



Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intentions, MA Residents – Demographic Data Highlights

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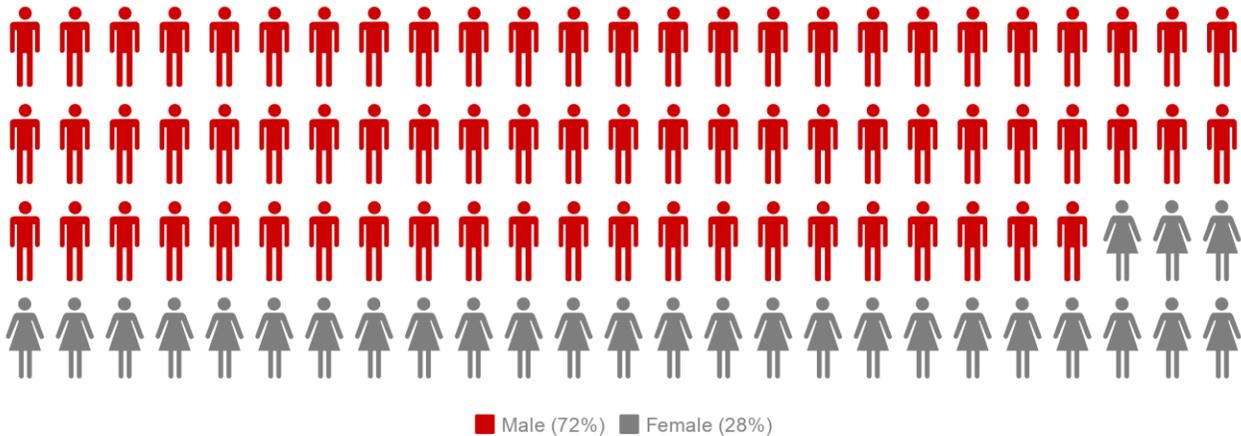
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This data brief highlights demographic data from confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths for all intentions, from January 2018 through December 2018.

Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intentions, by Gender: January 2018-December 2018

