High rates of mortality due to heroin-involved overdoses (a subset of opioid-involved overdoses) are strongly concentrated in the St. Louis metropolitan region and surrounding counties with a secondary cluster trailing down to the southeast corner of Missouri. This is a markedly different distribution than non-heroin opioid-involved overdoses as will be shown in the following map.

Deaths Due to Heroin Overdoses
2013-2017

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Crude Rate per 100,000 population
*Numerator is less than 20