

# West Virginia Fatal Drug Overdoses

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## **West Virginia resident deaths: 1,493**

- West Virginia residents who died in state: 1,410
- West Virginia residents who died out-of-state: 83
  - OH: 20, VA: 12, MD: 12, KY: 11, PA: 8
  - FL, NC, SC, LA, CA, CT, GA, MI, MT, ND

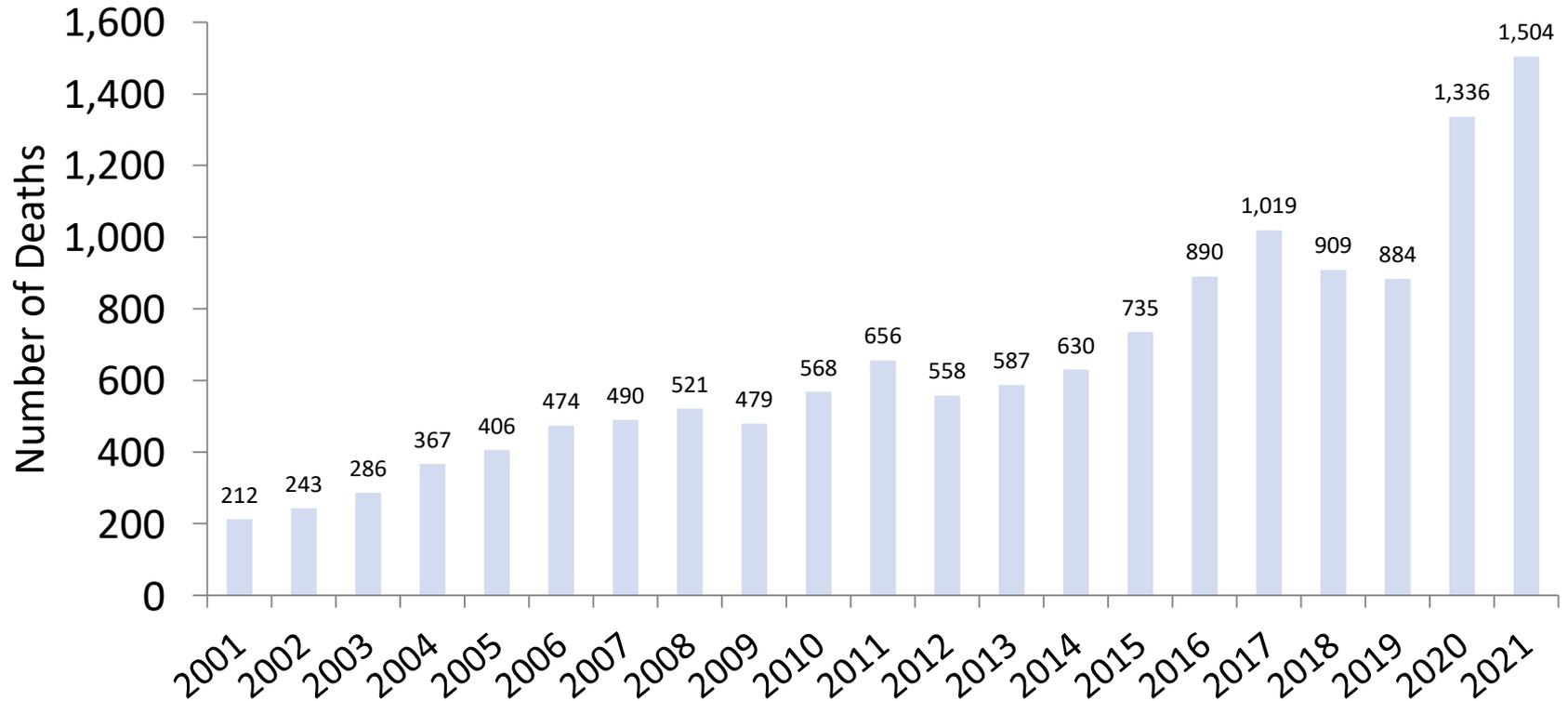
## **West Virginia occurrences: 1,504**

- Out-of-state residents who died in West Virginia: 95
  - OH: 32, PA: 15, VA: 12, MD: 10, KY: 4
  - NC: 7, SC, FL, IN, MI, TN, IL, MS

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## Drug Overdose Deaths Occurring in West Virginia, 2001-2021

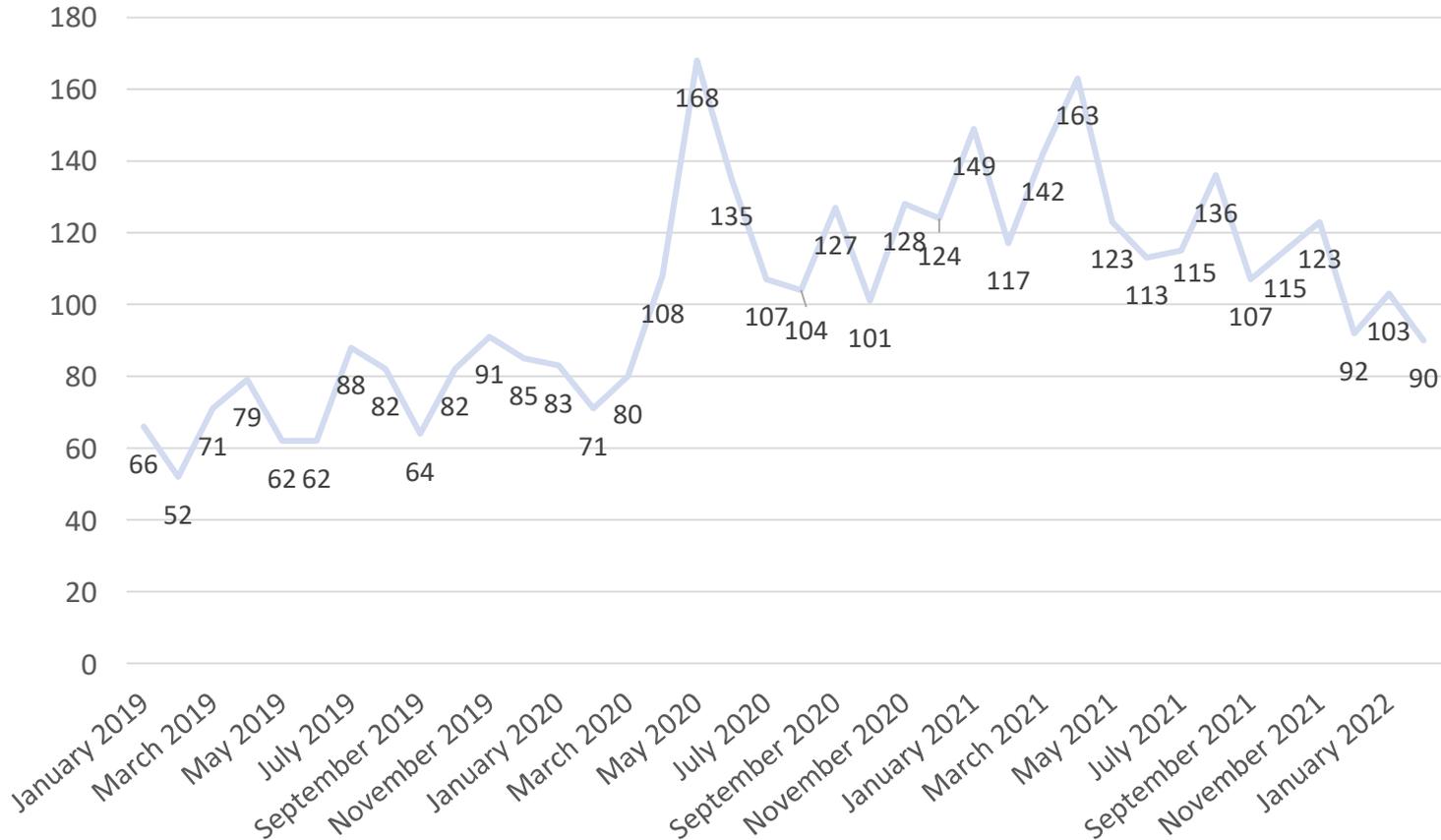


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These statistics include all manners of drug overdose deaths including accidents, suicides, homicides, and undetermined intent with an underlying cause of death ICD-10 code of X40-X44 (accidents), X60-X64 (suicides), X85 (homicides), or Y10-Y14 (undetermined intent). Data from 2020 and 2021 are preliminary and subject to change.