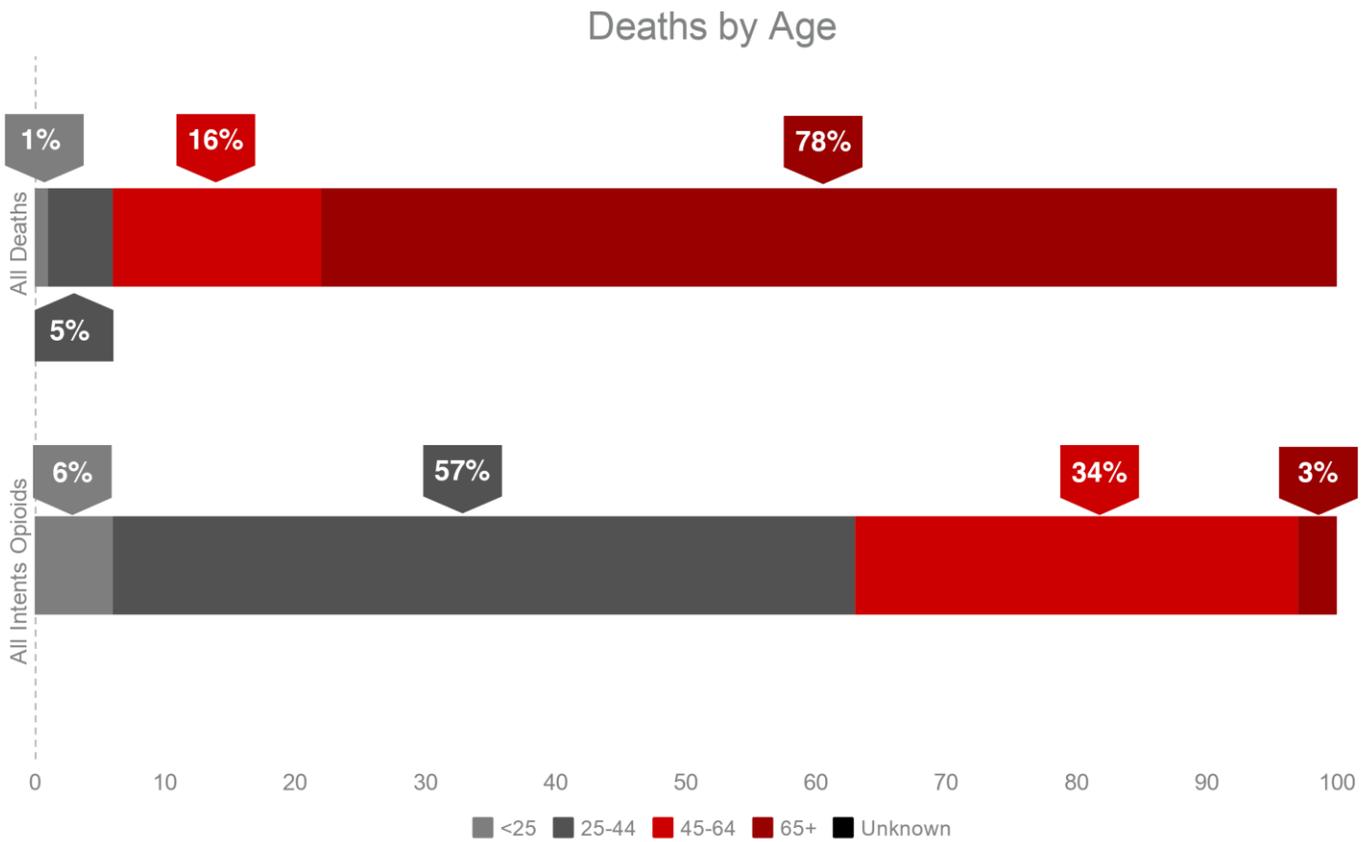
Male	1,429
Female	547
Total	1,976

All Intentions Opioids Deaths by Gender



Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent Compared to All Deaths by Age: January 2018-December 2018

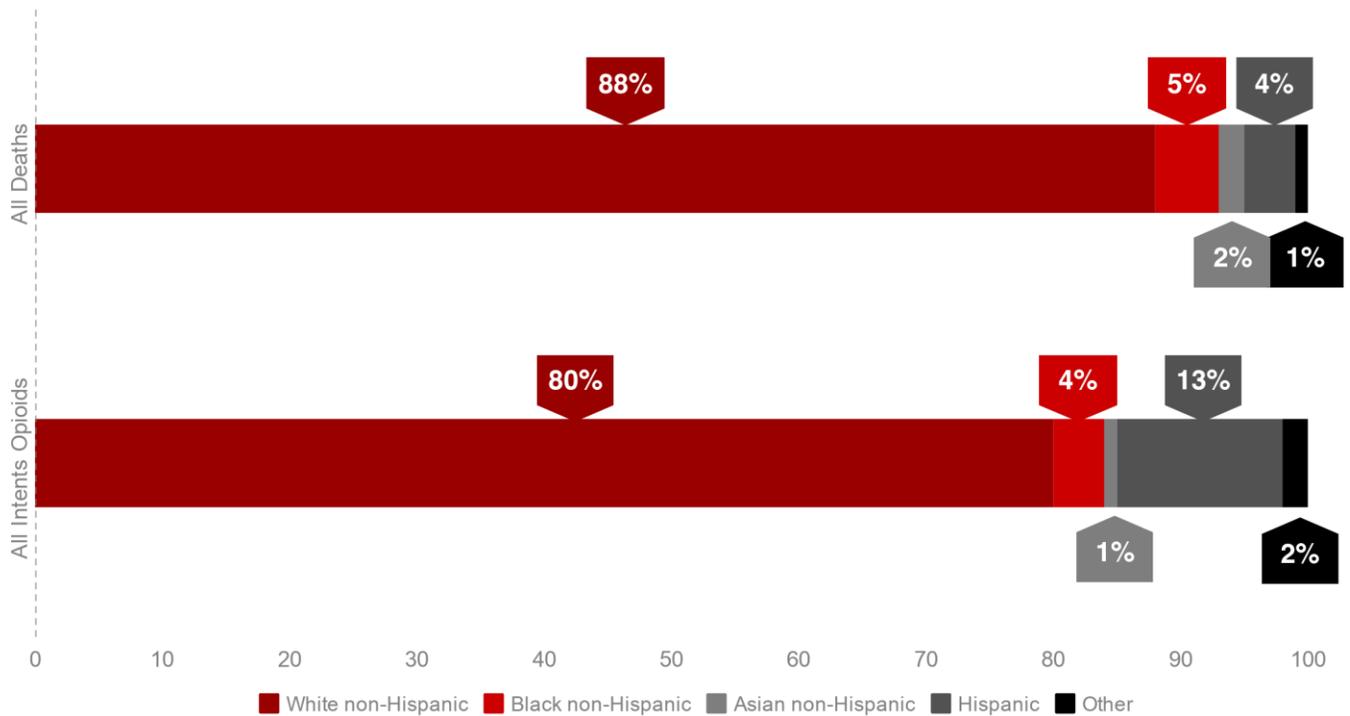
	<15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Unknown	Total
All Deaths	397	413	1,293	1,446	2,856	6,479	46,219	1	59,104
Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent	1	113	626	512	408	262	54	0	1,976



