

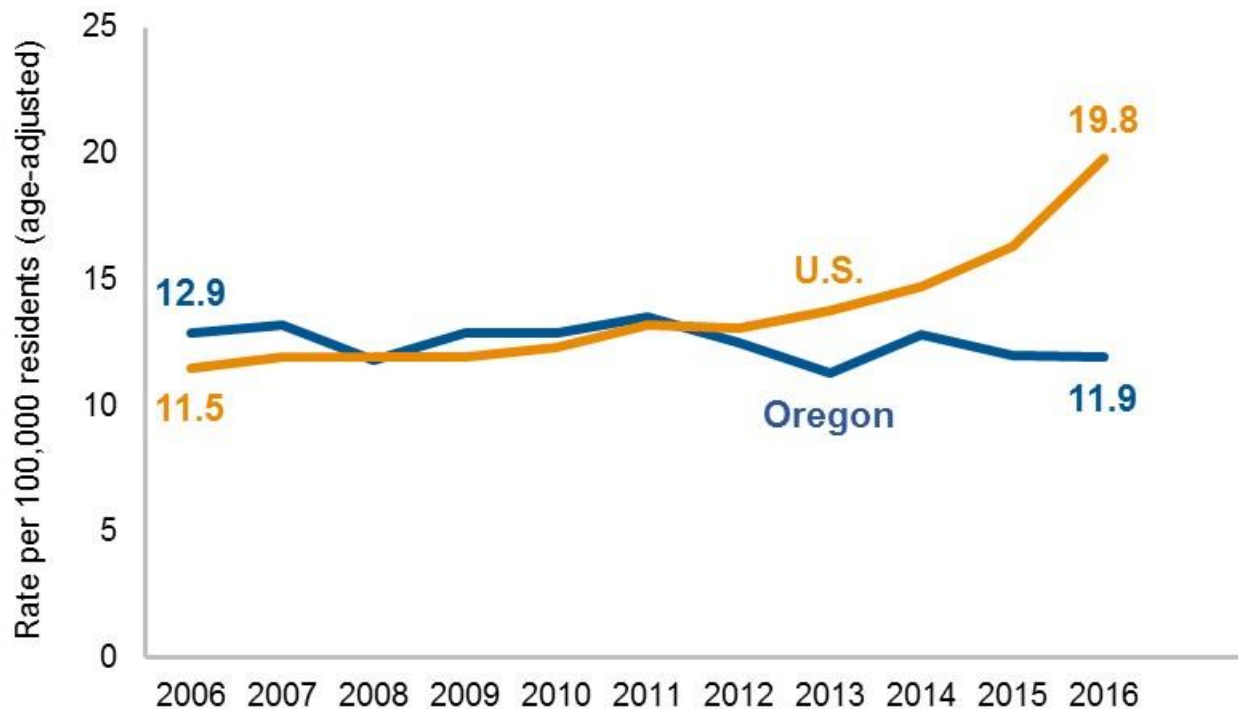
Prevention and Health Promotion

All drug-related deaths

Drug overdose deaths are a leading cause of injury mortality in Oregon. Deaths have decreased since 2006 in Oregon, from 12.9 deaths per 100,000 (age-adjusted rate) to 11.9 per 100,000 (age-adjusted rate) in 2016 (Figure 1). While deaths have decreased in Oregon, the U.S. in general has seen an increase in drug overdose deaths. The U.S. rate increased from 11.5 deaths per 100,000 (age-adjusted rate) in 2006 to 19.8 in 2016. Much of the decrease in Oregon can be attributed to decreases in opioid-related deaths, while deaths due to drugs such as methamphetamine continue to increase.

FIGURE 1

Drug overdose deaths, Oregon and U.S.



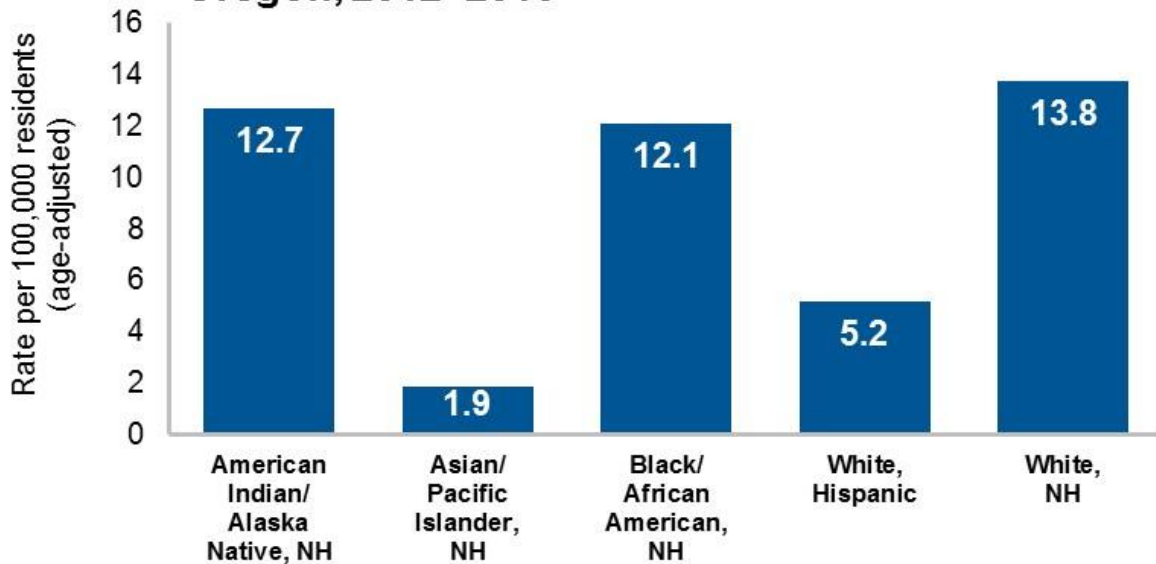
Source: CDC-Wonder

Drug overdose death rates vary by race and ethnicity (Figure 2). The highest rate of drug overdose deaths from 2012 to 2016 occurred among Non-Hispanic Whites

(13.8 per 100,000). The lowest rate of drug overdose deaths from 2012 to 2016 occurred among Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islanders (1.9 per 100,000).

FIGURE 2

Drug overdose deaths by race/ethnicity, Oregon, 2012–2016



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. Underlying Cause of Death 1999-2016 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released December, 2017. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2016, 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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