

Prescription Monitoring to Address Drug Diversion

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Types of Drug Diversion Cases Addressed by PMPs

Doctor shopping	Yes
Indiscriminate and illegal prescribing	Yes
Prescription forgery and counterfeiting	Yes
Pharmaceutical theft, robbery, burglary	No
Street sales of prescription drugs and prescriptions	No
Tampering	No

Need for Balance in Addressing Drug Diversion

- Avoid interference with medical use, privacy
- Prevent non-medical use and abuse



Methods of Addressing Drug Diversion with PMPs

- Education and information
- Public health initiatives
- Early intervention and prevention
- Investigations and enforcement



Source: Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs

National Trends in Provision of PMP Reports

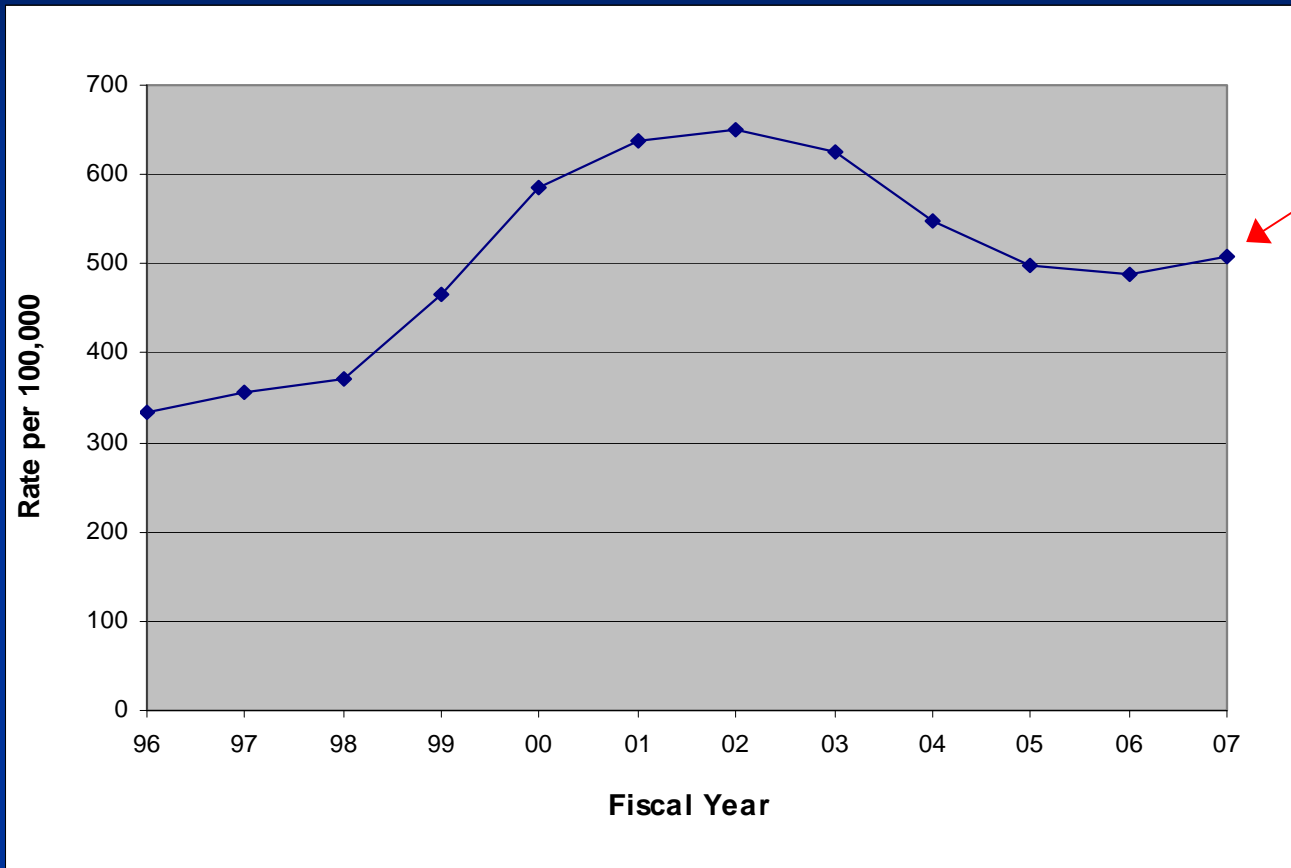
Report Recipients	Authority & Practice	Solicited (# of states)	Unsolicited (# of states)
Law Enforcement and Regulatory Agencies	Authority ¹	30	18
	Current Practice ²	21	7
Practitioners and Pharmacies	Authority ¹	27	20
	Current Practice ²	17	9