# West Virginia Deaths by Month

## West Virginia Occurrence Drug Overdose Deaths, 2019-2021\*

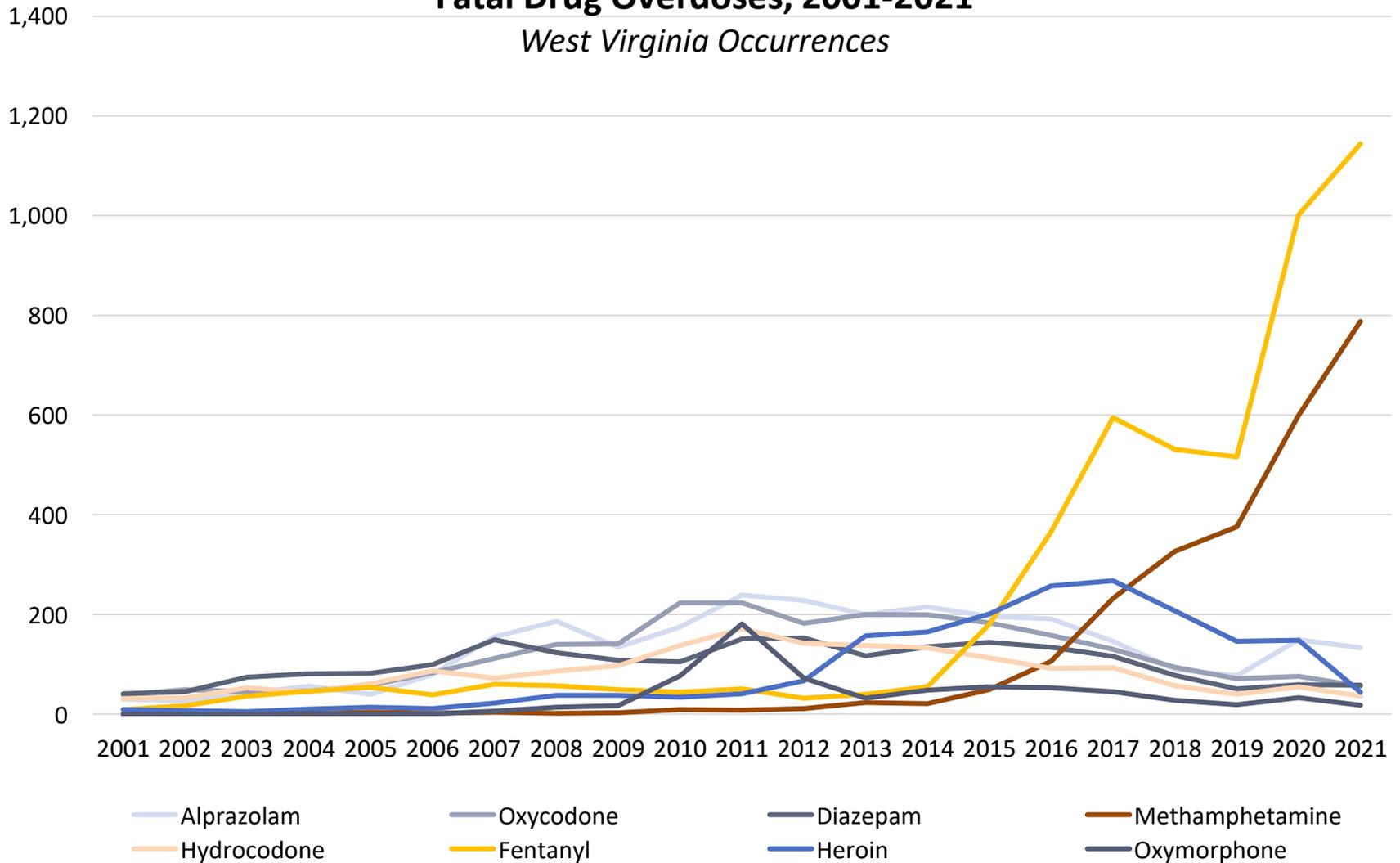


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# Trend Analysis

## Fatal Drug Overdoses, 2001-2021

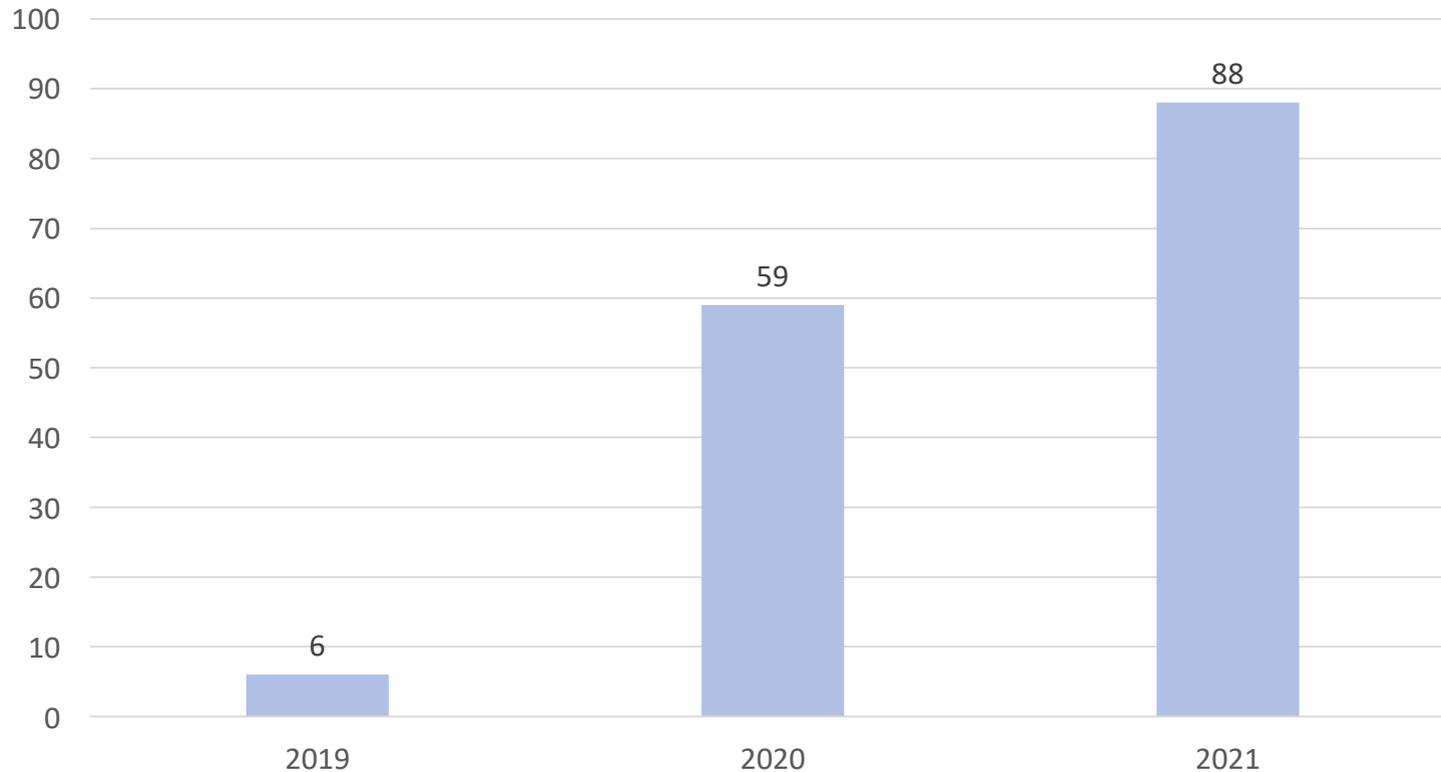
*West Virginia Occurrences*



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# Xylazine

## Fatal Xylazine-related Overdoses Occurring in West Virginia, 2018-2021



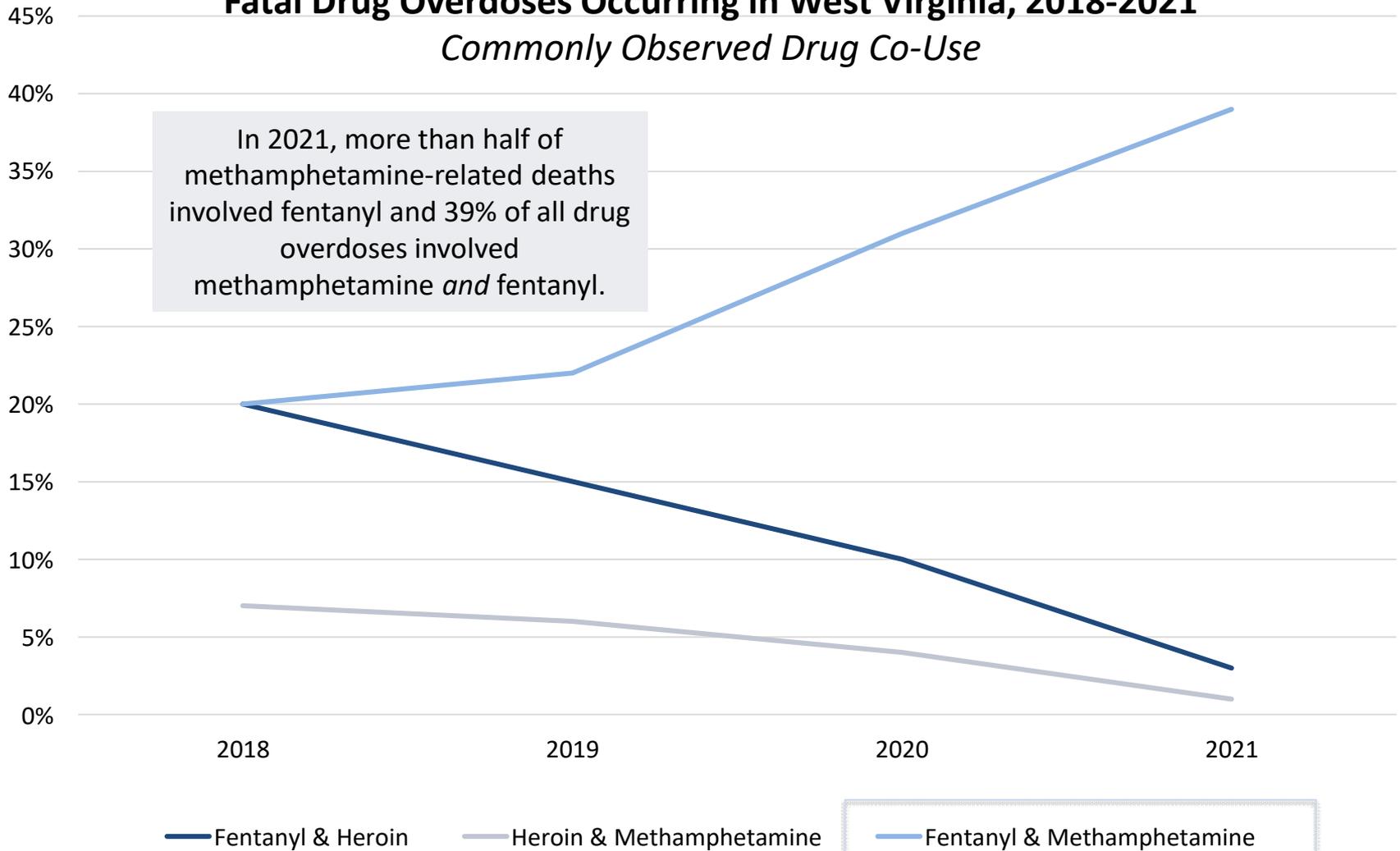
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# Co-Occurring Drug Use

