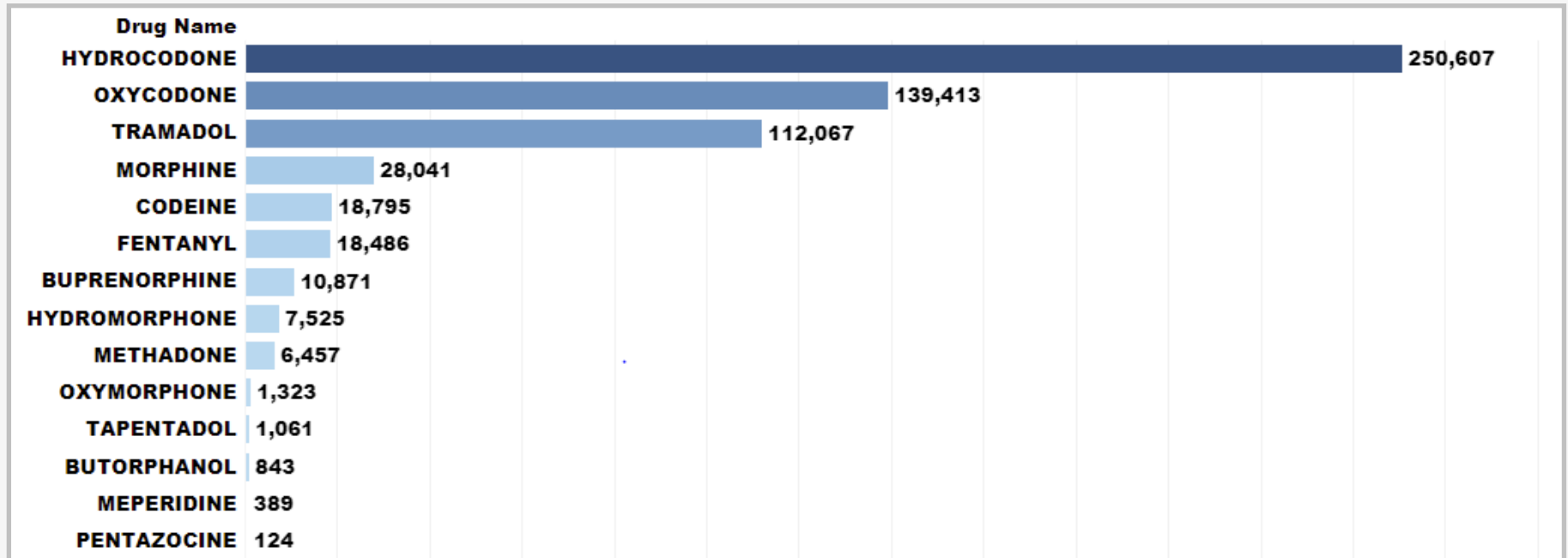


## Prescription Opioids in Kansas, July to September 2017 by Opioid and Year-Month

From July to September 2017, there were 38,523,564 units of prescription opioids dispensed to 274,260 Kansas patients involving 610,425 prescriptions.

Of these patients, 9.92% (Kansas patients: 27,207) were prescribed more than 90 morphine milligram equivalent (MME) per day. Additionally, there were 24,187 Kansas patients who were prescribed long-acting (LA) or extended-release (ER) opioids with approximately 9.85% (Kansas patients: 2,383) considered opioid naïve patients—these patients had no opioid prescriptions in the 60 days prior to filling a LA/ER opioid prescriptions.

Hydrocodone (e.g., Norco, Vicodin), Oxycodone (e.g., Percocet, OxyContin), and Tramadol (e.g., Ultram) products were the most commonly dispensed prescription opioids in Kansas (only opioids with 100 or greater prescriptions are shown, which excludes Opium, Levorphanol, and Sufentanil products).



Prescription opioids dispensed to Kansas patients per month in 2017 are shown below. When compared to the same months in 2016 (January to October), there was on average approximately 6.16% less prescription opioids in 2017 — consistent with a national decreasing rate of opioids dispensed in the United States.