¹ 31 states with PMP authority

² 21 states with active PMPs

Source: IJIS Institute, Survey of State Prescription Monitoring Programs, 2007

Estimated Number of MA Individuals per 100,000 Showing Questionable Activity* by Fiscal Year

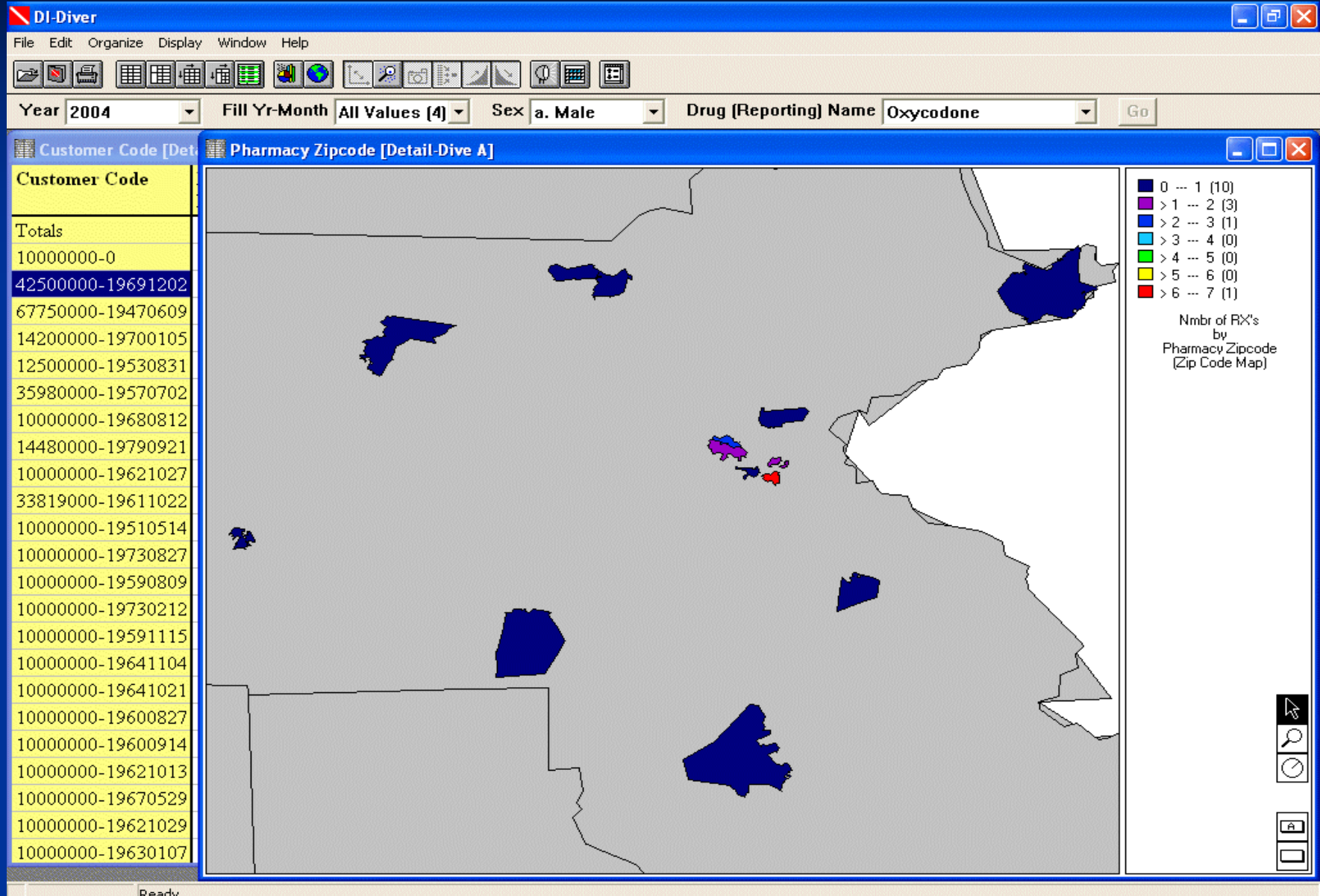


