

**Data Brief 455. Drug Overdose Deaths in Adults Aged 65 and Over: United States, 2000–2020**

**Data table for Figure 1. Age-adjusted drug overdose death rate for adults aged 65 and over, by sex: United States, 2000–2020**

Year	Total	Men	Women
2000. ....	2.4	2.7	2.3
2001. ....	2.6	2.8	2.5
2002. ....	3.0	3.3	2.9
2003. ....	3.0	3.1	2.9
2004. ....	3.0	3.1	3.1
2005. ....	3.3	3.6	3.1
2006. ....	3.5	3.5	3.6
2007. ....	3.8	4.0	3.6
2008. ....	4.1	4.2	4.0
2009. ....	4.3	4.4	4.3
2010. ....	4.2	4.3	4.2
2011. ....	4.5	4.6	4.5
2012. ....	4.8	5.0	4.6
2013. ....	5.1	5.6	4.7
2014. ....	5.4	5.7	5.1
2015. ....	5.6	6.4	4.9
2016. ....	6.0	7.1	5.0
2017. ....	6.6	8.0	5.4
2018. ....	7.2	9.4	5.4
2019. ....	7.8	10.4	5.6
2020. ....	8.8	12.3	5.8

NOTES: Drug overdose deaths are identified using the *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* underlying cause-of-death codes X40–X44, X60–X64, X85, and Y10–Y14. Rates are per 100,000 standard population.

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**Data table for Figure 2. Drug overdose death rate for men aged 65 and over, by age group, race and Hispanic origin, and year: United States, 2019–2020**

Year	65–74				75 and over			
	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic White	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic White
2019. . . . .	15.7	11.7	51.4	12.5	4.5	3.4	7.9	4.4
2020. . . . .	19.2	15.1	67.3	14.5	4.7	4.6	10.2	4.4

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**Data table for Figure 3. Drug overdose death rate for women aged 65 and over, by age group, race and Hispanic origin, and year: United States, 2019–2020**

Year	65–74				75 and over			
	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic White	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic White
2019. . . . .	7.4	3.2	9.9	7.9	3.7	*	2.2	4.3
2020. . . . .	7.9	3.4	12.0	8.3	3.5	2.4	2.0	3.8

\* Rate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

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**Data table for Figure 4. Age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths involving opioids for adults aged 65 and over, by type of opioid: United States, 2000–2020**

Year	Heroin	Natural and semisynthetic opioids	Methadone	Synthetic opioids other than methadone
2000	*	0.25	*	0.11
2001	*	0.26	*	0.11
2002	*	0.36	0.05	0.16
2003	*	0.43	*	0.15
2004	*	0.44	0.10	0.16
2005	*	0.58	0.15	0.21
2006	*	0.57	0.20	0.19
2007	*	0.65	0.14	0.25
2008	0.05	0.76	0.14	0.20
2009	0.05	0.90	0.20	0.34
2010	*	0.86	0.12	0.26
2011	0.10	1.03	0.17	0.25
2012	0.05	1.13	0.17	0.29
2013	0.16	1.20	0.26	0.26
2014	0.26	1.47	0.16	0.36
2015	0.35	1.50	0.21	0.46
2016	0.47	1.59	0.24	0.76
2017	0.67	1.77	0.30	1.12
2018	0.77	1.83	0.35	1.54
2019	0.96	1.89	0.30	1.93
2020	0.96	1.84	0.45	2.85

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NOTES: Drug overdose deaths are identified using the *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* underlying cause-of-death codes X40–X44, X60–X64, X85, and Y10–Y14. Drug overdose deaths involving opioids are identified by specific multiple-cause-of-death codes: heroin, T40.1; natural and semisynthetic opioids, T40.2; methadone, T40.3; and synthetic opioids other than methadone, T40.4. Deaths involving more than one opioid category are counted in both categories. Rates are per 100,000 standard population. Data are missing for years in which the number of deaths does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.