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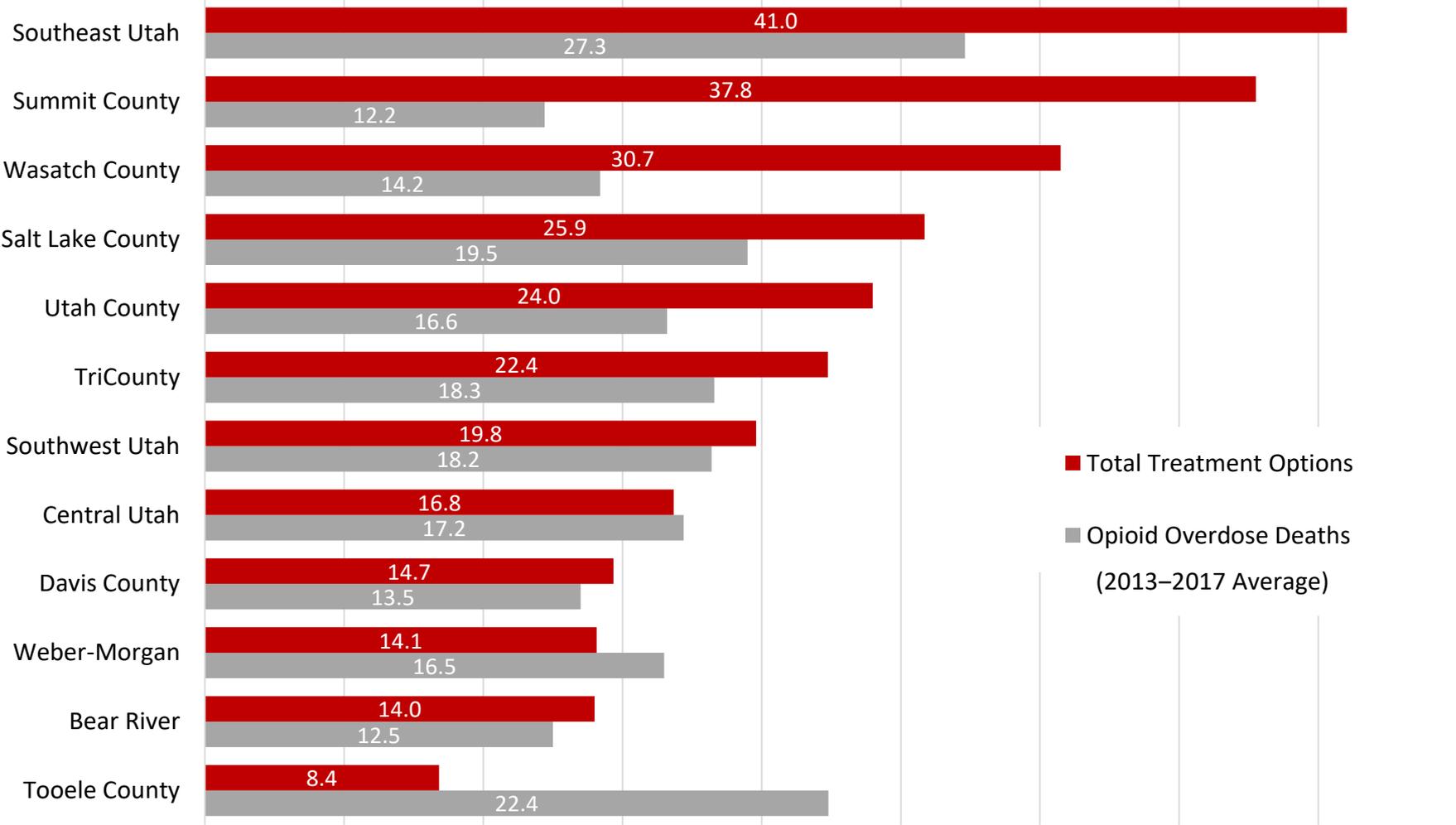
## Medication treatment for opioid use disorder in Utah

# The opioid epidemic in Utah

- Drug overdose is Utah's leading cause of injury death
- Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) is an effective intervention
- Barriers to MOUD access exist
- COVID-19 poses unique challenges to treatment access

# Key Findings

# Total Opioid Overdose Deaths vs. Medication Treatment Options by Local Health District, 2019 (Per 100,000 Population Age 18+)



# Barriers to access

- Stigma persists, despite proven effectiveness
- Wide-scale adoption and awareness of MOUD is relatively new but increasing
- Program and service gaps are exacerbated in rural areas
- Cost and health care coverage limitations
- Correctional involvement may limit access to care

# Barriers for providers

- No “one-size-fits all” treatment approach
- Consistent, sufficient, and long-term funding
- Varying perspectives on the best approaches to treatment

# Current challenges and considerations

# Possible Next Steps

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