

2020 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths Annual Report

Key Findings:

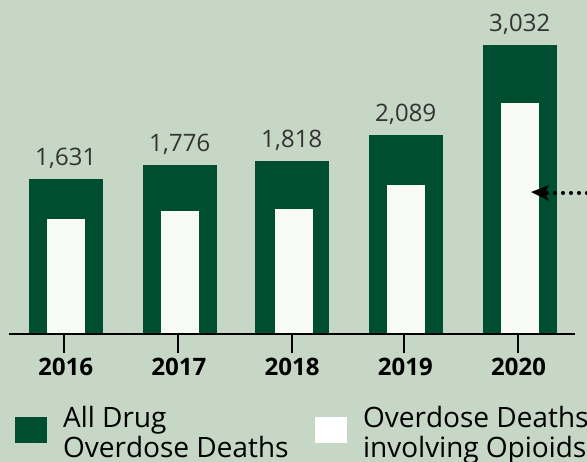
- ▶ In 2020, 3,032 Tennesseans died of a drug overdose. This represents a 45% increase from 2019.
- ▶ For the second year in a row, overdose deaths involving Black Tennesseans increased dramatically.
- ▶ In 2020, fentanyl was present in two out of three overdose deaths in Tennessee.



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Fatal drug overdose increased 45% from 2019 to 2020 in Tennessee.

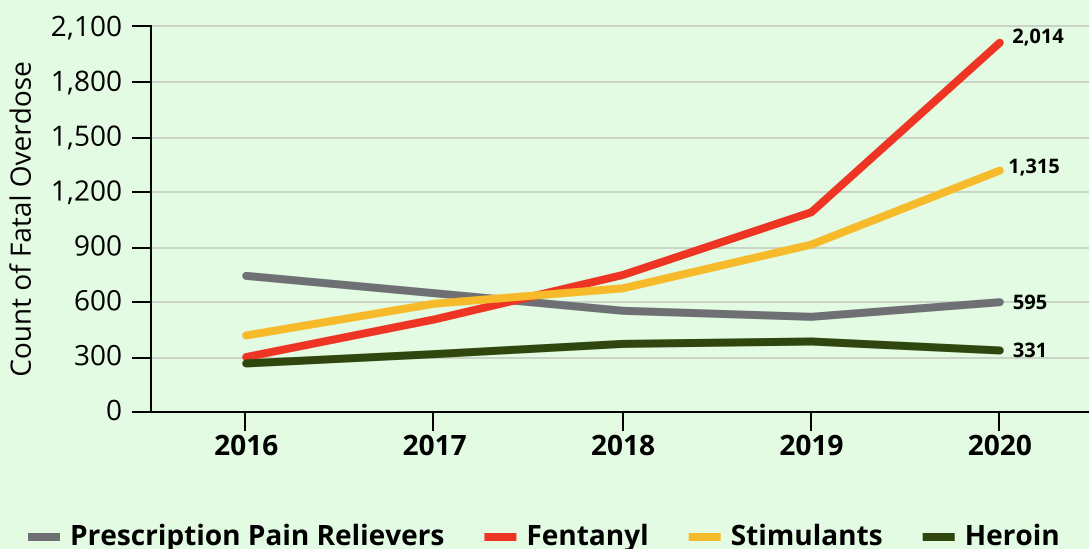
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Tennesseans died from drug overdose in 2020



In 2020, 79% of fatal overdoses in TN involved an opioid.

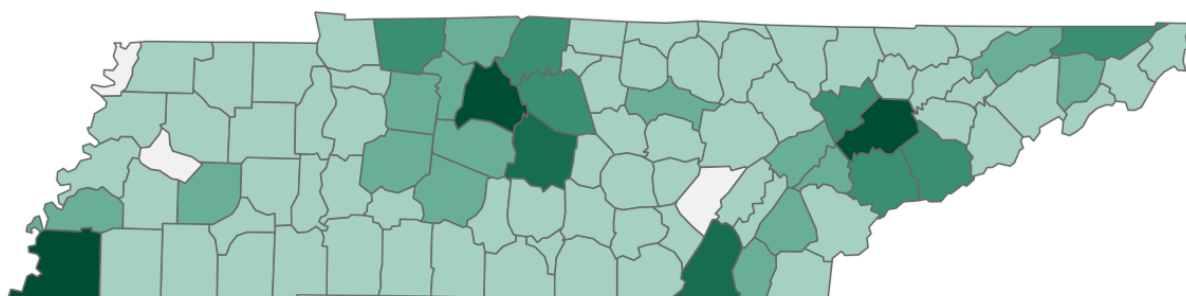
Commonly found opioids include fentanyl, pain relievers, and heroin.

Fatal overdoses increased in nearly every drug category from 2019 - 2020.

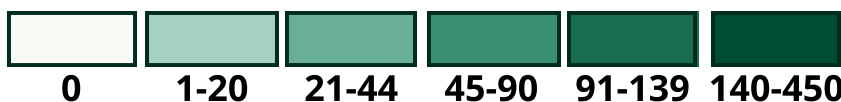


- ▶ Overdoses involving fentanyl nearly doubled from 2019.
- ▶ Deaths involving stimulants such as cocaine and methamphetamine continued to rise.
- ▶ After several years of increase, overdose deaths involving heroin declined in 2020.

Fatal Overdose Counts by County in TN, 2020 (All Drug)



Number of Deaths



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