

Nev.'s death rate from meth, other stimulants highest in nation

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Nevada's amphetamine death rate is highest in the nation and will soon eclipse the state's prescription opioid death rate if current trends continue, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The death rate in Nevada attributed to "psychostimulants" – a class of drugs that includes methamphetamine, ecstasy and ADHD prescription drugs like Adderall and Ritalin – hit 7.5 per 100,000 in 2016, up nearly 32 percent from 2015. Prescription opioid deaths fell about 9 percent in the same time period, from 9.8 per 100,000 to 8.9 per 100,000, the CDC said.

The CDC report studied data from 31 states and Washington, D.C.

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