

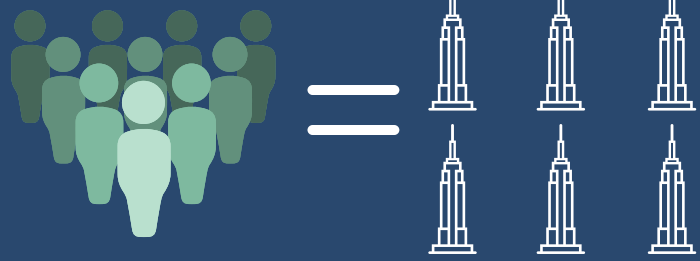
WHAT'S TRENDING?

Opioids and the Pandemic: A Deadly Mix

Breaking News!

US Records Over 81,000+ Overdose Deaths During Pandemic - The Most Ever

81,000 People Would Fill The Empire State Building Approximately Six Times

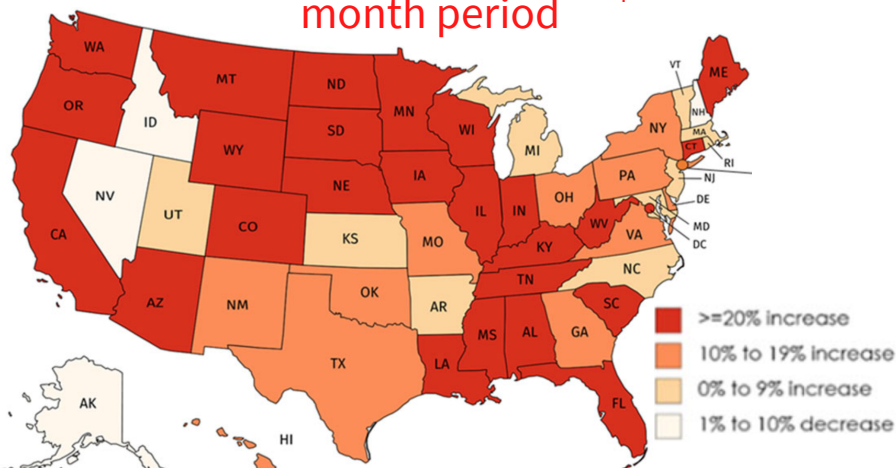


18.2% increase in fatal overdoses compared to previous 12-month period

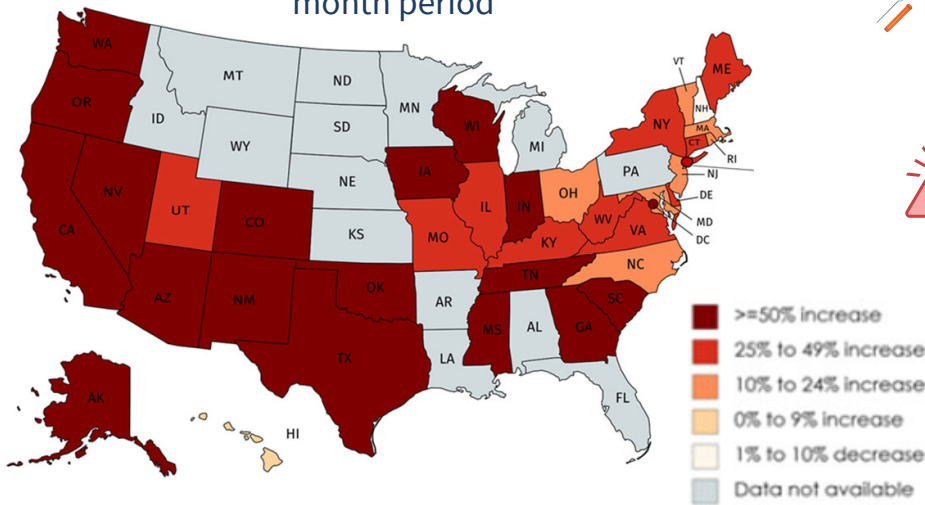


Highest overdose months during COVID: March - May 2020

Percentage change in fatal overdoses from June 2019-May 2020 compared to previous 12-month period ¹



Percentage change in fatal overdoses involving synthetic opioids from June 2019-May 2020 compared to previous 12-month period ²



Illicit fentanyl use up 38.4% nationwide, is the primary driver of overdose deaths



10 Western states saw 98% increase in synthetic opioid deaths

What Communities Can Do:



Track the Issue in Your Community

Collect local data to track the problem over time and improve detection of overdose outbreaks in your local community.



Expand Naloxone Access

Increase Naloxone distribution to first responders and increase take-home naloxone access for general public to account for limitations during the pandemic.



Educate on Overdose Reversal & Dangers of Illicit Fentanyl Use

Identify new ways to provide socially-distanced education, including awareness on increased risks of substance use during COVID-19 and COVID-19 specific prevention steps.



Expand Awareness About Treatment Options in Your Area

Identify local substance use options available and expand awareness to high-risk and general populations on options and ways to access treatment.

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