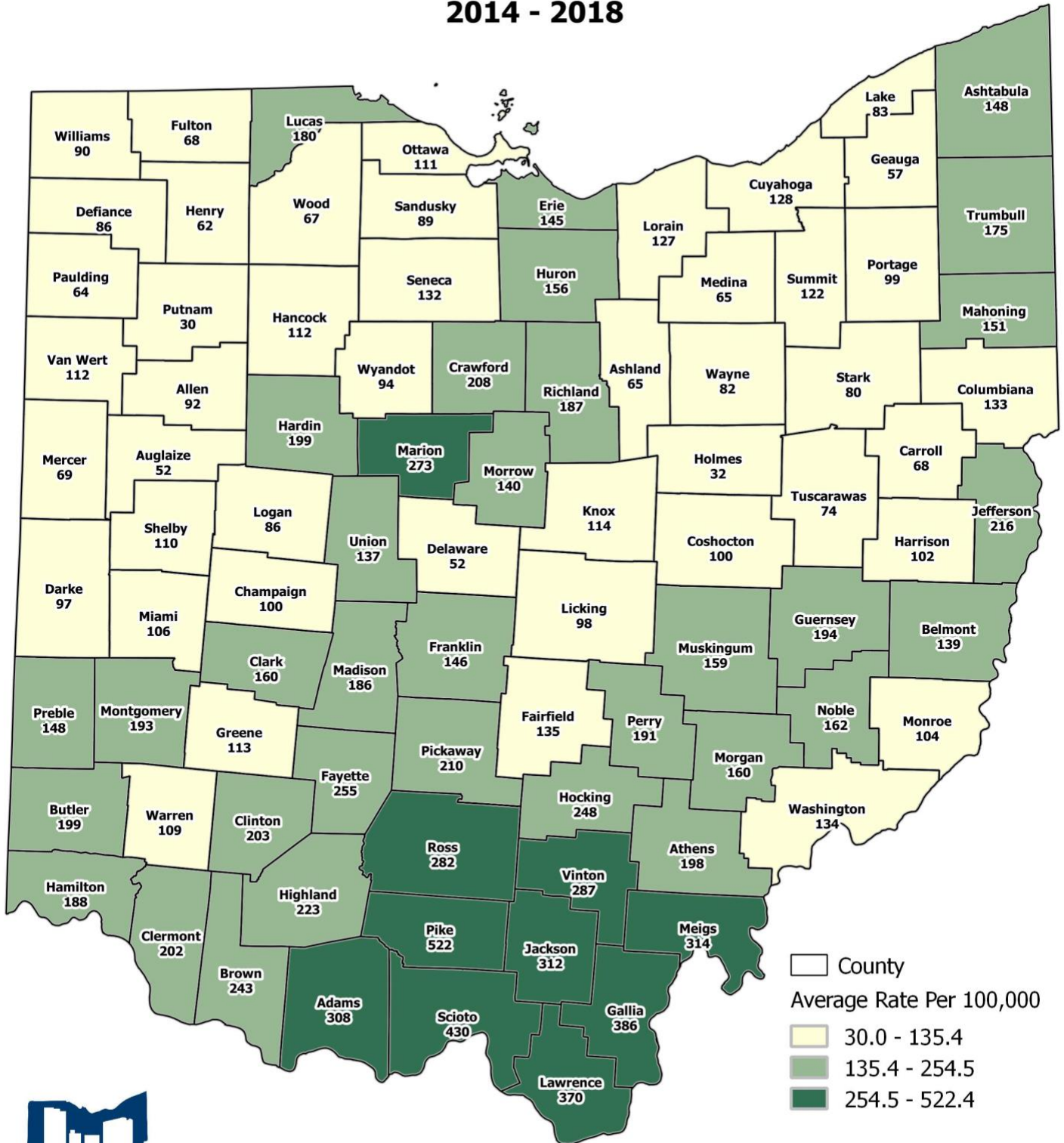
Counties by OAIPH Defined Regions Calendar Year 2019



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Figure 2

Average Rate per 100,000 HCV Cases 2014 - 2018



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County rates exclude cases diagnosed in state correctional facilities.

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Hepatitis Surveillance Program Data reported through 5/13/2019.

