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Drug Deaths by Year

2011	201
2012	163
2013	198
2014	342
2015	444
2016	486
2017	490
2018	471
2019	415
2020	417

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2020 Drug Death Data

1/1/2020-12/31/2020

Fentanyl (no other drugs)	165
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	154
Heroin (no other drugs)	0
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	0
Heroin and Fentanyl	3
Other Opiates/Opioids	33
Unknown Opioids	2
Total	357
Other drugs	60
Unknown drugs	0
Total Confirmed Drug Deaths	417
Pending Toxicology	0

2021 Drug Death Data

1/1/2021-8/12/2021

Fentanyl (no other drugs)	68
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	44
Heroin (no other drugs)	1
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	0
Heroin and Fentanyl	2
Other Opiates/Opioids	8
Unknown Opioids	0
Total	123
Other drugs	20
Unknown drugs	3
Total Confirmed Drug Deaths	146
Pending Toxicology	118*

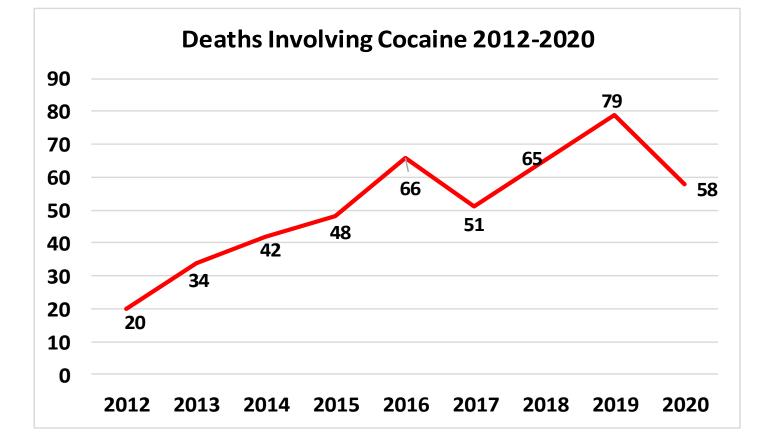
*PENDING TOXICOLOGY means that the death may be due to drug intoxication based on circumstances, scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but the final determination also depends on the results of toxicology testing. It can take up to 2 to 3 months to finalize the death certificate following a suspected drug intoxication death. This delay reflects the time required for specimen processing, toxicology testing and reporting and interpretation of the report by the pathologist.



Year	Total Deaths Involving Cocaine	Solely Cocaine	Cocaine and Opioid(s)	Cocaine and other drug(s) (non-opioids)	
2021	14	6	6	2	
2020	58	8	48	2	
2019	79	5	73	1	
2018	65	5	57	3	
2017	51	5	44	2	
2016	66	14	50	2	
2015	48	5	43	0	
2014	42	5	35	2	
2013	34	1	24	9	1
2012	20	4	14	2	

2021 numbers are confirmed deaths involving cocaine from 1/1/2021 to 8/12/2021.

In 2020, of the 48 deaths in the 'cocaine and opioid(s)' category, 45 involved fentanyl. Six of the 58 cocaine deaths involved methamphetamine.



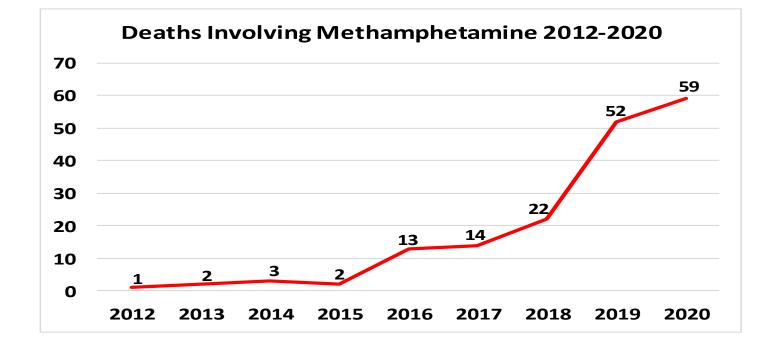


METHAMPHETAMINE

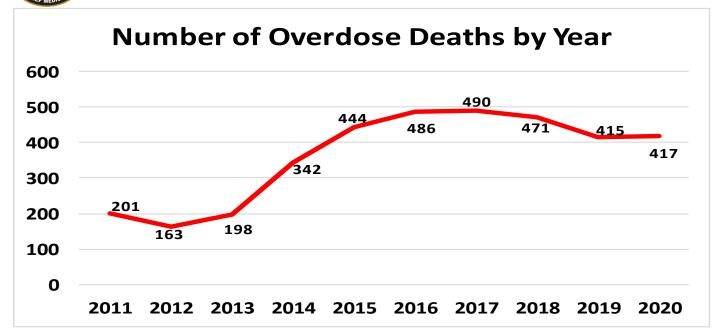
Year	Total Deaths Involving Meth	Solely Meth	Meth and Opioid(s)	Meth and other drug(s) (non-opioids)			
2021	19	4	14	1	2021 numbe deaths involvi mine from 1/1/		
2020	59	11	44	4			
2019	52	6	46	0	In 2020, of the		
2018	22	4	17	1	'meth and opio involved fenta methamphetam		
2017	14	2	11	1			
2016	13	4	8	1	со		
2015	2	1	1	0			
2014	3	0	3	0			
2013	2	1	1	0			
2012	1	0	1	0			

2021 numbers are confirmed deaths involving methamphetanine from 1/1/2021 to 8/12/2021.

In 2020, of the 44 deaths in the 'meth and opioid(s)' category, 42 involved fentanyl. Six of the 59 nethamphetamine deaths involved cocaine.

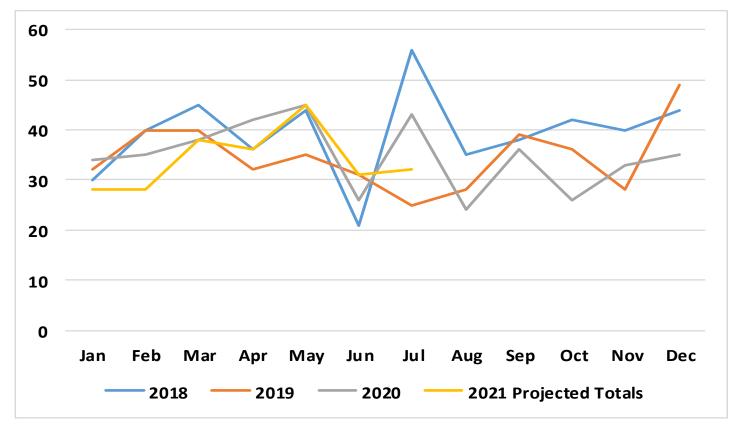






The chart above shows the number of confirmed drug deaths from 2011 through 2020.

The chart below shows the number of confirmed drug deaths from January through December for 2018, 2019 and 2020 and the number of confirmed drug deaths plus those that are pending toxicology in 2021 through July 31, 2021.



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