

Youth Substance Use in Illinois

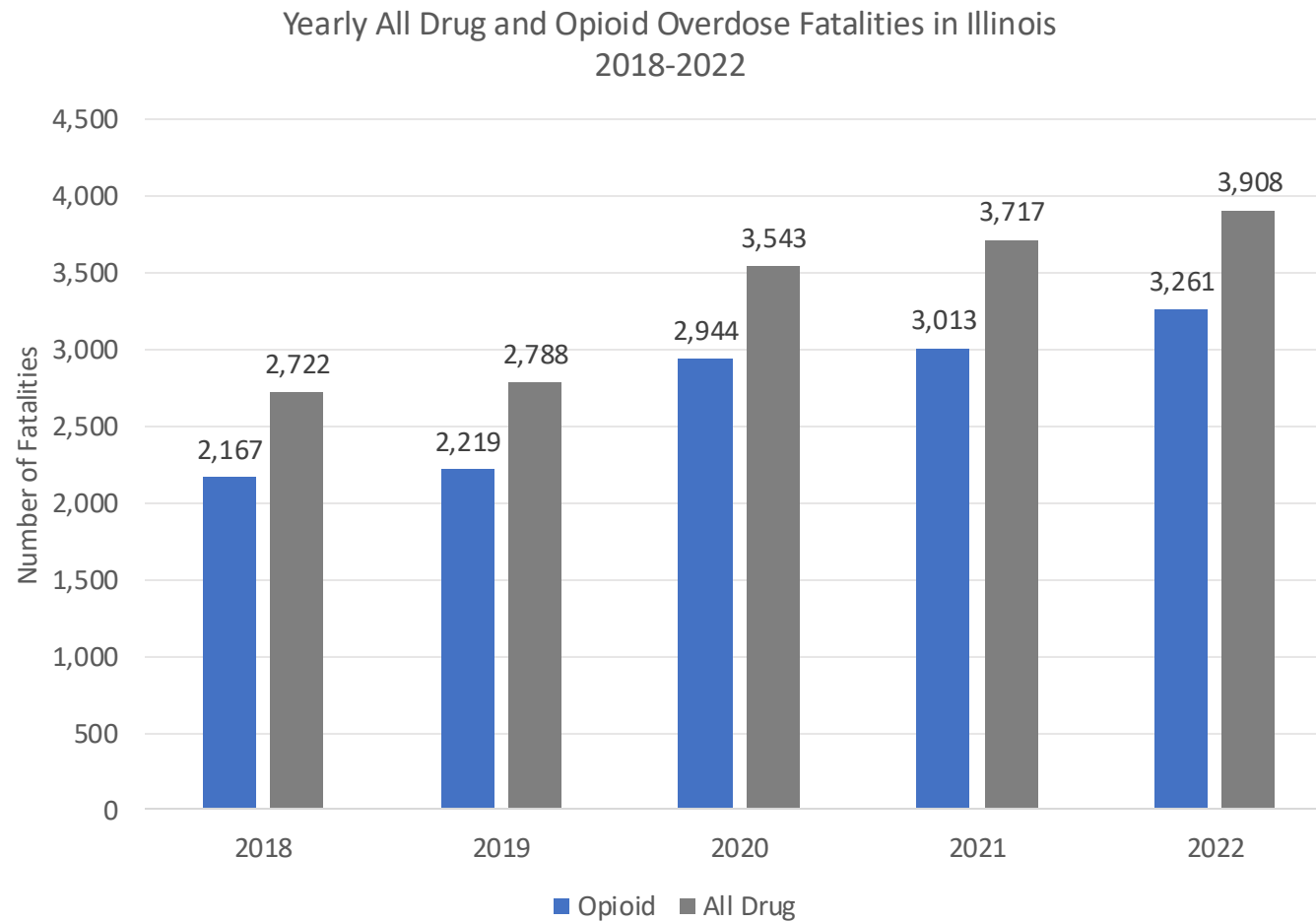
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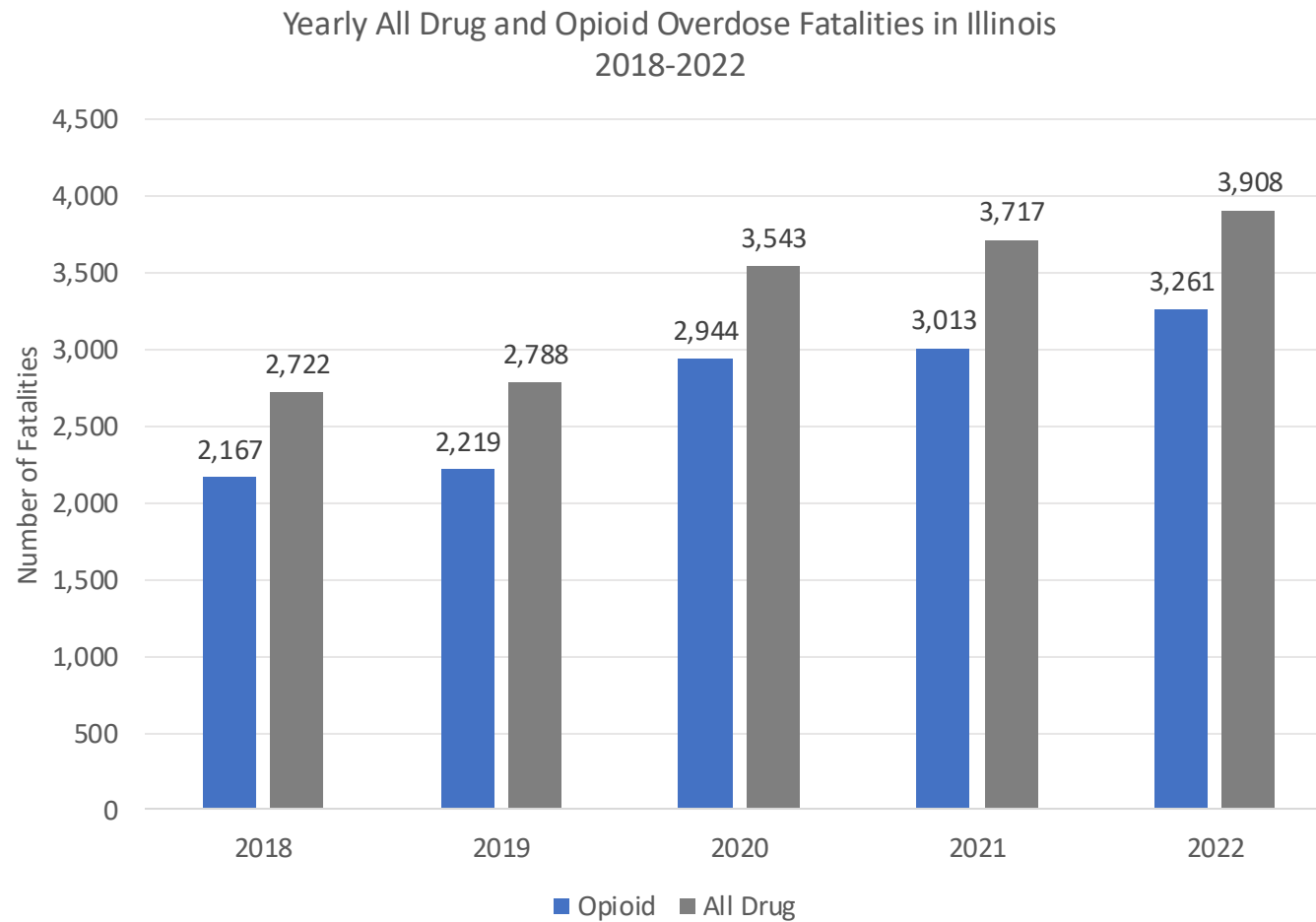