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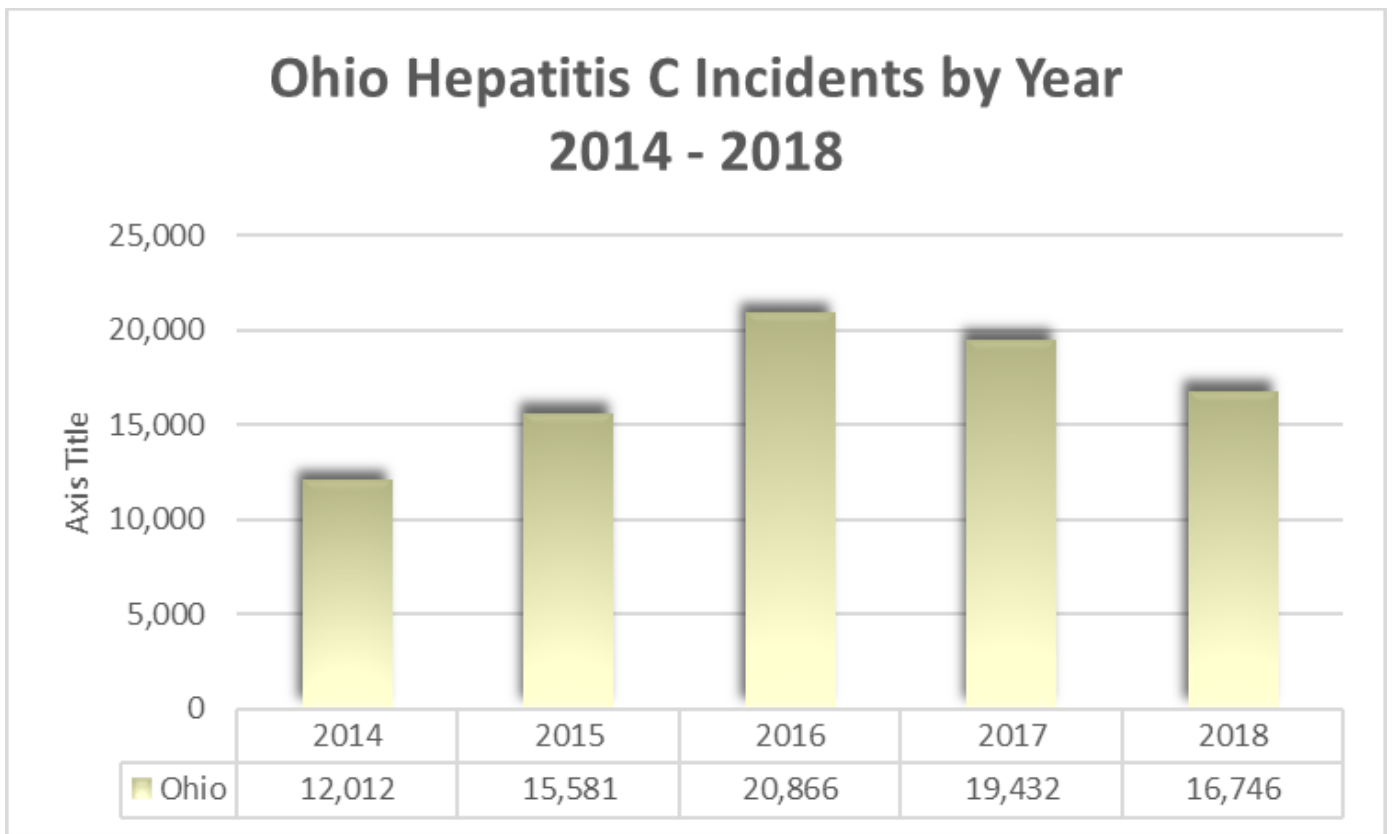


