



**Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force
Erie County Fire Training Academy
Quarterly Meeting
5.02.2022
Agenda**

1. Sign on – (9:50 - 10am)
2. Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda – (10 am – 10:10am)
3. Workgroup report out – 5 – 10 minutes each – (10:10 – 11:20am)
 - a. Community Education and Prevention – Barb Burns
 - b. Treatment Providers – John Grieco, Jen Seib
 - c. REAP – Chief Thomas Diina, ECSO
 - d. Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Caleigh Loughran
 - e. Providers – Cheryll Moore for Dr. Burstein
 - f. Naloxone – Cheryll Moore
 - g. Family and Consumers – Deb Smith
4. Updates – (11:20 – 11:45)
 - a. 2021 yearly report – High level overview
 - b. DHHS SAMHSA award with NYSDOH to expand naloxone training and access in the 8 WNY counties, and expand the response after overdose project utilizing a local peer response and the ODMAP notification system – Elizabeth Terranova, Project Coordinator – SUD
 - c. Opioid Mortality Review Board – C. Moore
 - d. COAP funding – Category 3 – Probation Opioid unit – Anita Robillard
 - e. Healing Communities Study – grant from Columbia University to expand work in the city of Buffalo to decrease opioid deaths by 40% over life of the study using evidence-based interventions determined through a team approach using data. Taylor Winter, Project Coordinator – SUD
 - f. COSSAP award – increase Peers and New York MATTERS (Medication Assisted Treatment and Emergency Referrals) with local police departments and department of probation in a fully virtual way.
5. Response to questions in the Chat, (11:45am – 12 noon)

Thank you! – next meeting: **Monday, August 1, 2022**

Erie County Opiate Task Force

Community Education and Prevention Committee

Goals

- Educate the community about the current status of the opioid epidemic in Western New York and addiction in general
- Provide awareness, guidance, and direction to those directly and indirectly impacted by the crisis
- AND promote, encourage and educate the community about prevention

What's Going On?

- Who's doing what?
- Promote

What's Going On?

- ◎ PSA update
- ◎ Final stages.
- ◎ Filmed a portion.
- ◎ Film one more portion.
- ◎ Editing.
- ◎ Distribution.

Coming up...

- Law enforcement training



Erie County
Opiate Epidemic
Task Force
Quarterly Meeting
May 2, 2022

Treatment Workgroup

Acting Co-Chair:

John Grieco, MS CRC

Assistant Commissioner

Erie County Dept of Mental Health

Co-Chair:

Jennifer Seib, LMHC, CASAC

Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Integration

BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.





Treatment Provider Workgroup

- ❑ The work group continues to meet monthly with representation of treatment and prevention providers, family members, peers, hospitals, treatment court representation, managed care representation, Erie County staff as well as representation from NYS OASAS.
- ❑ Meetings are generally monthly; face to face and/or conference calls.



Treatment Committee 3 current workgroups

- Increase access to SUD Housing
- Increase access to MAT in Community with focus on primary care
- Education and Training- **NEW!**



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**

- **Facilitator: John Grieco, john.grieco@erie.gov**

- Continue to meet approximately every 3 months via conference call. Next meeting via WebEx [June 27th](#) at 1:00.

- **Recent Updates:**

- Community projects discussed at the last quarterly meeting continue to be in process and we will provide additional updates as progress warrants. To name just a few:

- BestSelf Behavioral Health indicated that they were to implement their Mt. Aaron Project with 18 units of SUD Housing April 15th
- Restoration Society and Cazenovia Recovery have projects in the works and are trying to secure a suitable location
- Living Opportunities of DePaul hope to break ground on their Pan-Am project in late August.
- Evergreen Health Services is hoping to fill staffing position very soon so they can implement the award from ECDMH for 12 Transitional Supported Housing beds



Committee Updates:

Training and Education

Facilitator: Amy Rockwood; Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov

Selected as an area of focus by the SUD Treatment Committee at our September 2021 meeting.

Group focus has evolved and pursuing two paths:

- Harm Reduction – as part of the ECDMH Monthly Training Series
 - Harm Reduction Philosophy and Practice- occurred 4/26
 - Harm Reduction for Family members-planning meeting occurred 4/29
- Church Outreach- Prince of Peace Church- occurred 4/27
- Treatment and improved Family Involvement- to be further discussed at 4/29 meeting

Those interested in participating please email Amy at Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov



Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community**
 - **Facilitator: Jennifer Seib, JSeib@bestselfwny.org**

On going challenges to [improve collaboration with Primary Care](#) remain. Some of which includes:

- Lack of [funding to develop an “outreach/resource team”](#) that would provide in-reach education to primary care and serve as a resource for those seeking consultation. - Possible opportunity with opioid settlement funds
- System challenges exist at a higher level.

Group is focusing on how to better support primary care in being able to assess and identify substance use concerns and how to easily be able to partner substance use providers, who are providing medication for substance use disorders.

The group wants to provide support to primary care and their patients without adding more work that they are not able take on given their own system constraints

Meets Monthly – next meeting scheduled for [May 18, 2022 @ 12:00pm](#)



Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Erie County: Methadone Maintenance Access Trends

- **Census Trends:**

- January 2016: 1272
- January 2018: 1834
- April 28, 2020: 2544
- July 29, 2020: 2378
- October 29, 2020: 2397
- January 26-28, 2021: 2426
- July, 2021: 2483
- October 2021: 2467
- January 2022: 2474
- April 2022: 2532

- **Waitlist information:**

- November 2017: 228
- January 27, 2020: 127
- April 28, 2020: ~ 220
- July 29, 2020: 114
- October 29, 2020: 124
- January 26-28, 2021: ~101
- July, 2021: 93
- October 2021: 175
- January 2022: 256
- April 2022: 167

New Treatment Resource: Safe Point Lighthouse



SAFE POINT LIGHTHOUSE: Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program in Dunkirk, NY

Safe Point Lighthouse is an outpatient treatment facility licensed by the NYS Office of Addiction Services & Supports (OASAS) to serve adolescents and adults in need of substance use services. Our fully integrated, bilingual services include:

- Trauma-Informed Services
- Screenings and Intake
- Treatment for Chemical and Alcohol Dependency
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Peer Services
- Relapse Prevention
- Recovery Skills
- DWI Assessments
- Primary Care Services
- Mental Health Services
- Anger Management
- Topic-Specific Workshops
- Linkages and Referrals

WE ACCEPT WALK-INS & REFERRALS!

- ✔ Services available in English and Spanish
- ✔ We offer tele-health and video appointments
- ✔ Most insurance plans accepted, including Medicaid and Medicare, as well as sliding scale fees for the uninsured

LOCATION & CONTACT:

Safe Point Lighthouse
303 Main Street
Dunkirk, NY 14048

PHONE: (716) 413-4661 | EMAIL: esmith@hubwny.org

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ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE
831-7007

Operated by Crisis Services 24/7

- Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- Education on MOUDs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- Integrate into Substance Use Disorder Treatment system



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- Spectrum Health is collaborating with Evergreen Health to expand and enhance MAT and Peer services
- Evergreen Health expanding some of their drop-in services for people who use drugs this spring in downtown Buffalo in response to need for more low-threshold services in the community



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- Evergreen, in partnership with the NYS Harm Reduction Association, will be having another WNY Harm Reduction Conference – August 11th-12th. Look for more news, including registration, in the coming week
- Evergreen has expanded low-threshold buprenorphine to their Jamestown site and has openings
- Contact Person – Emma Fabian
efabian@evergreenhs.org



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- Horizon Health Services received a grant to enhance efforts to screen, identify and test patients for Hepatitis C virus (HCV). Their efforts in the grant will be to:
 - Identify the knowledge base of their staff and services already in place
 - Explore additional services to add and enhance HCV prevention and treatment
 - Collaborate with peers to determine best practice and successful methods of implementation
 - Identify and test all patients who are at risk for HCV
 - Provide HCV and risk reduction education for all patients
 - Link HCV positive patients with treatment, follow progress, and observe a high compliance rate with treatment
- For more information contact Gulsum Silluzio @ gsilluzio@horizon-health.org



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- BestSelf is looking forward to the anticipated June 2022 start of Mt. Aaron that will deliver 18 ESSHI (Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative) units for individuals and families with a primary SUD diagnosis
- BestSelf is looking for referrals for their Rapid Rehousing Initiative
- Please contact Nadia Pizarro npizarro@bestselfwny.org for housing related information



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- WNY Peer Workforce Development Center – collaboration between BestSelf and Preventionfoucs
 - People with lived experience receive training, certifications, work experience, and support in securing and maintaining employment as a CRPA
 - Peer applicants complete 5-6 weekly one-hour skill training sessions and then begin a mentorship, where they shadow experienced peer mentors in a variety of SUD settings
 - Began July 2021 To date: 135 people have enrolled; 47 people have received their CRPA-P and 23 of those are currently employed in agencies as peers or in other client support positions
- For more information contact Michelle Scheib mscheib@bestselfwny.org or Mona Lisa McEachin mmceachin@bestselfwny.org



Treatment Provider Updates – New & Innovative Programs

- BestSelf just received notification of award for a mobile OTP. This is in the beginning, planning phase. More to come.



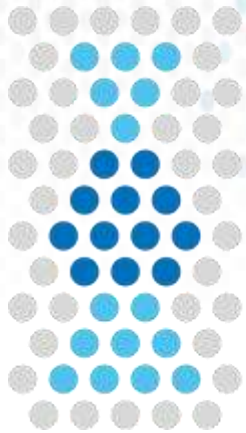
Next meeting:

**5/23, 10:30-12 in Kids Escaping
Drugs Board Room, Renaissance
Campus-920 Harlem Rd.,
West Seneca and via WebEx**



Thank you for
your support
& dedication





MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

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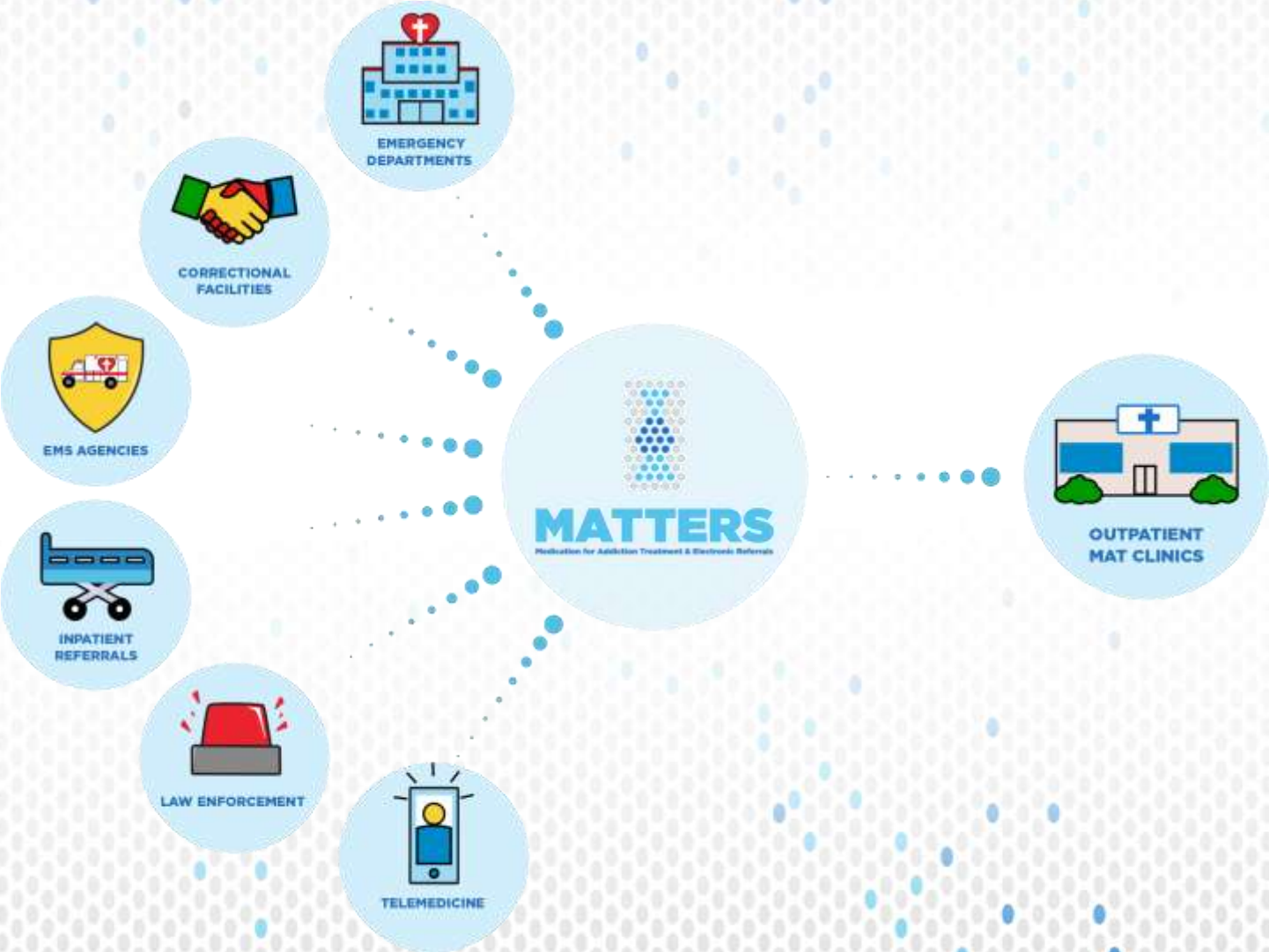
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Expansion Efforts





EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS



CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



EMS AGENCIES



INPATIENT REFERRALS



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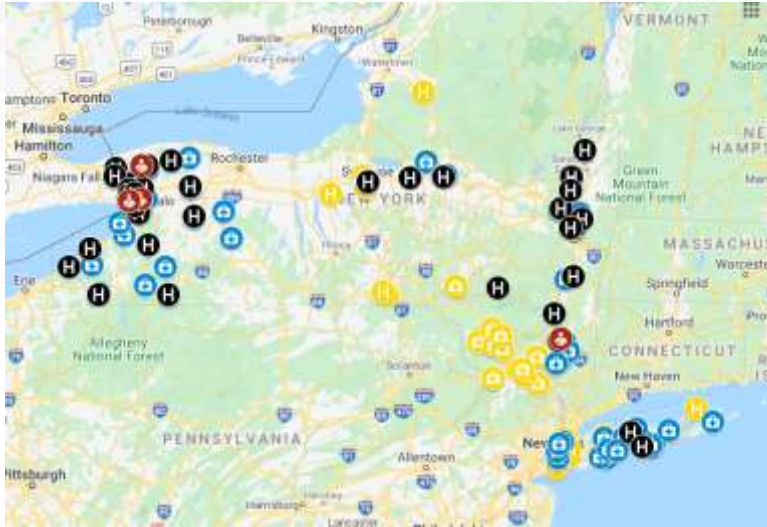


OUTPATIENT MAT CLINICS

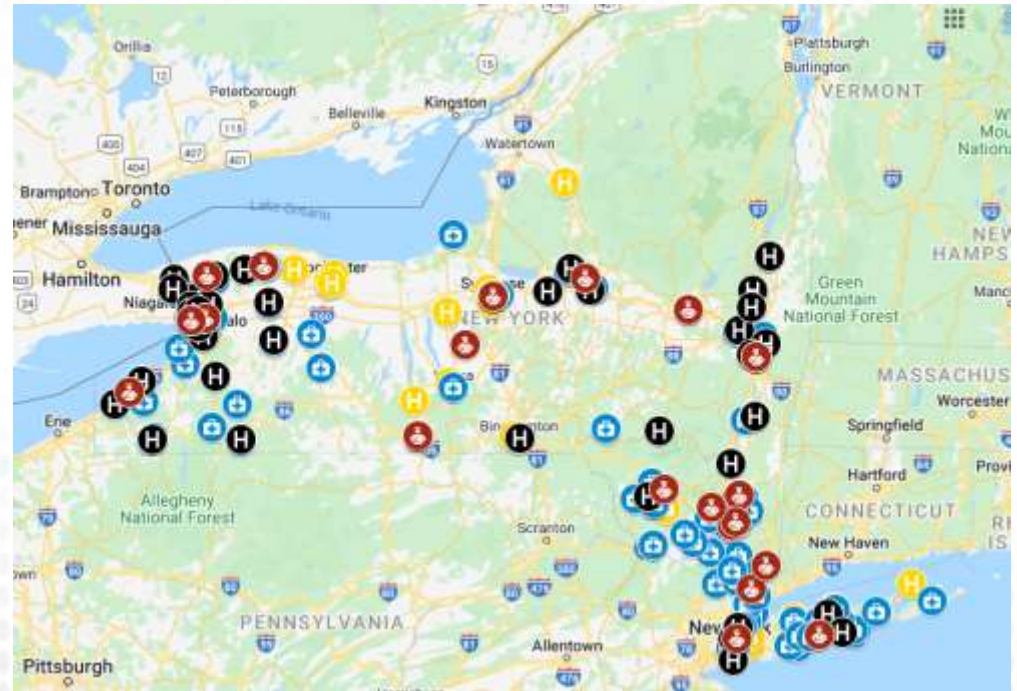


MATTERS
Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

Rapid Growth Across NYS



November 2021



May 2022

New Partner Roundup



New Projects



MAT-PDOA

What?

- WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment
- 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment Center

When?

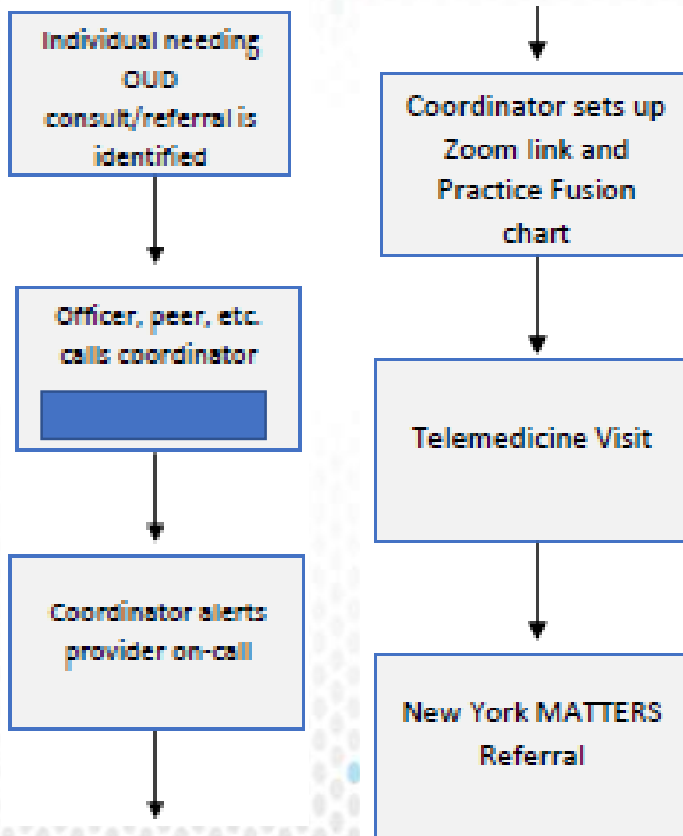
- GOES LIVE ON MAY 16TH!