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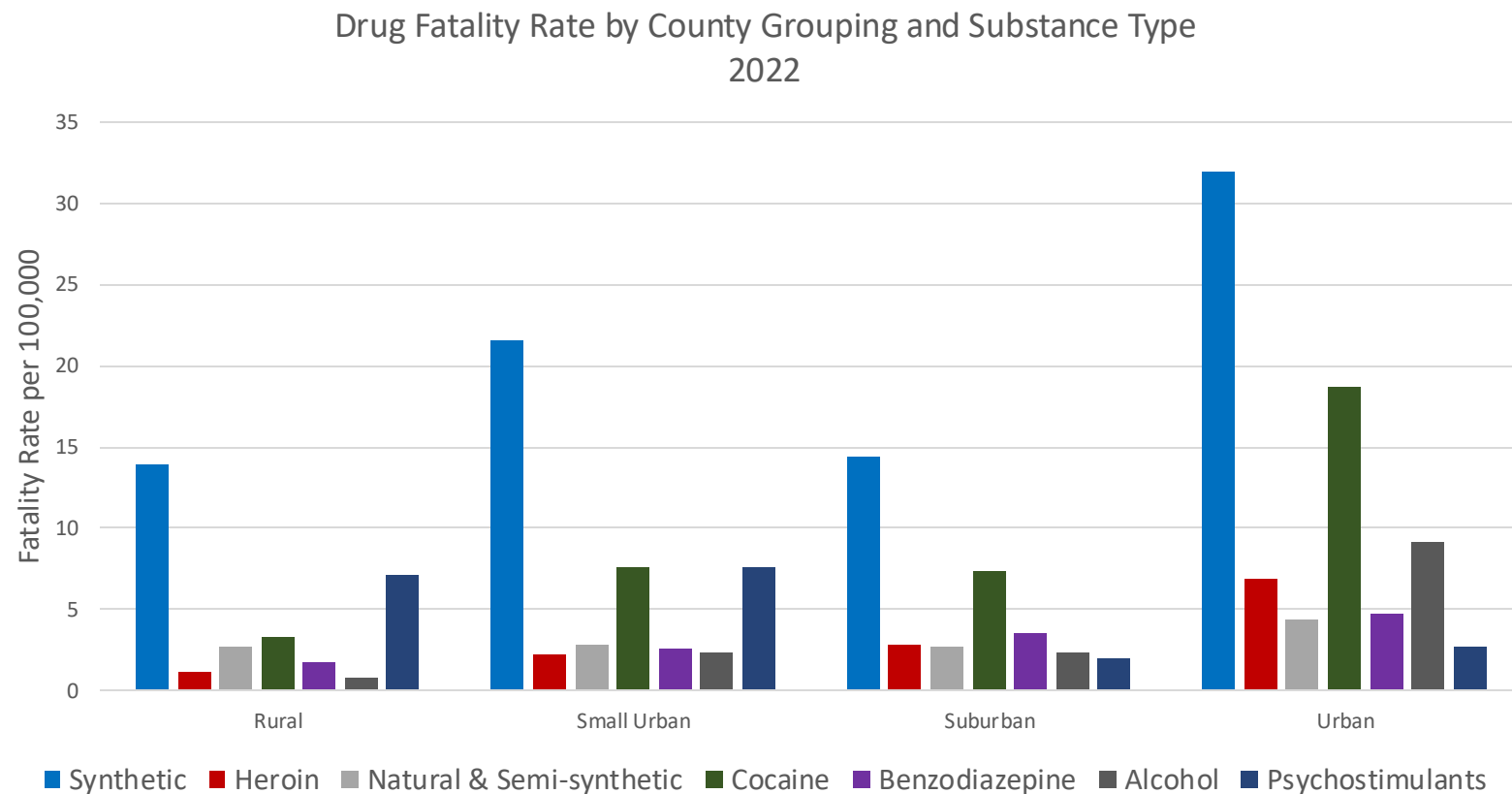
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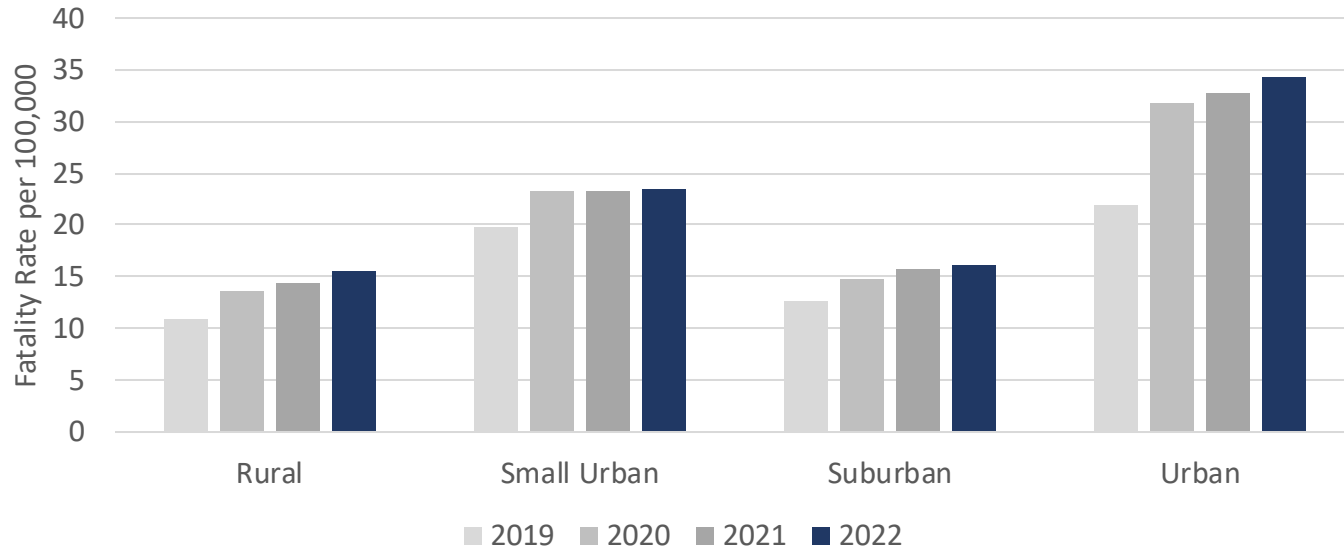
All Drug Overdose Fatalities in Illinois 2022