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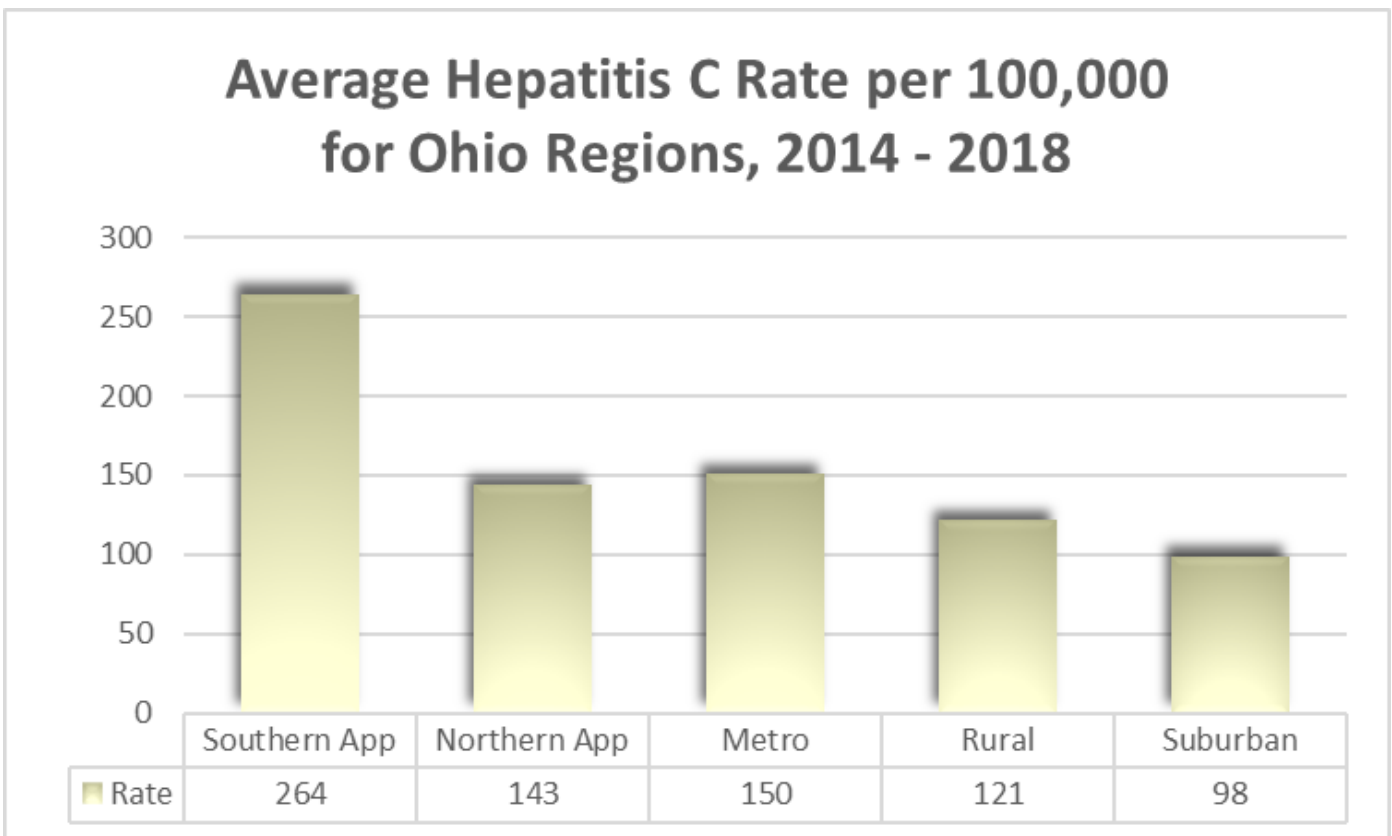


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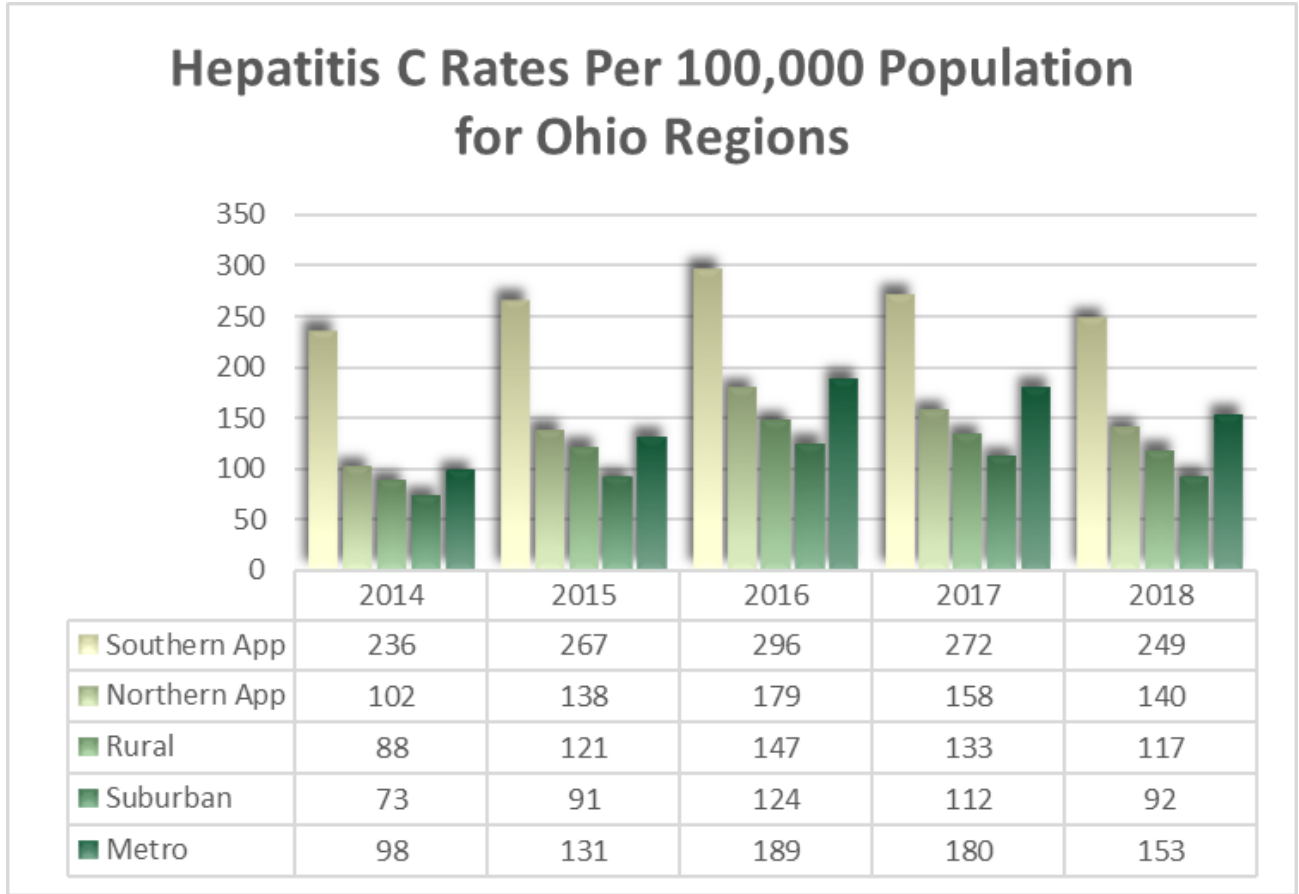


