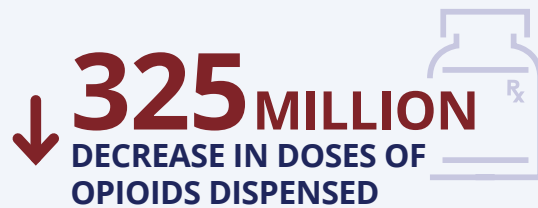


OHIO CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS AGAINST THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The 2018 OARRS Annual Report demonstrates Ohio's continued progress in promoting the safe prescribing of opioids and benzodiazepines.



The total doses of opioids dispensed decreased from a high of 793 million in 2012 to 468 million in 2018, a **41 percent decrease**.

The total doses of benzodiazepines dispensed decreased from a high of 297 million in 2012 to 197 million in 2018, a **34 percent decrease**.



The number of queries for patient information in OARRS increased from 1.78 million in 2011 to 142.50 million in 2018, a **7,900 percent increase**.

Ohio has made significant progress in promoting integration of OARRS into electronic health records and pharmacy dispensing systems. **41,000** pharmacists and prescribers now have direct access to OARRS as part of their workflow.



The number of individuals engaged in doctor shopping behavior decreased from 2,205 in 2011 to 239 in 2018, a **decrease of 89 percent**.

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy will continue its mission to protect the citizens of Ohio and ensure OARRS remains one of the top prescription monitoring programs in the country. For more information, please find our full report at: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRS2018.