



National Overdose Deaths from Select Prescription and Illicit Drugs

All underlying causes of death*

Source: National Center on Health Statistics, [CDC WONDER](#)

Ages 15-24	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	1999 rate	2015 rate
Total Overdose Deaths	1,240	1,435	1,700	2,095	2,491	2,751	2,918	3,460	3,550	3,487	3,377	3,571	3,762	3,518	3,664	3,798	4,235	3.3	9.7
female	346	369	438	560	632	683	733	820	883	848	862	988	990	945	1,028	1,075	1,258	1.8	5.9
male	894	1,066	1,262	1,535	1,859	2,068	2,185	2,640	2,667	2,639	2,515	2,583	2,772	2,573	2,636	2,723	2,977	4.5	13.3
Prescription Drugs	474	557	765	979	1,162	1,419	1,454	1,921	1,990	1,917	1,899	2,072	1,950	1,674	1,657	1,844	2,242	1.2	5.1
female	167	179	200	275	300	343	367	477	521	473	496	566	514	464	454	550	695	1	3
male	307	378	565	704	862	1,076	1,087	1,444	1,469	1,444	1,403	1,506	1,436	1,210	1,203	1,294	1,547	2	7
Benzodiazepines	53	90	133	178	212	271	322	442	515	550	571	658	614	511	507	572	665	0.1	1.5
female	12	22	26	42	53	60	83	95	145	133	147	172	158	137	133	167	189	unreliable	0.9
male	41	68	107	136	159	211	239	347	370	417	424	486	456	374	374	405	476	0.2	2.1
Opioids	620	728	943	1178	1399	1596	1684	2096	2175	2294	2229	2387	2545	2343	2486	2706	3082	1.6	7.0
female	141	140	203	269	306	333	371	444	491	482	521	603	624	574	640	711	871	0.7	4.1
male	479	588	740	909	1093	1263	1313	1652	1684	1812	1708	1784	1921	1769	1846	1995	2211	2.4	9.8
Opioid Analgesics*	255	317	531	704	909	1,124	1,157	1,614	1,670	1,584	1,551	1,694	1,585	1,250	1,163	1,364	1,714	0.7	3.9
female	65	77	114	165	201	219	246	342	388	336	370	440	400	314	290	363	490	0.3	2.3
male	190	240	417	539	708	905	911	1,272	1,282	1,248	1,181	1,254	1,185	936	873	1,001	1,224	1.0	5.4
Synthetic Opioids other than methadone	33	40	54	84	107	121	130	278	175	190	203	229	220	172	237	514	999	0.1	2.3
female	5	13	15	22	34	26	25	66	47	48	53	77	60	35	68	138	281	unreliable	1.3
male	28	27	39	62	73	95	105	212	128	142	150	152	160	137	169	376	718	0.1	3.2
Heroin	198	216	212	241	259	263	279	313	359	497	510	537	809	963	1,263	1,452	1,649	0.5	3.8
female	38	36	42	56	55	57	65	57	61	96	115	118	183	241	322	373	477	0.2	2.2
male	160	180	170	185	204	206	214	256	298	401	395	419	626	722	941	1,079	1,172	0.8	5.2
Illicit Drugs	457	512	527	666	802	828	905	1,012	963	930	842	925	1,191	1,314	1,638	1,848	2,151	1.2	4.9
female	105	119	126	178	196	199	209	246	208	199	201	252	296	342	428	488	636	0.6	3.0
male	352	393	401	488	606	629	696	766	755	731	641	673	895	972	1,210	1,360	1,515	1.8	6.7
Cannabis derivatives	8	7	8	12	15	28	32	37	30	32	36	48	48	40	50	61	67	unreliable	0.2
female	2	--	2	3	1	5	8	10	5	4	9	9	12	8	9	17	14	unreliable	unreliable
male	6	5	8	9	14	23	24	27	25	28	27	39	36	32	41	44	53	unreliable	0.2
Cocaine	267	276	280	388	475	507	546	676	563	384	269	265	310	270	273	334	442	0.7	1.0
female	60	72	68	109	118	121	132	168	119	89	58	80	82	70	78	84	139	0.3	0.7
male	207	204	212	279	357	386	414	508	444	295	211	185	228	200	195	250	303	1.0	1.3

Prescription Drugs ICD-10 codes (T36-T39, T40.2-T40.4, T41-T43.5, and T43.8-T50.8)

Opioid pain relievers includes other opioids, methadone, other synthetic narcotics.

ICD-10 codes (T40.2-T40.4)

Benzodiazepines ICD-10 code(T42.4)

Illicit Drugs ICD-10 codes (T40.1, T40.5, T40.7--T40.9, and T43.6)

Cocaine ICD-10 codes (T40.5)

Heroin ICD-10 codes (T40.1)

Opioids ICD-10 codes (T40.1-T40.4 & T40.6)

Opioid Pain relievers (other than synthetic opioids) ICD-10 codes (T40.2, T40.3, & T40.6)

excluding the category predominated by illicit fentanyl

Synthetic Opioids (other than methadone) ICD-10 codes (T40.4)

This category is dominated by fentanyl related overdoses.

Illicit Opioids ICD-10 codes (T40.1, T40.4).

Total overdose deaths includes intentional, unintentional and undetermined deaths

* Includes other opioids, methadone, other synthetic narcotics

^ Includes androgens and anabolic congeners

Rate is per 100K US Population

-- unreliable