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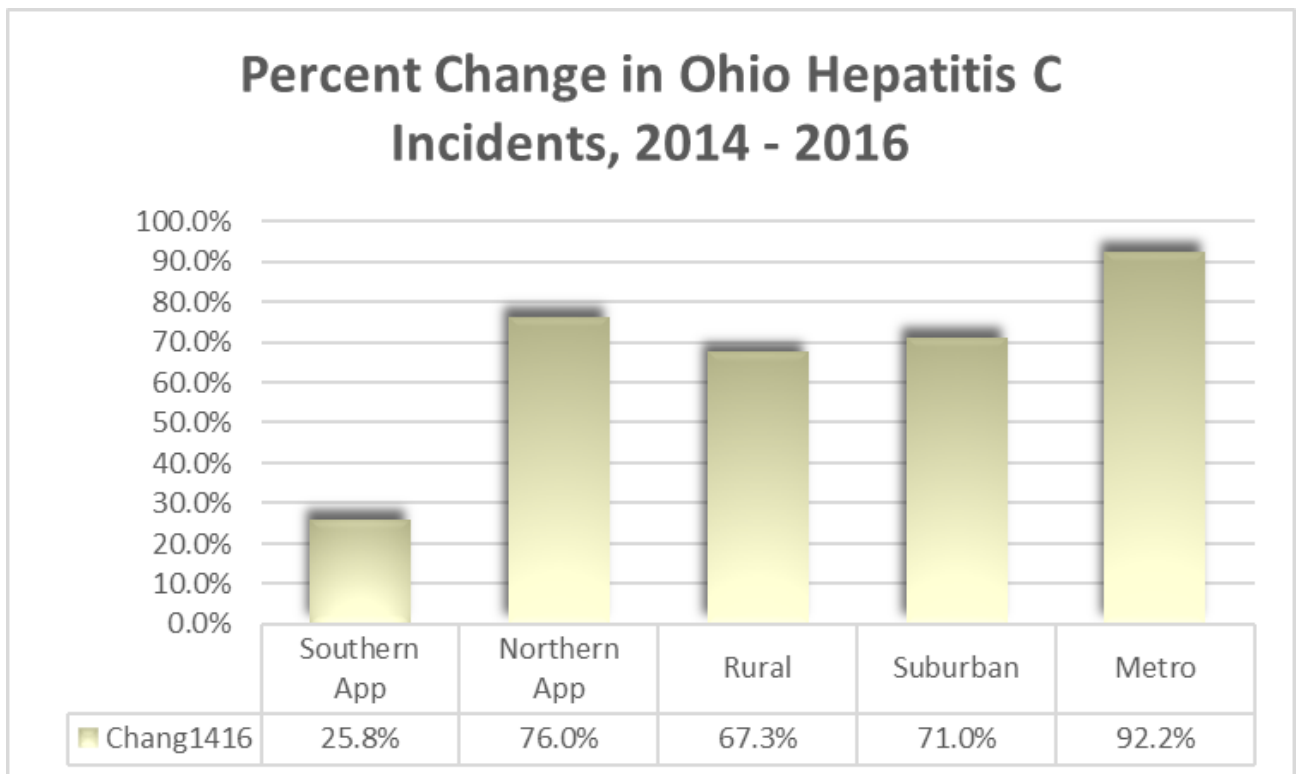