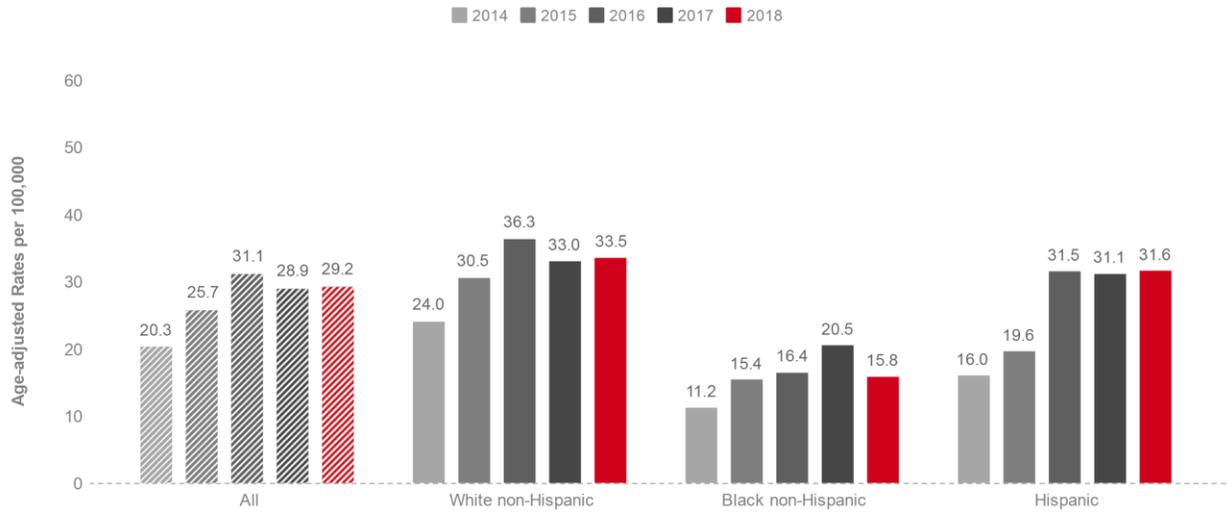
Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent Compared to All Deaths by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity: January 2018-December 2018

	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Asian non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other/Unknown	Total
All Deaths	52,148	2,710	1,221	2,370	655	59,104
Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent	1,589	81	20	250	36	1,976

