Synthetic Opioid-related Overdose Deaths among West Virginia Residents

1,486

Synthetic opioid-related overdose deaths among WV residents from 2013-2017

In 2017, synthetic opioids were involved in:

74% of opioid-related overdose deaths

63% of all drug overdose deaths

632 fatal synthetic opioid-related overdoses occurred in 2017, 552% more than in 2013.

51.2% increase in synthetic opioid-related deaths from 2016 (418 deaths) to 2017 (632 deaths).

Most synthetic opioid overdose deaths occur among those aged 25-44.

34.8 fatal synthetic opioid deaths per 100,000 residents in West Virginia in 2017

The share of fatal synthetic opioid-related overdoses among males has increased.

Notes: Opioids,OTM ("other than methadone") include drugs such as morphine, oxycodone, and hydrocodone. Synthetic opioid-related overdose deaths are identified by the multiple cause code 140.4 and includes synthetic opioid analogues, like fentanyl and its analogues. Drug overdose deaths are identified using cause-of-death codes X40-44, X60-64, X85, and Y10-14. Deaths per 100,000 are crude rates calculated using NHIS bridged race population estimates. Data from 2017 is preliminary and subject to change.

Resources
- WV Health Statistics Center: 304-558-2331 or www.wvdhhr.org/bph/hsc
- For help with an addiction or mental health issue contact: 1-844-HELP-4W

Source
- WV Health Statistics Center, Vital Statistics System

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