How?

- Patients can simply call **716-463-6222** to request an immediate telemedicine consult



Direct Referrals to Telemedicine Update



Current Partners:

- Buffalo Police Department
- Tonawanda Police Department (Coming soon!)
- Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH)
- Probation
- WNY Independent Living (Erie, Genesee, Niagara)
- WNY Mobile Overdose Prevention Services
- UB HEALS
- Chautauqua City Mission
- Mental Health Association of Chautauqua
- Peaceprints of WNY
- Service Link Stop

Is your police department interested in participating??

Contact Caleigh cloughran@mattersnetwork.org

Calling all OBGYN offices!

Are you interested in referring your patients to long term MAT programs through MATTERS?

- ✓ Rapid referral to treatment clinic of patient's choice
- ✓ Medication voucher to cover up to 14 days of medication (if uninsured)
- ✓ Uber Health ride to first clinic appointment
- ✓ Linkage to peer services

We'd love to partner with you!

Contact Shay cbronson@mattersnetwork.org

Updates



New Telemedicine Video



**MATTERS app
officially
Launching in
Summer 2022!**





NEW YORK
MATTERS
Medication Assisted Treatment & Emergency Referrals

**Snap this to refer a
patient for opioid use
disorder treatment!**



**Make referring patients
to OUD care as simple as
possible! QR code
stickers available to
participating referral
sites**

**Interested?
Contact Caleigh
cloughran@mattersnetwork.org**

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The screenshot shows the website for New York MATTERS. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Professional Referrals, EMS (Leave behind Malzone), Voucher Verification, and Checkowage PD. The main header includes the logo for New York MATTERS, which is a blue grid pattern next to the text "NEW YORK MATTERS" and the tagline "Network for Accident, Trauma & Disaster Services". A hamburger menu icon is visible on the right.

The central content area features a video player with a play button and a map of the New York region. Overlaid on this is a sign-up form titled "Get our updates by email!". The form includes the text "Sign up for the latest news and updates from New York MATTERS" and two input fields for "Name" and "Email". A blue "Submit" button is at the bottom of the form.

Below the video and map, there is a section with the text "Navigate the map to explore our hospital, clinic and pharmacy partner locations." To the right of this text is a map showing the New York region with labels for Montreal Island, Parc Joliot, Ottawa, Montreal, and Sherbrooke. The map is titled "New York MATTERS" and has navigation icons.

Feel free to reach out with any further questions!



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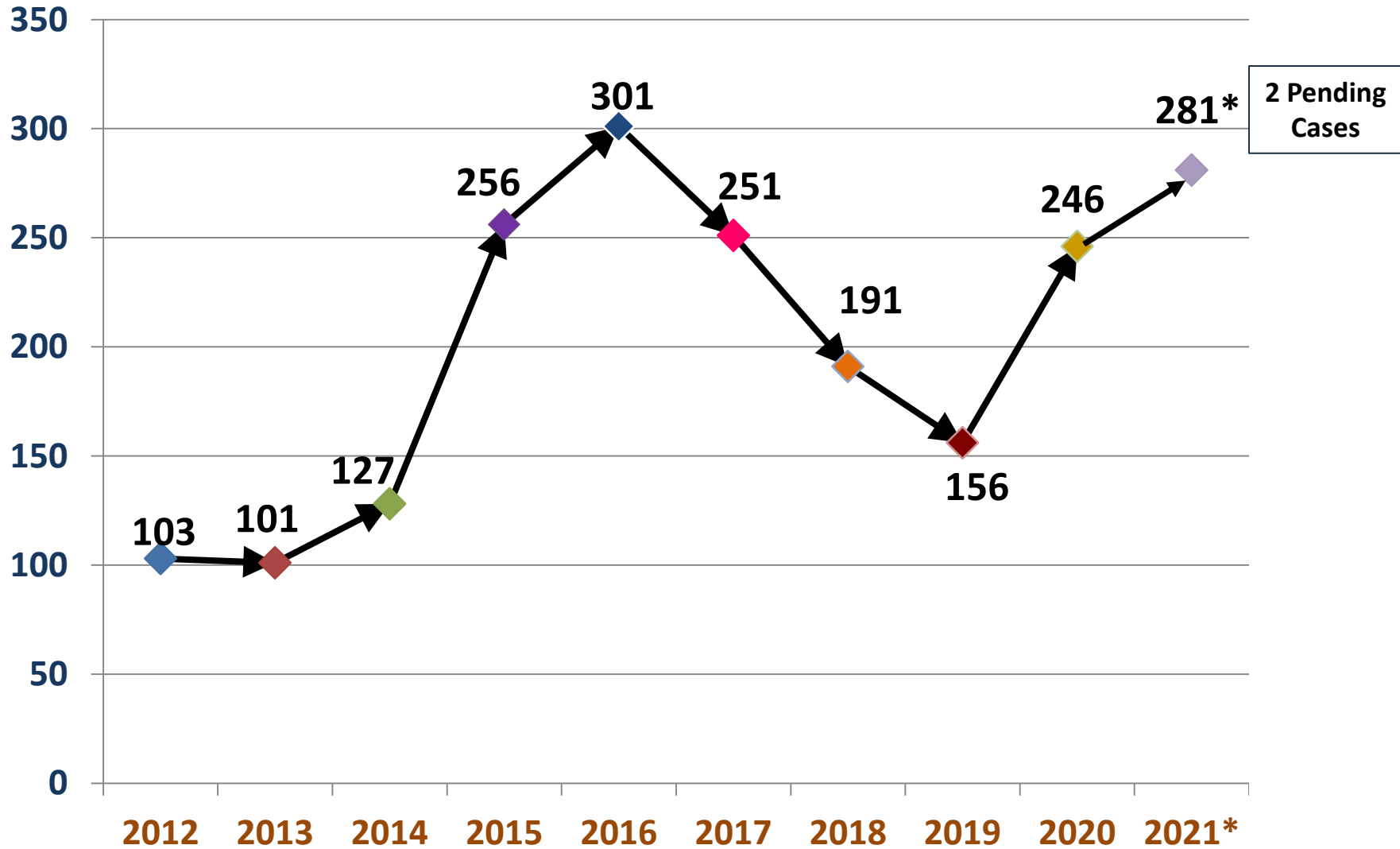


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OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY

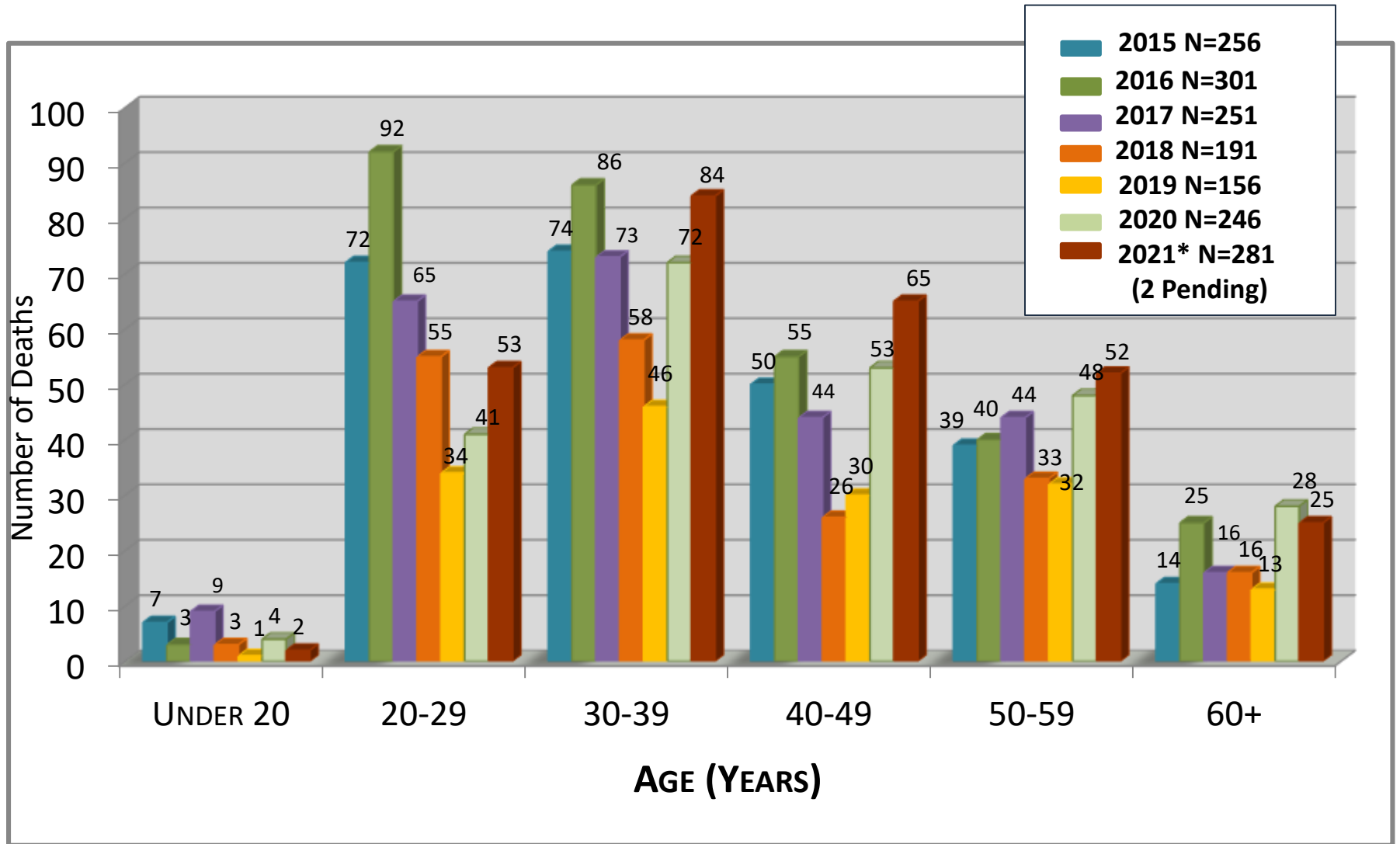
As of 4/22/2022

2012 – 2021* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 4/22/2022

2015 – 2021* ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



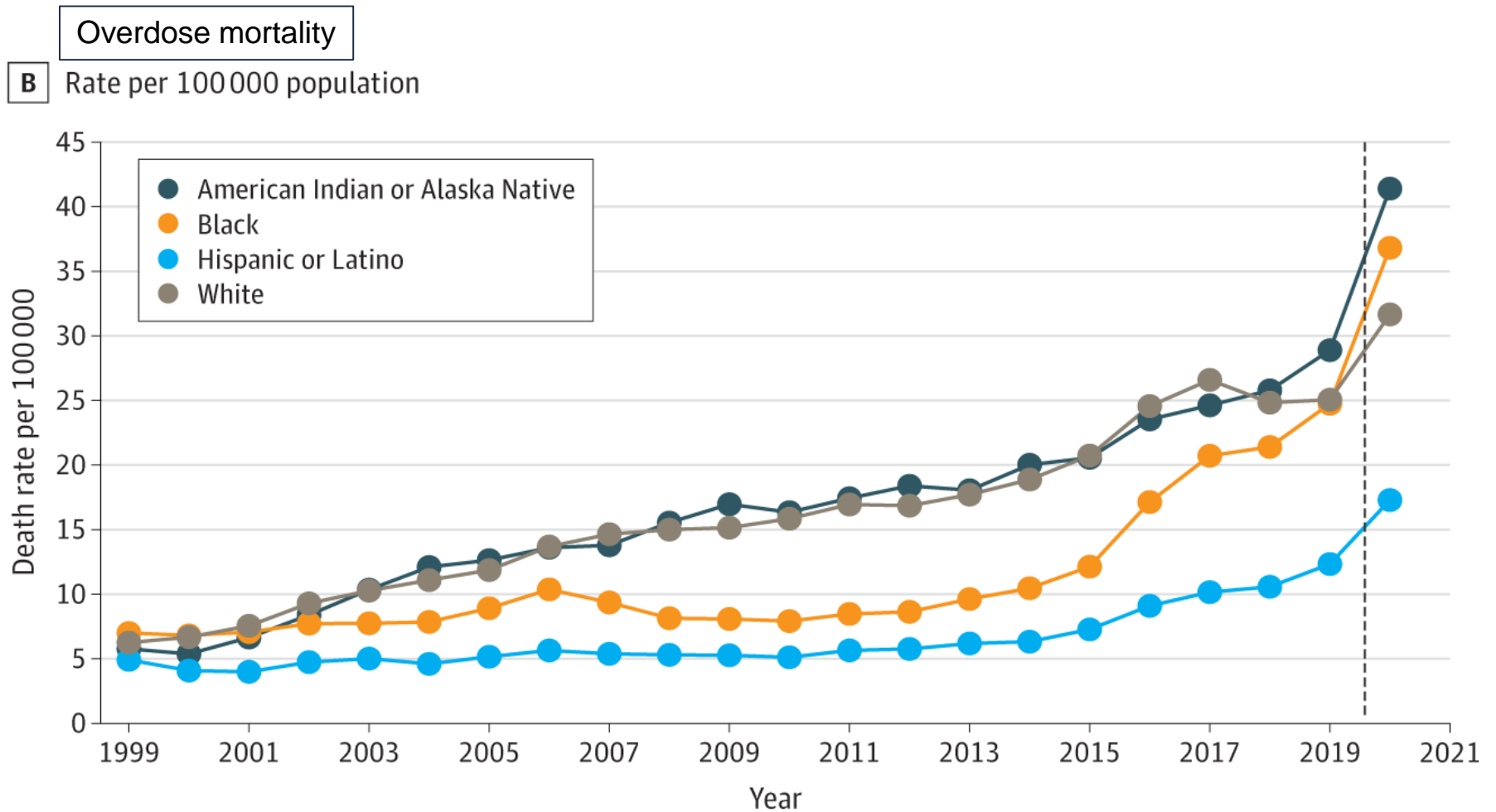
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Erie County Census Estimate

Erie County Opioid Overdoses

	Population % (N=954,236) 2020 Census	2018 Overdose % (N=191)	2019 Overdose % (N=156)	2020 Overdose % (N=246)	2021 Overdose % (N=281) (2 Pending)
Race/Ethnicity					
White alone	75%	79%	78%	71%	65%
Black or African American alone	14%	10%	10%	19%	23%
Other	5%	3%	4%	2%	4%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%
Gender					
Female	52%	30%	27%	30%	27%
Male	48%	70%	73%	70%	73%
Age					
20-29	14%	29%	22%	17%	19%
30-39	13%	30%	29%	30%	30%
40-49	11%	14%	19%	26%	23%
50-59	14%	17%	21%	19%	19%
60+	25%	8%	8%	10%	9%

National trend of changing demographics of drug OD deaths



Steepest curve among African Americans and Native Americans

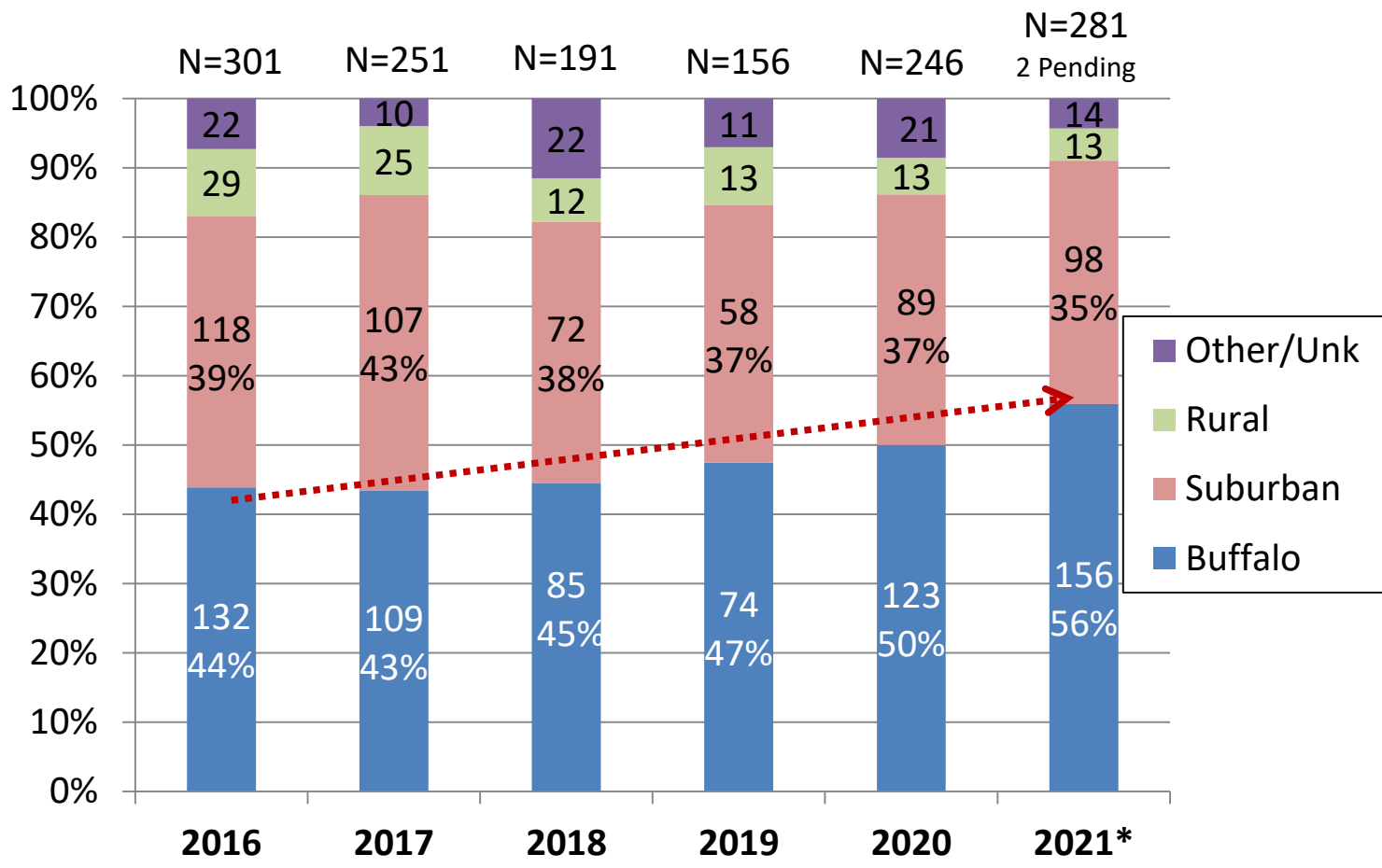
2016 – 2021* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE



