

Columbia County Statistics

Substance Use Statistics

- In 2020, the Columbia County Sheriff's office completed 282 drug investigations including 78 overdose calls compared to 2019 with 171 drug investigations and 65 overdose calls.
- As of June 2021, there has been 58 drug investigations not including tips or leads and 47 overdose calls.
- There have been 20 overdose deaths year to date compared to 8 overdose deaths overall in 2020.
- Columbia County Law Enforcement agencies noted a shift from heroin to an increase in use of fentanyl-laced substances in 2021.
- According to the Columbia County Medical Examiner's office, 13 deaths were ruled accidental and toxicology reports indicated fentanyl use in all. Of the remaining 7, two deaths were ruled suicide due to an overdose on solely prescription medication and the remaining 5 have pending toxicology reports.
- In 2020, Columbia County reported 461 drug-related arrests which increased from 364 arrests in 2019.
- In 2019, there were 499 felony actions handled by the District Attorney's office which increased to 634 felony actions in 2020.
- In 2020, Possession of Narcotics was the leading felony charge with 169 or 26% of all felony actions, felony bail bumping was the second with 154 or 24% of all felony actions. Operating while Intoxicated-5+ was the third leading felony charge with 45 or 7% of all felony actions.

Mental Health Statistics

- According to Wisconsin DHS, Columbia County has a population of 57,025 and only 865 residents, 1.5% received continuous mental health services in 2020.

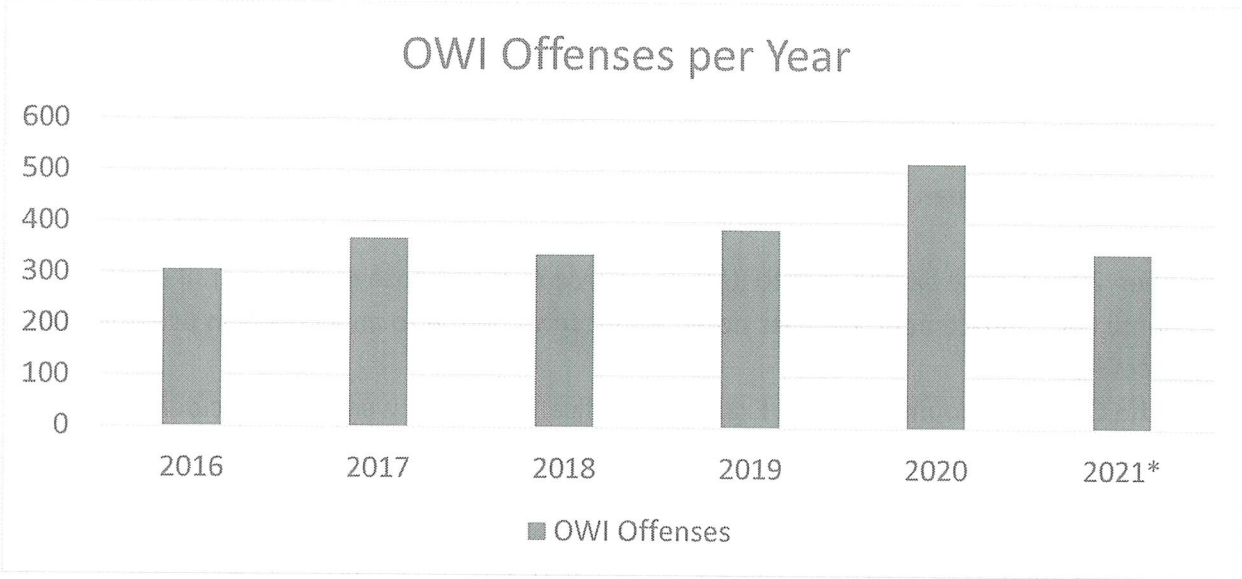
Barriers:

- Transportation
 - Insurance
 - Stigma
 - Access to Providers
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- Columbia County has one APNP to prescribe all psychotropic medications
 - According to Department of Health Services, the number of full-time equivalent Psychiatrists needed to reduce the significant shortage is 4.4.
 - Consistently, a decrease in numbers of providers that prescribe Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
 - Year to date: 1360 crisis calls

