

Prevention and Health Promotion

All drug-related deaths

Drug overdose deaths are a leading cause of injury mortality in Oregon. Deaths have remained relatively unchanged in Oregon since 2006 (Figure 1), while deaths in the U.S. in general have increased. The U.S. rate increased from 11.5 deaths per 100,000 (age-adjusted rate) in 2006 to 21.7 in 2017. In Oregon, decreases in opioid-related deaths continue, while deaths due to drugs such as methamphetamine continue to increase.

FIGURE 1 Drug overdose deaths, Oregon and U.S. 25 Rate per 100,000 residents (age-adjusted) 21.7 20 U.S 15 12.9 12.4 10 11.5 Oregon 5 0 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 Source: CDC-Wonder

Drug overdose death rates vary by race and ethnicity (Figure 2). The highest rate of drug overdose deaths from 2013 to 2017 occurred among Non-Hispanic Whites (13.7 per 100,000), followed closely by American Indian/Alaska Natives. The lowest

rate of drug overdose deaths from 2013 to 2017 occurred among Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islanders (2.4 per 100,000).

FIGURE 2 Drug overdose deaths by race/ethnicity, Oregon, 2013-2017 16 Rate per 100,000 residents 14 13.7 13.6 12 (age-adjusted) 13.1 10 8 6 5.8 4 2 2.4 0 American Asian/ Black/ White, White, Indian/ Pacific African Hispanic NH Alaska Islander. American. Native, NH NH NH

Note: NH = Non-Hispanic. Counts and rates for non-White Hispanics have been suppressed due

to small numerators and unstable rates, or zero counts.

Source: CDC-Wonder

Additional Resources: Injury and Violence Prevention Program

About the Data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Data are from the CDC Wonder Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2017, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. The data include deaths of unintentional, suicide, homicide, or undetermined intent.

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