Buffalo
28% of persons who live in Erie County reside in the City of Buffalo

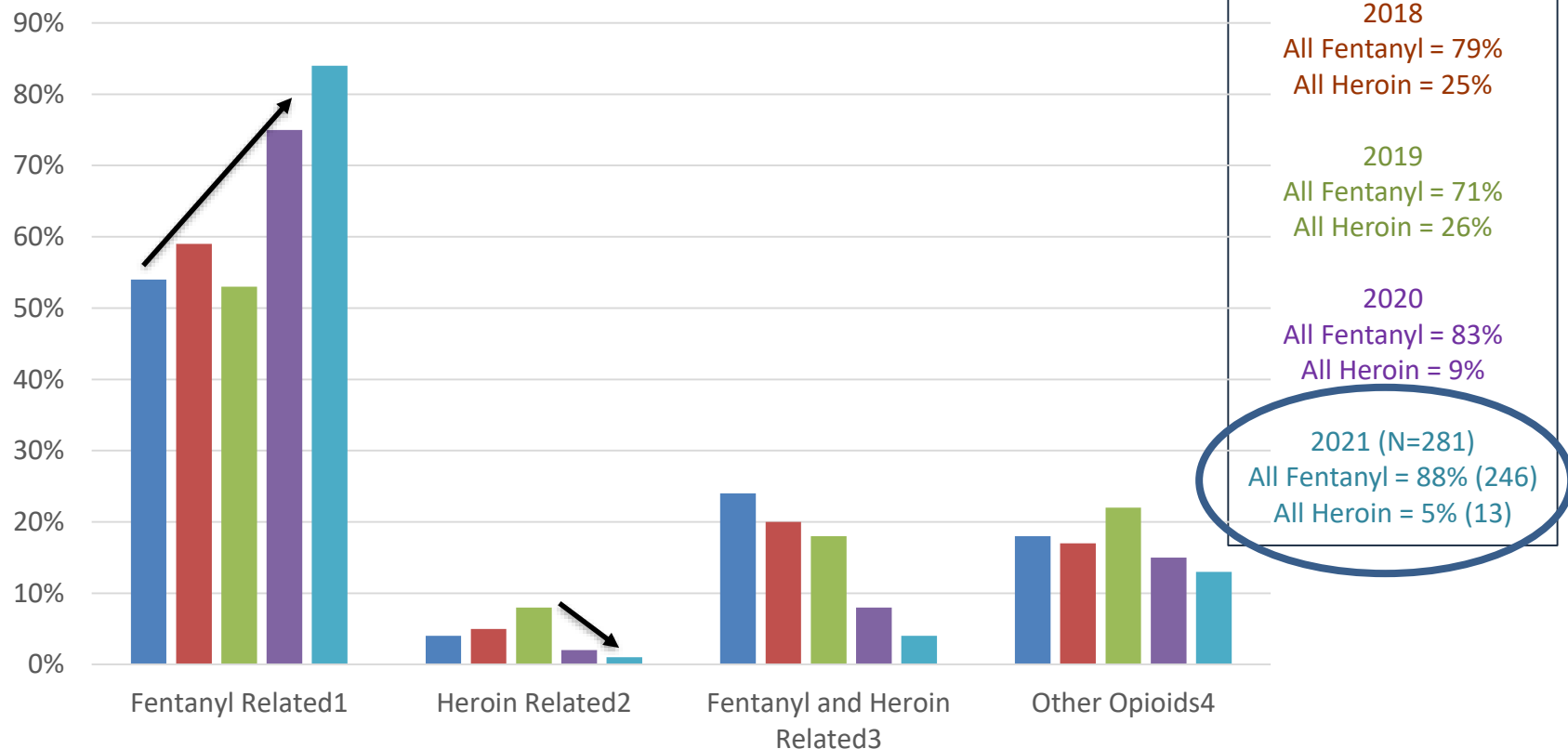
- SUBURBAN TOWNS:**
- AMHERST
 - CHEEKTOWAGA
 - CLARENCE
 - GRAND ISLAND
 - HAMBURG
 - LACKAWANNA
 - LANCASTER
 - ORCHARD PARK
 - TONAWANDA
 - WEST SENECA

- RURAL TOWNS:**
- ALDEN
 - AURORA
 - COLDEN
 - COLLINS
 - CONCORD
 - EDEN
 - ELMA
 - EVANS
 - GOWANDA
 - HOLLAND
 - MARILLA
 - NEWSTEAD
 - NORTH COLLINS
 - SARDINIA



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 4/22/2022

2017 – 2021* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



2017
All Fentanyl = 78%
All Heroin = 28%

2018
All Fentanyl = 79%
All Heroin = 25%

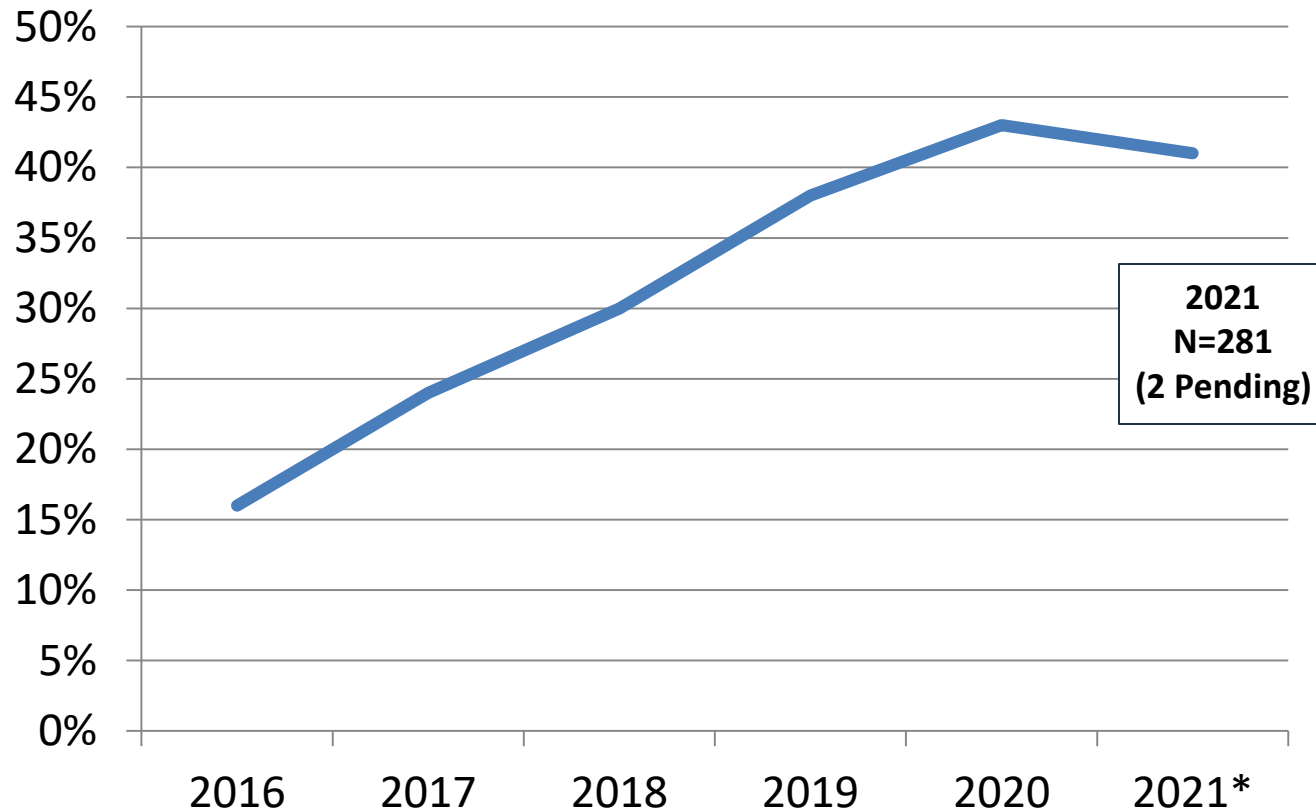
2019
All Fentanyl = 71%
All Heroin = 26%

2020
All Fentanyl = 83%
All Heroin = 9%

2021 (N=281)
All Fentanyl = 88% (246)
All Heroin = 5% (13)

- ¹ NO HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
- ² NO FENTANYL; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
- ³ POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
- ⁴ NO FENTANYL OR HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

2016 – 2021* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL¹ AND COCAINE



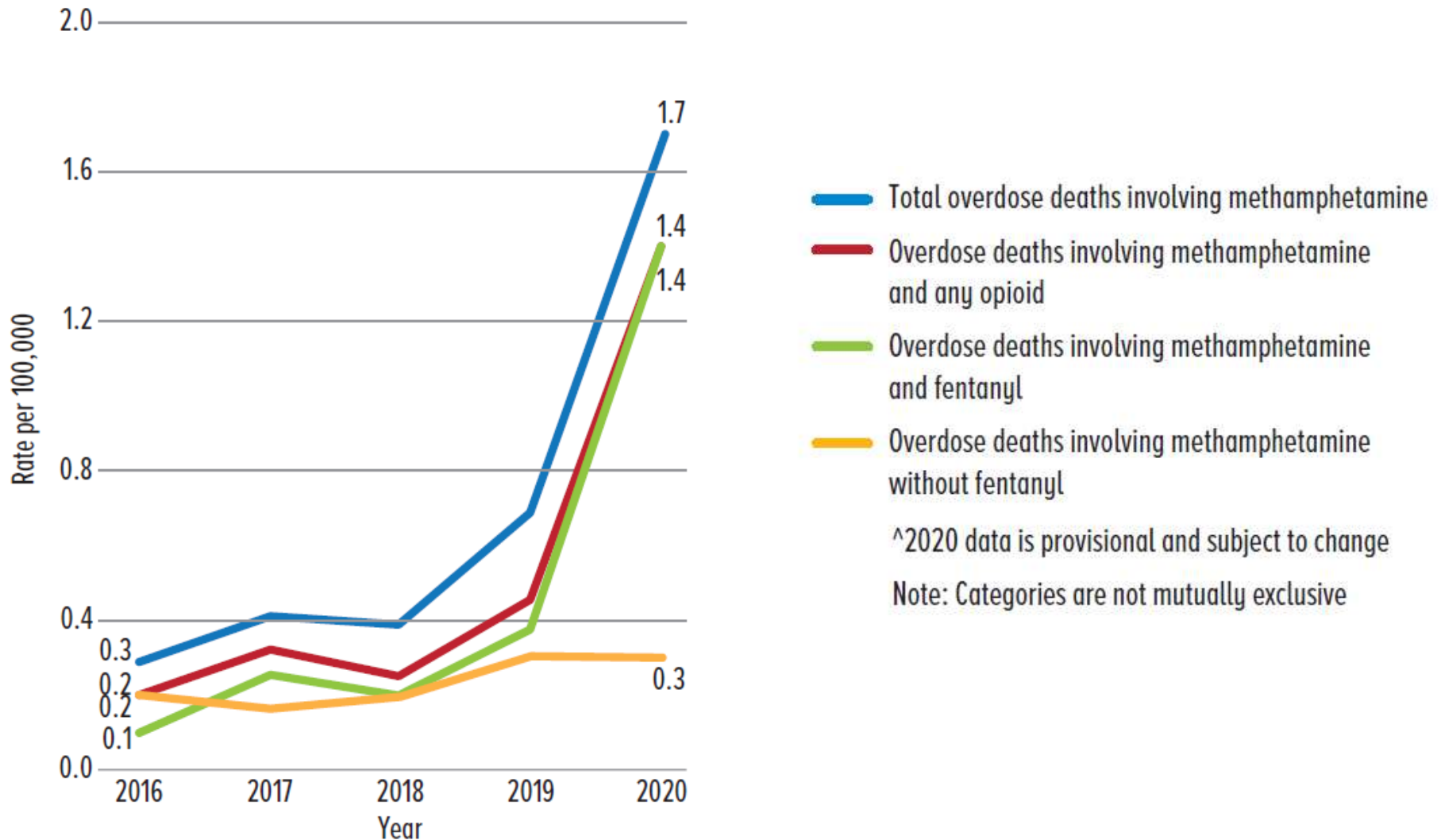
2020: 48% (118/246) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine
2021*: 44% (125/281) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine (2 deaths pending)

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

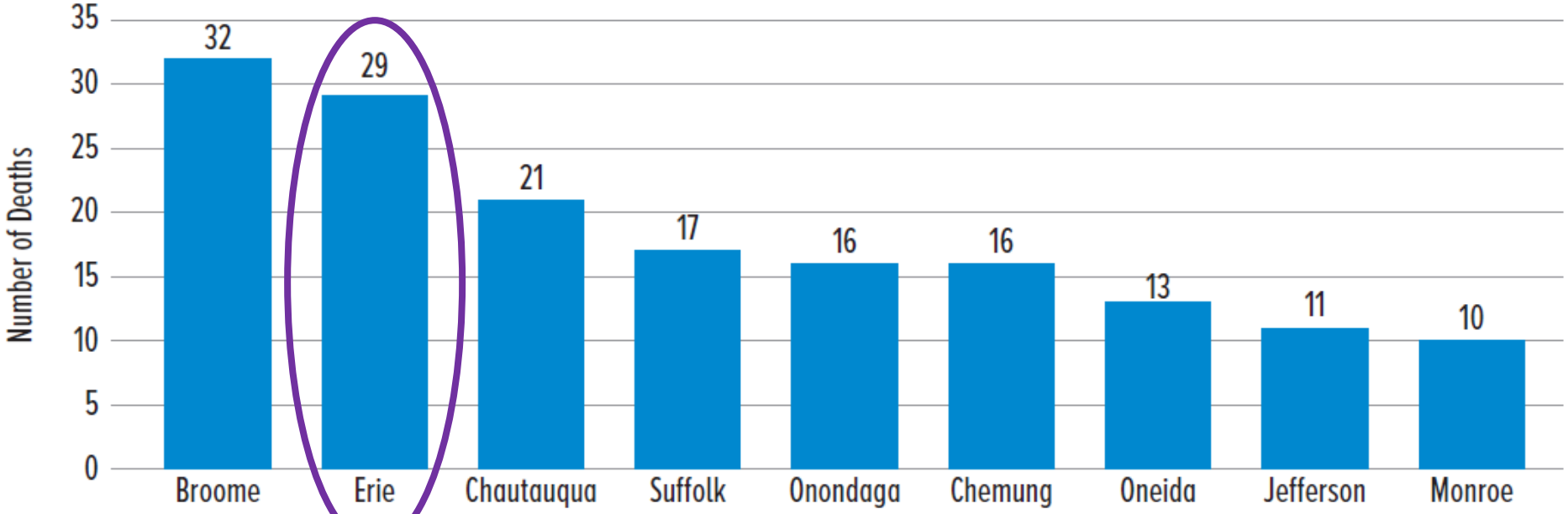
Opioid OD deaths associated with fentanyl and methamphetamine

- Highly potent illicit methamphetamine increasingly available throughout U.S., including Northeast,
- In 2018-2019, NYS self-reported, illicit methamphetamine use in past year among those aged ≥ 12 yrs prevalence was 0.24% (40,000 people)
- OD deaths involving methamphetamine in NYS outside of NYC increased from 2016 to 2020
 - fentanyl also listed on majority of death certificates showing that fentanyl actually driving increase

Overdose deaths involving methamphetamine with and without fentanyl, and methamphetamine with any opioid, crude rate per 100,000 population, NYS outside of NYC, 2016-2020[^]



Counties with highest overdose deaths involving methamphetamine, New York State outside of New York City, 2019 and 2020^



^2020 data is provisional and subject to change

Expanding MAT into Primary Care

- Lessons learned from Primary Care Champions Project
- Collecting project participants' suggestions for systems changes to facilitate expanding MAT into primary care
 - Involving health plans
 - Considerations for treatment agencies' role
- Please contact me or Cheryll with ideas



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Comments and Questions

Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Naloxone Workgroup

Erie County Health Department
May 2, 2022



Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter (1.1.2022 – 3.31.2022)

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
 - Law enforcement – 13
 - Fire fighters – 67
 - EMS/Healthcare Providers – 153
 - School Personnel – 56
 - Business Staff – 62
 - Individuals released from prison - 300
 - Community members – 503
 - Total kits distributed this quarter including mailing, virtual trainings and refills – 2465 kits



COVID 19 Response

Narcan Outreach

- New outreach responses due to isolation, disconnection from public interactions
- Pop Up Community Events as requested by the community
- Live Well Erie Van Outreach Weekly
 - Tuesdays – Curbside Care, 158 Pearl St, 11am – 5pm
 - Thursdays – 4 – 7pm, St. John Kanty, corner of Broadway and Swinburne St.
 - Fridays – Various sites



CURBSIDE CARE

Curbside Care

Health & Harm Reduction
Services, Screenings & Supplies
Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
158 Pearl Street, Buffalo
(Rath Building, East Side)

Clean Syringes Hep C Testing COVID-19 Vaccines

Free Condoms STI Testing Flu Vaccines

Sexual Health Services Smoking Cessation

HIV Testing Free Narcan & On-the-Spot Training

Look for the
Live Well Erie
van!



Erie County
Department of
Health



Services and supplies
provided at events:

COVID Vaccines

Flu Vaccines

Narcan Kits

Condoms

Treatment Referrals

Safe Injection Kits

Smoking Cessation

STI Screening

ESAP Drug and SHARPs Drop Off Kiosks

• Sheriff Maintained Locations

- Akron; Alden; Brant; Clearance; Colden; Elma; Grand Island; Holland; Lackawanna; Marilla; Springville
- Erie County Facilities at ECC North; ECC South; ECC City; Rath Bldg; Jesse Nash Health Ctr; EC Sherriff's @ 10 Delaware;
- Kaleida Health locations- Buffalo General; John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
- Canisius College;
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Local Municipality Kiosk Locations

- Amherst Police Dpt.
- Cheektowaga Police Department
- Orchard Park Police
- Evans Police Dept.
- University of Buffalo- North Campus @ Bissell Hall
- All Buffalo Police Departments

Outside of Erie County

- Albion Police Department (Orleans Co.)
- Orleans County Sheriff's Office (Orleans Co.)
- Batavia Police Department (Genesee Co.)
- LeRoy Village Police (Genesee Co.)
- Medina Police Dept (Orleans Co.)
- Wyoming County Sheriff (Wyoming Co.)



