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Alaska Facts and Figures

Drug Overdose-related Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalizations, 2015

Number and rate by gender, race, age group, and region

		Emergency Department Visits			Inpatient Hospitalizations		
Gender	Cause	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate ¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate ¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)
Male	All drugs	489	13.2	13.2	303	8.2	8.2
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	36	1.0	1.0	33	0.8	0.9
	Heroin	66	1.7	1.8	21	0.6	0.6
Female	All drugs	639	18.7	18.5	440	13.2	12.8
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	49	1.4	1.4	31	1.0	0.9
	Heroin	25	0.7	0.7	12*	0.3*	0.3*

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Race	Cause	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate ¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate ¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)
White	All drugs	414	8.4	8.2	338	6.8	6.7
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	41	0.8	0.8	36	0.7	0.7
	Heroin	47	0.9	0.9	26	0.5	0.5
Alaska Native/ American Indian	All drugs	434	36.5	37.5	273	24.4	23.6
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	15*	1.3*	1.3*	18*	1.9*	1.6*
	Heroin	23	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
All Other	All drugs	106	10.7	11.1	64	7.1	6.7
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	10*	1.1*	1.0*	**	**	**
	Heroin	**	**	**	**	**	**

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Age Group	Cause	Number	Crude Rate (per 10,000)	Number	Crude Rate (per 10,000)
0-14	All drugs	155	10.1	45	2.9
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	**	**
	Heroin	0	-	0	-
15-24	All drugs	321	32.7	171	17.4
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	17*	1.7*	**	**
	Heroin	22	2.2	8*	0.8*
25-34	All drugs	246	22.0	140	12.5
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	15*	1.3*	9*	0.8*
	Heroin	42	3.8	16*	1.4*
35-44	All drugs	155	17.3	133	14.9
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	17*	1.9*	8*	0.9*
	Heroin	13*	1.5*	0	-
45-54	All drugs	112	11.8	113	11.9
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	12*	1.3*	9*	0.9*
	Heroin	9*	0.9*	0	-
55-64	All drugs	85	8.9	86	9.0

	Opioids (excluding heroin)	12*	1.3*	16*	1.7*		
	Heroin	**	**	0	-		
65+	All drugs	54	7.5	50	6.9		
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	13*	1.8*		
	Heroin	0	0.0	0	0.0		
		Emergency Department Visits			Inpatient Hospitalizations		
Region	Cause	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)	Number	Age-Adjusted Rate¹ (per 10,000)	Crude Rate (per 10,000)
Anchorage	All drugs	544	18.0	18.2	330	11.3	11.0
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	43	1.5	1.4	29	1.0	1.0
	Heroin	51	1.5	1.7	18*	0.6*	0.6*
Gulf Coast	All drugs	100	12.9	12.3	76	9.4	9.4
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	10*	1.6*	1.2*	**	**	**
	Heroin	**	**	**	**	**	**
Interior	All drugs	107	9.4	9.5	114	9.9	10.1
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	**	0	-	-
	Heroin	7*	0.6*	0.6*	**	**	**
Matanuska-Susitna	All drugs	143	14.8	14.3	86	8.6	8.6
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	18*	1.8*	1.8*	9*	0.8*	0.9*
	Heroin	18*	1.9*	1.8*	**	**	**
Northern	All drugs	53	27.1	26.6	38	19.8	19.1
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	**	**	**	**
	Heroin	0	-	-	0	-	-
Southeast	All drugs	47	8.6	7.8	37	6.6	6.1
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	**	**	**	**
	Heroin	7*	1.2	1.2	**	**	**
Southwest	All drugs	134	29.2	31.6	62	13.5	14.6
	Opioids (excluding heroin)	**	**	**	0	-	-
	Heroin	**	**	**	**	**	**

1. Age-adjusted rates per 10,000 U.S. 2000 standard population.

* Rates based on fewer than 20 occurrences are statistically unreliable and should be used with caution.

** Rates based on fewer than 6 occurrences are not reported.

Includes discharges for all patients and hospitals, except PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center, Maniilaq Association, and both military hospitals. Rates calculated using adjusted populations.

"All drugs" includes diagnosis codes T36X-T50X (1A-4A and 1D-4D); 960-979, or first external cause of injury E850-E858, E950.0-E950.5, E962.0, E980.0-E980.5

"Opioids (excluding heroin)" includes diagnosis codes T40.0, T40.2-T40.4 (1A-4A and 1D-4D); 965.00, 965.02, 965.09, or first external cause of injury E980.1, E850.2

"Heroin" includes diagnosis codes T40.1 (1A-4A and 1D-4D); 965.01, or first external cause of injury E850.0

Source: Health Analytics and Vital Records. Health Facilities Data Reporting Program, Alaska Inpatient Database and Alaska Outpatient Database

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