- Synthetic opioids account for the highest fatality rates in each geographic region
- Small Urban and Rural
 - Psychostimulants
 - Cocaine
- Suburban
 - Cocaine
 - Benzodiazepines
- Urban
 - Cocaine
 - Alcohol

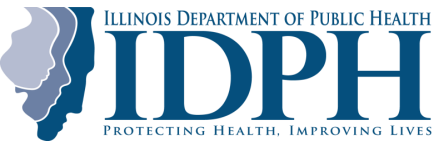
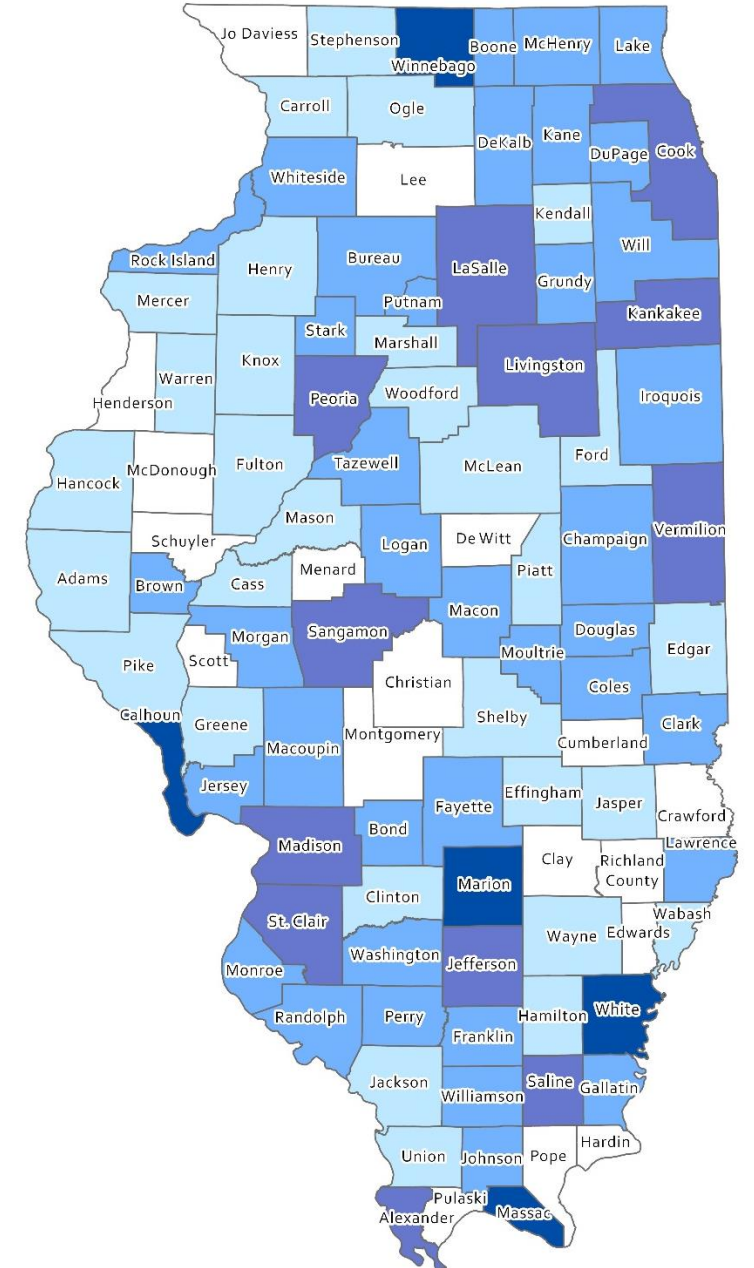
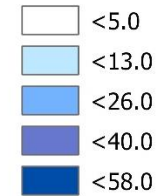