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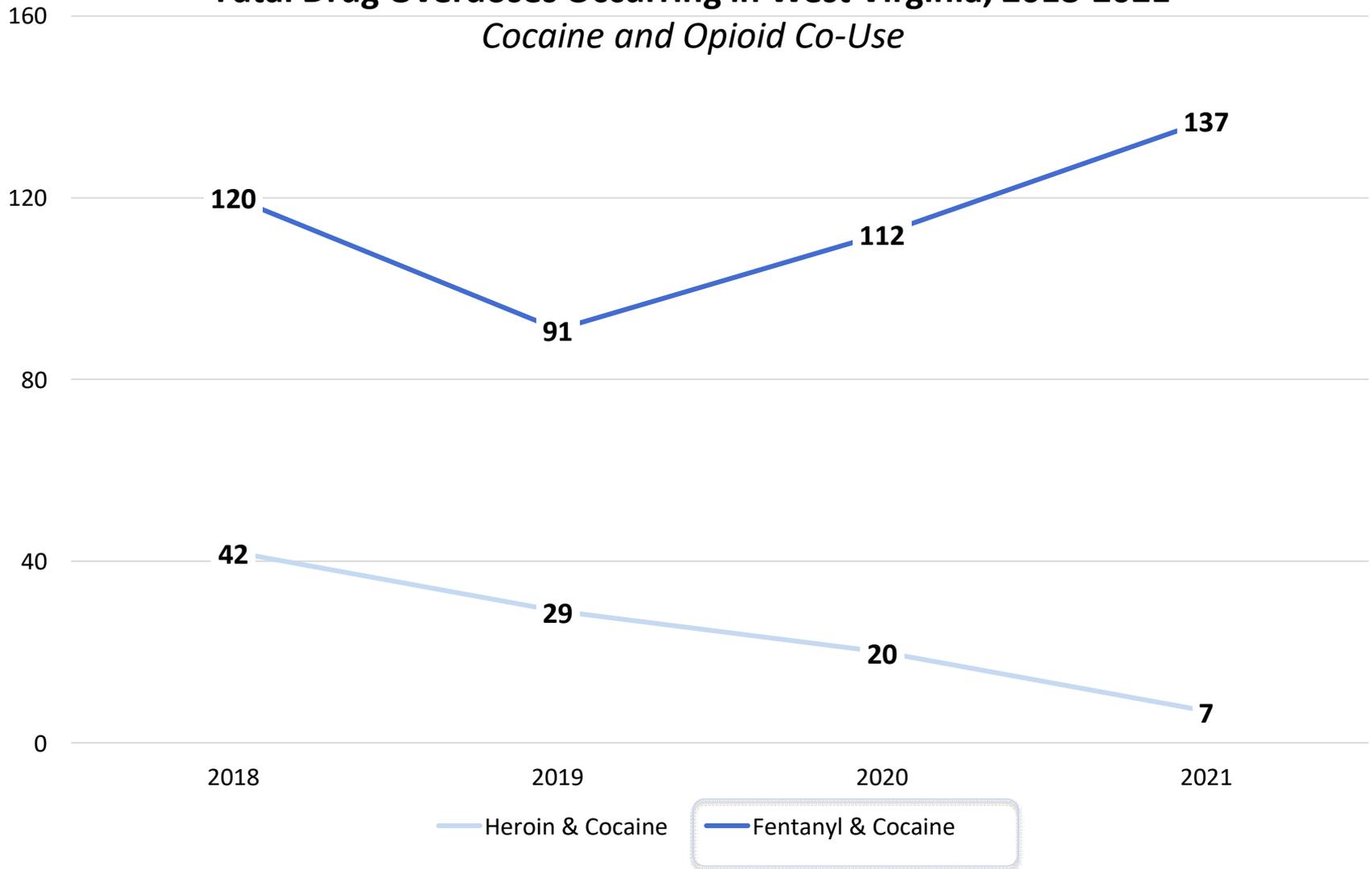
### Commonly Observed Drug Co-Use



# Co-Occurring Drug Use, Cont.

## Fatal Drug Overdoses Occurring in West Virginia, 2018-2021

### *Cocaine and Opioid Co-Use*

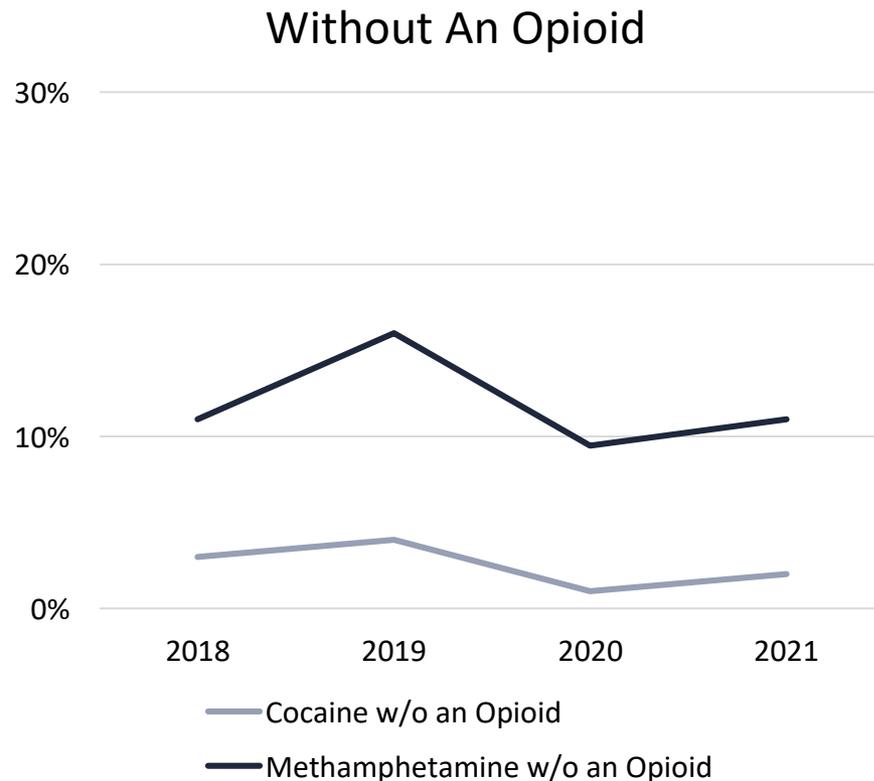
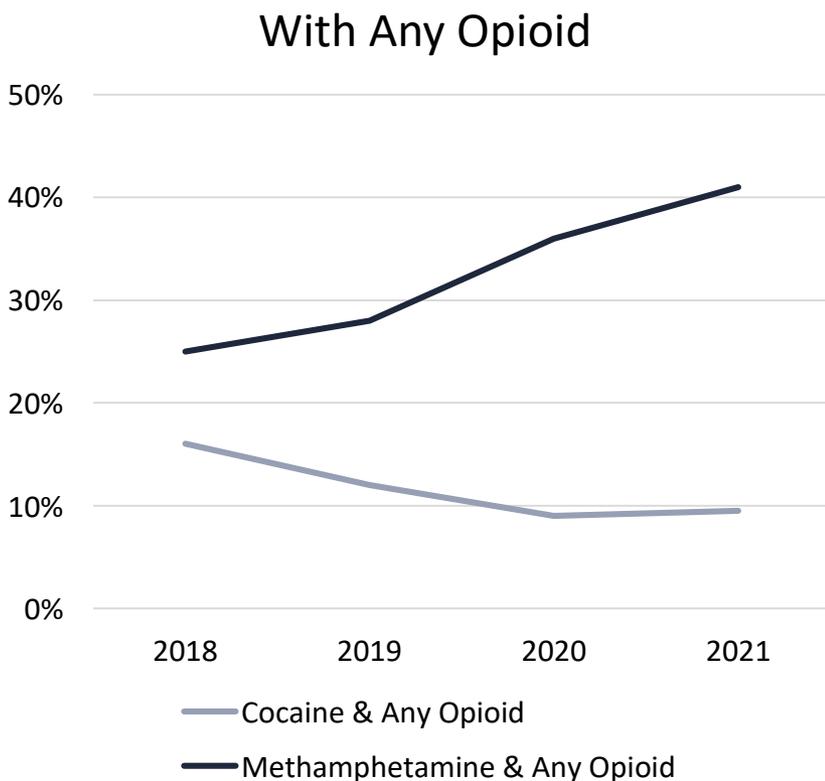


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# Co-Occurring Drug Use, Cont.

## Fatal Drug Overdoses Occurring in West Virginia, 2018-2021 *Stimulant & Opioid Co-Use*

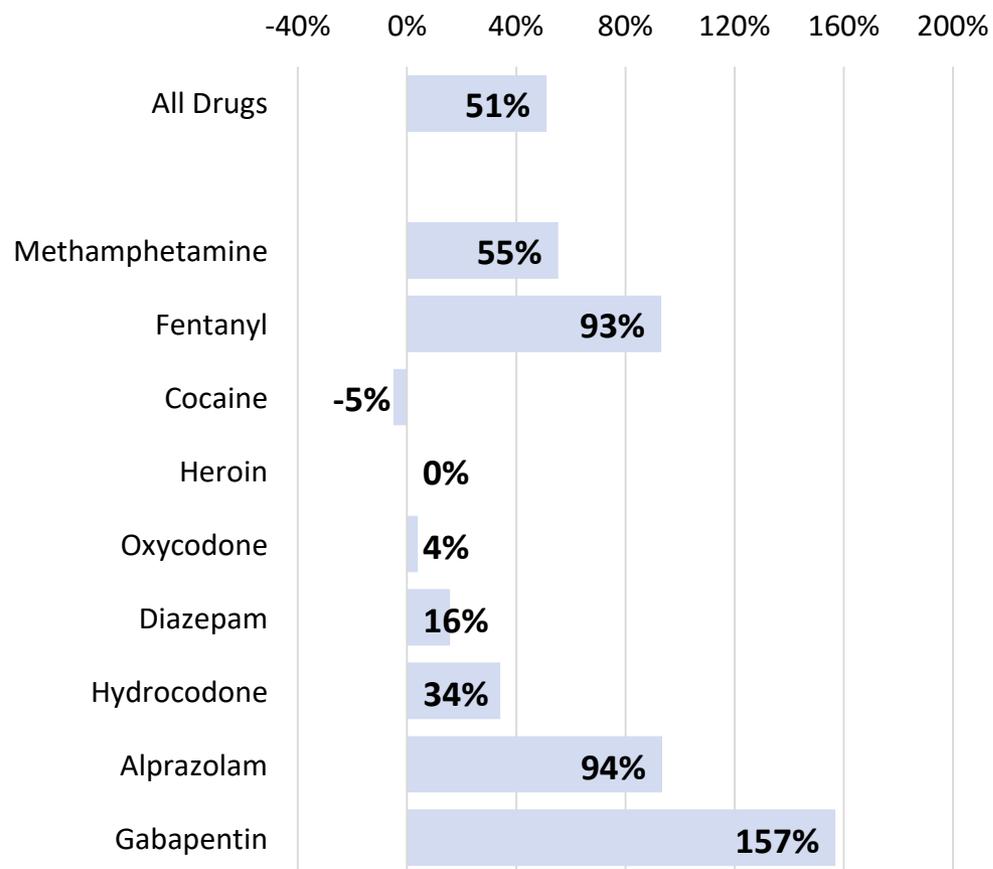
Fatal drug overdoses involving methamphetamine *and* an opioid increased from **25%** of deaths in 2018 to **41%** of deaths in 2021.