Totals Collected

Drugs Destroyed

- 2022 – 3,320 lbs
- 2021 – 12,220 lbs
- 2020 - 16520 lbs
- 2019 - 34720 lbs

Sharps Collected

- 2022 – 3030 lbs
 - 2021 – 6006 lbs
 - 2020 – 9629 lbs
 - 2019 – 8809 lbs
-
- 4 kiosks replaced



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Obtain hypodermic needles and syringes without a prescription

Safely dispose of syringes and needles in secure, anonymous kiosks

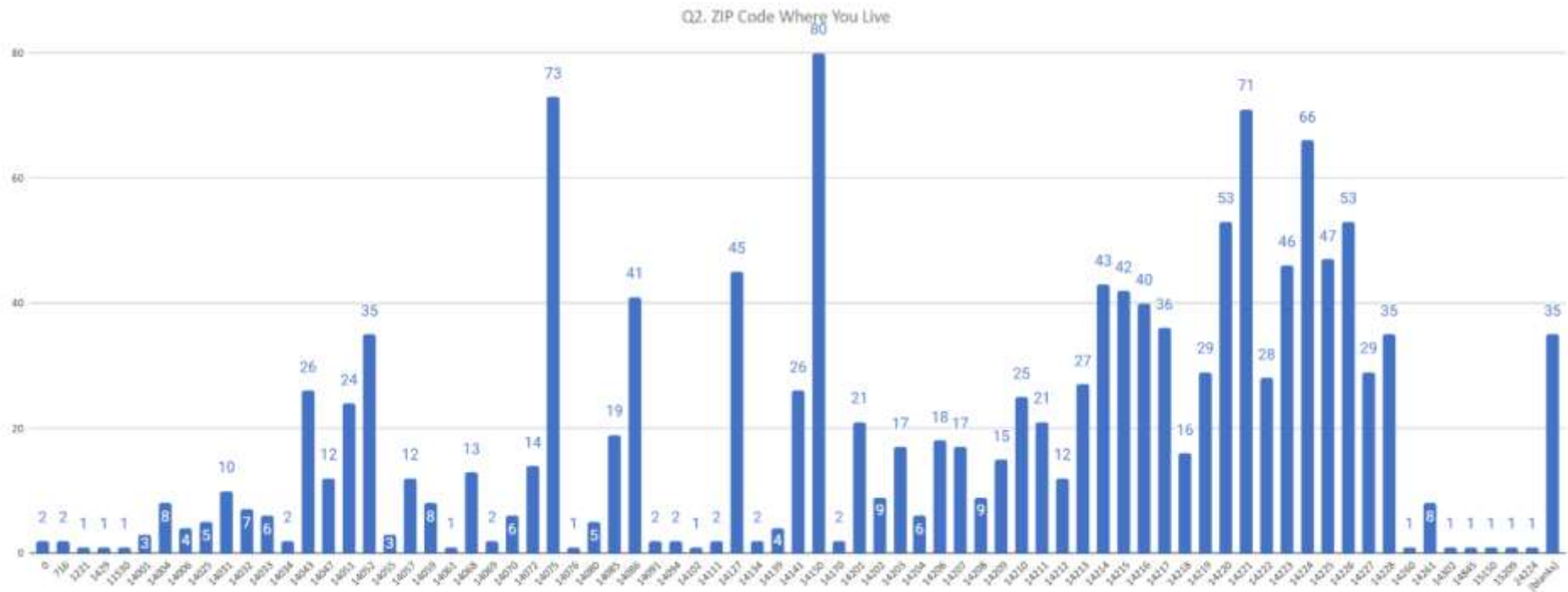
Safely dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications

Harm Reduction and the Erie County Community Health Assessment

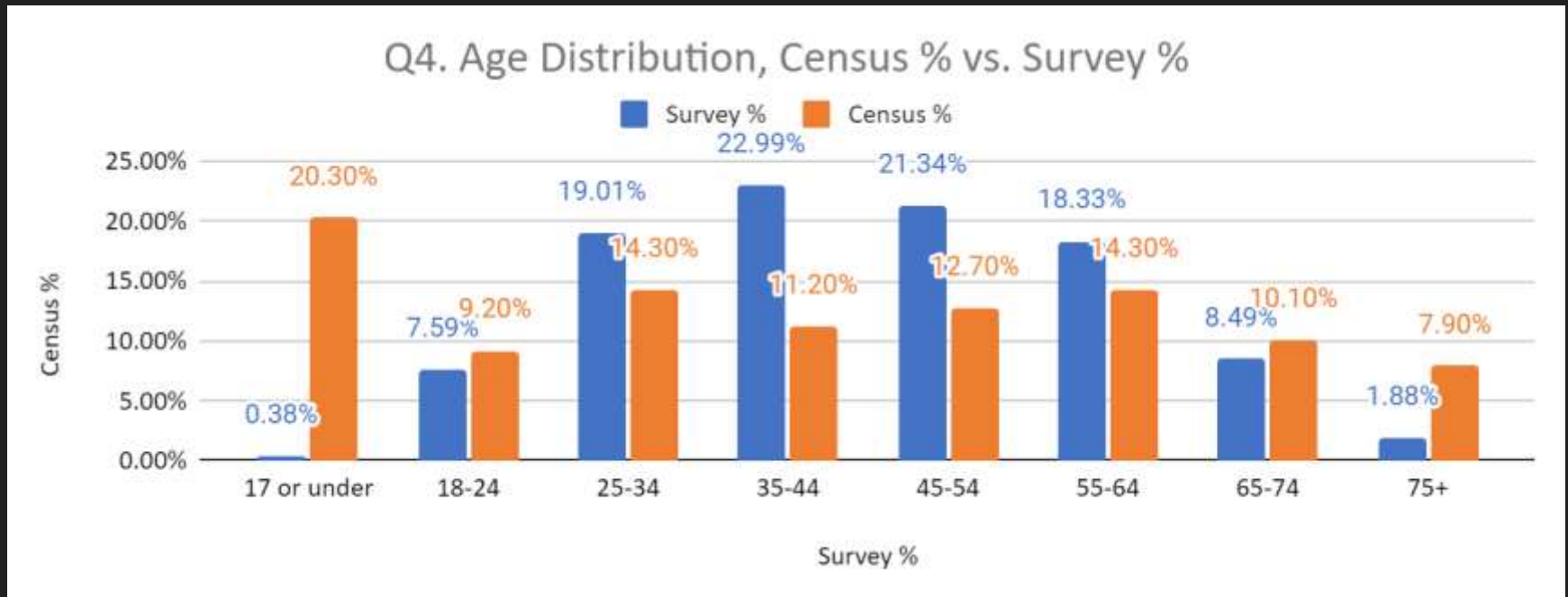
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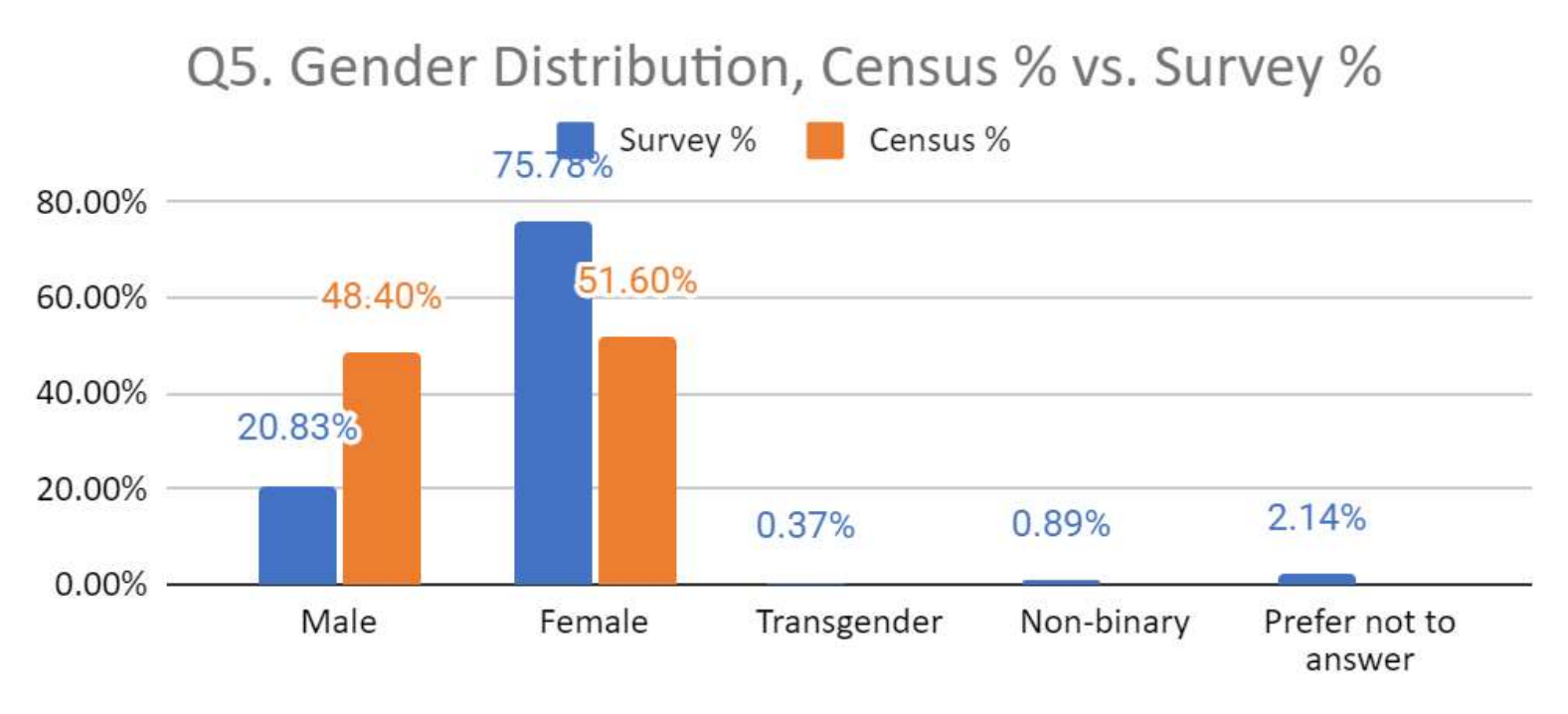
ZIP Codes of Survey Respondents (n = 1,394 Responses)



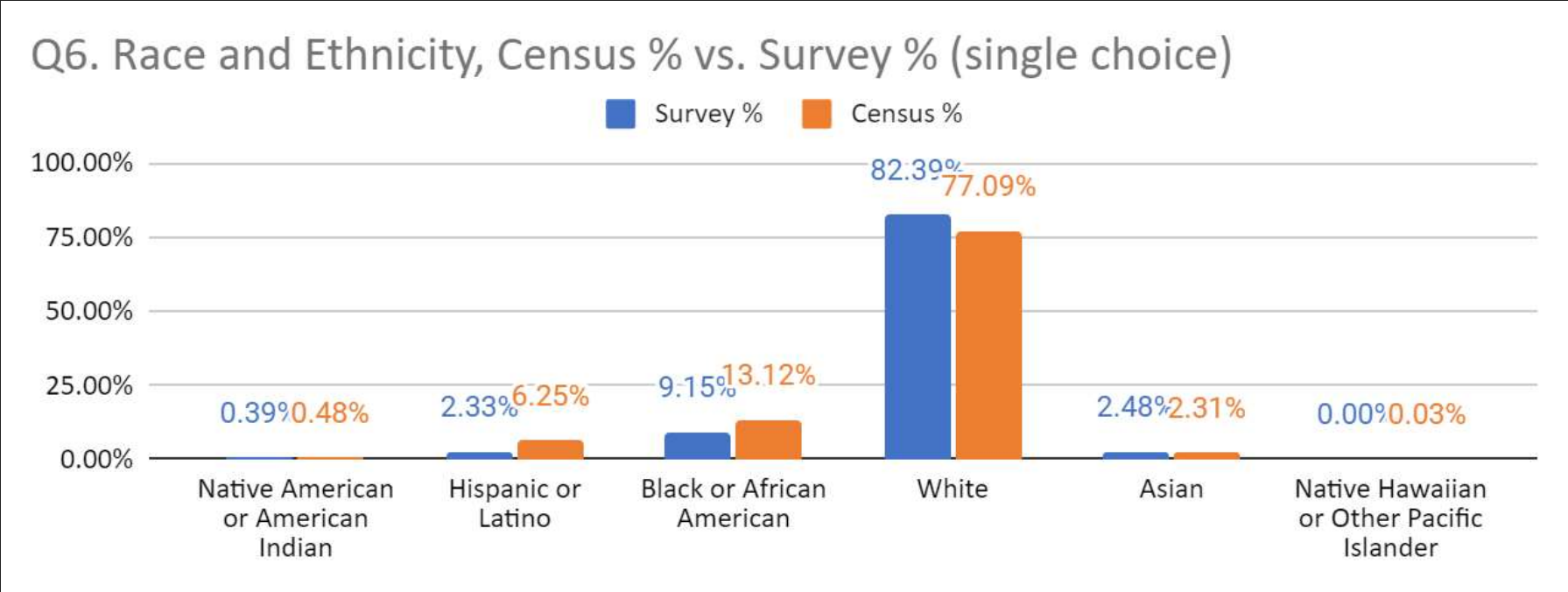
Age Distribution of Respondents (vs. Age Breakdown of Erie County)



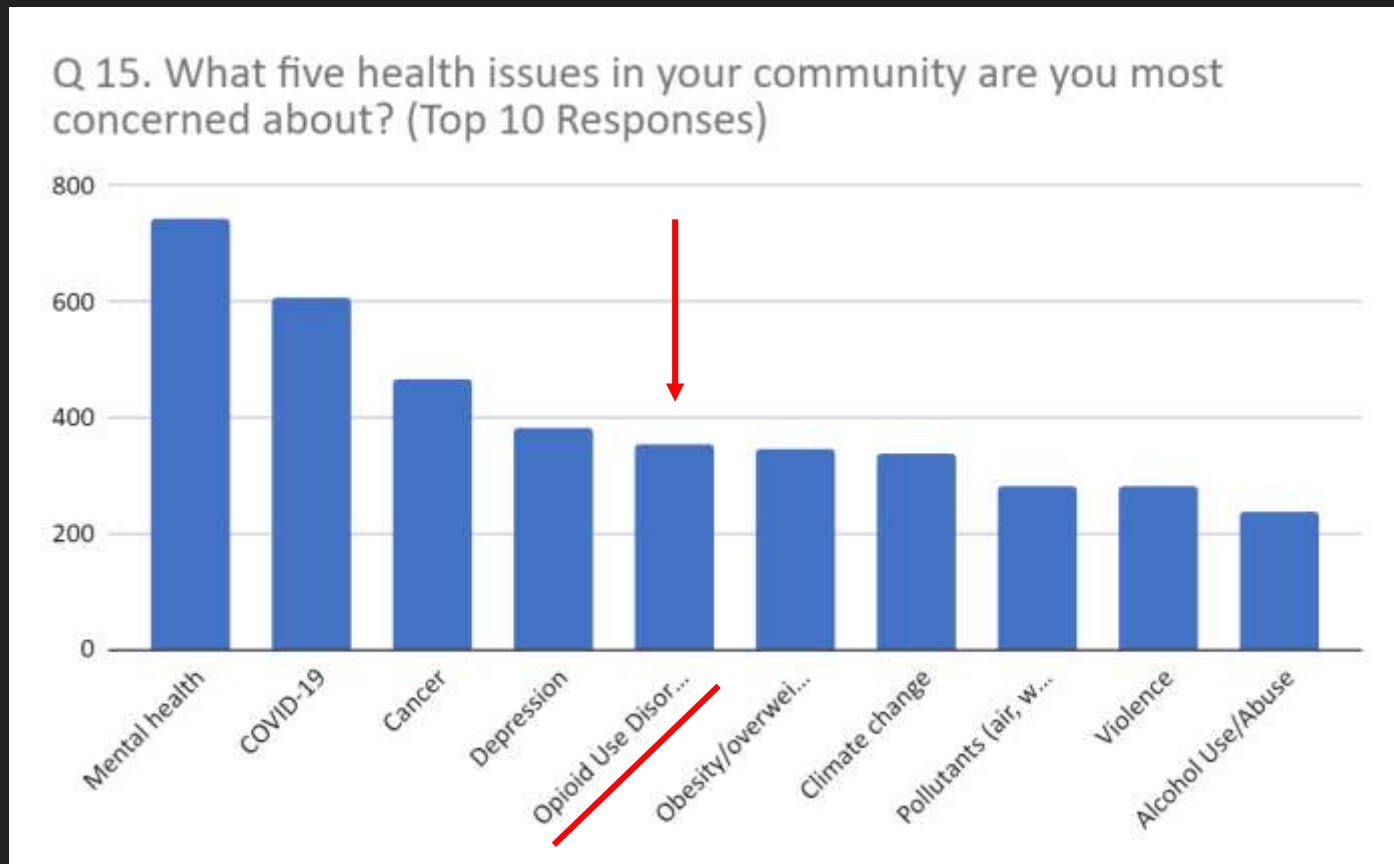
Gender Breakdown (Survey Respondents vs. Erie County)



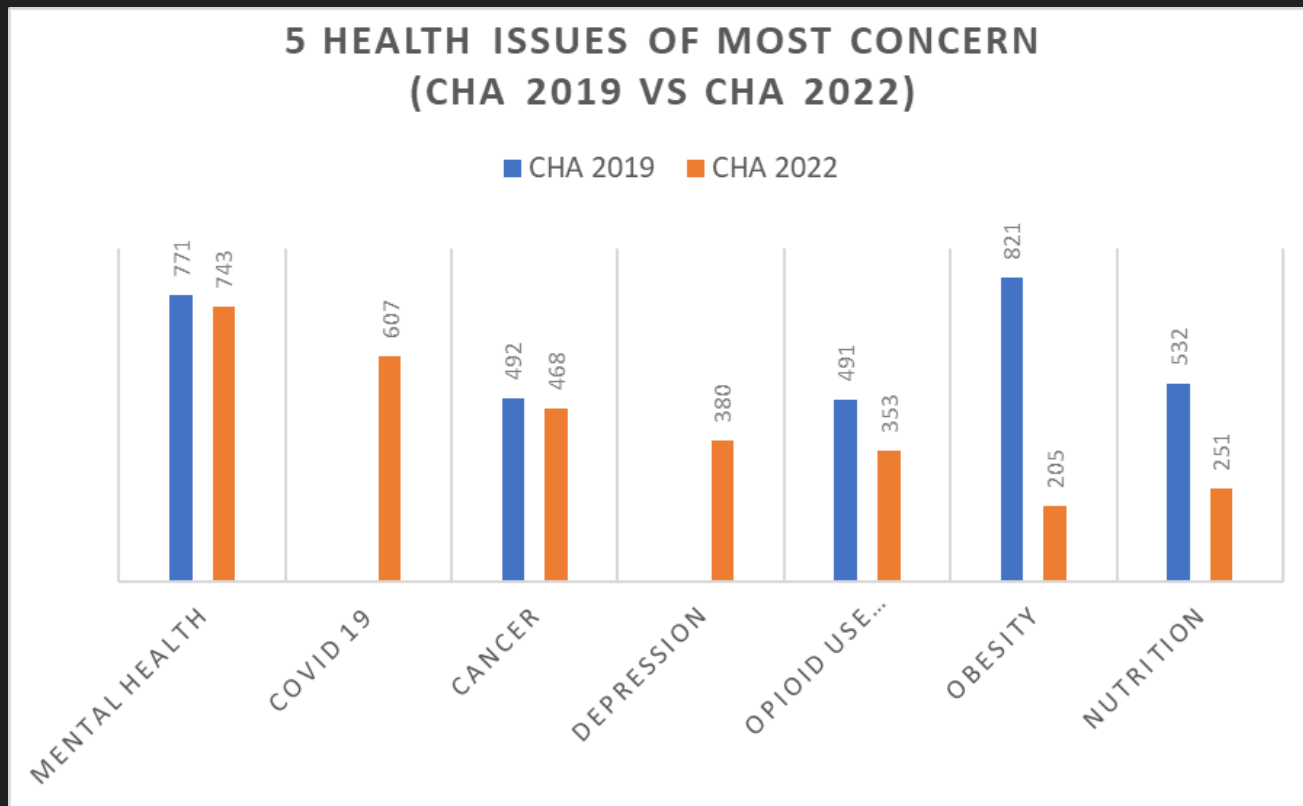
Race/Ethnicity Breakdown (Survey Respondents Vs. Erie County)