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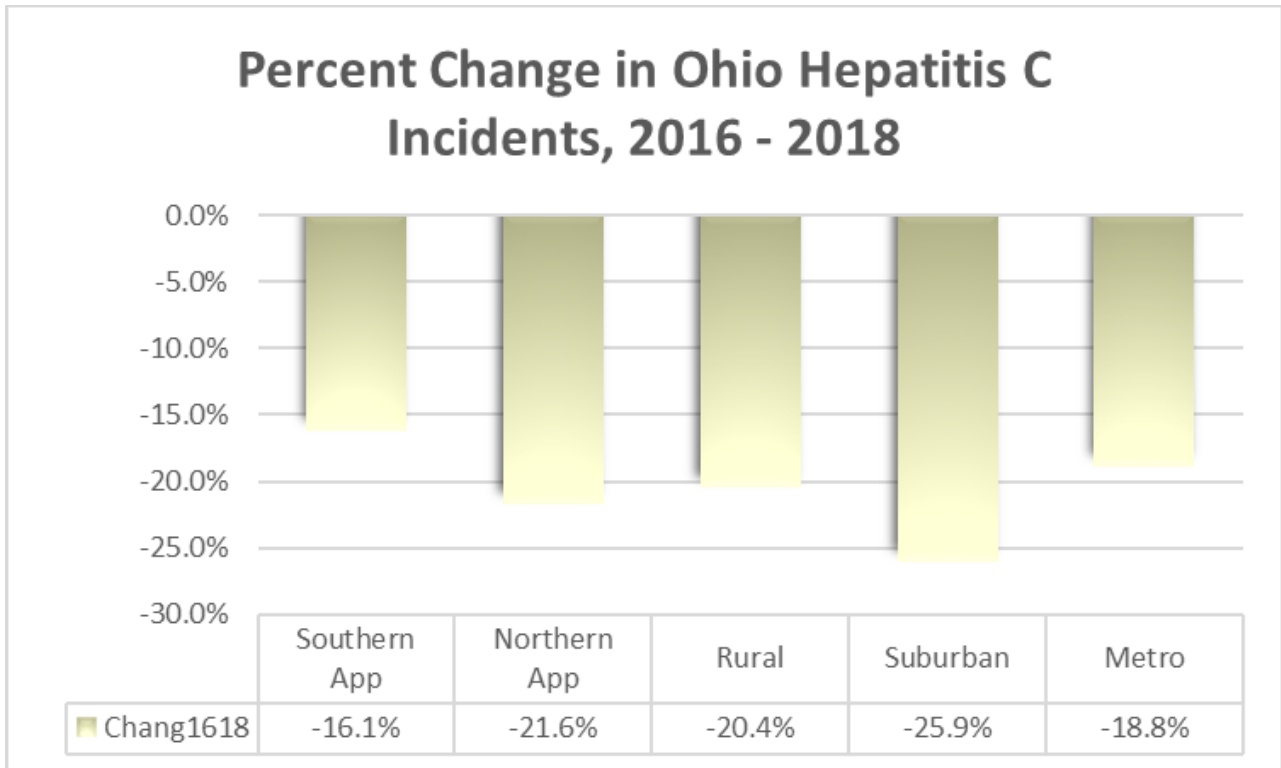