# Stimulants and CNS Depressants

**In 2020, there was an increase in most drug-related deaths, with a small decrease in cocaine-related deaths.** Largest increase observed between 2019 and 2020 was in gabapentin-related, followed by fentanyl-related.

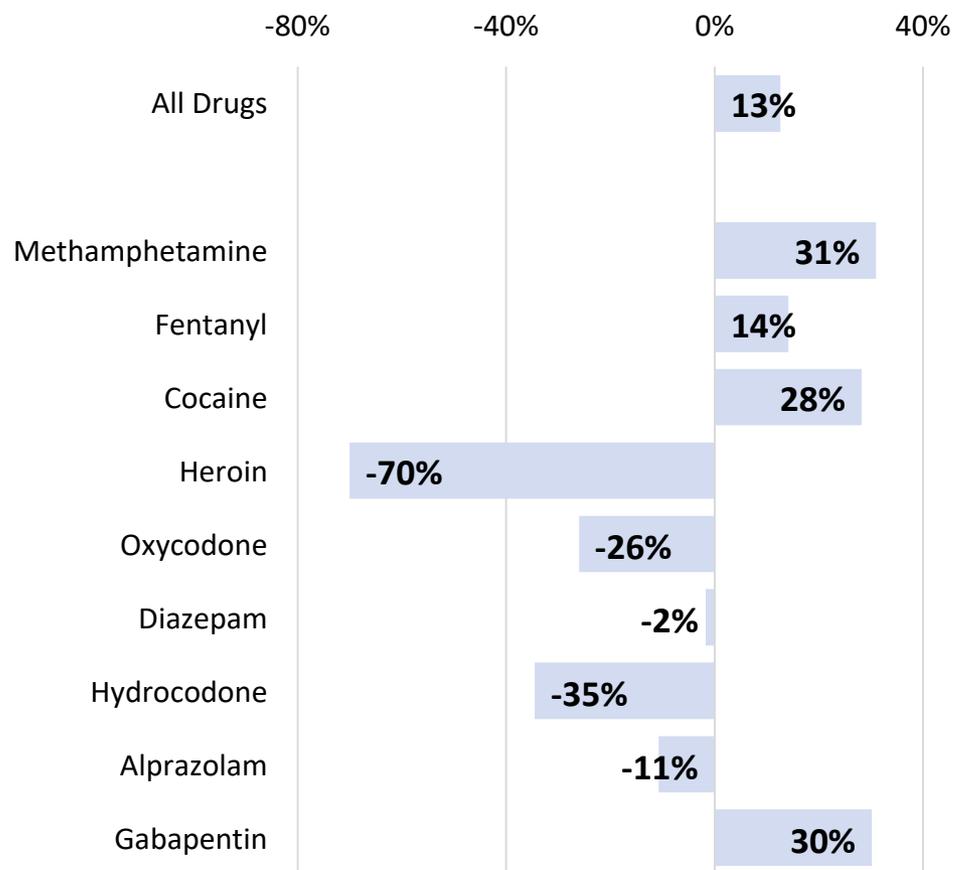
**Drug Overdose Deaths Occurring in West Virginia**  
*%-change from 2019-2020*



# Stimulants and CNS Depressants, Cont.

**In 2021, there was an increase in methamphetamine-related deaths, gabapentin-related deaths and cocaine-related deaths with a sharp decrease in heroin-related deaths.**

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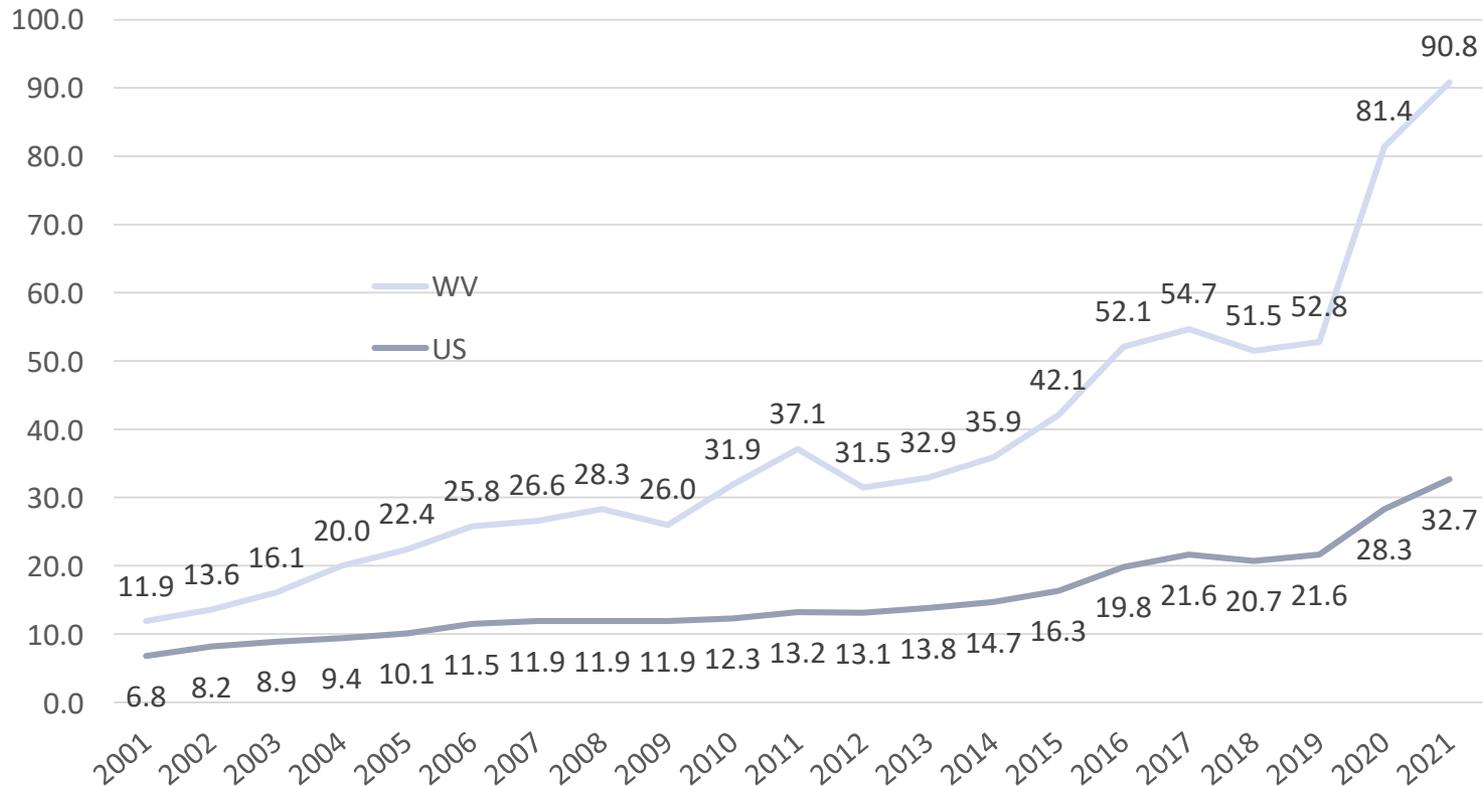
## West Virginia overdose occurrences by drug type:

- 82% involved an opioid
- 76% involved fentanyl/fentanyl analogs
- 52% involved methamphetamine
- 11% cocaine
- 11% gabatentin
- 9% alprazolam
- 7% buprenorphine
- 6% morphine
- 6% xylazine

# West Virginia Residents

# West Virginia vs. United States

**US and WV Resident Drug Overdose Mortality, 2000-2021\***  
*Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population*