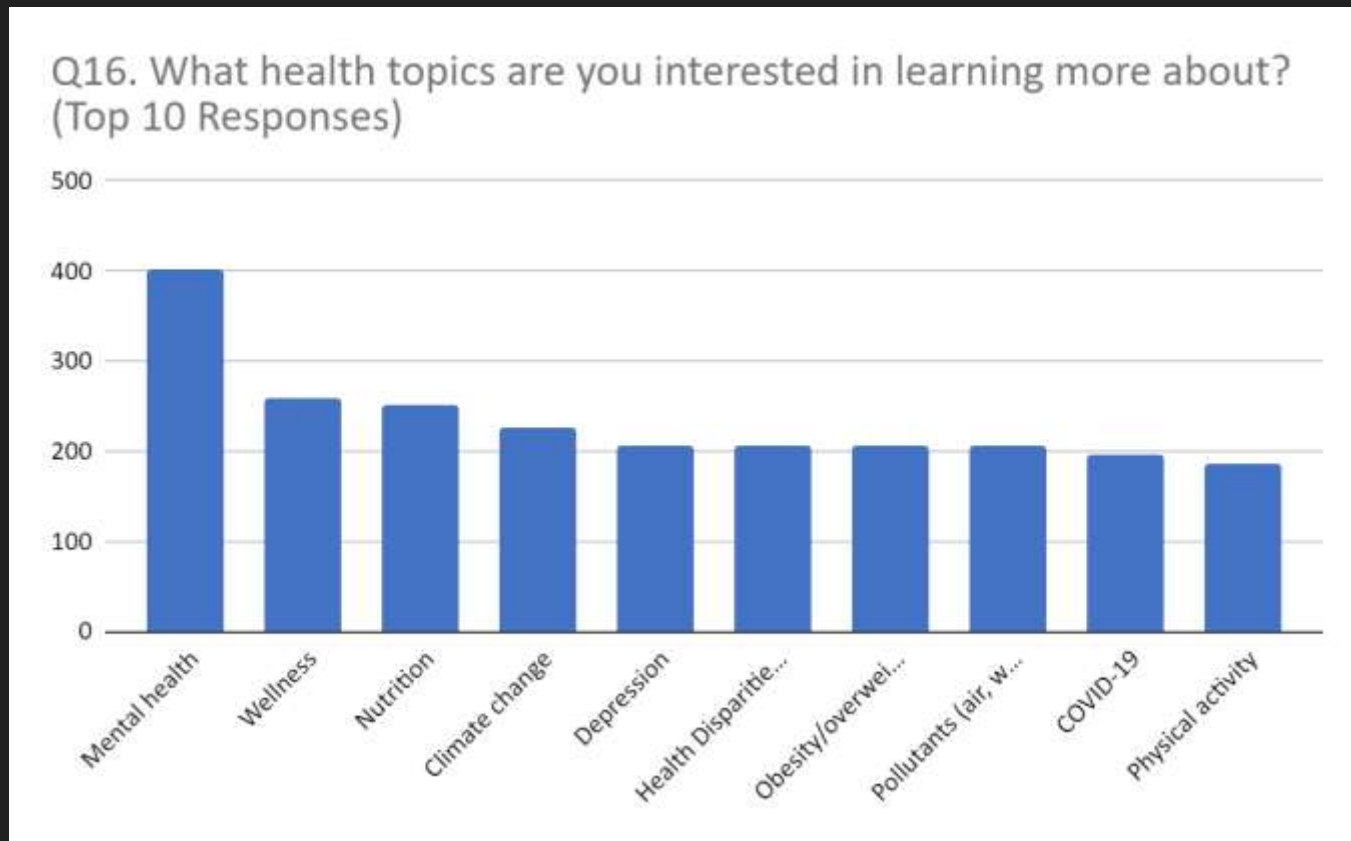
Health Issues of Concern (Top 10 Responses)



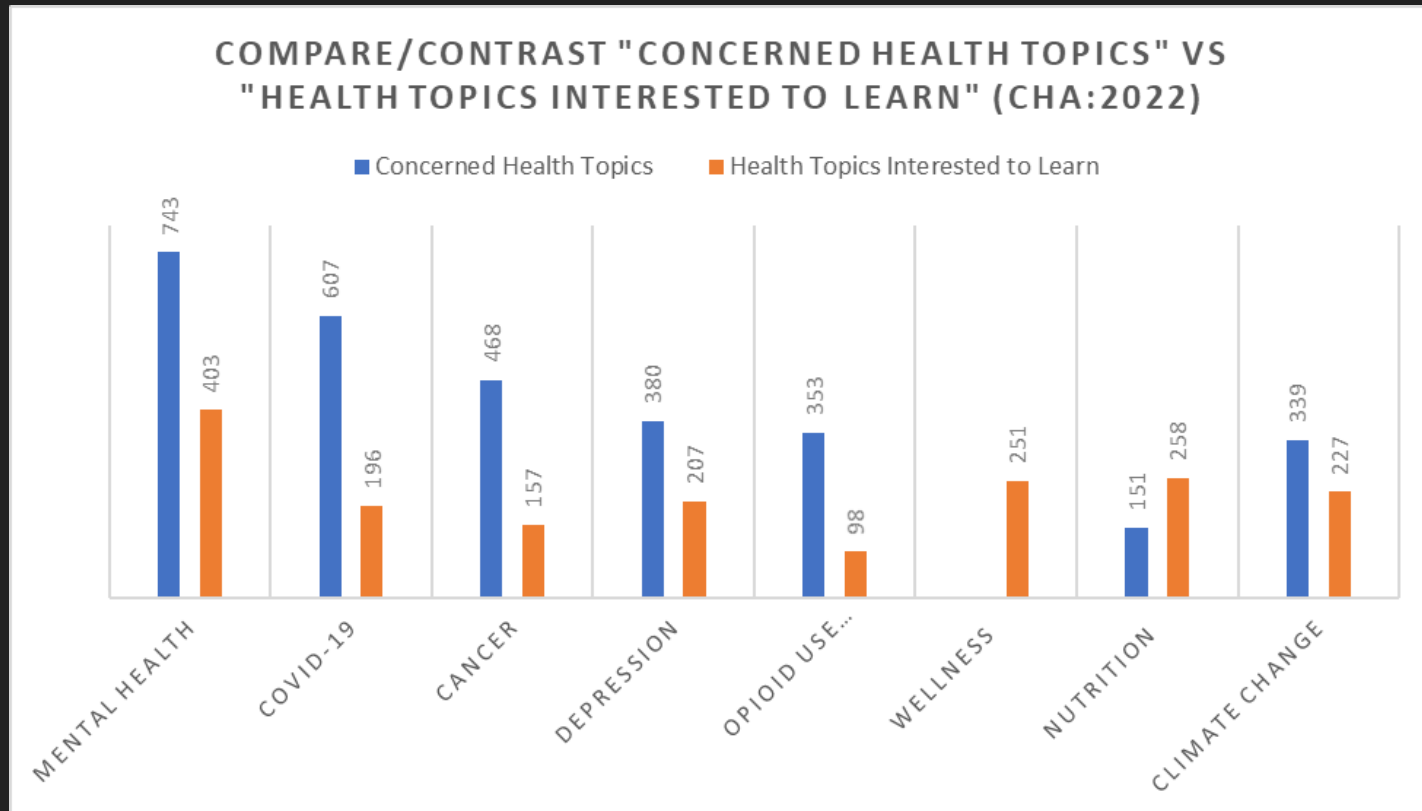
2019 vs 2022: Health Issues of Most Concern



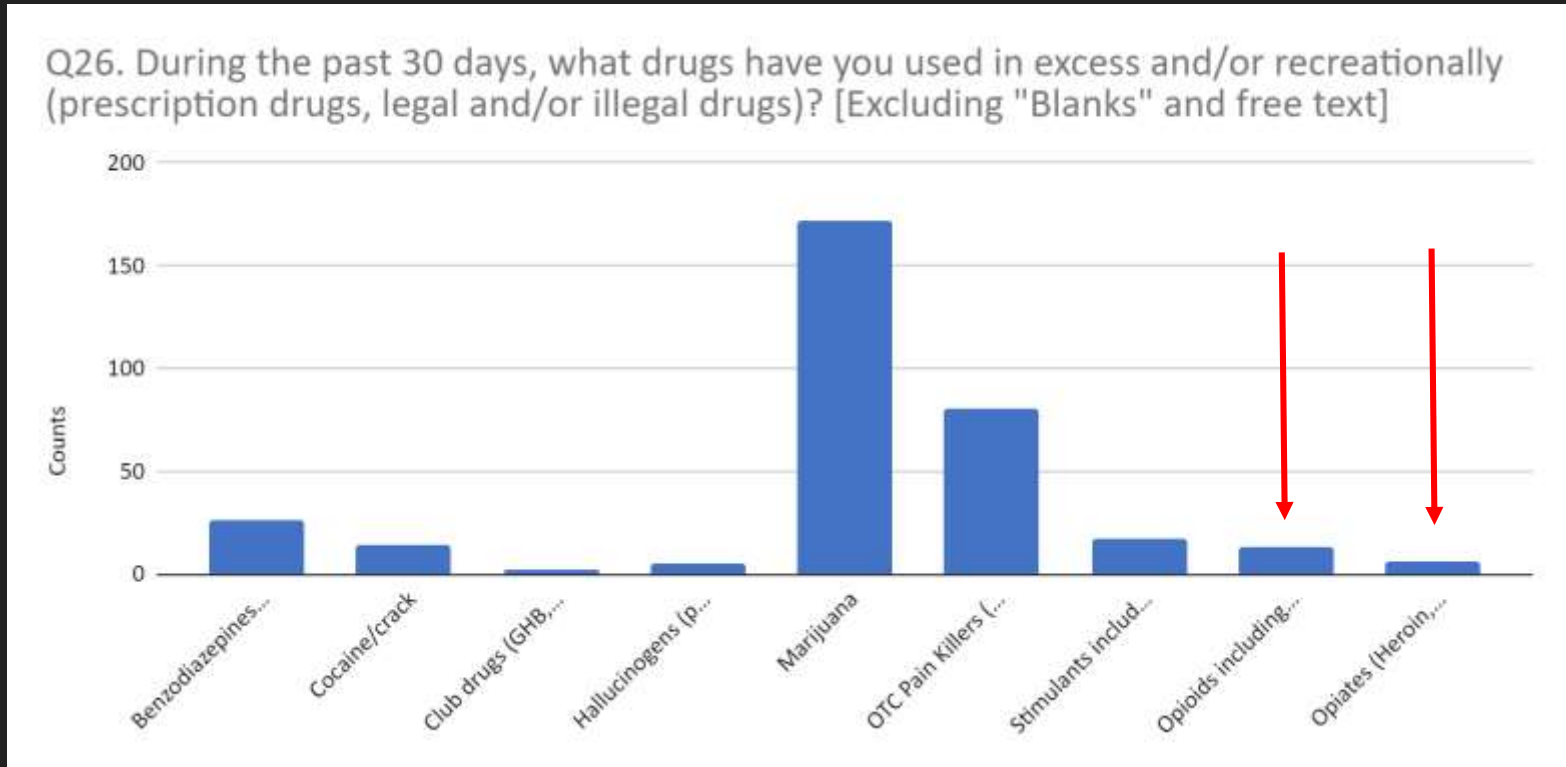
Health Issues of Interest (Top 10 Responses)



Comparing “Topics of Concern” with “Topics of Interest”

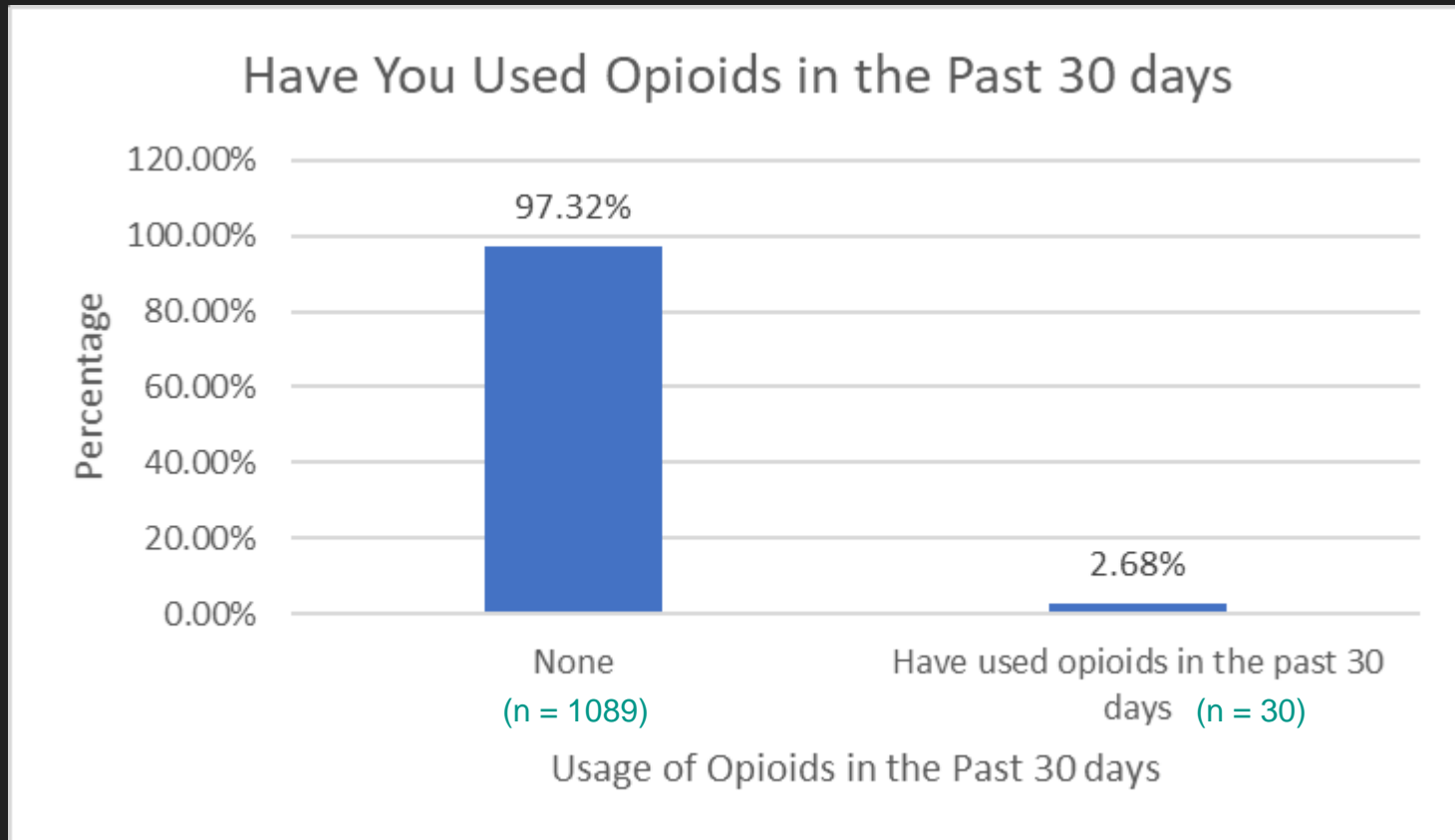


Self-Reported Substance Use in Past 30 Days

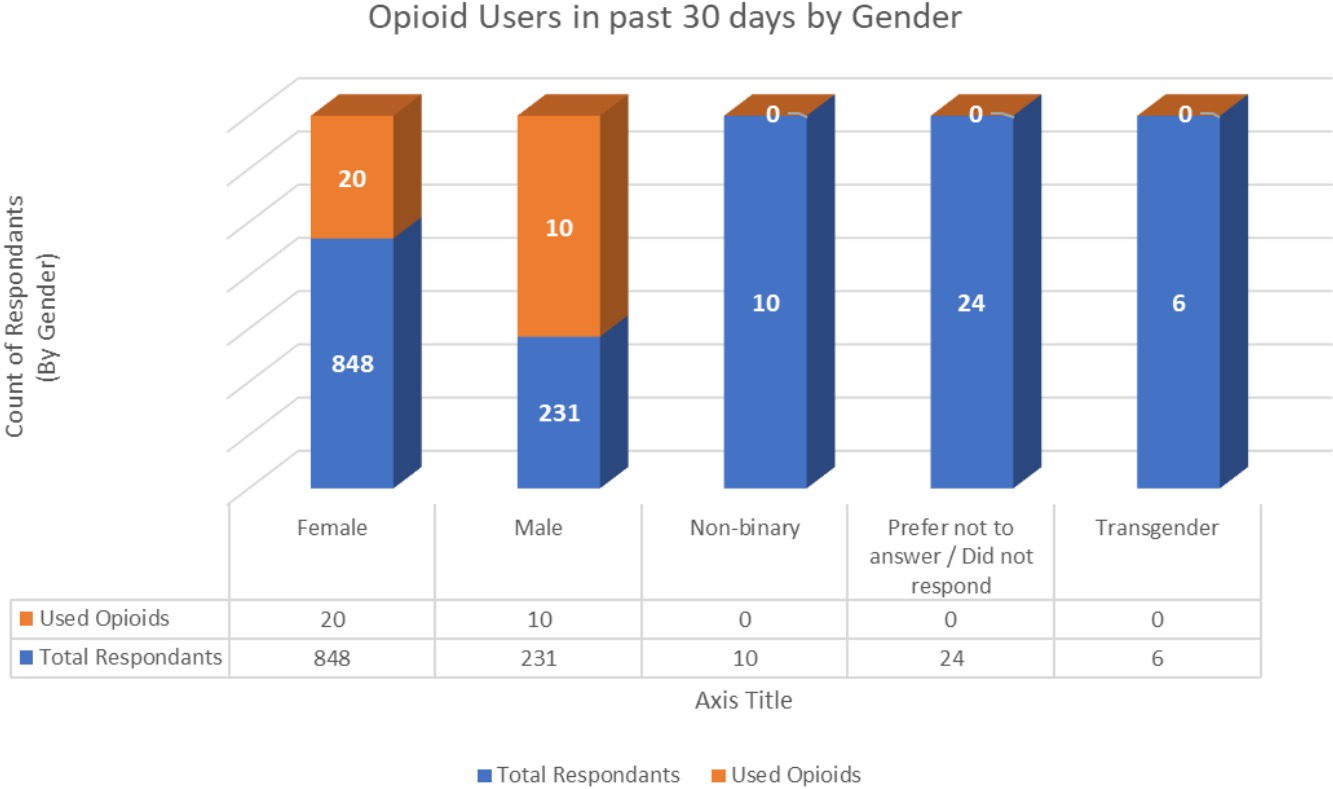


1. Opioids including prescription drugs like Morphine, Suboxone, Methadone, Oxycontin, Lortabs, Fentanyl, Vicodin and others
2. Opiates (Heroin, Opium, fentanyl)

