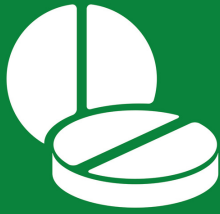


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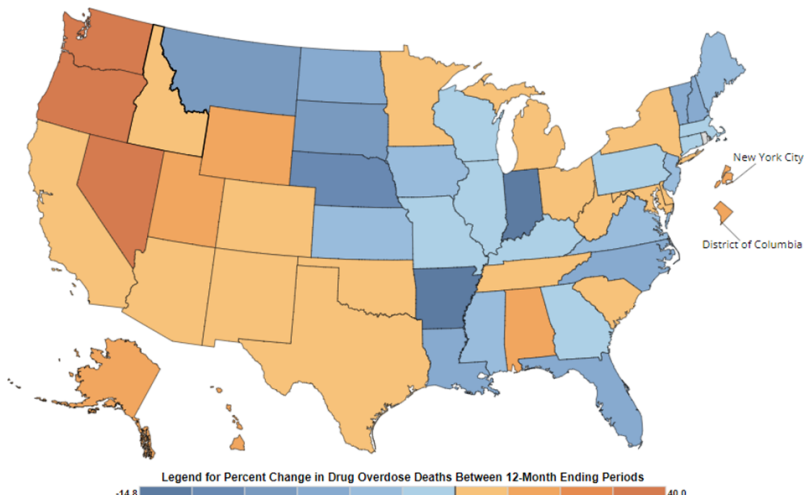
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FENTANYL TURNS OPIOID ADDICTION INTO CRISIS

Overdose deaths skyrocket nationally and in Washington state

WASHINGTON LEADS THE NATION IN OVERDOSE DEATHS



WHY IS FENTANYL SO DEADLY ?

- Over the last decade, fentanyl has largely driven heroin and pharmaceutical opioids from the marketplace.
- Fentanyl dosage strengths vary widely, up to 50 times stronger than heroin, 100 times stronger than heroin.
- Most pills purchased on the street contain fentanyl, no matter what dealers call them.
- Cost is as little as \$1 a pill.
- A high can last as little as 20 minutes – users must consume pills in quantity to avoid withdrawal.
- Nearly seven of ten fentanyl-laced pills tested by DEA contain a potentially lethal dose.

During the 12 months ending in August 2023, Washington saw a 40 percent increase in deaths due to drug overdoses, the vast majority of them the result of fentanyl. The increase was largest in the nation.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?

Pill presses make it easy to counterfeit brand-name pharmaceuticals



Source: Drug Enforcement Administration

7 out of 10 DEA tested pills with fentanyl are potentially **DEADLY**

ONE PILL CAN KILL



Source: Drug Enforcement Administration

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to

50x

Stronger than Heroin

100x

Stronger than Morphine

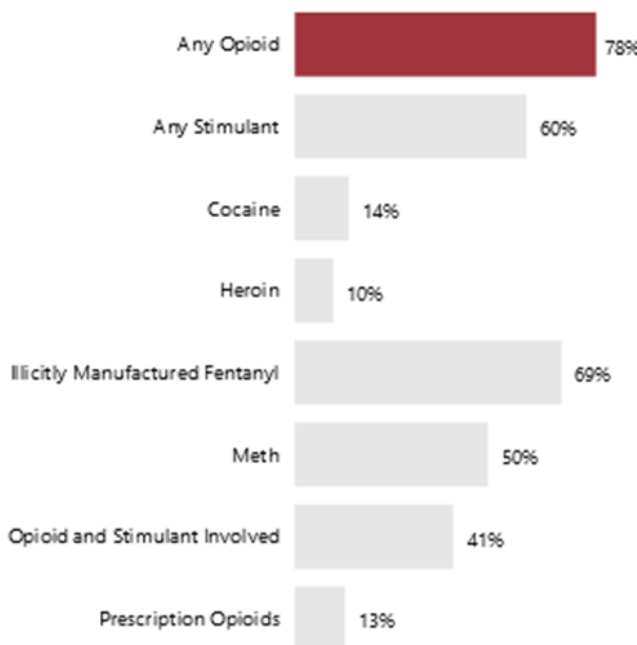
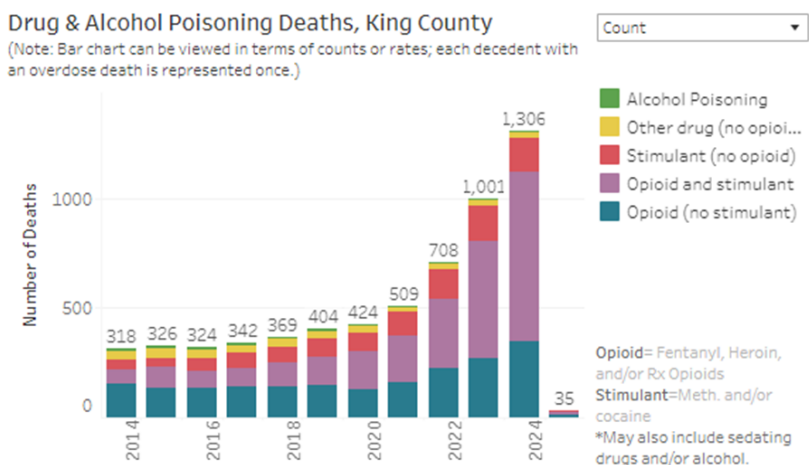
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FENTANYL A COME-FROM-NOWHERE KILLER

Fentanyl a leading cause of opioid deaths in Washinton

This chart from the King County Medical Examiner’s office shows the rapid growth in overdose deaths over the last decade – a fourfold increase since 2014. Of the 1,306 deaths in 2023, 1,071 involved fentanyl.

Drug Specific Overdose Deaths as Percent of All Overdose Deaths in 2022

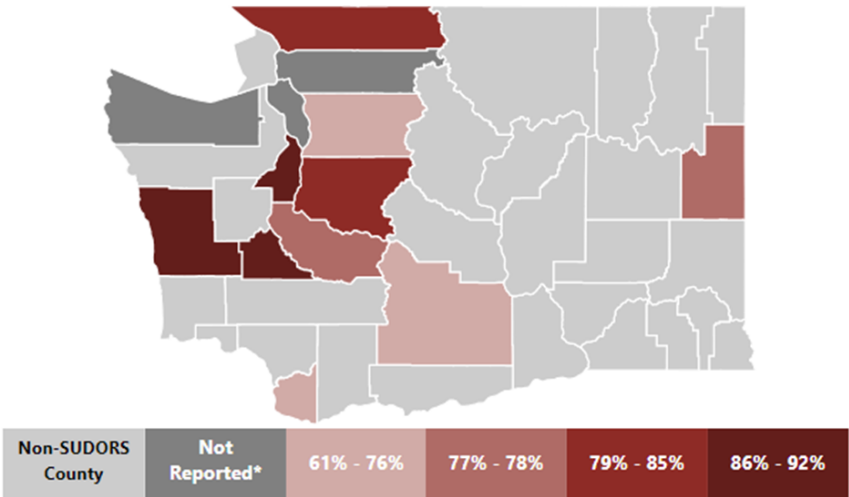


Source: King County Medical Examiner’s Office

OPIOIDS A LEADING CAUSE OF OPIOID DEATHS IN WASHINGTON

2,700 Deaths from Drug Overdoses in 2022

- Opioids were involved in 78 percent of overdose deaths statewide in 2022.
- 69 percent of overdose deaths were from fentanyl.





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