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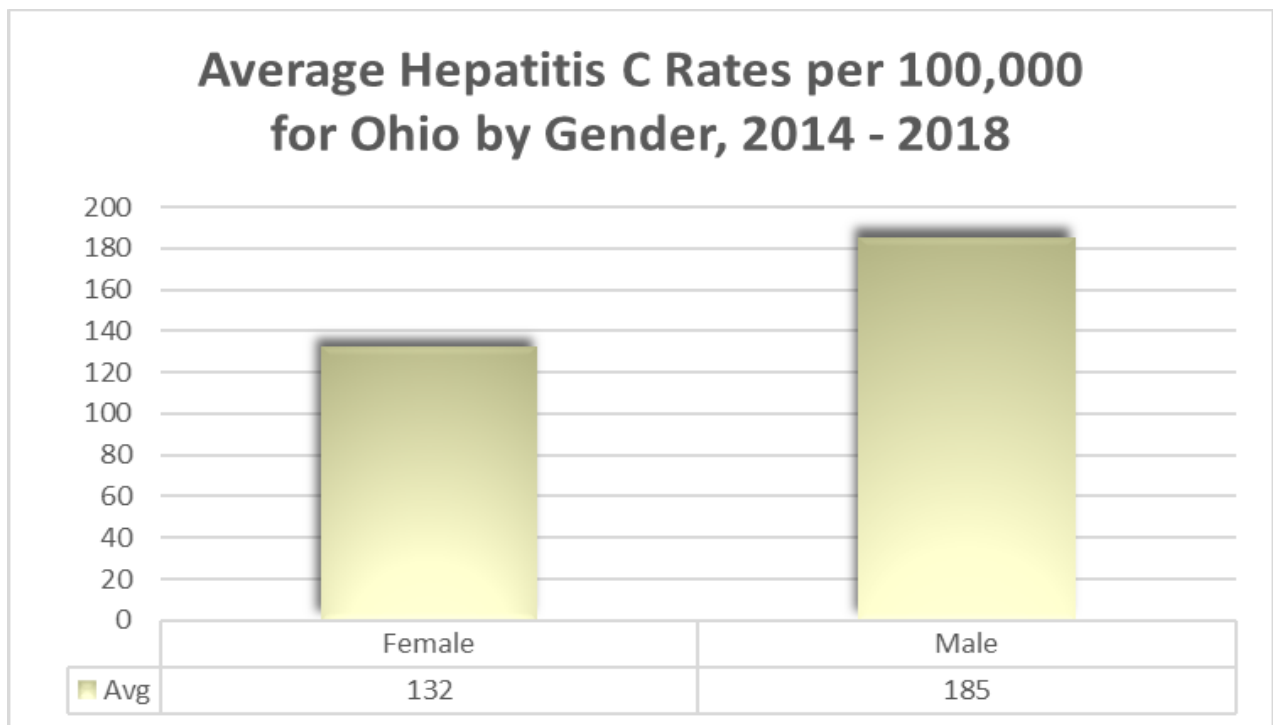


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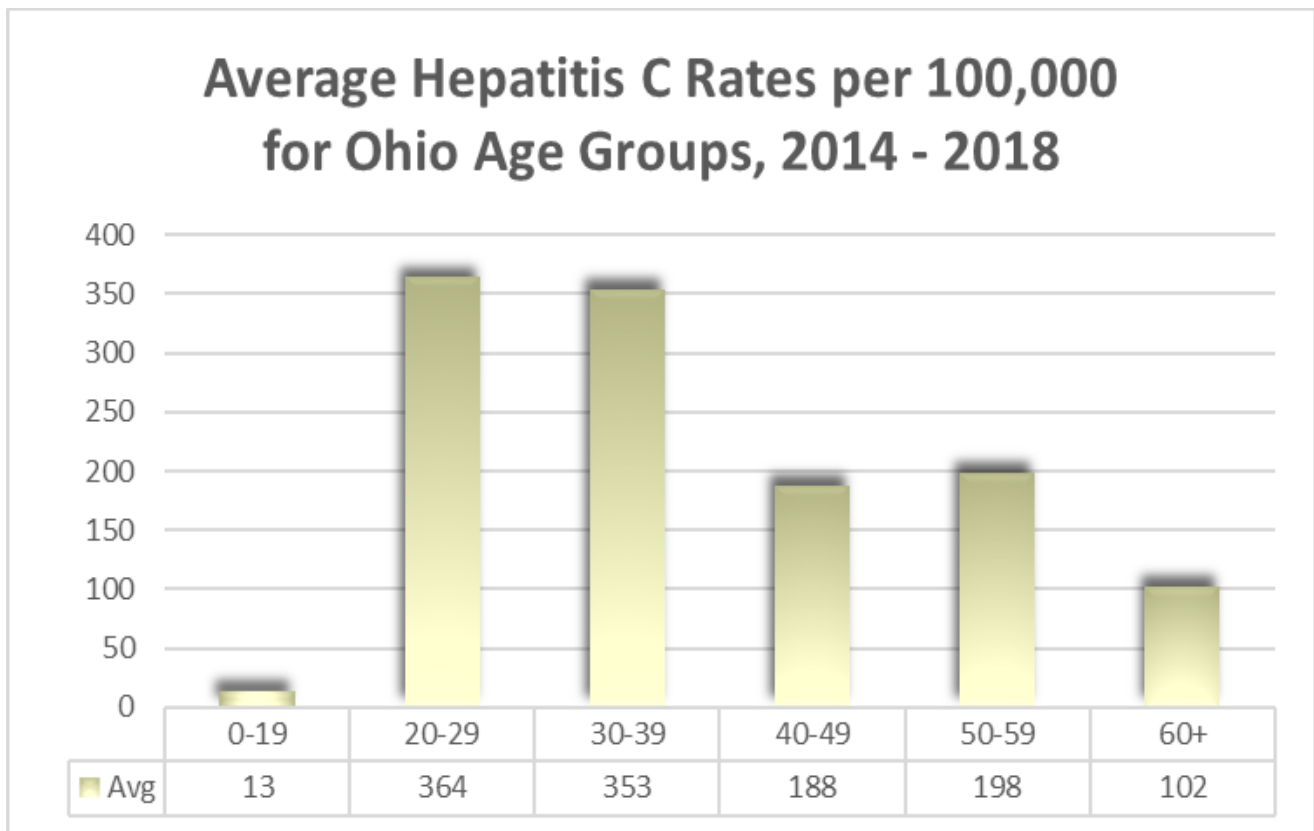