Opioid Fatalities in Illinois 2022

Illinois Opioid Fatality Rate by County Grouping 2018-2022



Opioid Overdose Fatality Rates



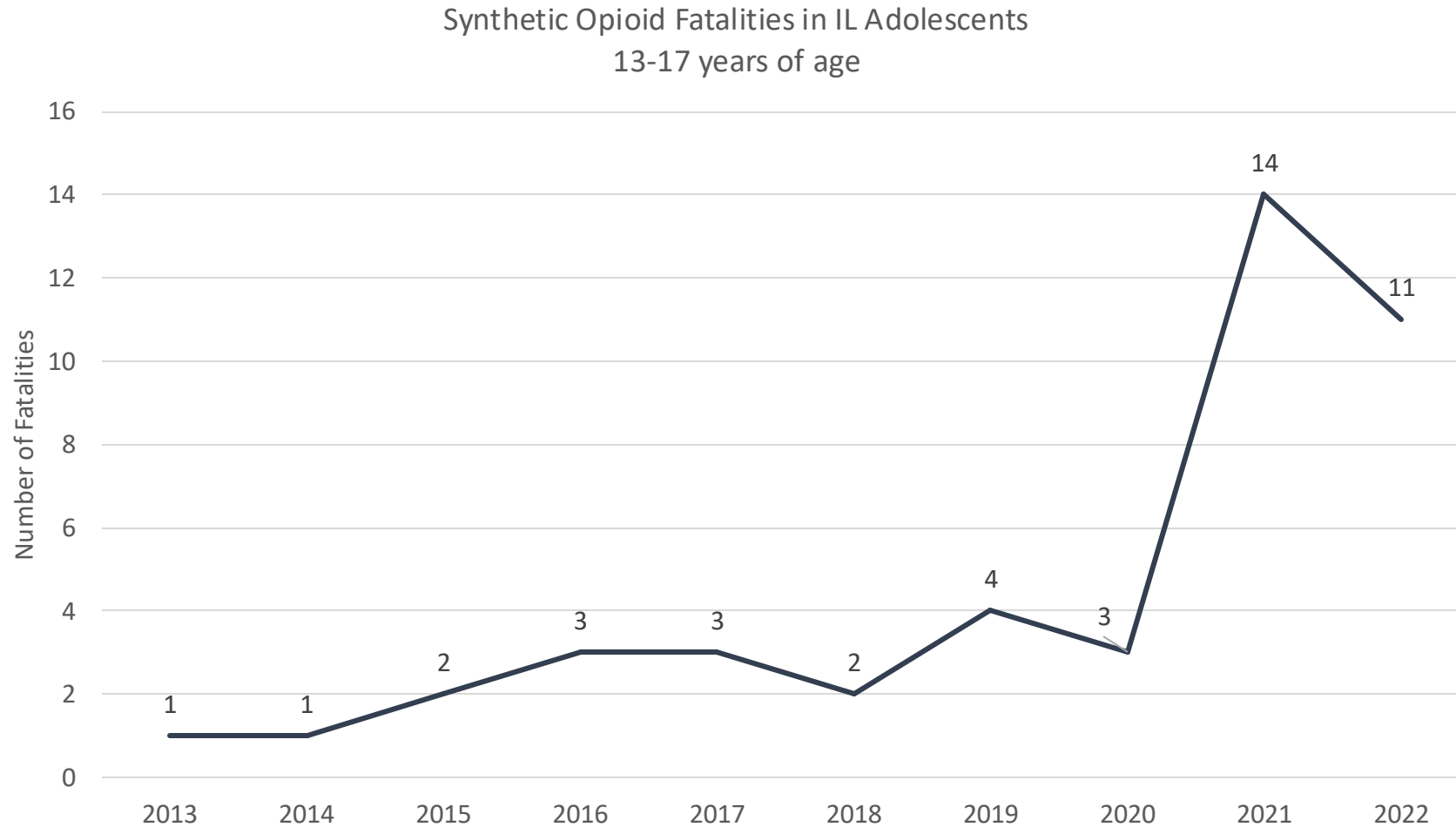
Drug fatalities in Illinois as reported by the Illinois Vital Records System, IDPH.

Opioid Fatalities in Illinois 2022

| | Total Number | Fatality Rate (per 100,000 of each population) |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Statewide* | 3,261 | 26 |
| Race/Ethnicity* | | |
| Non-Hispanic White | 1587 | 20.8 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 1271 | 73.9 |
| Hispanic/Latinx | 356 | 15.9 |
| Non-Hispanic Other | 47 | 4.4 |
| Age Groups | | |
| < 25 | 191 | 4.8 |
| 25 - 34 | 603 | 35.2 |
| 35 - 44 | 710 | 42.3 |
| 45 - 54 | 669 | 42.3 |
| 55 - 64 | 728 | 44.1 |
| 65 + | 360 | 17.1 |
| Sex | | |
| Female | 904 | 14.1 |
| Male | 2357 | 37.6 |

The highest rates of opioid fatalities are in Non-Hispanic Black individuals, men, ages 35-64.