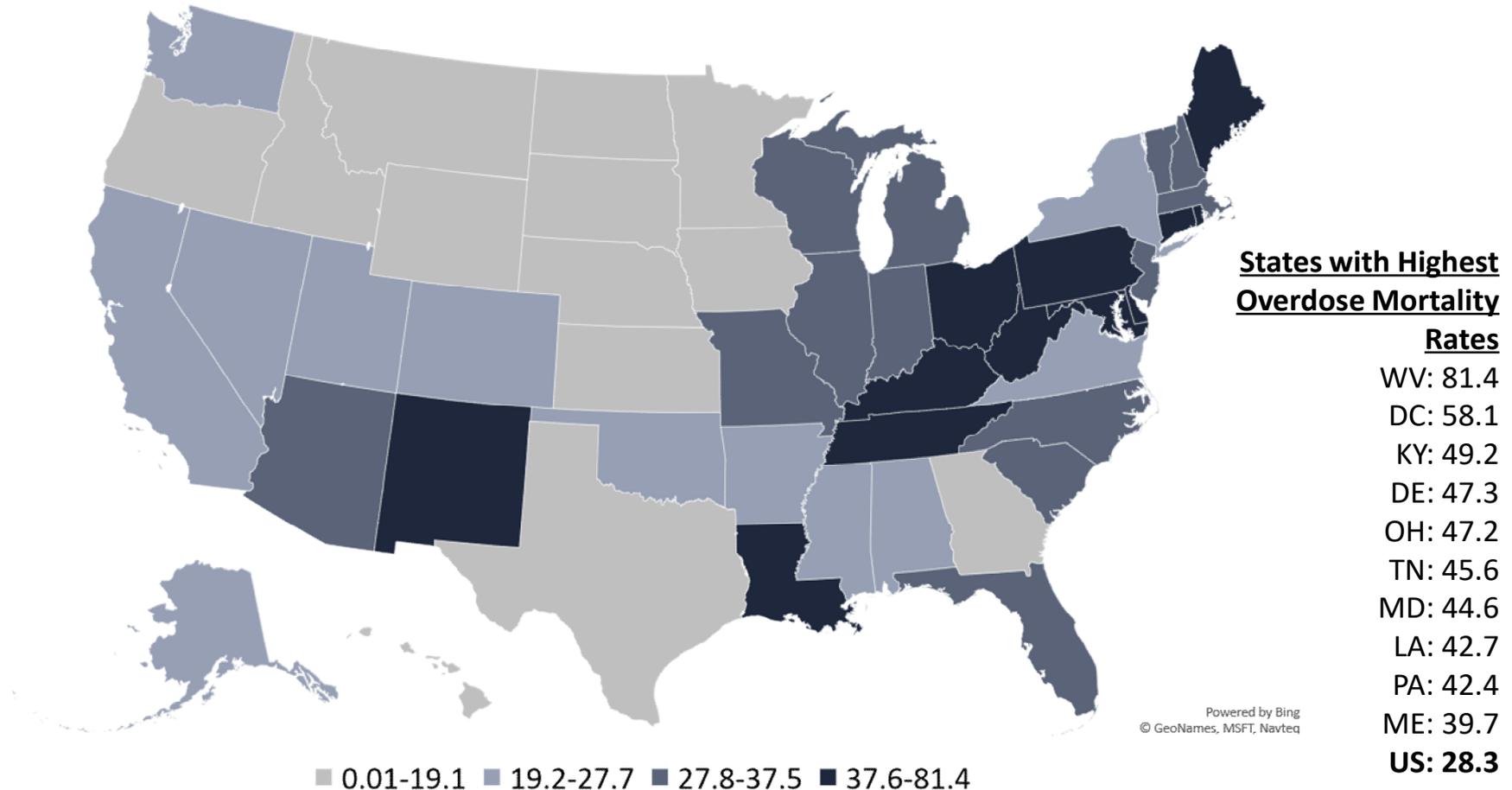


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# State-Level Drug Overdose Mortality, 2020

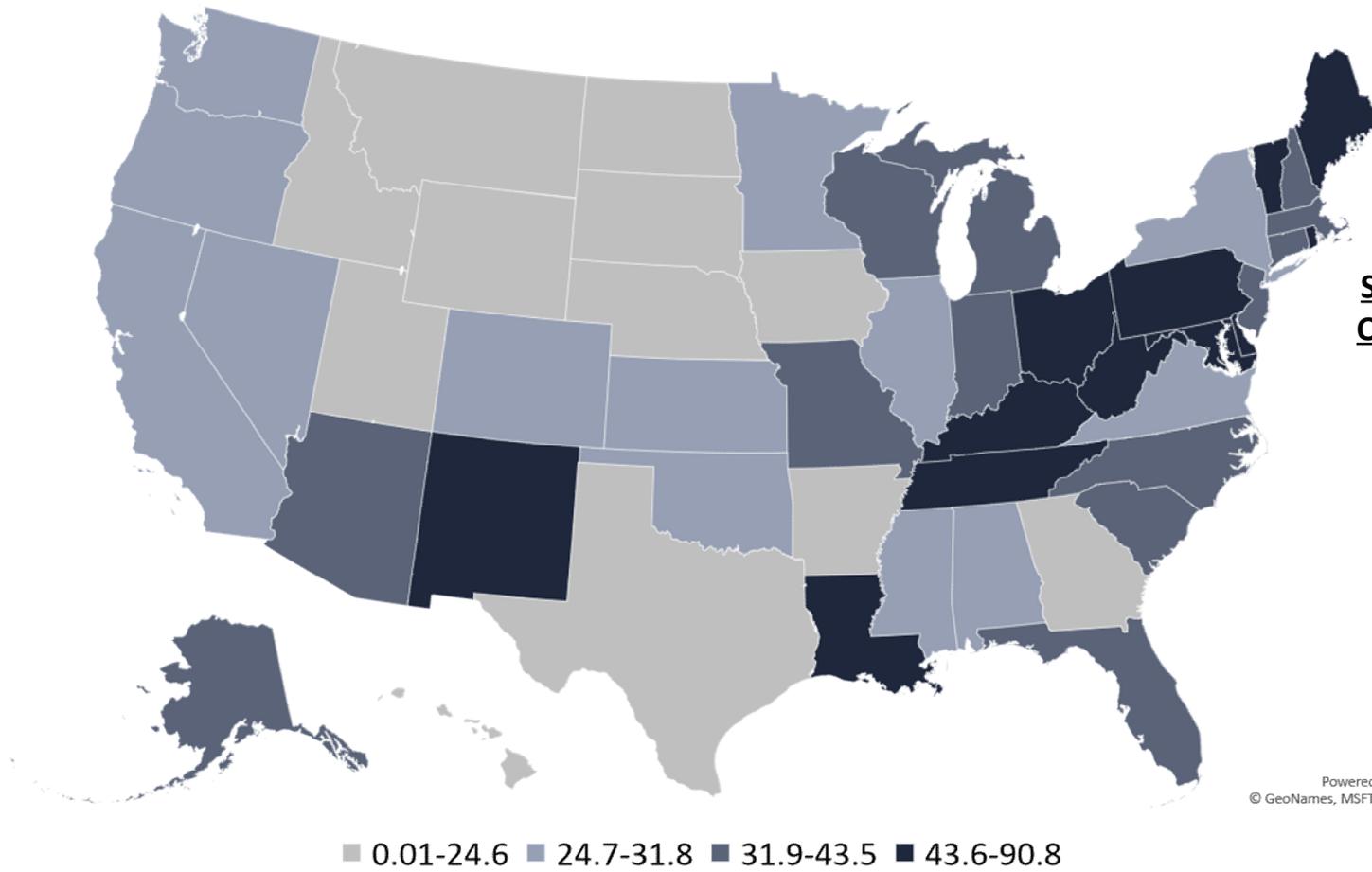
## US Resident Drug Overdose Mortality, 2020 *Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population*



Note: The WV age-adjusted mortality rate calculated by Health Statistics Center to reflect updated count of resident deaths.  
Source: CDC Wonder and West Virginia Health Statistics Center, Vital Statistics System

# State-Level Drug Overdose Mortality, 2021

## US Resident Drug Overdose Mortality, 2021, Preliminary *Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Population*



### States with Highest Overdose Mortality Rates

- WV: 90.8
- DC: 60.3
- TN: 57.6
- KY: 56.2
- LA: 55.7
- DE: 54.7
- NM: 52.2
- OH: 48.7
- ME: 48.3
- VT: 44.3
- US: 32.7**

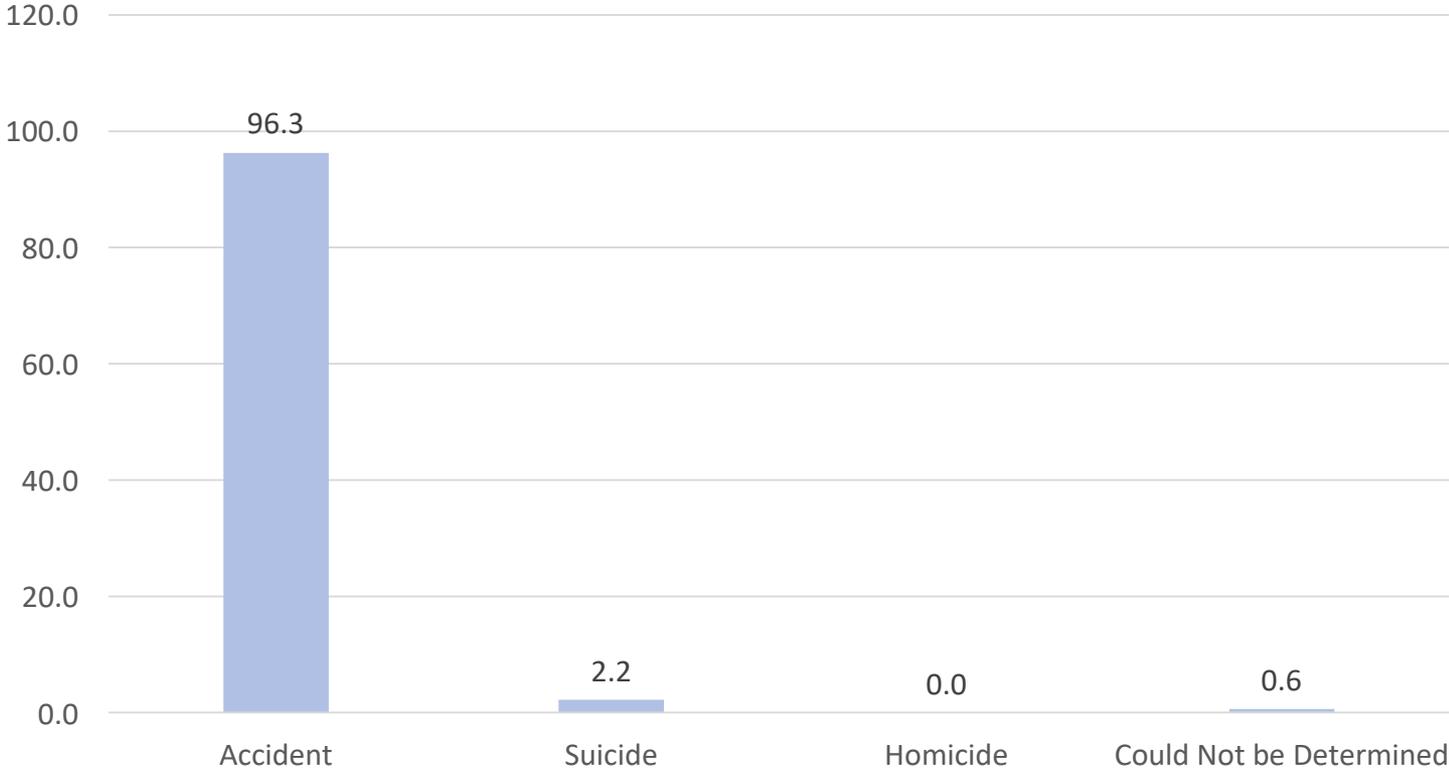
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# Manner of Death