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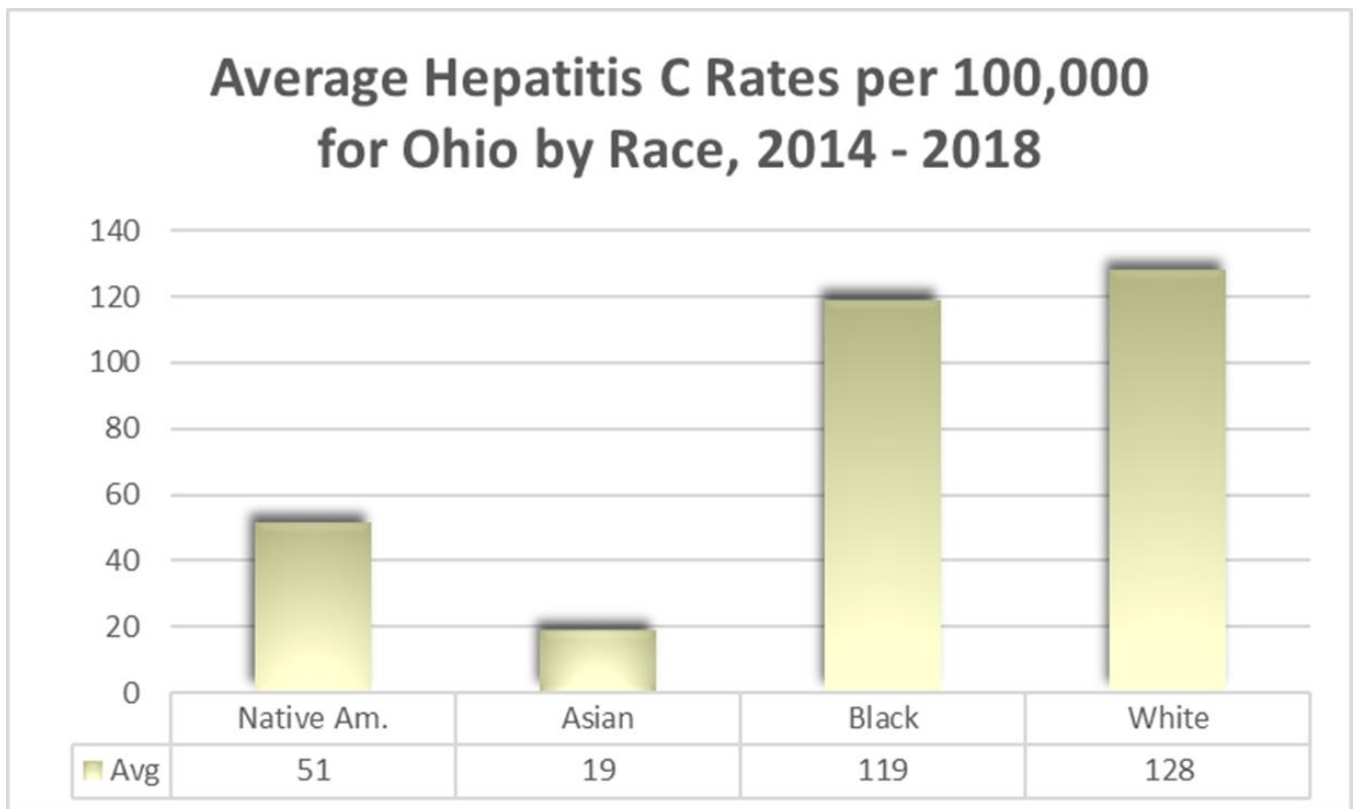