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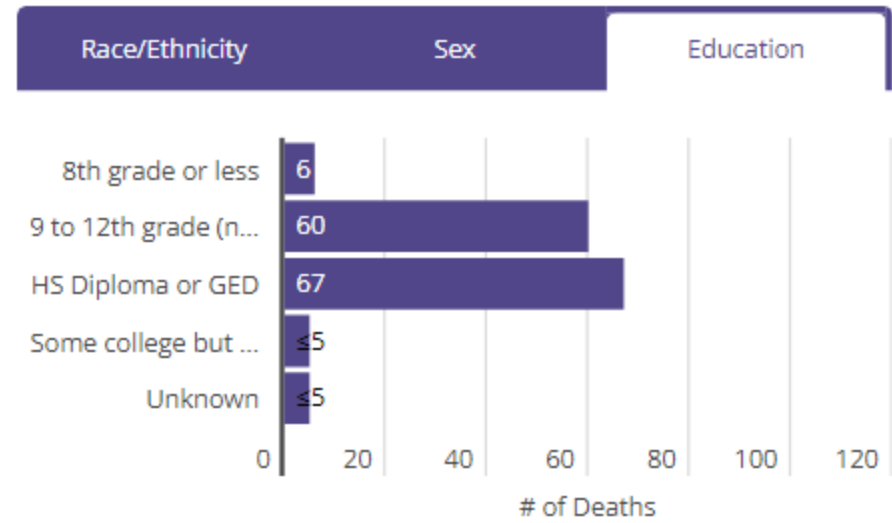
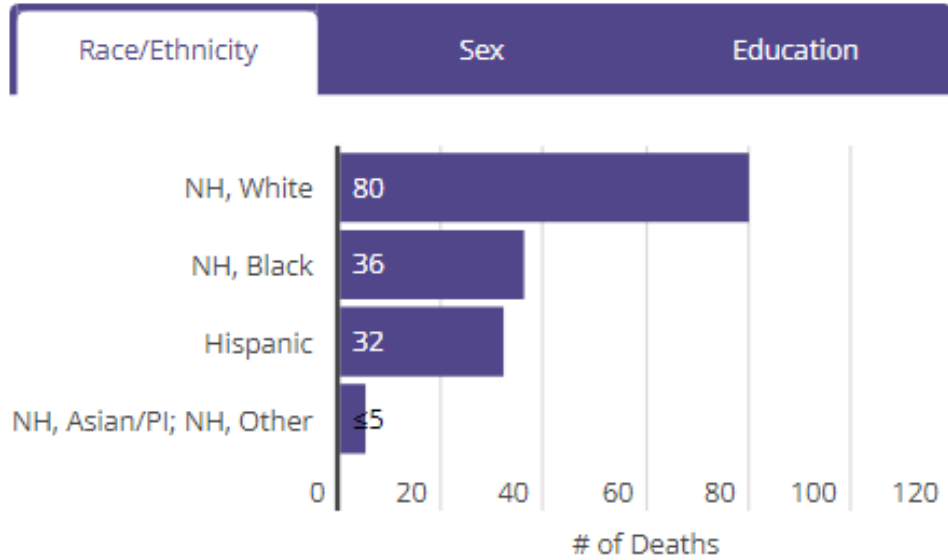
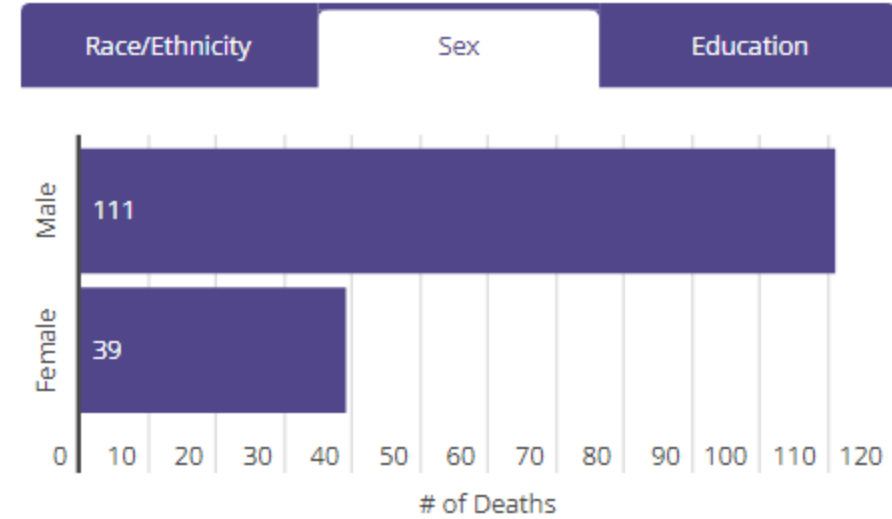
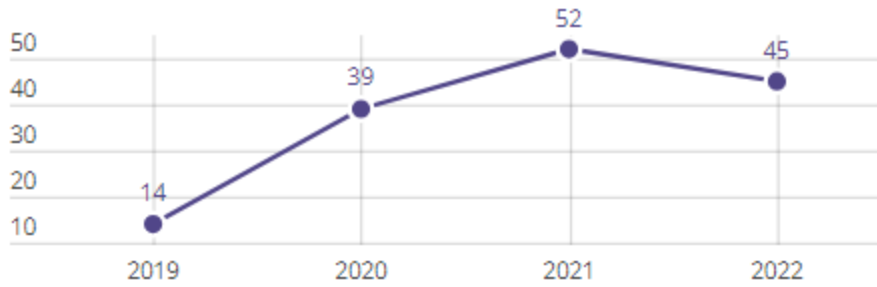


- Synthetic opioid fatalities in adolescents aged 13-17 years have increased dramatically
 - 367% increase from 2020 to 2021
 - Remained elevated in 2022

