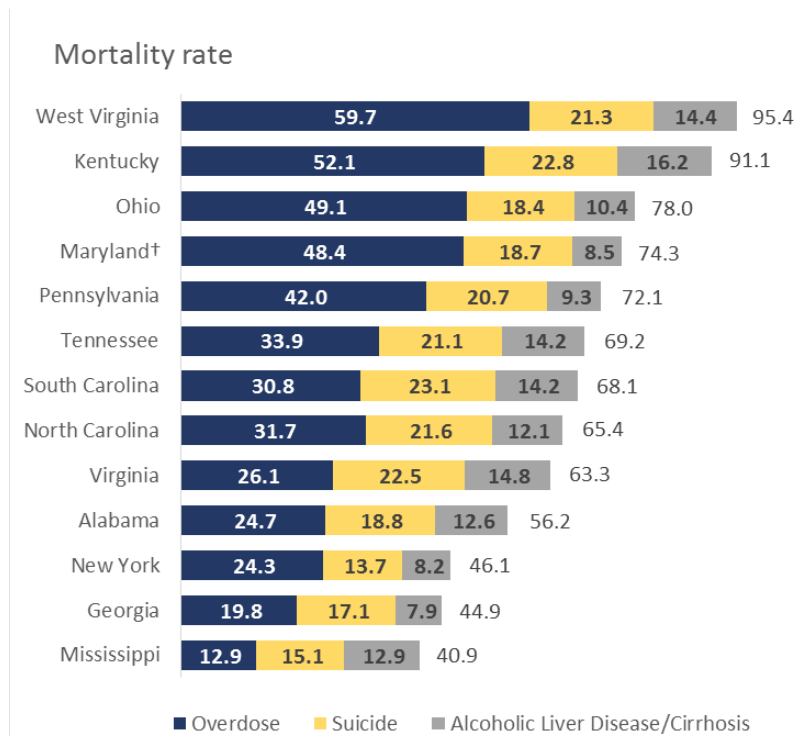


overdose. While their combined mortality rates from the diseases of despair were lower overall, Appalachian Georgia had the highest proportion of deaths due to suicide, and Appalachian Mississippi had the highest proportion of deaths due to alcoholic liver disease/cirrhosis. Exhibit 18 in Appendix B shows the disease-specific mortality rates, in addition to the combined diseases of despair mortality rate, for all states, with comparisons to the non-Appalachian U.S. rates.

Exhibit 7. Diseases of despair mortality rates, ages 15–64, by state[^] and disease (2015)[‡]



[^]For states within Appalachia, only the mortality rate for the Appalachian counties is shown.

[‡]Rates are presented as deaths per 100,000 population. Rates are age adjusted.

[†]Due to small number of deaths, alcoholic liver disease/cirrhosis mortality rate is unreliable and not age adjusted.

Source: Mortality Rates and Standard Errors provided by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.

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