Percentage of Those Who Used Opioids in Past 30 Days vs Those Who Did Not



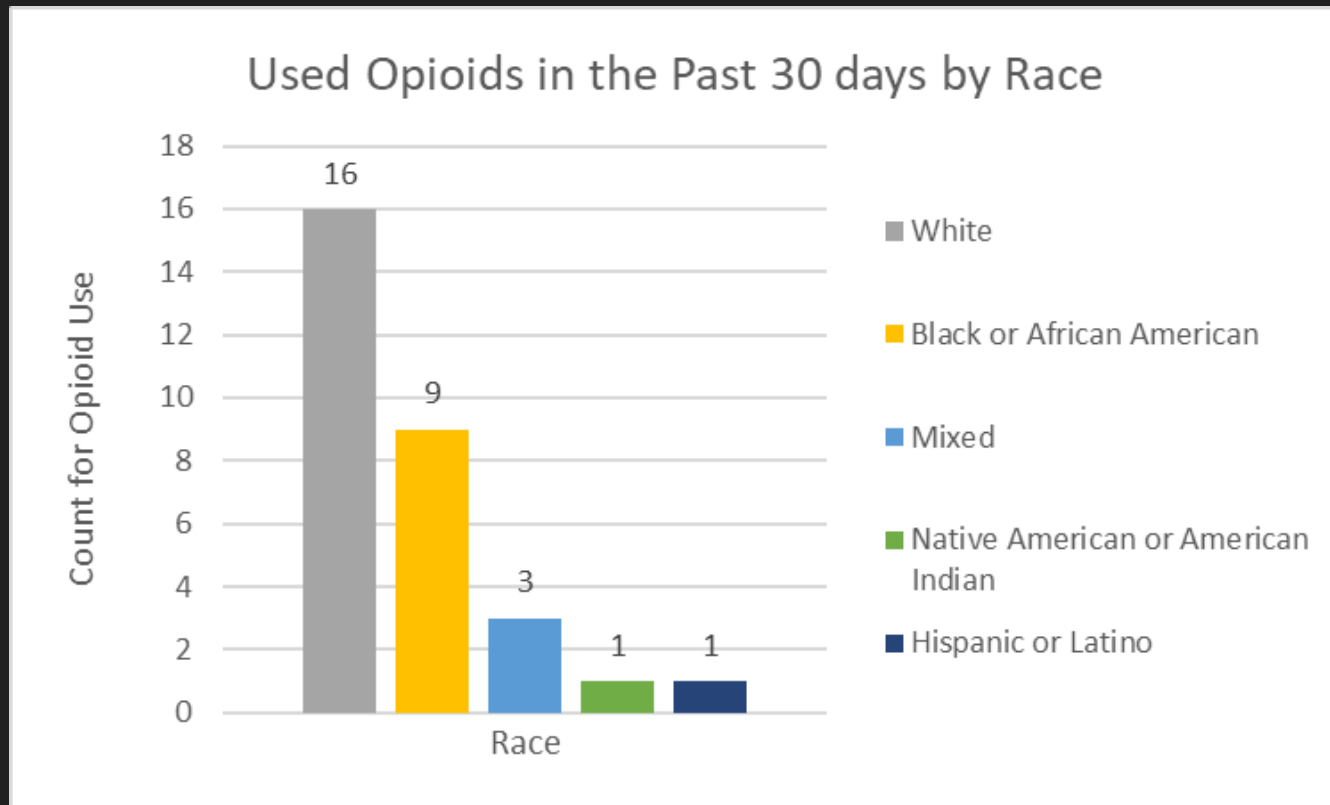
Opioid Users in the past 30 days by Gender



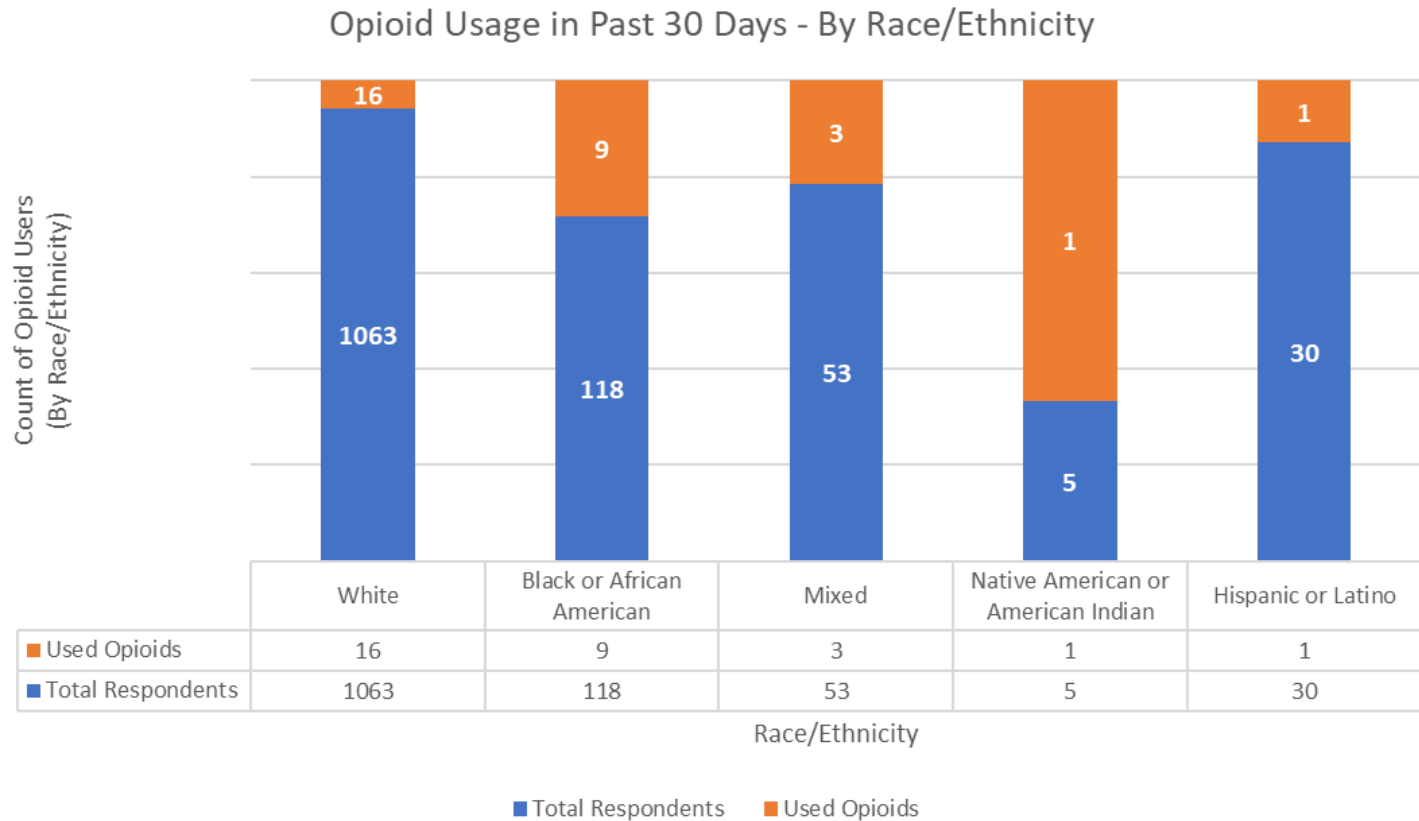
Inferences - Opioid Users in the past 30 days by Gender

- 1,119 respondents when asked about gender and opioid usage in past 30 days
 - 848 Females
 - 231 Males
 - 40 Other
- 2.68% (n=30) of respondents claim to have used opioids in past 30 days
 - 66.67% (n=20) were female
 - 33.33% (n=10) were male
- Incidence Proportion (Risk) by Gender
 - 2.36% of female respondents have used opioids in past 30 days
 - 4.33% of male respondents have used opioids in past 30 days

Demographics of Those Who Used Opioids in Past 30 Days



Opioid Usage, by Race/Ethnicity (Percentage)



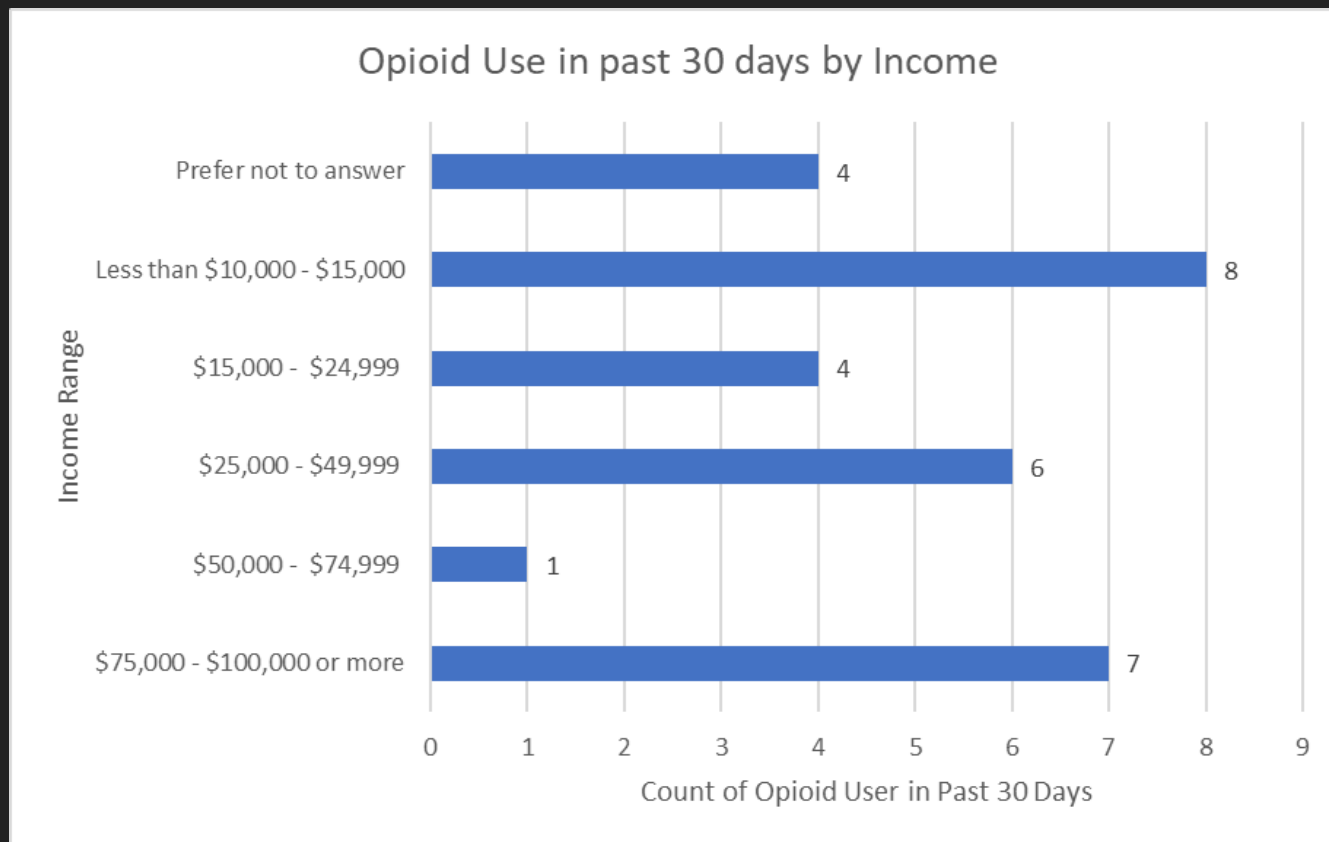
Inferences - Opioid Usage in past 30 days by Race

- 1,347 respondents when asked about their race/ethnicity
 - 1,063 White
 - 118 Black
 - 53 Multiracial
- 30 respondents who have used opioids in the past 30 days
 - 53.33% (n=16) were White
 - 30% (n=9) were Black/African American
 - 10% (n=3) were Multiracial
 - 3.33% (n=1) were Hispanic or Latino
 - 3.33% (n=1) were Native American/Native Indian

Inferences - Opioid Usage in past 30 days by Race (cont.)

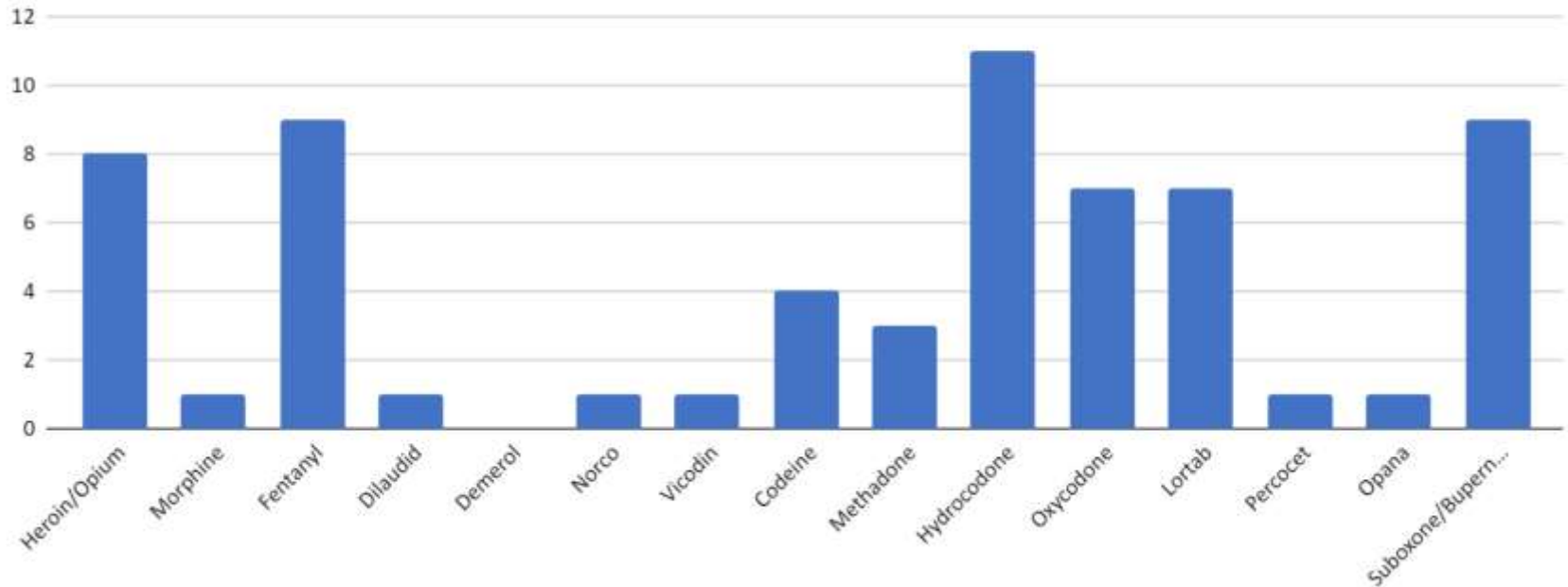
- Incidence Proportion (Risk) of Opioid Usage by Race/Ethnicity
 - 1.51% of White respondents
 - 7.63% of Black/African American respondents
 - 5.66% of multiracial respondents
 - 20% of Native American/American Indian respondents
 - 3.33% of Hispanic/Latino respondents

Opioid Usage in Past 30 Days by Income (updated chart)

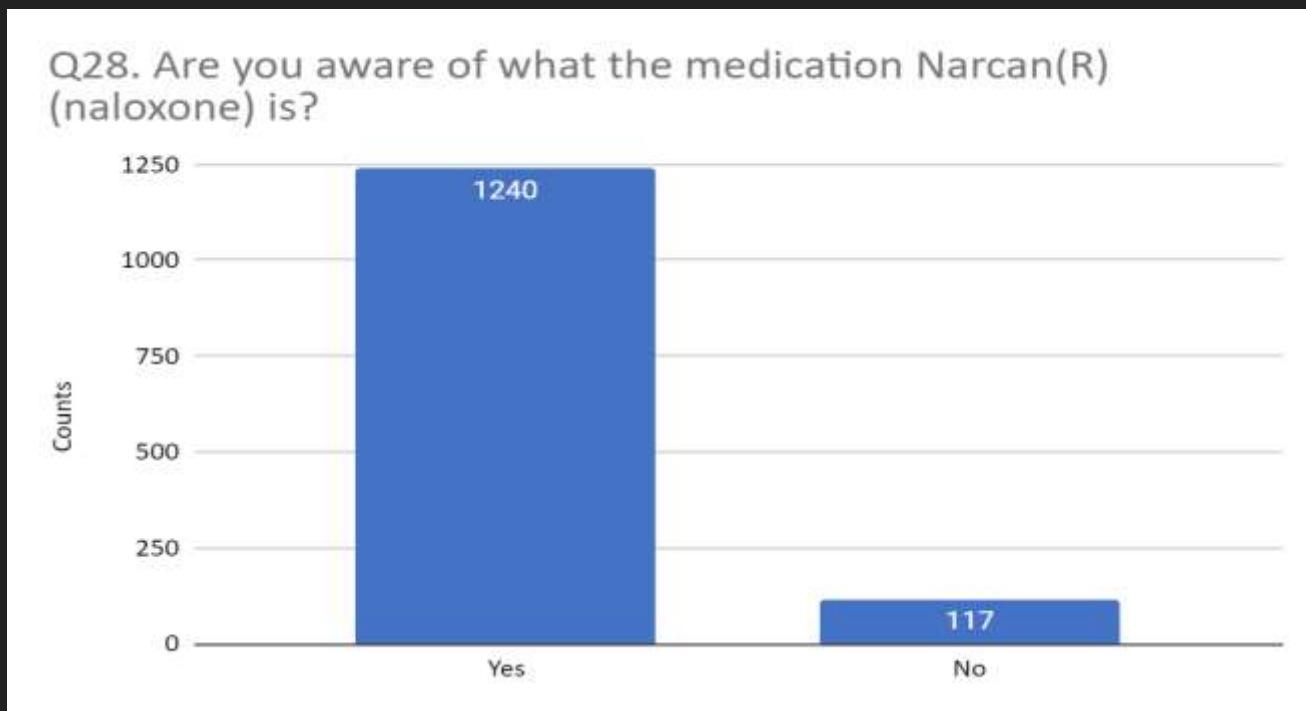


Q27: Self-Reported Opioid Use

Counts vs. 27. If you chose Opiates or Opioids in the previous question, please indicate which ones you have used (prescription or illegal) [Excluding Blanks]

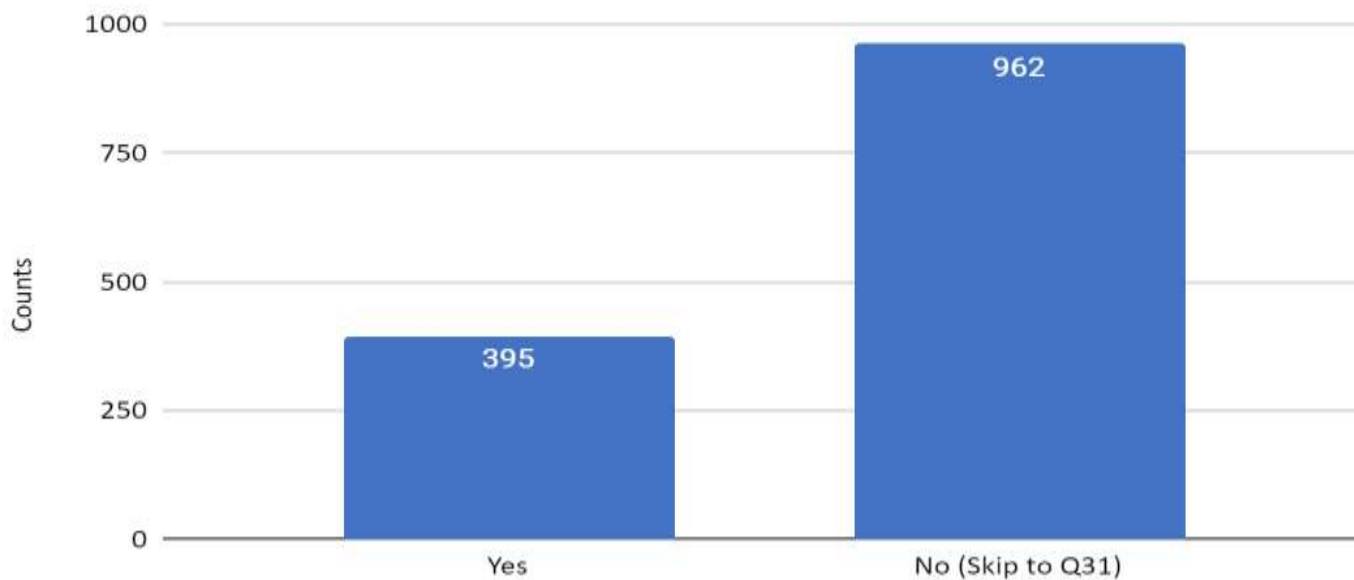


Narcan Awareness



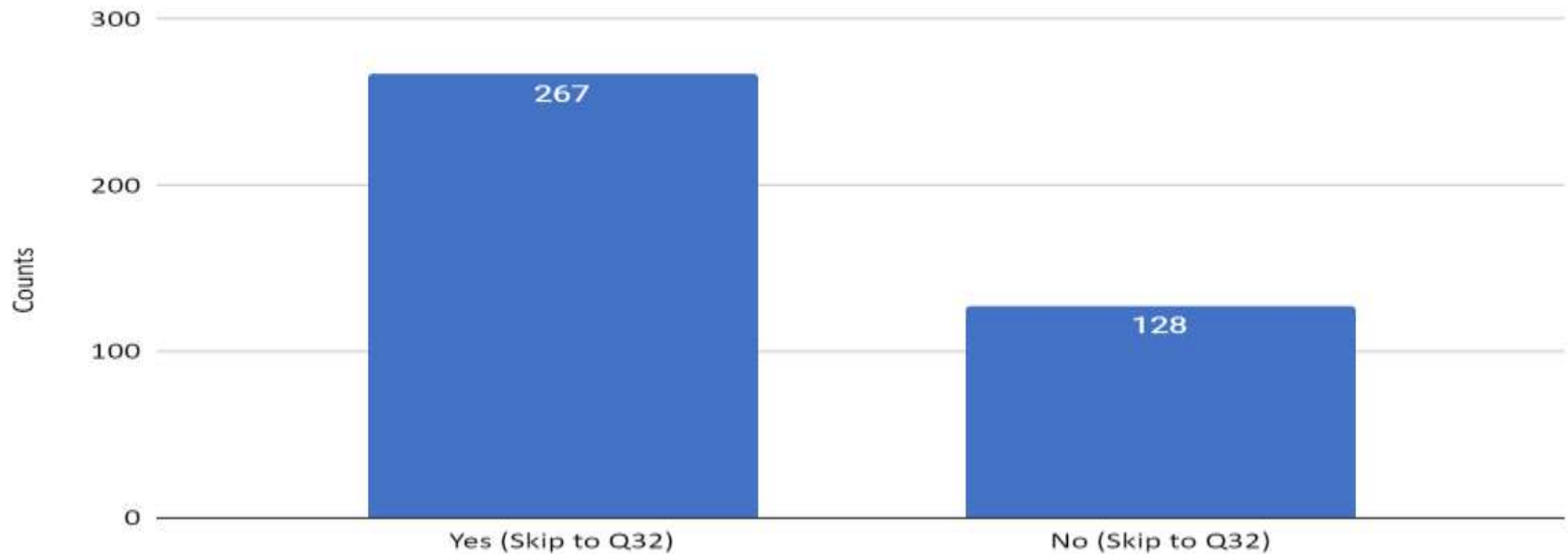
Narcan Training

Q29. Have you been trained to reverse an opioid overdose using Narcan(R) (naloxone)?



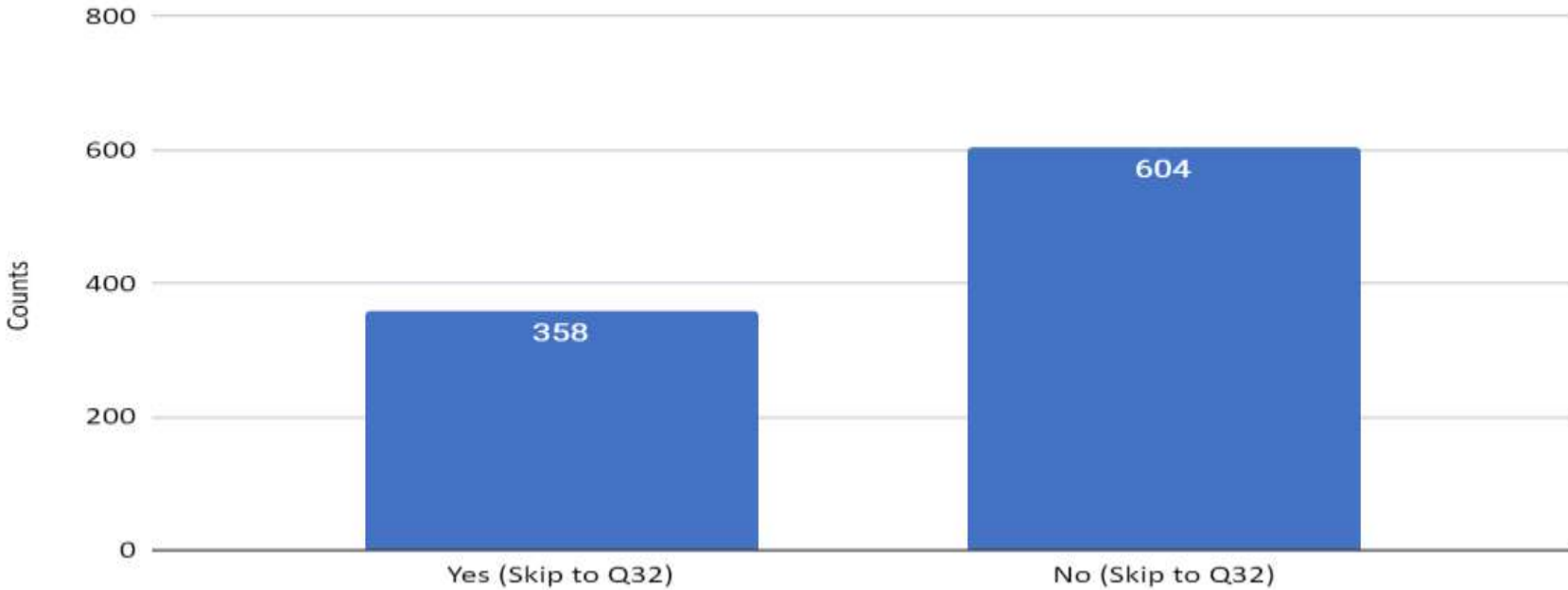
Training Providing Narcan Administration Kit

Q30. Did your training program provide you with a Narcan(R) (naloxone) administration kit?



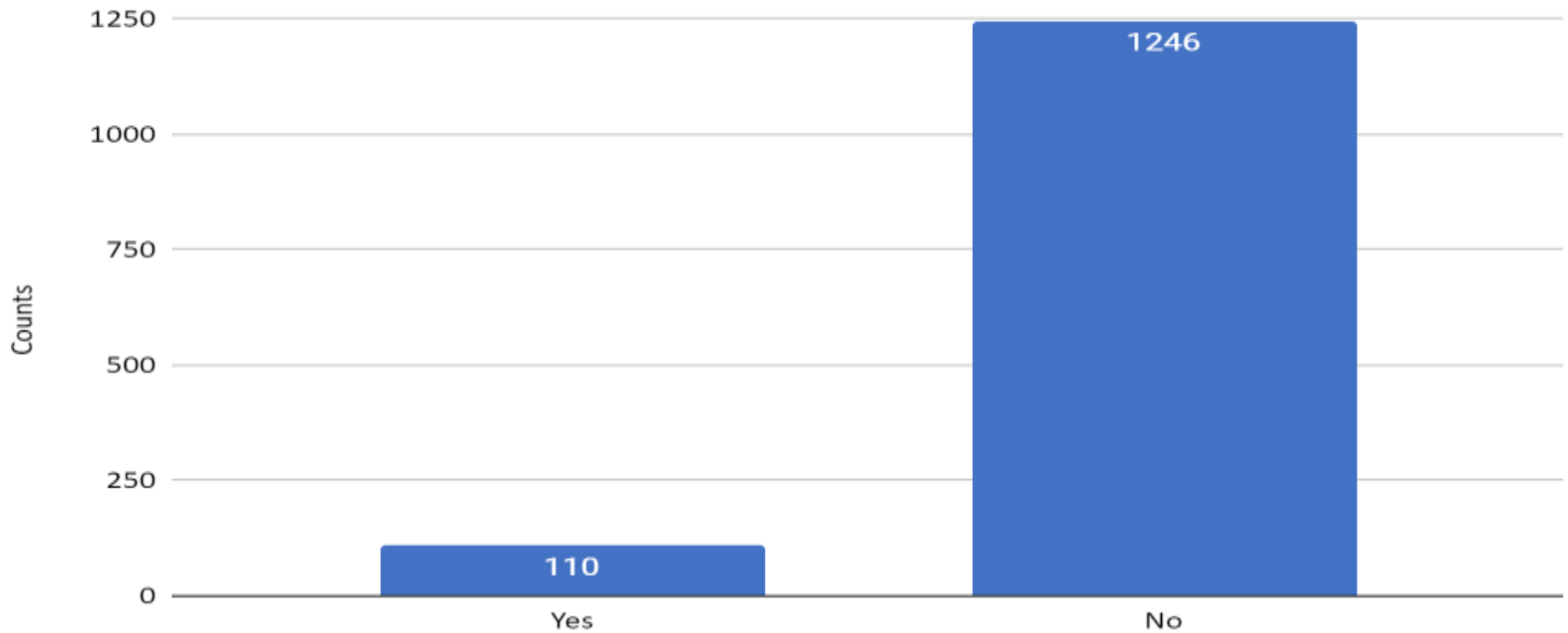
Interested to Learning to Administer Narcan?

Q31. Would you be interested in being trained to administer Narcan(R) (naloxone)?



Ever Administered Narcan?

Q32. Have you ever administered Narcan(R) (naloxone)?



STIGMA – Words Matter

WORDS MATTER

Terms to use, terms to avoid,
and why

Adapted from: Words Matter, National
Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Talking About Yourself or Others with Substance Use Disorder

USE	INSTEAD OF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person with a substance use disorder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person with opioid use disorder (OUD) Person with alcohol use disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addict User Substance or drug abuser Junkie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person who misuses alcohol / has unhealthy alcohol use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person who previously used drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcoholic Drunk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person in recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person who previously used drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former addict Reformed addict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing positive (on a drug screen) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirty Failing a drug test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being in recovery or remission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not drinking or taking drugs, except as medically ordered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newborn exposed to substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby with neonatal abstinence syndrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addicted baby

- Using person-first language shows that SUD is an illness and the person with SUD "has" an illness, rather than "is" the problem/illness
- The terms avoid negative associations, punitive attitudes, and individual blame
- Use medically accurate terminology as we would for other medical conditions
- Using stigmatizing language may decrease a person's sense of hope and self-efficacy for change

Talking About Using Substances

USE	INSTEAD OF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substance use disorder (SUD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opioid use disorder (OUD) Alcohol use disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habit Addiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overuse (for prescription medications) 	

- "Habit" implies that a person is choosing to use substances or can choose to stop, this is inaccurate
- Describing SUD as a habit makes the illness seem less serious than it is
- The term "abuse" was found to have a high association with negative judgments and punishment

Talking About Treatment

USE	INSTEAD OF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication assisted treatment (MAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication treatment for OUD Medication for a SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opioid substitution Replacement therapy Substituting one drug for another

- It is a misconception that medications merely "substitute" one drug or "one addiction" for another, it is replacing missing chemicals in the body



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FOR FREE NARCAN

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Strength ♥ Compassion ♥ Hope ♥

REPORT MAY 2022

WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS

We are families who have been affected by the opioid epidemic.

Families and friends can assist their loved ones by being educated on this disease, learn disease management, be aware of available treatment options and develop ways to engage those who are in the grips of this addiction, with collaboration



WE RAISE AWARENESS OF THE EPIDEMIC
BY DESCRIBING HARM THAT INVADED OUR
STREETS, OUR HOMES AND OUR FAMILIES



BLACK DAY

BALLOON DAY

Join us for a virtual ceremony to remember and honor those we have lost to the disease of substance use disorder

Sunday March 6, 2022 at 1pm

Scan code for ceremony link



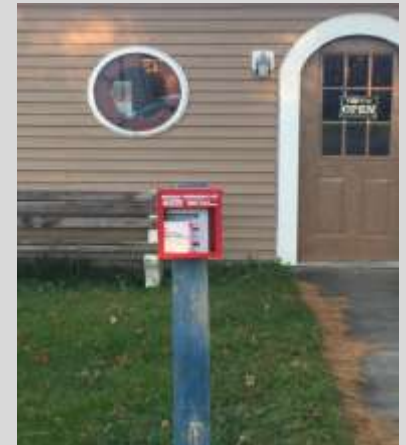
Vouchers are available for 3 free black balloons from Party City

Scan code and pickup balloons on Saturday March 5th or Sunday March 6th (while supplies last)



For more information:
716-878-7600 or 716-800-5173

WE LOBBY FOR FUNDING
TO DEVELOP LIFE SAVING
MEASURES UNTIL A
BETTER PLAN CAN BE
MADE



WE ENCOURAGE
LIFE BECAUSE A
PERSON DOESN'T
JUST BURY THEIR
LOVED ONES.

THEY BURY THE
FUTURE, HOPE,
DREAMS AND JOY
OF THEIR ENTIRE
FAMILY



NO Judgement
NO Preaching

NO Shaming
JUST LOVE

Call us if you're going to Use Alone!
1-800-972-0590

HOW IT WORKS

One of our volunteer operators will ask you for your first name, exact location (down to the exact room you're in), and the phone number you're calling from before you use your substance.



Confidential

We don't share your personal info with anyone other than EMS, if we have to call them. We are **NOT** affiliated with any law enforcement agency or treatment center!



Treatment Resources

If you are interested in getting help, we have a large list of free/low cost, and state funded facilities throughout the country. We will never

HARM-REDUCTION

Harm reduction begins with language and respect

Choose supportive, nonjudgmental words that treat people with respect and compassion.

Person with Substance Use Disorder

Substance Clear toxicology

Shatterproof.org Language Guide

<https://www.shatterproof.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/Stigma-AddictionLanguageGuide-v3.pdf>



WE HAVE CHALLENGES IN
SAVING LIVES AND
SECURING PATIENT-FIRST,
RESPECTFUL TREATMENT
FOR THOSE STRUGGLING



THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE KIND SOULS WORKING TO
BRING SENSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

**We Are
Grateful**



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Erie County Department of Health Office of Harm Reduction 2021 Annual Report

NARCAN: First Aid For Overdoses

Keep it in your First Aid Kit

Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

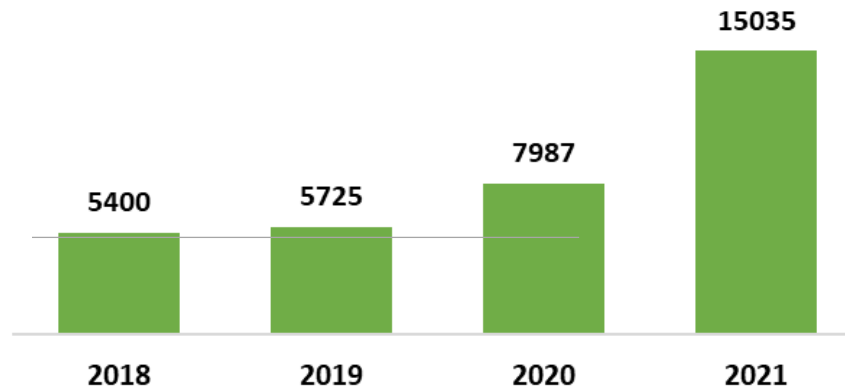
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Overdose Prevention Training

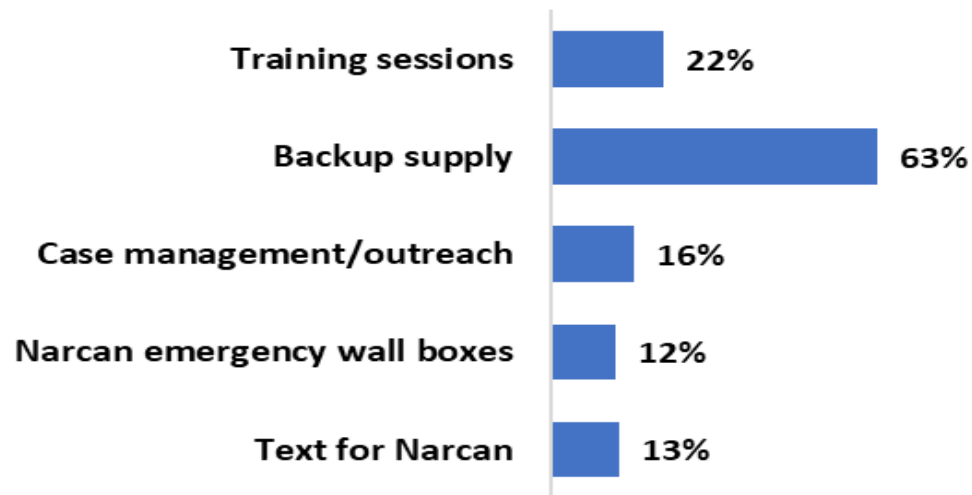
Narcan kits distributed by Erie County Department of Health, 2018-2021



Source: Erie County Department of Health

Narcan Supplies

**Narcan kits distributed by type, Erie County
Department of Health, 2021**



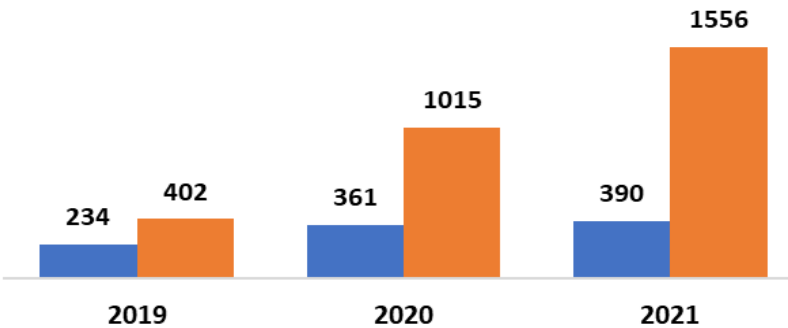
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Narcan Wall Boxes



Emergency Narcan wall boxes and Narcan distributed, Erie County Department of Health, 2019-2021

Emergency narcan wall boxes Narcan kits for wall boxes



Source: Erie County Department of Health

Text For Narcan

**Text your request
for Narcan to
(716) 225-5473
We will respond.**



*Scan to
text your
request*



**Erie County
Department of
Health**



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Narcan Is First Aid



NARCAN: First Aid For Overdoses

Keep it in your
First Aid Kit

4 mg NARCAN NASAL SPRAY
Eli Lilly and Company

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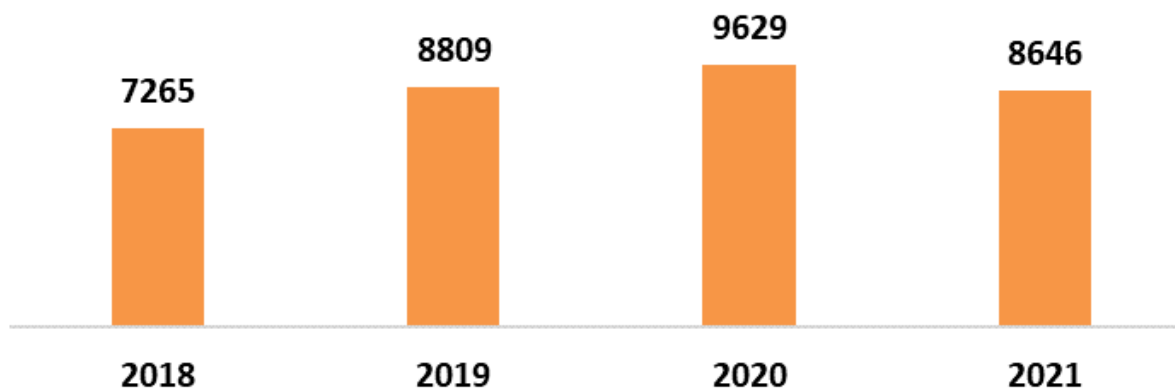
Peer Support and Training

COPE meeting 2xs yearly



Syringe and Unused Medication Disposal

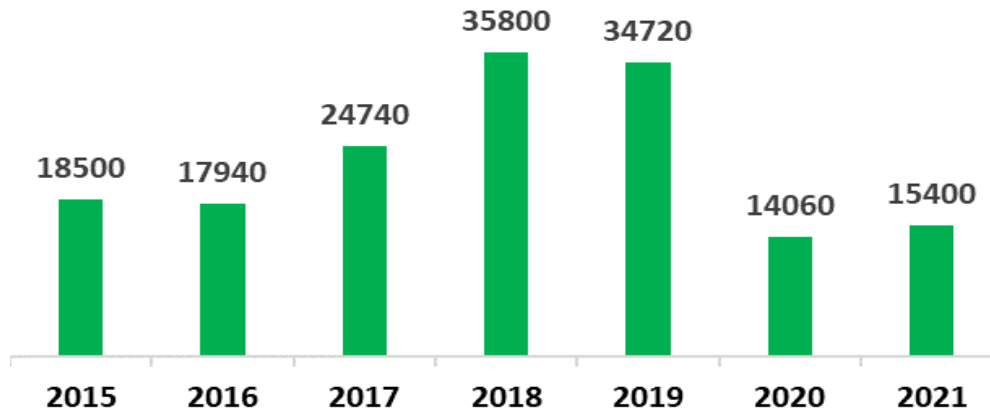
**Weight of syringe/sharps collected and disposed by Erie County
Department of Health, 2018-2021**
Pounds of syringe/sharps



Source: Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH)

Syringe and Medication Disposal

Weight of unused/expired medication collected and disposed by Erie County Department of Health, 2015-2021
Pounds of medication



Source: Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH)

Opioid Mortality Review Board

Recommendations for future implementation

- 1 – Reduce stigma around substance use disorder
- 2 – Recognize and address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- 3 – Improve access to early treatment



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WNY Response After Overdose

WNY RESPONSE AFTER OVERDOSE PROJECT



Erie County
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Narcan trainings

- Trainings: Oct 2021 – Apr 2022
 - 7 first responder depts
 - 101 first responders



Type	# departments trained	# people trained
Law enforcement	1	25
Fire	4	42
Other first responders	2	34
Community	9	191
Outreach/Case management		120



WNY Response
After Overdose



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HEALTH

Text for Narcan

- Over 2,700 kits mailed
- Sent to over 2,400 people



WNY Response
After Overdose



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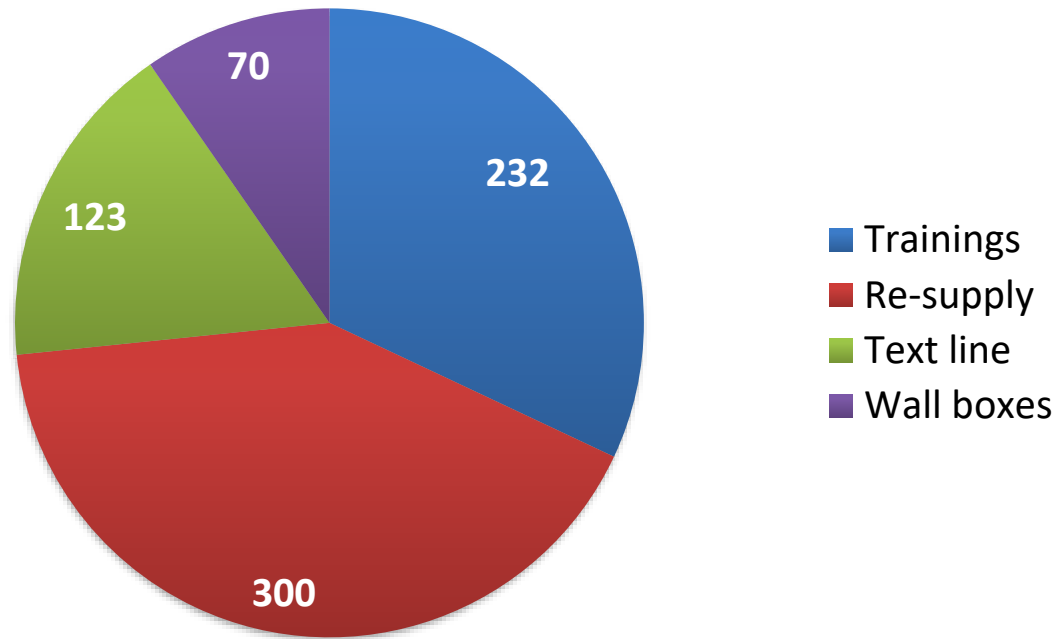
Narcan wall boxes

- Over 1,200 wall boxes distributed in community
- Refills are mailed
- Central pickup established in several counties



Narcan supplies, WNY outside Erie

10/2021 – 4/2022



725 total kits distributed



WNY Response
After Overdose



Erie County
HEALTH

Peer support and connection to treatment

- Partnership with MATTERS
- Overdose reports/first responders
- Outreach/personal contacts



WNY Response
After Overdose



Erie County
HEALTH

Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)

- WNY peer group
- Training and skills
- Networking and support
- Self-care



WNY Response
After Overdose



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Erie County Probation Department

OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING

05/02/22

Current Status of Opioid Unit



Currently, we have 30 probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload

- **Our PN are providing extra support to 56 probationers**

1 probationer was granted an Early Discharge by Court

1 probationer recently transferred to absconder unit

3 active VOP

4 probationers at an inpatient facility

1 probationer in jail

1 Fatal/1 nonfatal Opioid OD

Opioid Grant General Information



On 4/04/22 we had one probationer from our Unit died of a fatal OD.

We also had on 4/14/22 a probationer experience a non-fatal OD. We followed our established protocols and followed up with them within 24 hours of us finding out about the OD. They are now at inpatient treatment.

The department distributed 20 Narcan kits to probationers and their families so far this year. We have also added Fentanyl testing strips to the kits.

In May of this year we will be giving our Release Under Supervision Probation Officers the ability to request an in person meeting with a PN and an identified at risk defendant. The PN can then share information, resources, and provide linkage to treatment if necessary.

Peer navigator Kathy Appenheimer meeting with a probationer.



Updates



Sustainability beyond September of 2022:

- Workgroup is looking at all options available to ensure that the current configuration of a Opioid Unit with an Officer and two Peer Navigators is maintained within the Probation Department.

Interactive Journaling:

- We have 10 probationers actively working on Interactive Journaling, a Cognitive Behavioral Intervention, with our Peer Navigators. Another 21 have started but only have sporadic participation.
- Looking to purchase other Interactive Journaling workbooks.

Thank You

Erie County Probation Opioid Unit

Supervisor: Kim Reese

Program Coordinator: Anita Robillard

Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

Peer Navigator: Kathryn Appenheimer

Peer Navigator: Stephanie Pamrow



Questions, Comments, & Concerns please contact: Anita.Robillard@erie.gov

HEALing Communities Study

Office of Harm Reduction, Erie County DOH



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MATTERS TELEMEDICINE REFERRALS

BUFFALO ONLY

37

REFERRALS MADE

25

PRESCRIPTIONS

31

TELEMEDICINE VISITS
COMPLETED

3

FOLLOW UPS
APPOINTMENTS
SCHEDULED





NARCAN as first aid & harm reduction

response to growing average age, the unknowingness to respond, and lack of preparedness

jail partnership and reentry support

Curbside Care



- NARCAN KITS - 980
First Aid Kits - 1921
- Fentanyl Test Strips - 1115
- Safer Injection Supplies - 3668
- Number of Events - 19

Curbside has expanded!

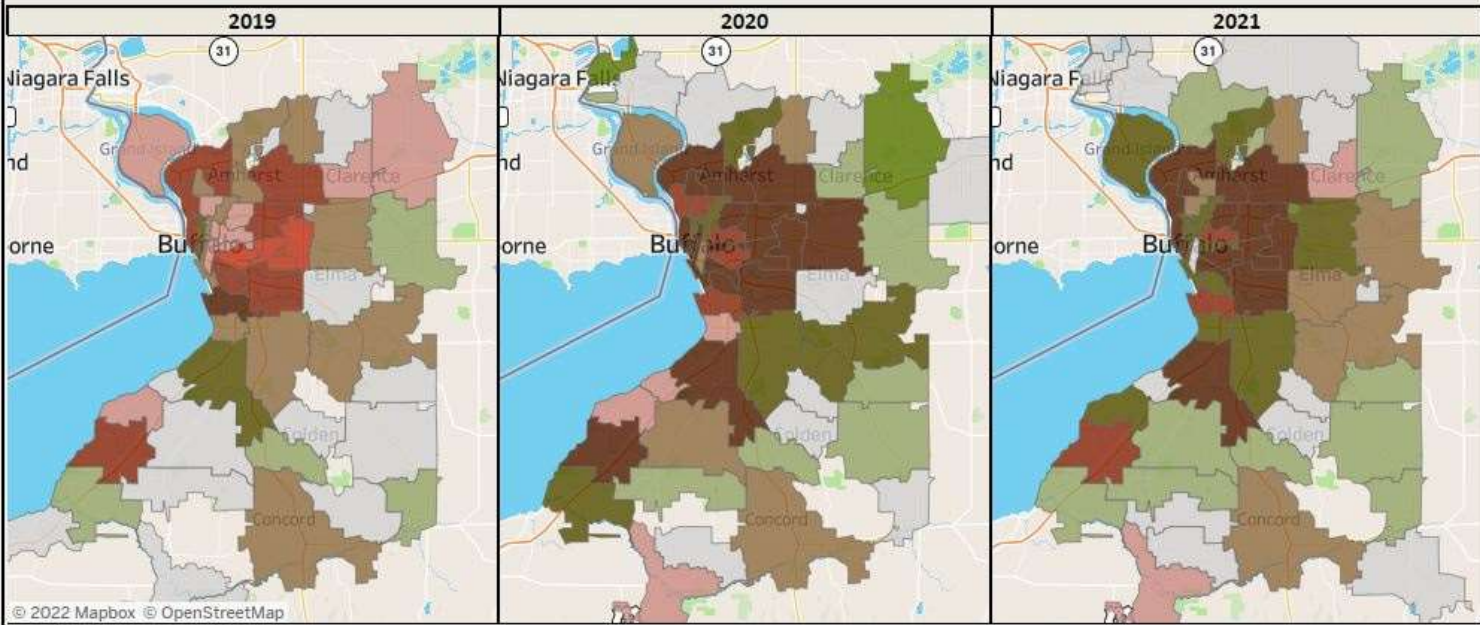
COVID & FLU prevention

- 170 total vaccines
- PPE supplies + COVID at-home tests provided



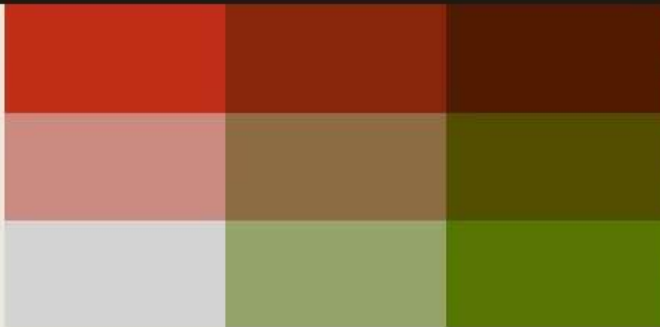
Narcan and Overdoses in Erie County

From 2019 to 2021



Legend:

More ODs Reported ↑



More Narcan Distributed →

Filter Selection:

Zip Code Selection:

(All)

Date Selection:

(All)

Narcan Level Selection:

(All)

OD Level Selection:

(All)



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Peer

Initiatives

Peer Connections & Referrals

- linkage to treatment & harm reduction tools
- response after overdose

Intersection of Narcan, MAT & recovery

- Narcan access at clinic
- peer support
- MAT support

MAT Support Group

- inspired by MARA
- Every Day I Desire to Live a Safe Lifestyle



Up and Coming

- | Fentanyl Awareness and Overdose Prevention Campaign, a Locally Owned Bar and Restaurant Initiative
- | Linkage and Conversation Points for pharmacies and dental offices
- | Environmental Health trainings

FENTANYL MAY BE IN YOUR:

- KNOCK-OFF PILLS
- COCAINE
- CRACK
- METH
- OTHER STREET DRUGS

CARRY NARCAN

Addiction Hotline
716-831-7007



Text for Narcan
(716) 225-5473



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COCAINE MAY BE
MIXED WITH
FENTANYL

CARRY NARCAN

Scan
TO ORDER

FREE SUPPLIES



SUPPLIES



Take Out Bags

13" x 13" x 9"

The perfect size to send customers with take out orders or leftovers in.

FREE packs of 50

as available



Wall Box

7-3/4" h x 7" w x 3-5/8" d

Similar to an AED, Narcan can be a lifesaving tool. Wall box can hang in any public space, we recommend restrooms to encourage anyone who may need to be able to take.

as available



Coasters

Fentanyl may unknowingly be found in other drugs including cocaine. This is extremely risky as those that use cocaine are likely to not have Narcan which will reverse an opioid (fentanyl) overdose.

FREE packs of 50

as available



Narcan

Lifesaving medicine that may reverse an opioid-related overdose. Narcan is not harmful if opioids are not present. Can be used on children if opioids are suspected.

as available



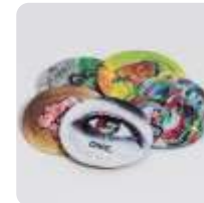
Window Decal

removable

Two-sided removeable decal. For use in waiting areas, bathroom mirrors, and building windows.

FREE packs of 10

as available



Condoms

Prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancy with the proper use of a condom. Safer sex is better sex.

FREE condom bowl

as available

OTHER RESOURCES

Narcan Training

For community, or staff. Trainings include an overview of WNY data, how to recognize and respond to an overdose.

Toilet Talk Messages

Fun health tips on the toilet. Flyers will be laminated and can be hung in bathroom stalls. Tips will be rotated and delivered by health department staff.



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