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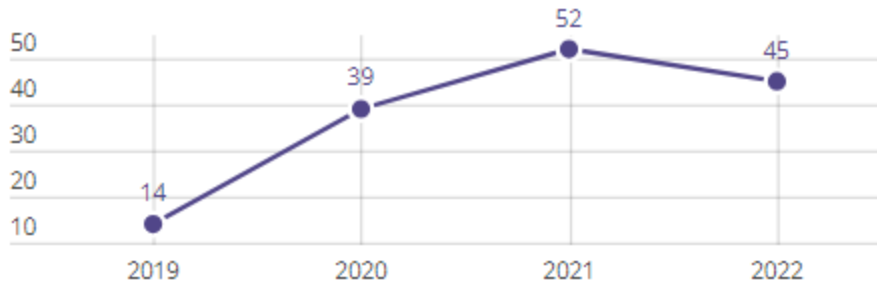
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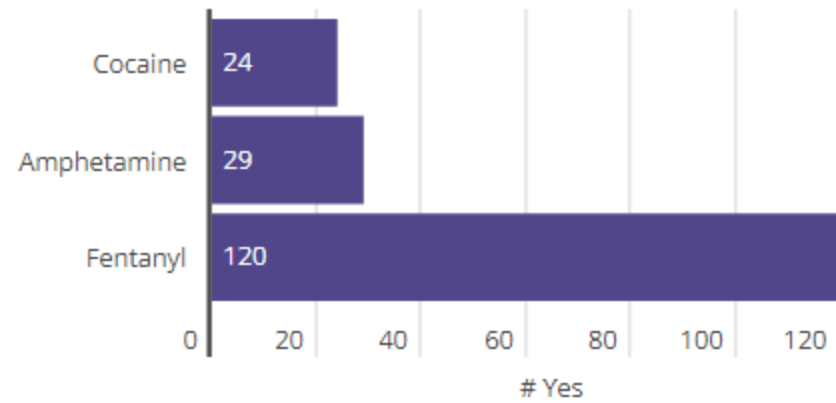


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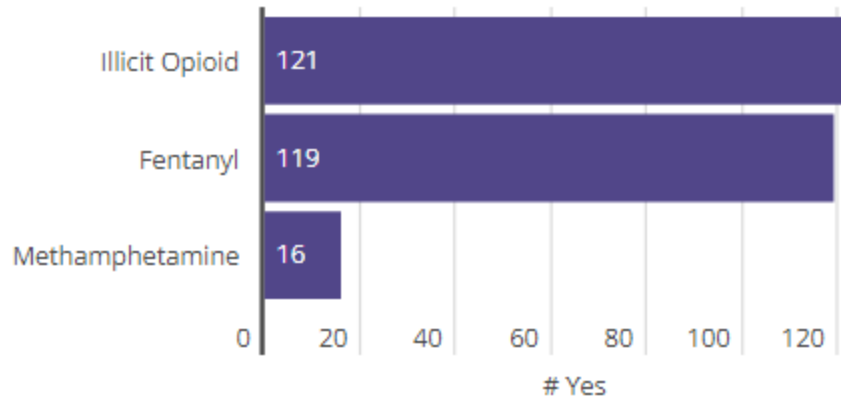
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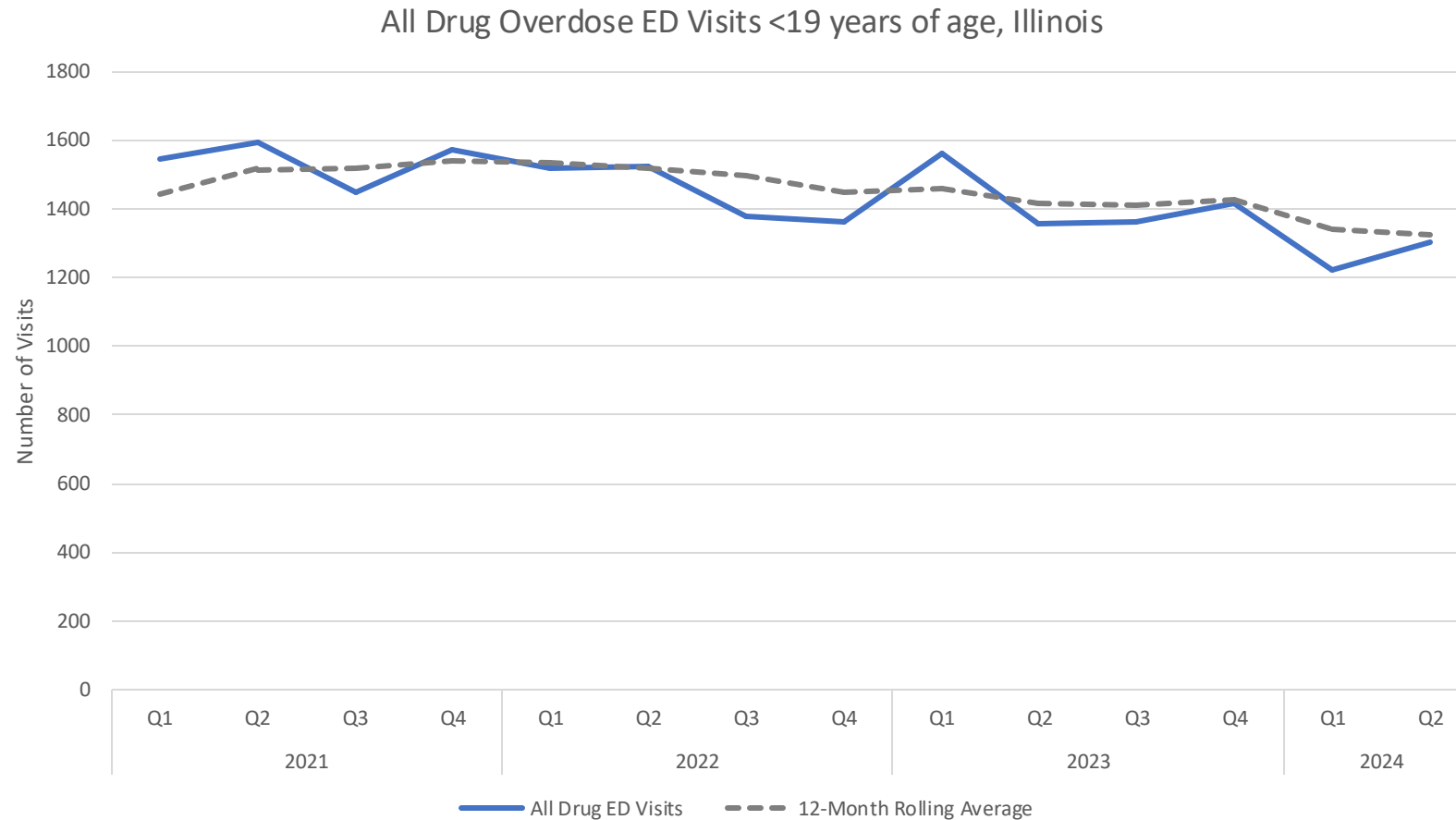


