Women have higher rates of opioid-related hospitalizations in most states

Opioid-related hospital stays among women increased 75 percent between 2005 and 2014, a jump that significantly outpaced the 55-percent increase among men. The trend resulted in virtually identical rates nationwide for women and men in 2014—roughly 225 hospital stays per 100,000 population for both men and women.

But geographical variations were wide: opioid-related stays were higher for women in nearly three-fourths of U.S. States.

Source: AHRQ Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP), HCUP Fast Stats, and HCUP Statistical Brief “Patient Characteristics of Opioid-Related Inpatient Stays and Emergency Department Visits Nationally and by State, 2014.”