2,946
(0.5%)
Individuals

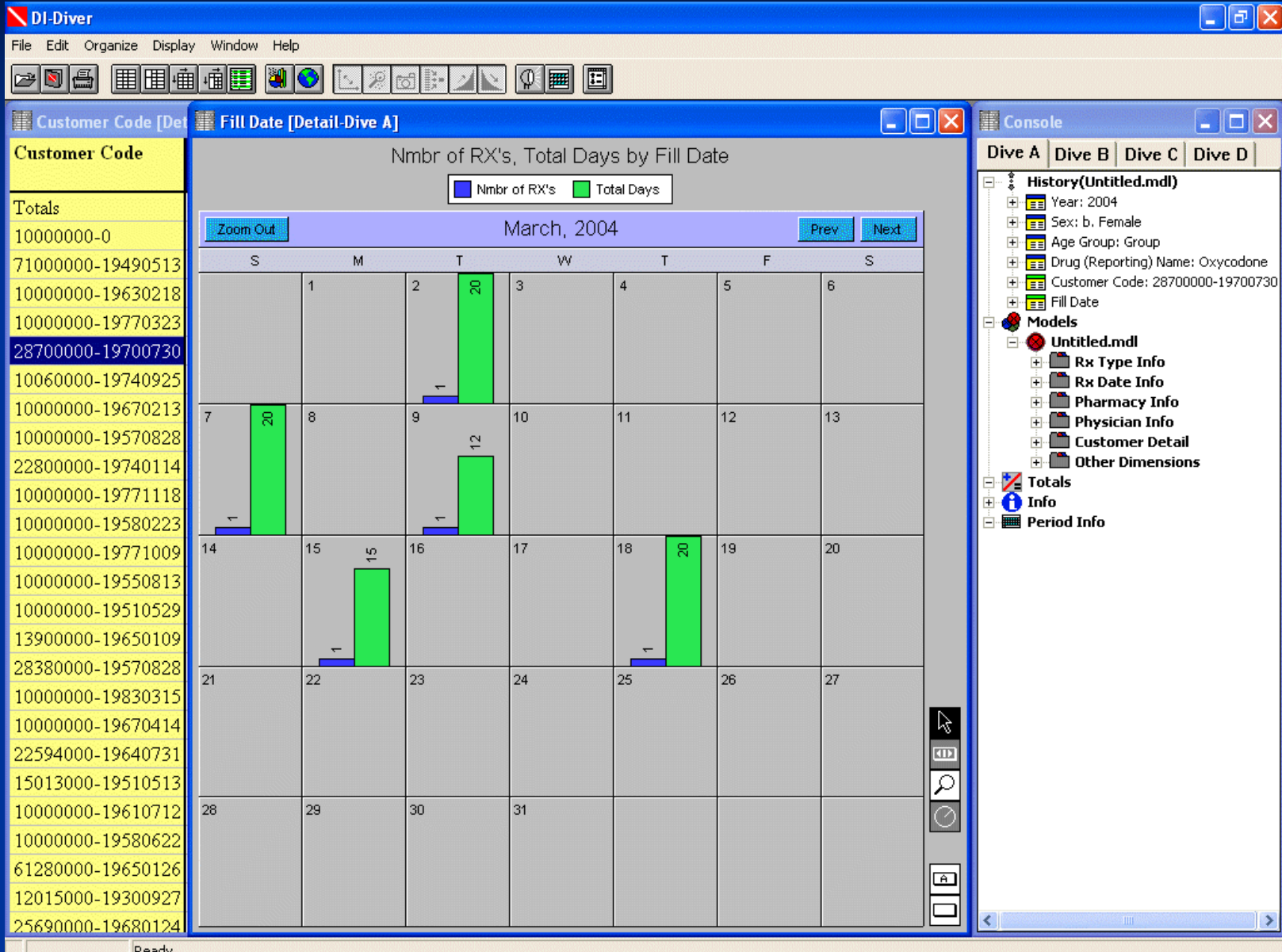
45,605
(3.1%)
Prescriptions

* Questionable Activity = Obtained Schedule II opioid prescriptions from multiple physicians and multiple pharmacies above a threshold during the year.