< Cause of Death >



| Mental Health and Substance Use Circumstances | #Yes |
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| Mental Health Problem | 38 |
| Mental Illness Treatment | 25 |
| Alcohol Problem | 11 |
| Other Substance Abuse | 111 |

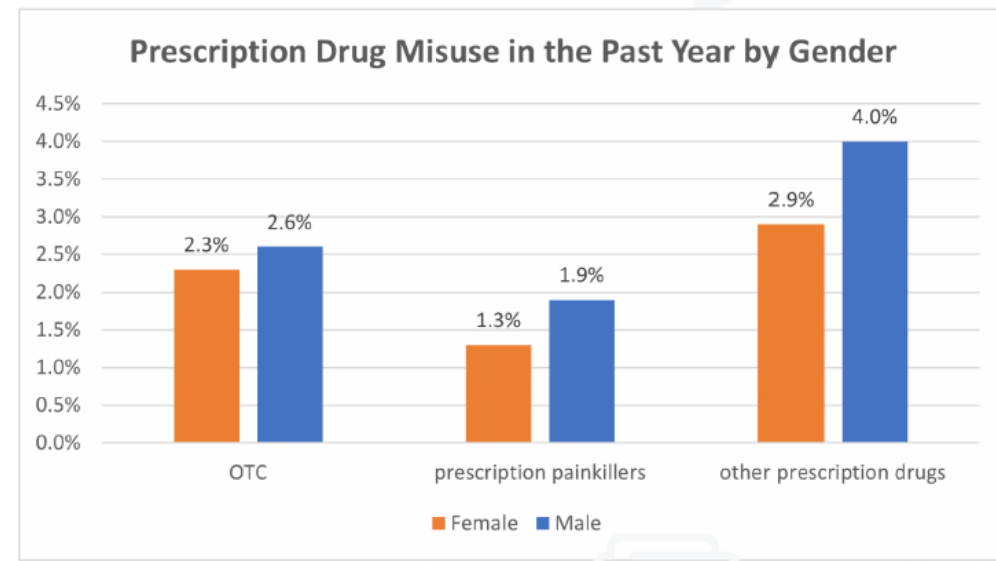
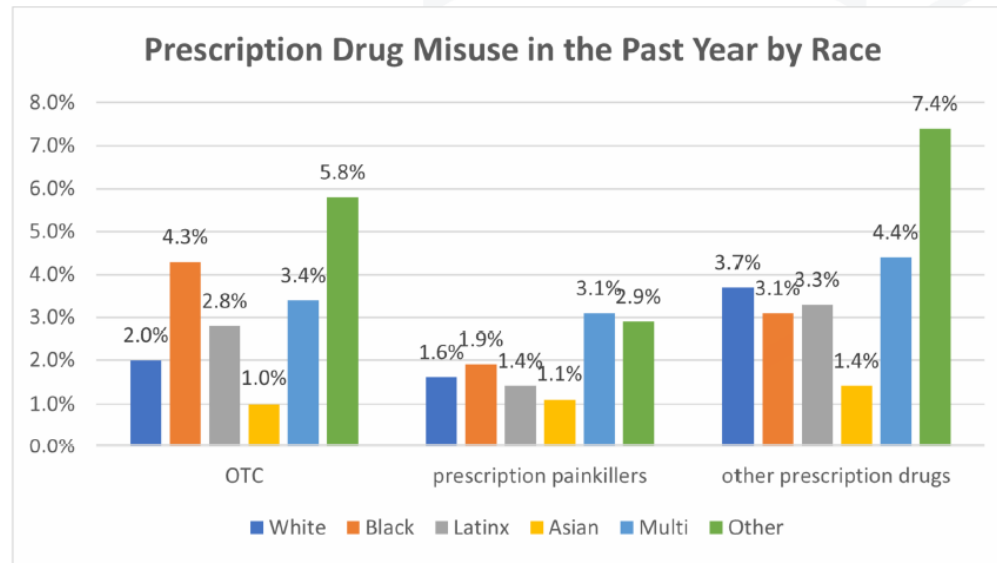
All Drug ED Visits in Illinois 2021-2024



- All drug overdose-related ED visits for people <19 years of age have declined slightly
 - Averages range from 1327-1540 ED Visits per Quarter