TABLE 1: INCIDENCE OF HEPATITIS C BY COUNTY AND REGION, 2014 - 2018

COUNTY	OAIPH REGION	POP. 2015	HCV 14 - 18	HCV AVG	AVG RATE 100K	RANK
Adams	App	28,024	431	86	308	7
Allen	Met	104,425	479	96	92	67
Ashland	Rur	53,213	172	34	65	81
Ashtabula	AppN	98,632	731	146	148	37
Athens	App	65,886	652	130	198	22
Auglaize	Sub	45,876	120	24	52	85
Belmont	AppN	69,154	480	96	139	42
Brown	App	43,839	533	107	243	13
Butler	Met	376,353	3,748	750	199	21
Carroll	AppN	27,811	95	19	68	77
Champaign	Rur	38,987	195	39	100	62
Clark	Sub	135,959	1,085	217	160	33
Clermont	App	201,973	2,037	407	202	19
Clinton	Rur	41,917	426	85	203	18
Columbiana	AppN	104,806	696	139	133	46
Coshocton	AppN	36,569	183	37	100	61
Crawford	Rur	42,306	441	88	208	17
Cuyahoga	Met	1,255,921	8,029	1,606	128	48
Darke	Rur	52,076	253	51	97	65
Defiance	Rur	38,352	164	33	86	71
Delaware	Sub	193,013	498	100	52	86
Erie	Rur	75,550	546	109	145	40
Fairfield	Sub	151,408	1,025	205	135	44
Fayette	Rur	28,679	365	73	255	11
Franklin	Met	1,251,722	9,122	1,824	146	39
Fulton	Sub	42,537	144	29	68	78
Gallia	App	30,142	581	116	386	3
Geauga	Sub	94,102	270	54	57	84
Greene	Sub	164,427	933	187	113	52
Guernsey	AppN	39,258	380	76	194	23
Hamilton	Met	807,598	7,574	1,515	188	26
Hancock	Rur	75,573	422	84	112	54
Hardin	Rur	31,682	316	63	199	20
Harrison	AppN	15,450	79	16	102	60
Henry	Rur	27,816	86	17	62	83
Highland	App	43,026	480	96	223	14
Hocking	App	28,491	353	71	248	12
Holmes	AppN	43,909	71	14	32	87
Huron	Rur	58,469	457	91	156	35

Jackson	App	32,596	509	102	312	6
Jefferson	AppN	67,347	729	146	216	15
Knox	Rur	61,061	347	69	114	51
Lake	Sub	229,245	955	191	83	72
Lawrence	App	61,109	1,131	226	370	4
Licking	Sub	170,570	834	167	98	64
Logan	Rur	45,386	196	39	86	70
Lorain	Met	305,147	1,937	387	127	49
Lucas	Met	433,689	3,898	780	180	29
Madison	Sub	44,094	410	82	186	28
Mahoning	AppN	231,900	1,754	351	151	36
Marion	Rur	65,355	893	179	273	10
Medina	Sub	176,395	575	115	65	80
Meigs	App	23,257	365	73	314	5
Mercer	Rur	40,968	142	28	69	76
Miami	Sub	104,224	555	111	107	58
Monroe	App	14,409	75	15	104	59
Montgomery	Met	532,258	5,149	1,030	193	24
Morgan	App	14,777	118	24	160	32
Morrow	Rur	35,074	245	49	140	41
Muskingum	AppN	86,290	688	138	159	34
Noble	App	14,326	116	23	162	31
Ottawa	Rur	40,877	226	45	111	55
Paulding	Rur	18,976	61	12	64	82
Perry	App	35,985	343	69	191	25
Pickaway	Sub	56,998	598	120	210	16
Pike	App	28,217	737	147	522	1
Portage	Sub	162,275	807	161	99	63
Preble	Rur	41,329	305	61	148	38
Putnam	Rur	34,042	51	10	30	88
Richland	Met	121,707	1,139	228	187	27
Ross	App	77,170	1,088	218	282	9
Sandusky	Rur	59,679	266	53	89	69
Scioto	App	76,825	1,651	330	430	2
Seneca	Rur	55,610	367	73	132	47
Shelby	Rur	48,901	270	54	110	56
Stark	Met	375,165	1,495	299	80	74
Summit	Met	541,968	3,296	659	122	50
Trumbull	AppN	203,751	1,785	357	175	30
Tuscarawas	AppN	92,916	344	69	74	75
Union	Sub	54,277	373	75	137	43
Van Wert	Rur	28,562	160	32	112	53
Vinton	App	13,048	187	37	287	8

Warren	Rur	224,469	1,222	244	109	57
Washington	App	61,112	409	82	134	45
Wayne	Rur	116,063	475	95	82	73
Williams	Rur	37,120	167	33	90	68
Wood	Sub	129,730	437	87	67	79
Wyandot	Rur	22,243	105	21	94	66
TOTAL		11,613,423	84,637	16,927	13,639	
AVERAGE		131,971	962	192	155	
MINIMUM		13,048	51	10	30	
MAXIMUM		1,255,921	9,122	1,824	522	

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