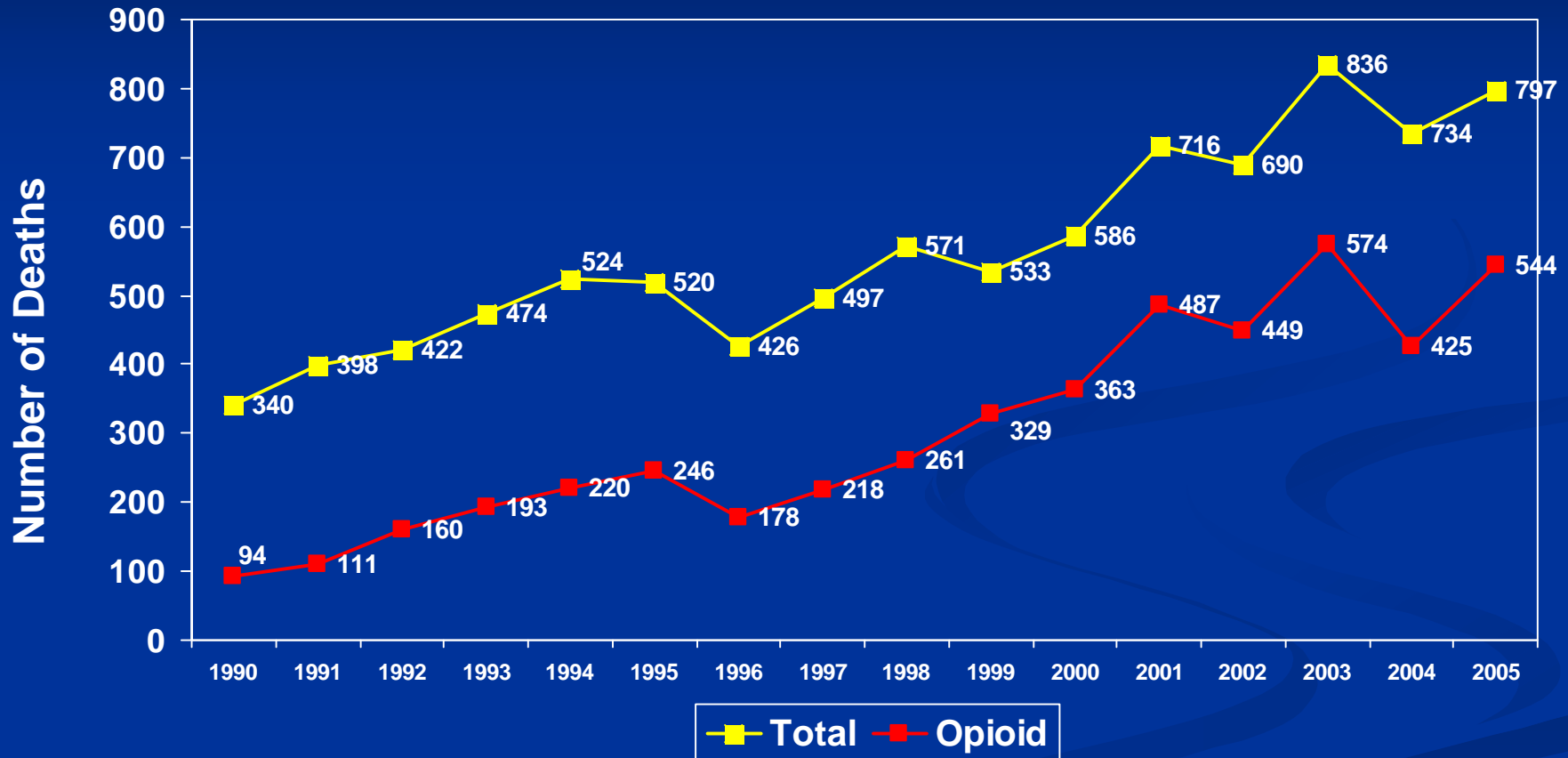
DEMO: Number of Oxycodone Prescriptions Dispensed to One Customer Over 4 Months by Pharmacy Zip Code



DEMO: Number of Oxycodone Prescriptions (blue) and Days Supply (green) Dispensed to One Customer During One Month



MA Poisoning and Opioid-Related Fatal Overdoses, 1990-2005



Source: DPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, 2008

Next Steps?