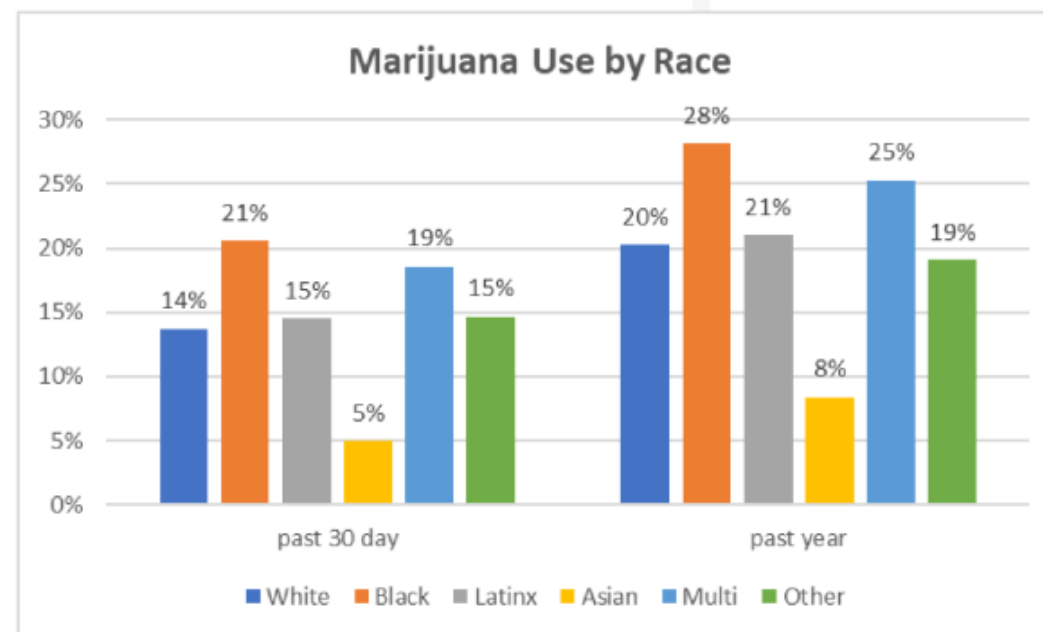
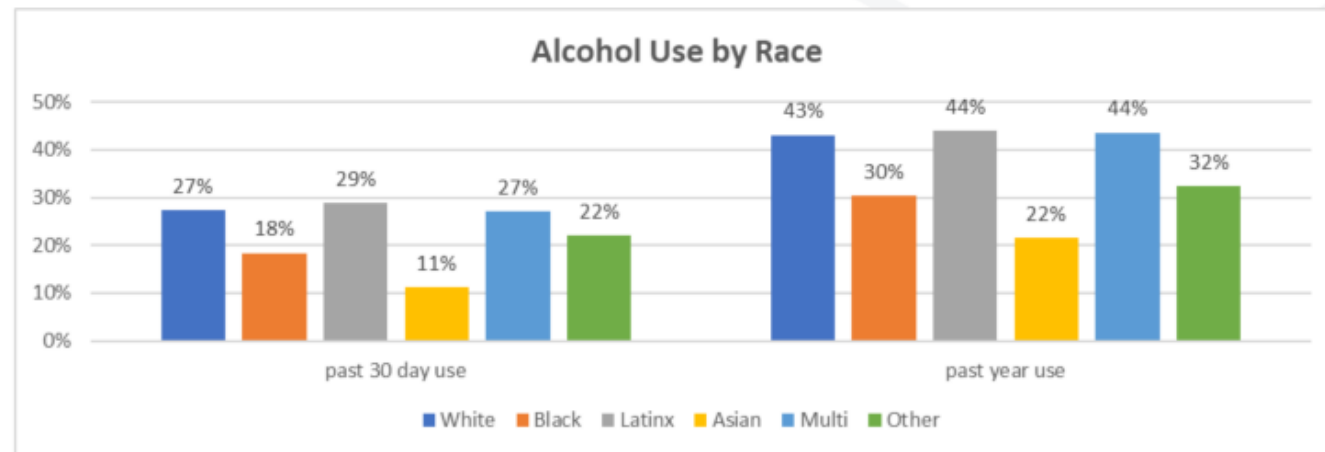
Illinois High School Youth Behavior Risk Survey, 2021

| Question | Estimated Percent (95% C.I.) |
|--|------------------------------|
| Ever used prescription pain medicine differently than a doctor told them to use it | 9.5% (7.9-11.4) |
| Ever used cocaine | 2.4% (1.5-3.7) |
| Ever used inhalants | 6.7% (5.3-8.5) |
| Ever used heroin | 1.4% (0.9-2.2) |
| Ever used methamphetamine | 1.5% (0.9-2.5) |
| Ever used ecstasy | 2.9% (1.8-4.5) |
| Was offered, sold or given an illegal drug on school property | 20.7% (19.0-22.6) |



Illinois High School Youth Behavior Risk Survey, 2021

| Question | Estimated Percent (95% C.I.) |
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| Had their first drink of alcohol before age 13 | 13.0% (11.0-15.4) |
| Currently drinks alcohol | 22.8% (21.0-24.8) |
| Currently binge drinks | 11.6% (5.3-8.5) |
| Ever used heroin | 1.4% (10.2-13.1) |
| Ever used marijuana | 27.5% (23.9-31.5) |
| Currently uses marijuana | 15.1% (13.3-17.1) |
| Ever used synthetic marijuana | 5.7% (4.9-6.7) |





What can we do?


- Know what an opioid overdose looks like
- Carry and deliver naloxone when an opioid overdose is suspected
- Call 911





Look for these potential signs and symptoms...


 Blue or purple fingernails and lips


 Unresponsiveness to voice or touch


 Pinpoint-sized pupils


 **Recognizing an Opioid Overdose** 

When a person overdoses, breathing will slow dangerously and may stop altogether, eventually leading to brain damage or death.

 Slow heartbeat or low blood pressure

 Slow, irregular, or stopped breathing

 Pale, clammy skin



If you suspect an opioid overdose, call 911 and get emergency medical assistance immediately.

[Illinois Family Resources](#)- Supporting Families

[A Dose of Truth- about Opioids and Laced Drugs](#)

[Rethink Recovery: Helping Support Your Loved One](#)

[Unfaded- Youth Substance Use Prevention Tools](#)

[Let's Talk Cannabis- Cannabis Resources](#)



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Medication Assisted Recovery for OUD and AUD

The Illinois Helpline now offers medication on demand to IL residents seeking treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD). Medication-assisted recovery (MAR) involves the use of FDA-approved medications for treatment of OUD and AUD. Now an individual can speak directly with a provider over the phone, immediately receive a prescription or expedited, in-person appointment, and get transportation assistance to the pharmacy or clinic – all initiated through one phone call.

Callers can access MAR NOW 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Care managers help callers determine their best treatment options and connect them to a provider for an immediate telephone appointment and medication prescription. Care coordinators can also facilitate a same- or next-day, in-person appointment. All callers are connected to ongoing treatment with a community provider that best meets their needs.