### West Virginia Resident Drug Overdose Deaths, 2021

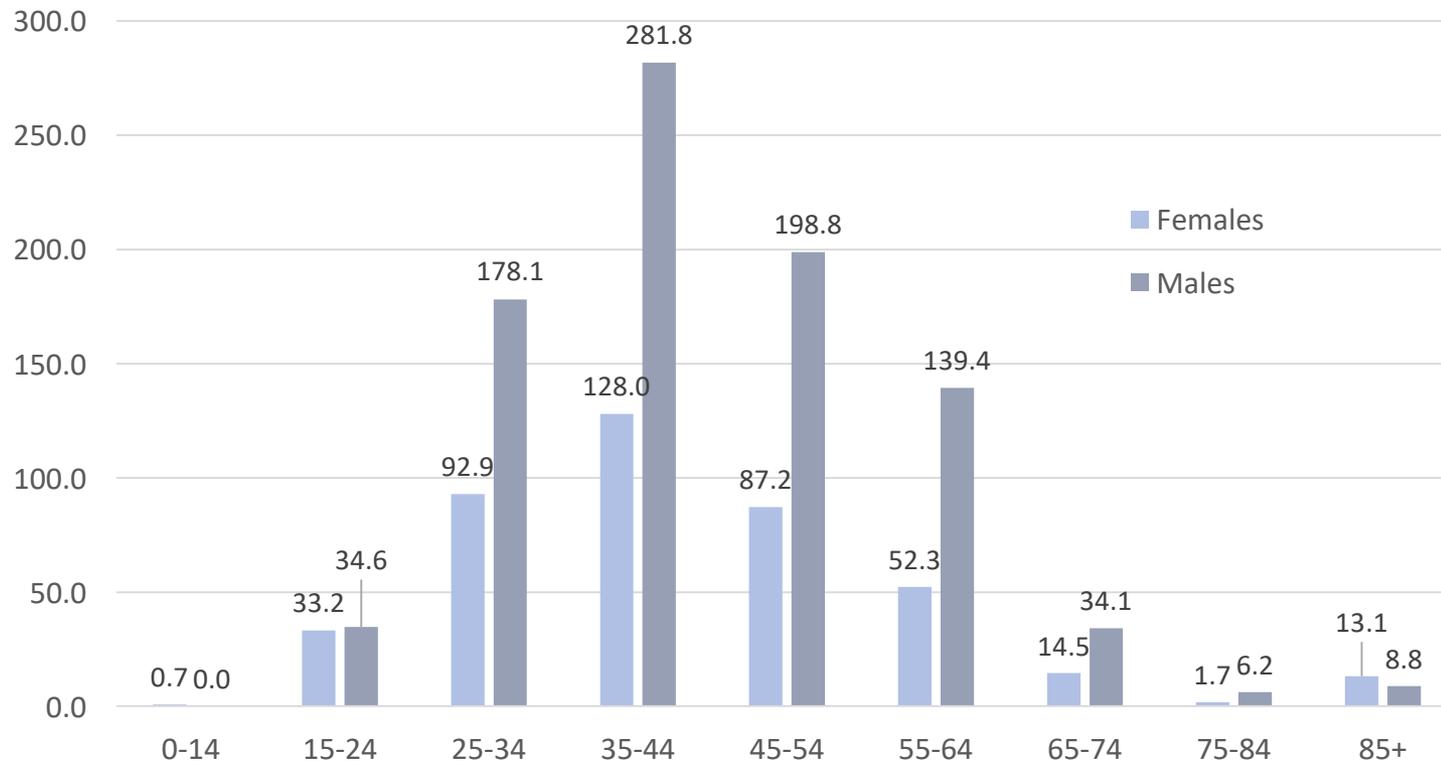
*Percentage by Manner*



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# Sex and Age Group Comparison

## West Virginia Resident Drug Overdose Deaths, 2021 *Crude Mortality Rate by Sex and Age Group*

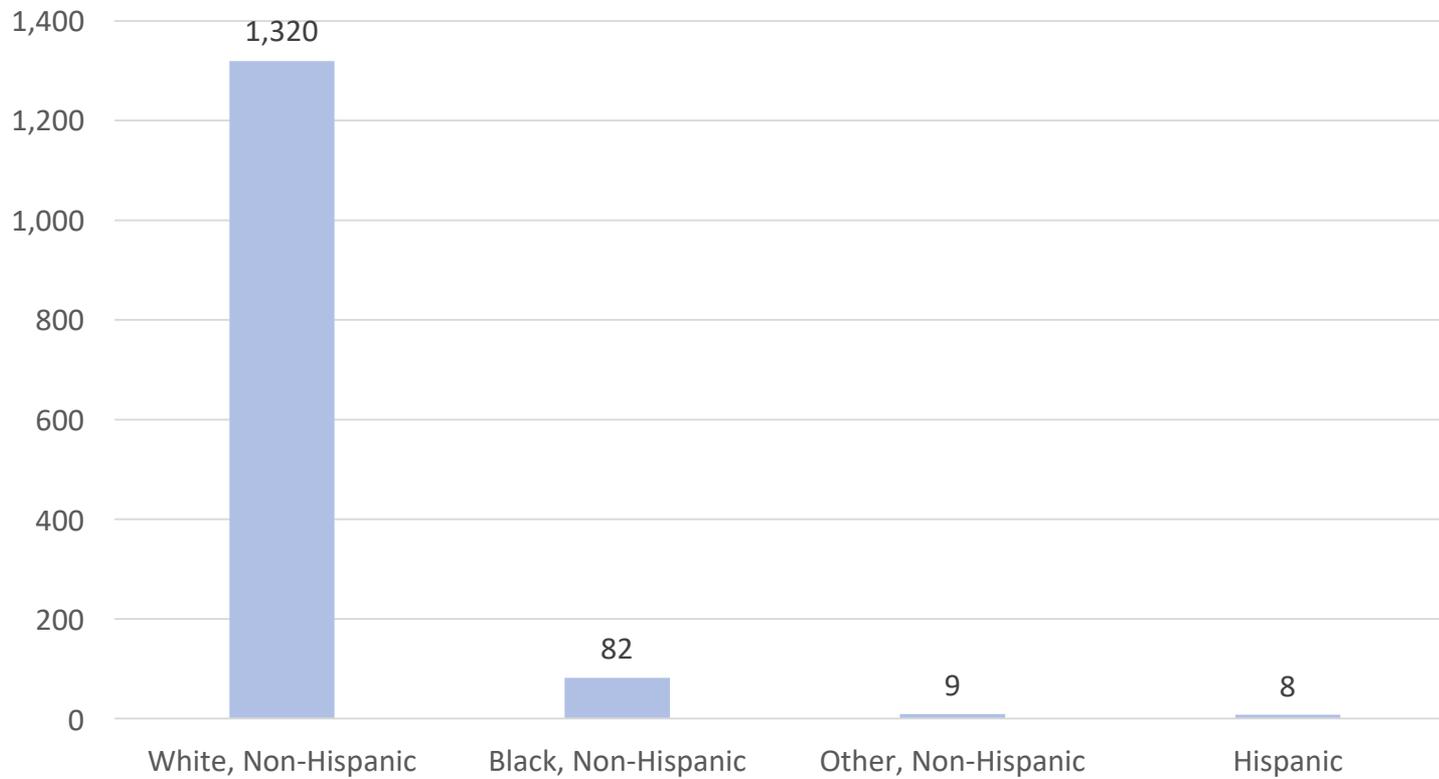


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# Race/Ethnicity Comparison

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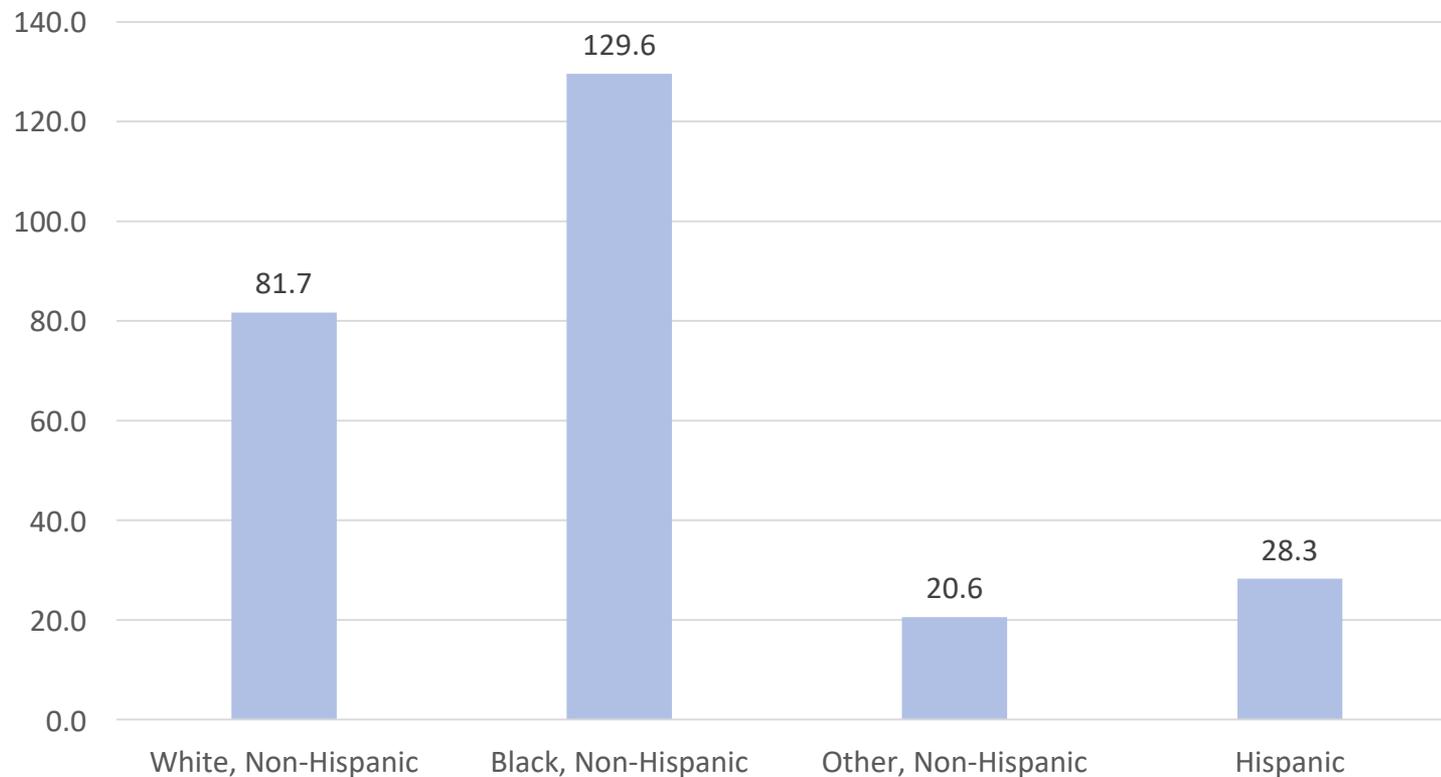


