



Data Brief: Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related² Overdose Deaths Among Massachusetts Residents – Demographic Data Highlights

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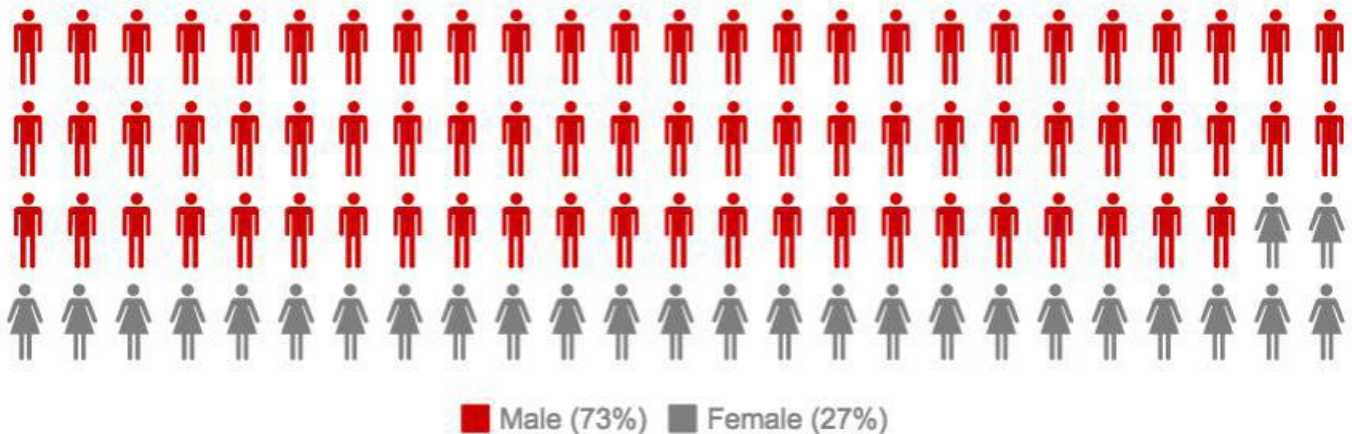
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This data brief highlights demographic data from confirmed overdose deaths from January 2016 to December 2016.

Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths by Gender: January 2016-December 2016

Unintentional/Undetermined Opioid Deaths by Gender: January 2016-December 2016	
Male	1,070
Female	395
Total	1,465

Unintentional Opioids Deaths by Gender

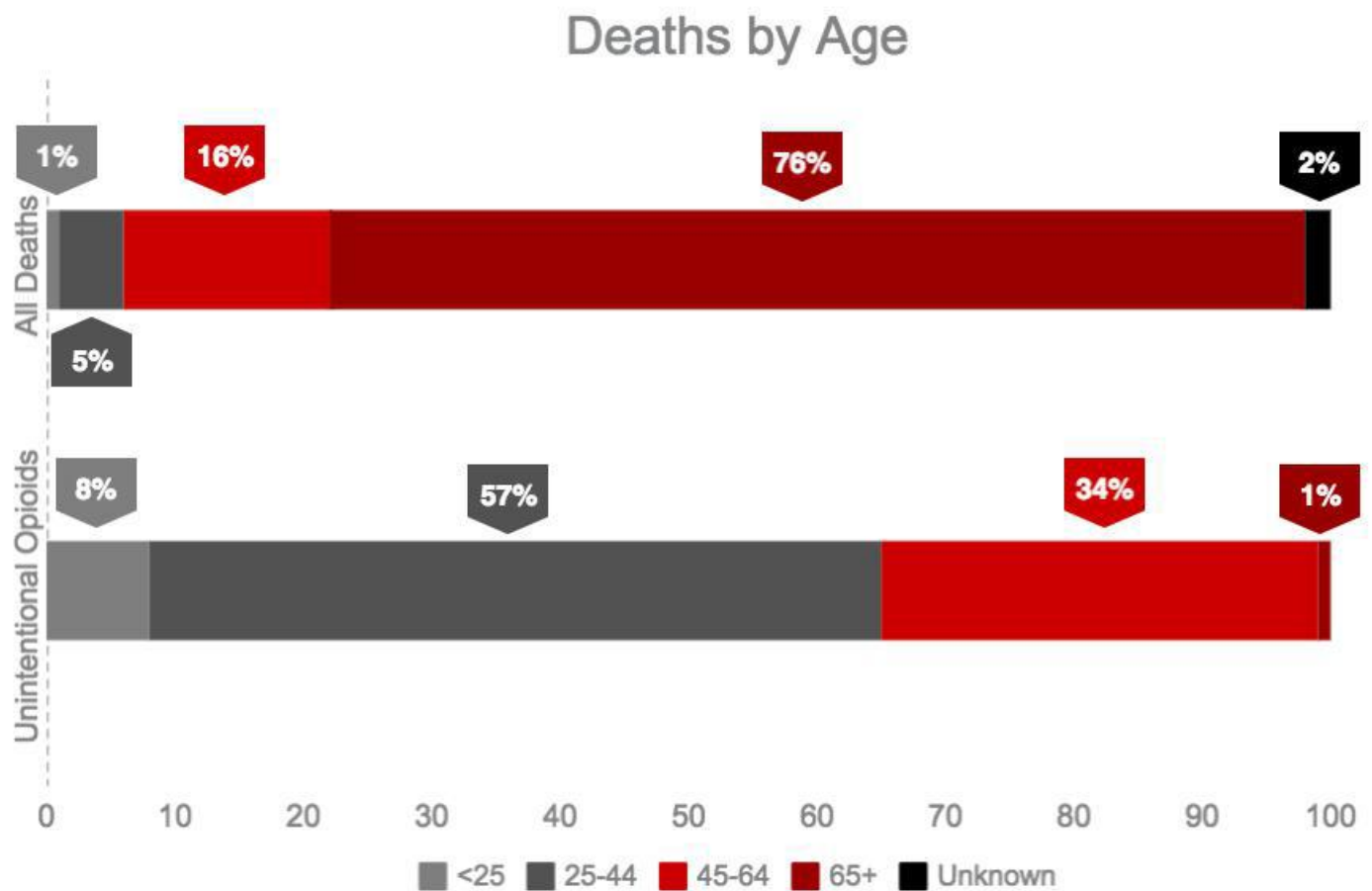


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² Opioids include heroin, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.

Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Age: January 2016-December 2016

	Deaths by Age: January 2016-December 2016								
	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Unknown	Total
All Deaths	362	463	1,187	1,393	3,015	5,981	42,947	1,264	56,612
Confirmed Unintentional / Undetermined ¹ Opioid Deaths	0	114	458	378	310	183	13	9	1,465

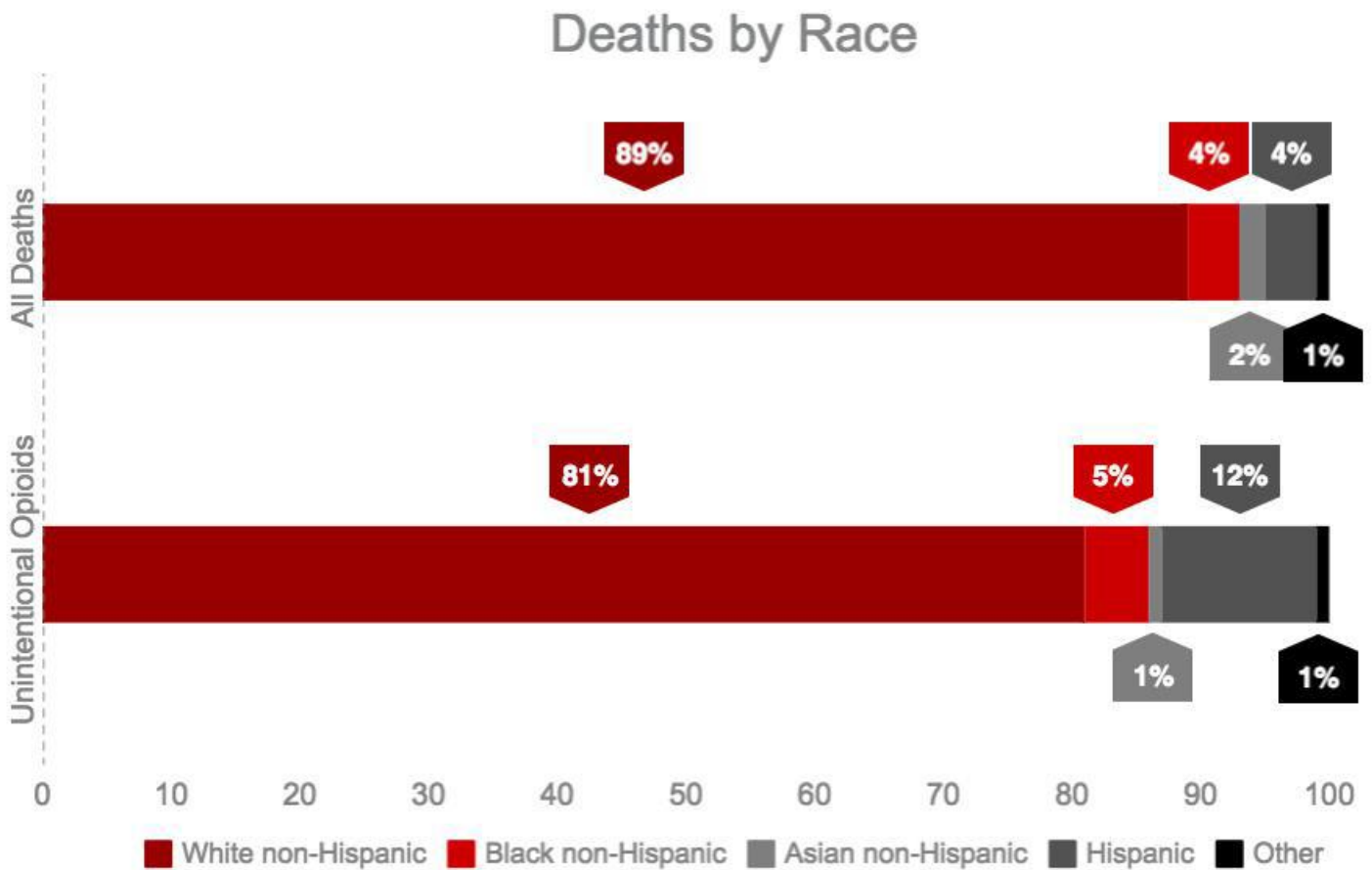


Note: Due to rounding, percentages under "All Deaths" do not add up to 100%.

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Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Race: January 2016-December 2016

	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Asian non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other/Unknown	Total
All Deaths	50,380	2,482	1,024	2,099	627	56,612
Unintentional/Undetermined ¹ Opioid Deaths	1,194	66	11	172	22	1,465



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Technical Notes

2016 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of deaths have yet to be assigned final cause-of-death codes. The information presented in this report only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 01/12/2017.

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH