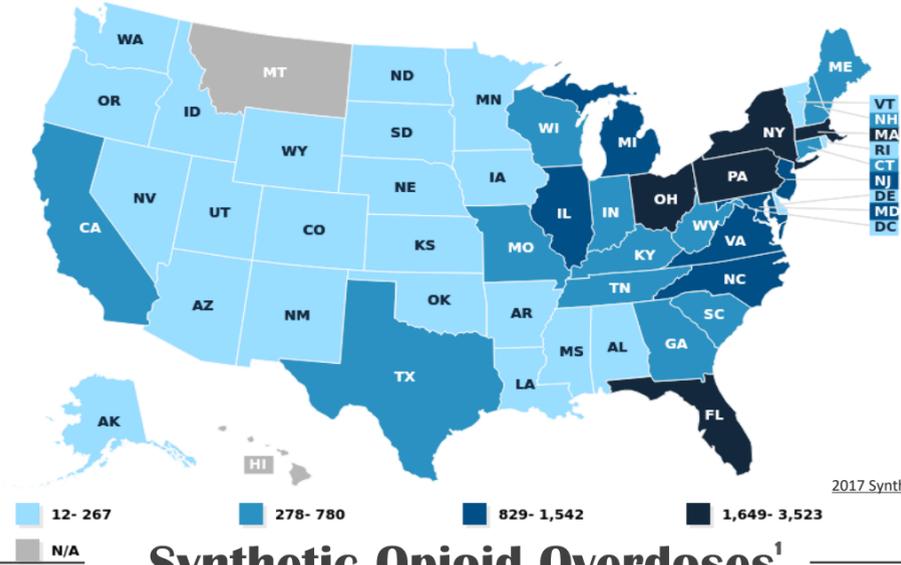# CADCA®

28,500 people died of synthetic opioid overdose in 2017

What's Trending? Fentanyl

50 to 100x stronger than morphine

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used medically to treat severe pain and distributed illicitly for misuse—increasingly mixed into heroin or cocaine.

Opioid Overdose Deaths by Type of Opioid: Synthetic Opioids, other than Methadone (e.g. fentanyl, tramadol),

2017 Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths, Kaiser Family Foundation

| 12- 267 | 278- 780 | 829- 1,542 | 1,649- 3,523 |
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Synthetic Opioid Overdoses[1]

- Clustered in the Northeast and Midwest
- Prevalent among 25-34 year-olds
- Increased 60% among African Americans and Native Americans

Deadly fentanyl dose

Drug Enforcement Administration

What communities can do

01 — **Provide information on dangers of fentanyl and its use with other illicit drugs**
Increase awareness of test strips designed to detect fentanyl

02 — **Ensure access to naloxone**
Be aware a person experiencing a fentanyl-related overdose may need more than one naloxone dose in a short time

03 — **Track what's happening in your community**
Gather and share data on fentanyl across sectors

04 — **Stop addiction at the medicine cabinet**
Lock up your meds or dispose of unused opioid medications

[1]Scholl, L., et al. (2019). Drug and Opioid Involved Overdose Deaths – United States, 2013-2017. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 67* (52). Retrieved from https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/pdfs/mm675152e1-H.pdf

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