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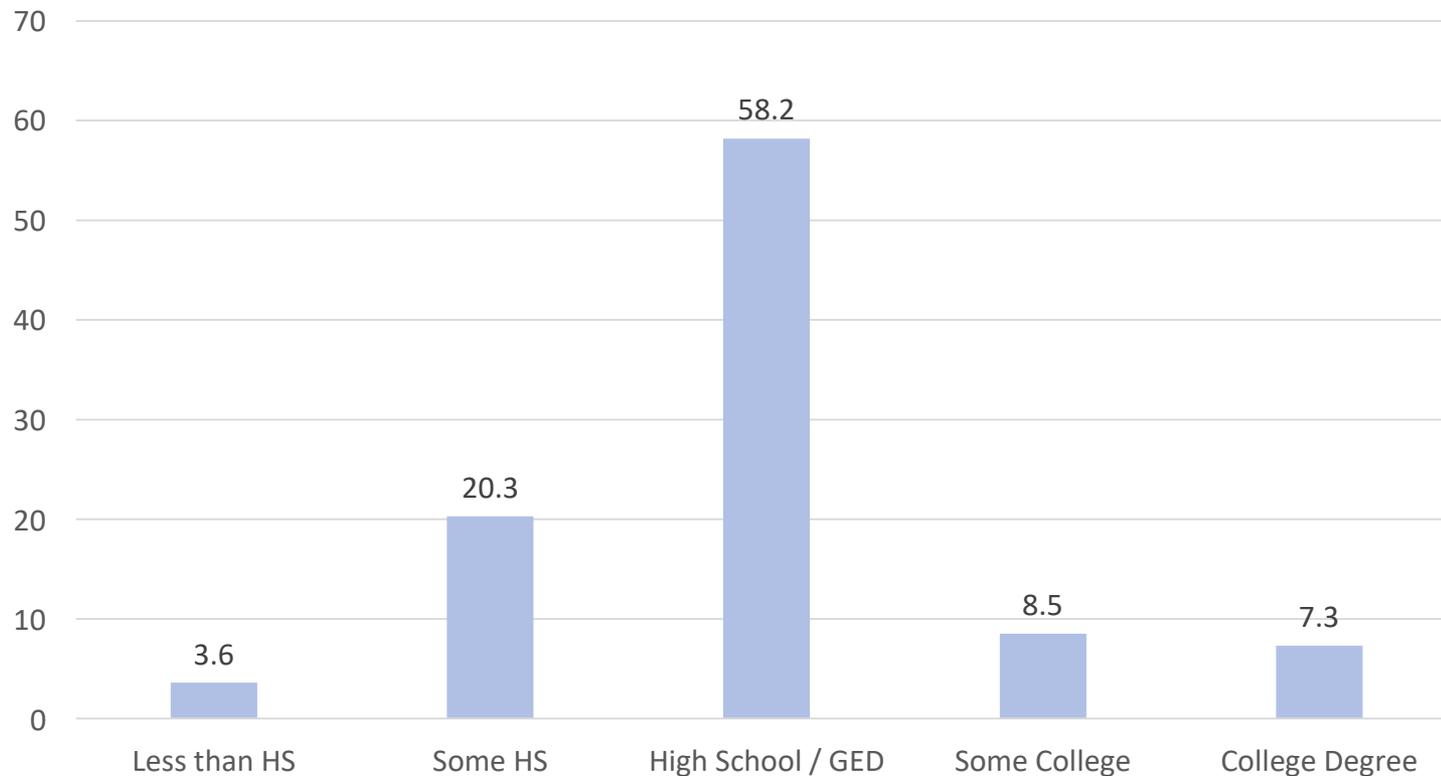


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# Educational Attainment Comparison

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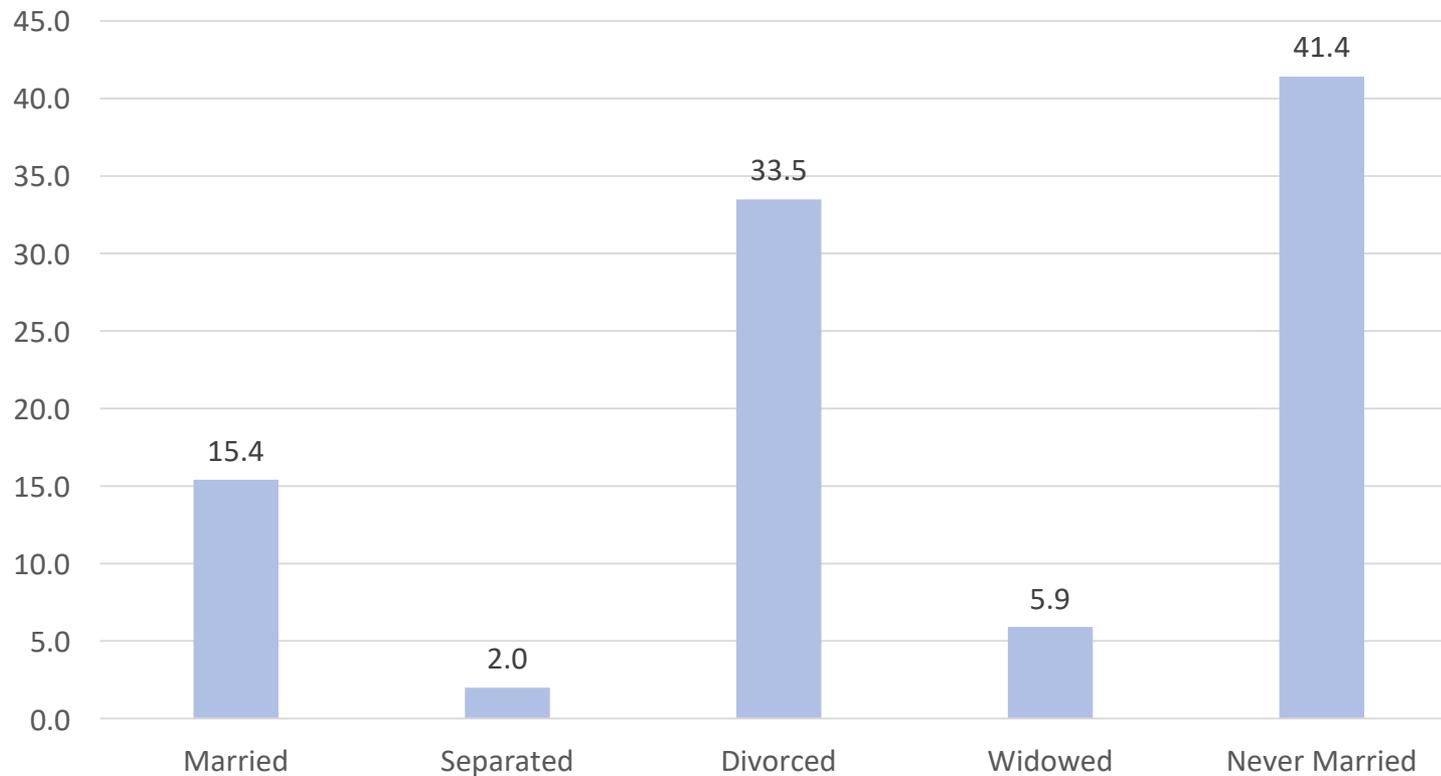


