

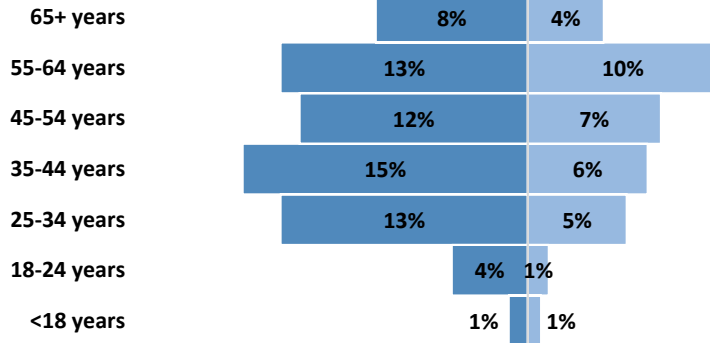
Drug Overdose Deaths of Unintentional/Undetermined Intent in Nevada – Jan to Dec 2021:

272 deaths among Nevada residents within the jurisdiction of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner Office

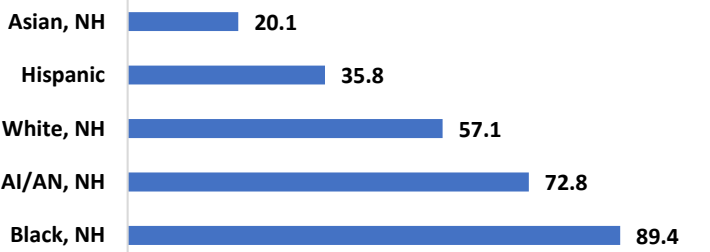
22% increase in rate of deaths from 2020 to 2021

Who died by drug overdose?

Male Female

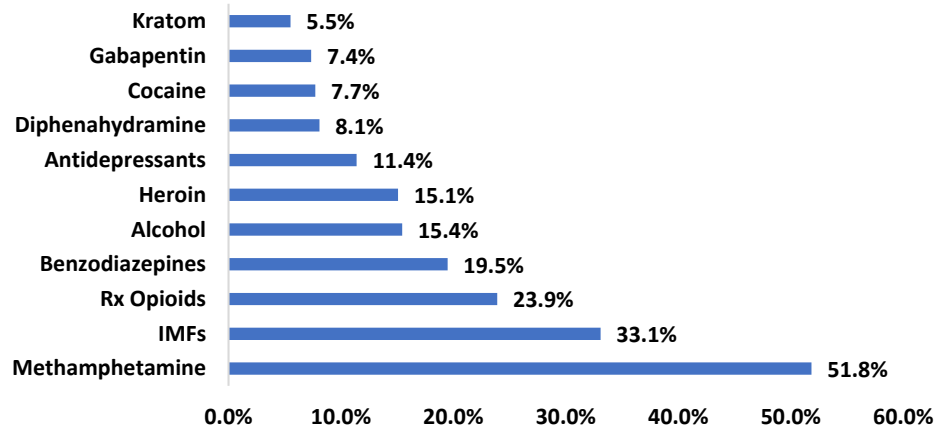


Race/Ethnicity (Rate per 100,000)



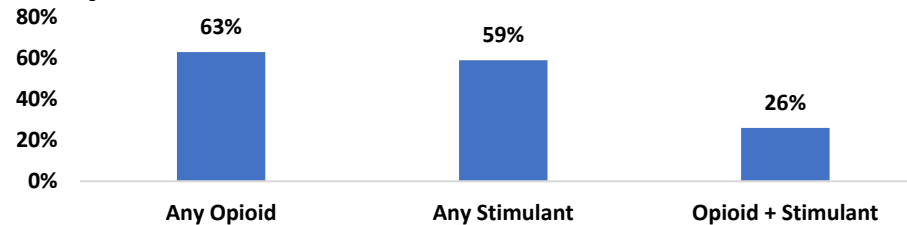
Those who died by drug overdose were mostly White, NH adult males. The highest rate was among Black, NH persons.

Top drugs listed as cause of death (COD)¹



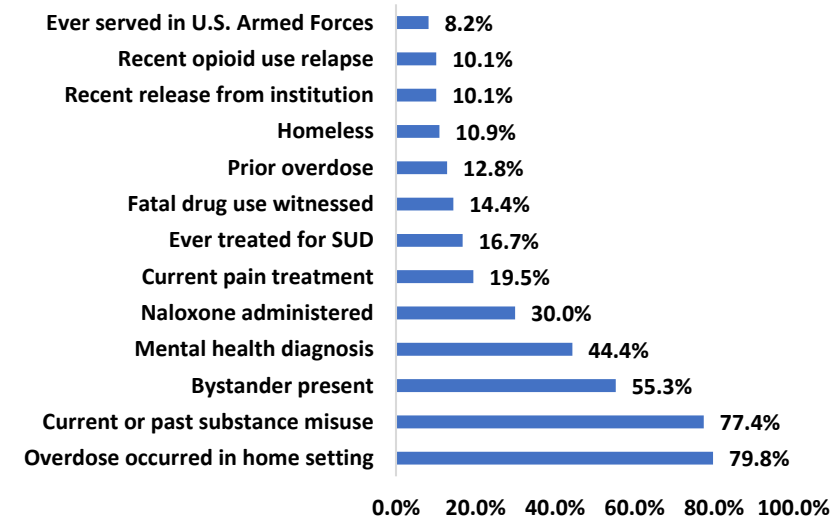
63% of deaths involved any opioids, 59% of deaths involved any stimulants, and 26% of deaths involved an opioid and stimulant.

Opioid and stimulant involvement in COD¹



What circumstances² were documented?

Figure 7. Circumstances Documented



83% of decedents had at least one potential opportunity for linkage to care prior to death or implementation of a life-saving action* at the time of overdose.

Data comes from the Nevada State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS), which compiles information from death certificates, medical examiner/coroner reports, and toxicology results. Data here are from Nevada residents who were assigned a drug-related overdose death by the Coroner/Medical Examiner within the jurisdiction of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner Office (Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Northern Nye, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe Counties). Percentages are among decedents with known information. Abbreviations: NH: Non-Hispanic; COD (Cause of Death); Meth: Methamphetamine; Benzos: Benzodiazepines; IMFs: Illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. ¹Substances are not mutually exclusive. ²Circumstances represent evidence available in reports, and thus are likely underestimated. Percentages are among those with known circumstances. *Potential opportunity for life-saving action includes recent release from an institution within past month (prison/jail, treatment, hospital), previous nonfatal overdose, mental health diagnosis, ever treated for substance use disorder, bystander present when fatal overdose occurred, and fatal drug use witnessed. This publication was supported by the Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services through Grant Number NU17CE925001 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Department nor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Questions: Contact NV OD2A epidemiologist Shawn Thomas at: shawnt@unr.edu.