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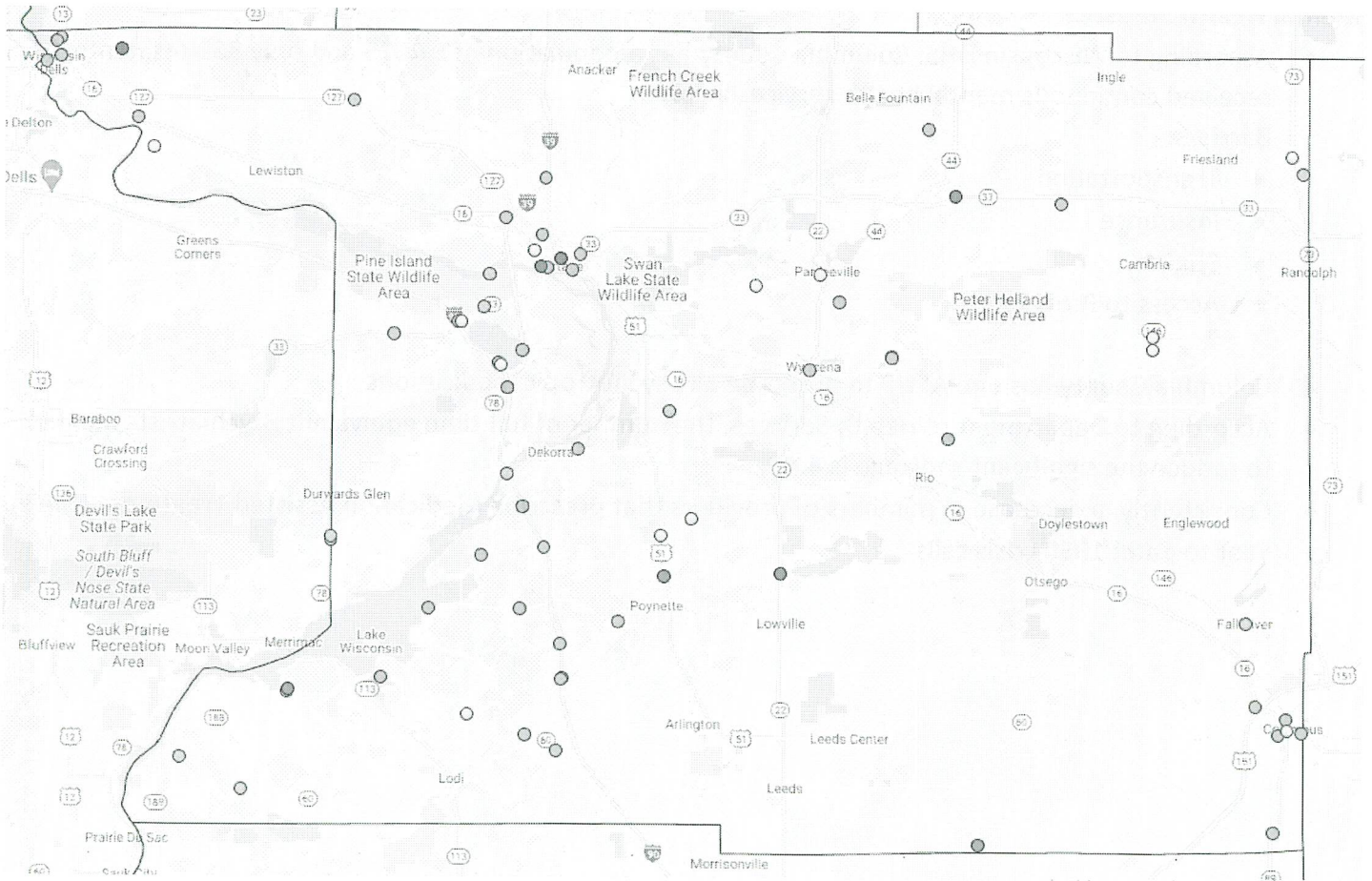
OWI Statistics



2020: Record year for OWI offenses

- 517 alleged incidents
- Average 43 OWI offenses per month

2021: So far, there have been at least 341 offenses to date; predicting over 400



2021 Year to date alcohol-related crash sites.

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