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# Marital Status Comparison

## West Virginia Resident Drug Overdose Deaths, 2021 *Percentage of Deaths by Marital Status*

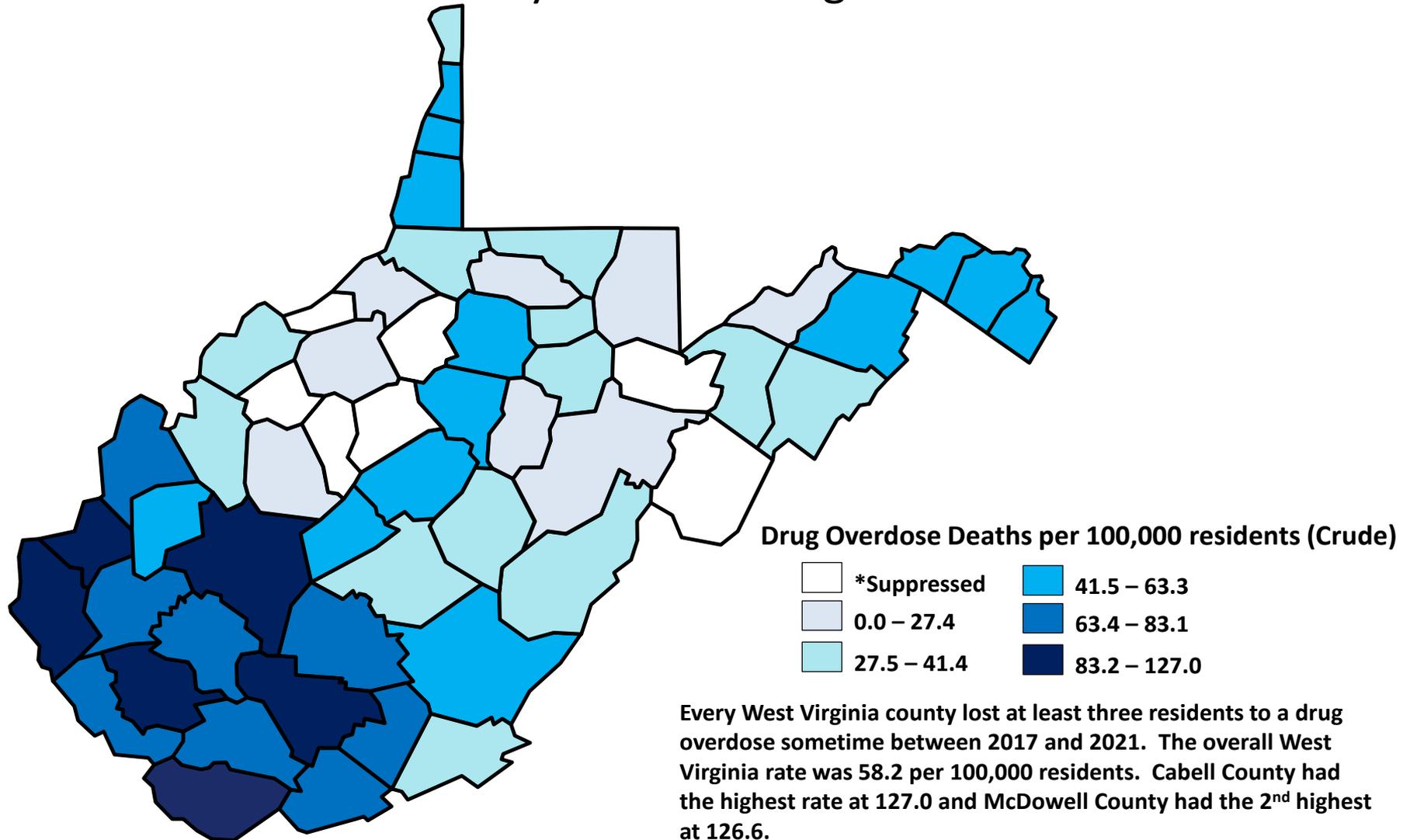


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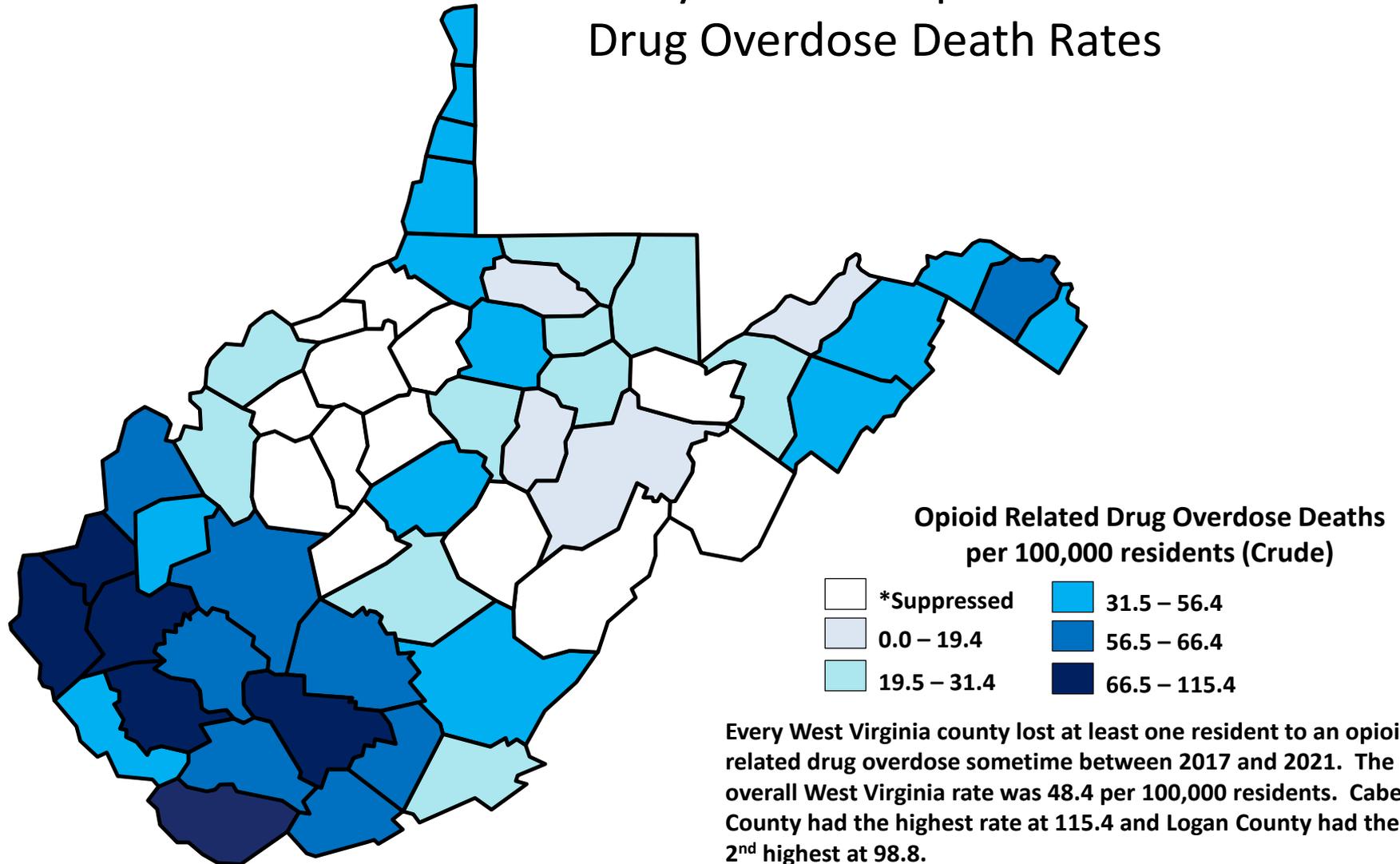
# Geographic Differences, All Drugs

## 2017-2021 WV County Resident Drug Overdose Death Rates



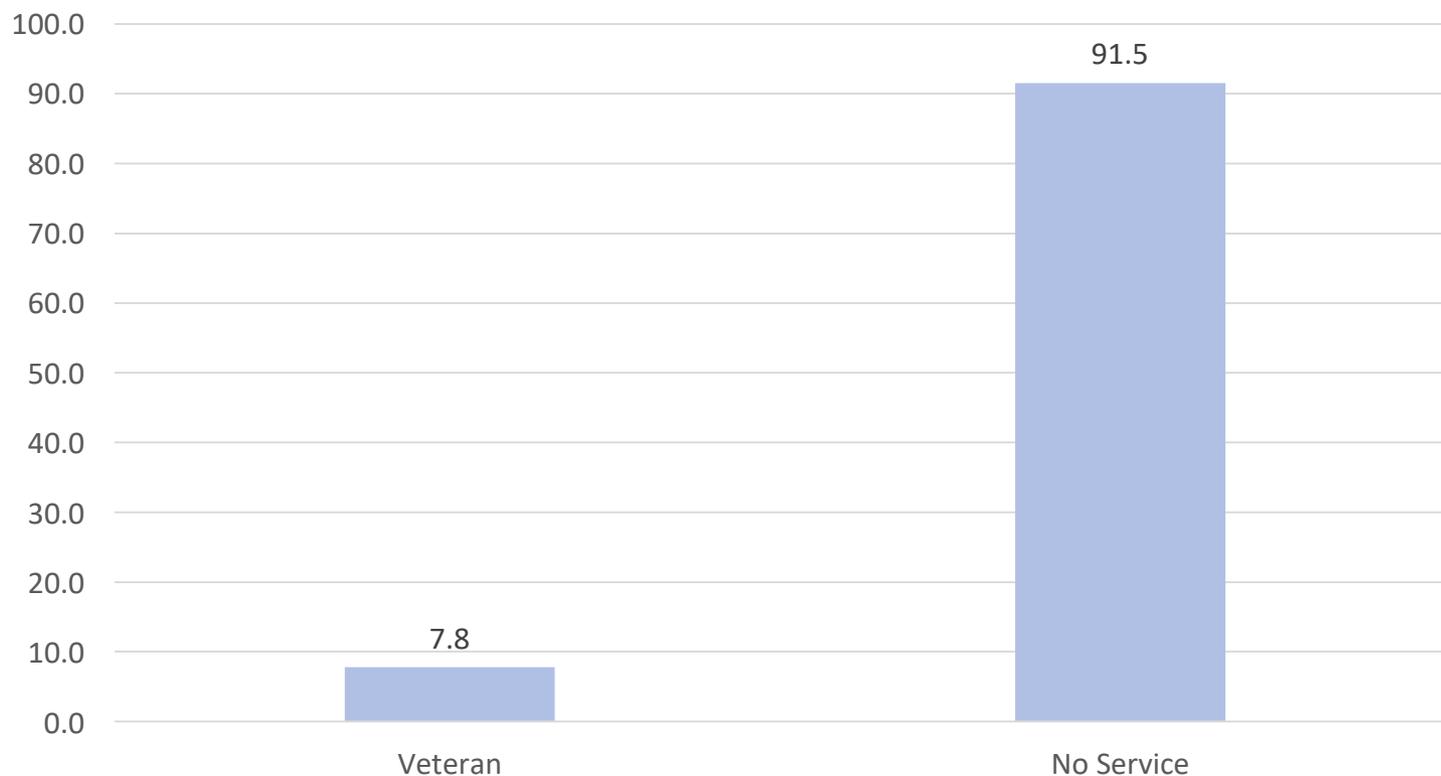
# Geographic Differences, Opioid-Related

## 2017-2021 WV County Resident Opioid-Related Drug Overdose Death Rates



# Veteran Status Comparison

## West Virginia Drug Overdose Deaths, 2021 *Resident Number of Deaths by Veteran Status*



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**What's Next?**

- Drug combinations
  - Average number
  - By sex, age
- New drug types
- West Virginia county rates
- Occupation/Industry
- Expand Veteran analysis
- Other significant conditions
- Deep dive into analysis of injury description

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