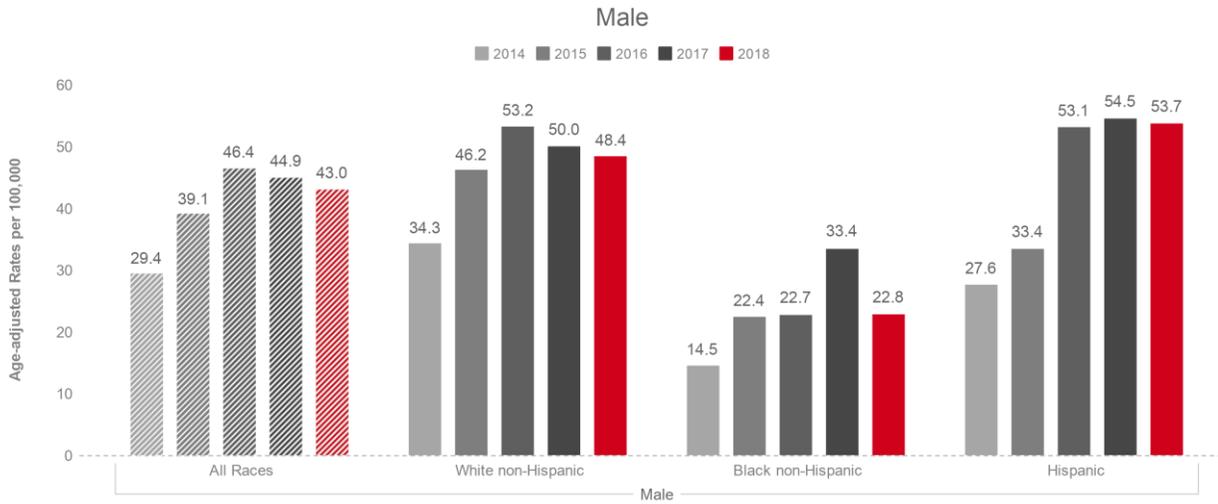
Deaths by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity



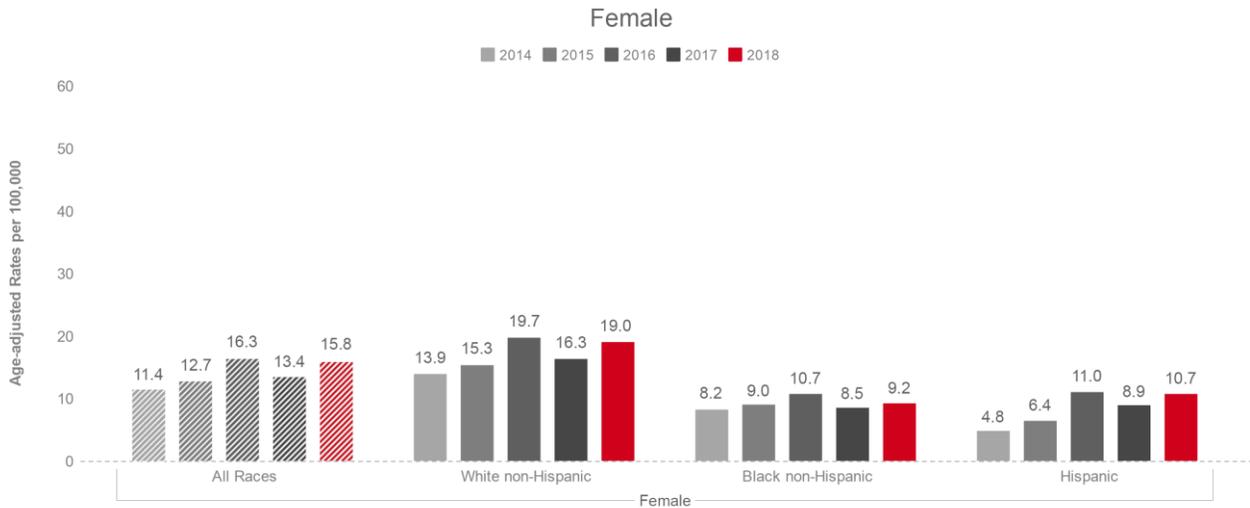
Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Death Rates, All Intents, by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity



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Technical Notes

- Opioids include heroin, illicitly manufactured fentanyl, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.
- 2017 and 2018 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 4/8/2019.
- Beginning with the May 2017 report, DPH started reporting opioid-related deaths for all intents, which includes unintentional/undetermined and suicide.

Sources

- Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH
- Population Estimates: Small Area Population Estimates 2011-2020, version 2017, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health. Population estimates used for years following the decennial census were developed by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (UMDI) in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health.