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AG Kaul Releases Data on Drug Cases Submitted to State Crime Lab

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul today announced that new data on drug evidence submitted to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories (WSCLB) since 2008 is available for the public's review. <u>View the interactive data dashboards</u>.

"This data can be a resource for those who are working to address substance abuse in Wisconsin," said Attorney General Kaul.

The WSCLB worked with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis (BJIA) to publish interactive dashboards on the drugs identified by the Controlled Substances Unit.

The Controlled Substance Unit at the WSCLB analyzes evidence for the presence (or absence) of controlled substances as defined in the Unit Controlled Substance Act.

The dashboards include county-level data on submitted evidence that identified drugs (benzodiazepines, cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, ketamine, methamphetamine, NBOMe, oxycodone, pregabalin, prescription opioids, THC, and tramadol), starting in 2008.

These data dashboards were developed by BJIA, which works to inform criminal justice policy and practice by conducting objective research, analysis, and evaluation of information. BJIA first launched interactive data dashboards in 2016. Other dashboards currently available, which include uniform crime reporting data from 2013 to 2017, are arrests by location, arrest demographics, offenses by location, offense and arrest data by agency and sex offenses.

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