2017-18 Buprenorphine County prescriber counts and mean monthly census and buprenorphine treatment episode duration for Alabama

County	State	Buprenorphine Patient Months- All Prescribers	Buprenorphine Episode- Primary Prescribers	Buprenorphine Episode Primary Prescriber Mean Patient Census	Buprenorphine Episode Mean Days' Supply
Autauga	AL	3,280	<10	166	1,064
Baldwin	AL	29,288	22	119	278
Barbour	AL	17	<10	5	44
Bibb	AL	40	<10	2	34
Calhoun	AL	3,831	11	35	206
Chambers	AL	29	<10	5	105
Cherokee	AL	1,107	<10	38	240
Chilton	AL	1,332	<10	37	100
Clarke	AL	124	<10	7	82
Clay	AL	2,907	<10	76	431
Coffee	AL	123	<10	16	420
Colbert	AL	4,134	10	42	380
Conecuh	AL	298	<10	16	146
Covington	AL	1,442	<10	29	502
Cullman	AL	6,351	<10	70	226
Dale	AL	1,059	<10	56	199
Dallas	AL	518	<10	24	512
Dekalb	AL	724	<10	35	500
Elmore	AL	81	<10	9	72
Escambia	AL	1,695	<10	54	167
Etowah	AL	19,655	17	104	356
Fayette	AL	<10	<10	1	30
Franklin	AL	865	<10	24	543
Greene	AL	<10	<10	1	30
Hale	AL	<10	<10	1	15
Henry	AL	28	<10	2	52
Houston	AL	7,754	17	58	350
Jackson	AL	1,105	<10	46	192
Jefferson	AL	143,145	163	78	290
Lauderdale	AL	3,667	<10	41	258
Lawrence	AL	1,023	<10	45	343
Lee	AL	5,617	<10	80	191
Limestone	AL	4,749	<10	145	291
Macon	AL	14	<10	6	40
Madison	AL	42,166	55	72	297
Marengo	AL	964	<10	35	249
Marion	AL	5,189	<10	133	350
Marshall	AL	16,678	13	123	145
Mobile	AL	20,893	35	44	378
Monroe	AL	405	<10	12	1,225

Montgomery	AL	17,084	19	77	214
Morgan	AL	13,037	16	84	230
Pickens	AL	65	<10	15	72
Russell	AL	395	<10	39	200
St. Clair	AL	5,904	<10	84	216
Shelby	AL	6,956	19	32	435
Sumter	AL	606	<10	62	121
Talladega	AL	3,619	<10	66	303
Tallapoosa	AL	4,454	<10	95	284
Tuscaloosa	AL	4,340	16	24	308
Walker	AL	3,492	<10	46	552
Wilcox	AL	523	<10	29	1,378
Winston	AL	7,867	<10	81	344

Table notes:

Table data was generated from IQVIA Longitudinal Prescription Data which captures approximately 90% of all prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies in the U.S. IQVIA web site accessible at: https://www.iqvia.com/solutions/realworld-evidence/real-world-data-and-insights.

Patient months: For every active buprenorphine prescriber, we calculated the total patient-months of care for 2017-2018. An active buprenorphine patient for one month contributed one patient-month of care. A patient possessing buprenorphine from a prescription in a month was considered an active patient; for example, a patient filling a 30-day prescription on September 15th was defined as an active patient in both September and October.

Episode and episode days' supply definition: Episodes that were active in 2017 and 2018 started with the first observed fill date of any buprenorphine prescription following a clean period, defined as at least a 90-day period after the day's supply of any prior buprenorphine prescription had run out. An episode lasted through the last day of the supply of medication for the last filled buprenorphine prescription, with no more than a 30-day gap between the last day's supply of one prescription and the filling of the subsequent prescription. Episode days' supply is the cumulative days' supply from the first filled prescription to the last day of supply of the last filled prescription. Overlapping buprenorphine prescriptions filled on the same day were treated as being taken concurrently; overlapping buprenorphine prescriptions not filled on the same day were treated as early refills and were treated as being take sequentially.

Episode primary prescriber: Episodes active in 2017 and 2018 as defined above in which the patient filled buprenorphine prescriptions from 2 or more prescribers were attributed to the prescriber (the primary prescriber) who wrote the majority of buprenorphine days of supply during the episode. Note that not all active prescribers were primary prescribers for an episode; examples include a prescriber who may have written one prescription during an episode to cover for the primary prescriber or a prescriber who started the episode but then transfrerred care of the patient to a primary prescriber who was responsible for more of the days supply than the initial prescriber.

Primary prescriber patient census: For each prescriber, the number of patients with an active episode in 2017 or 2018 for which the prescriber was the primary prescriber.