

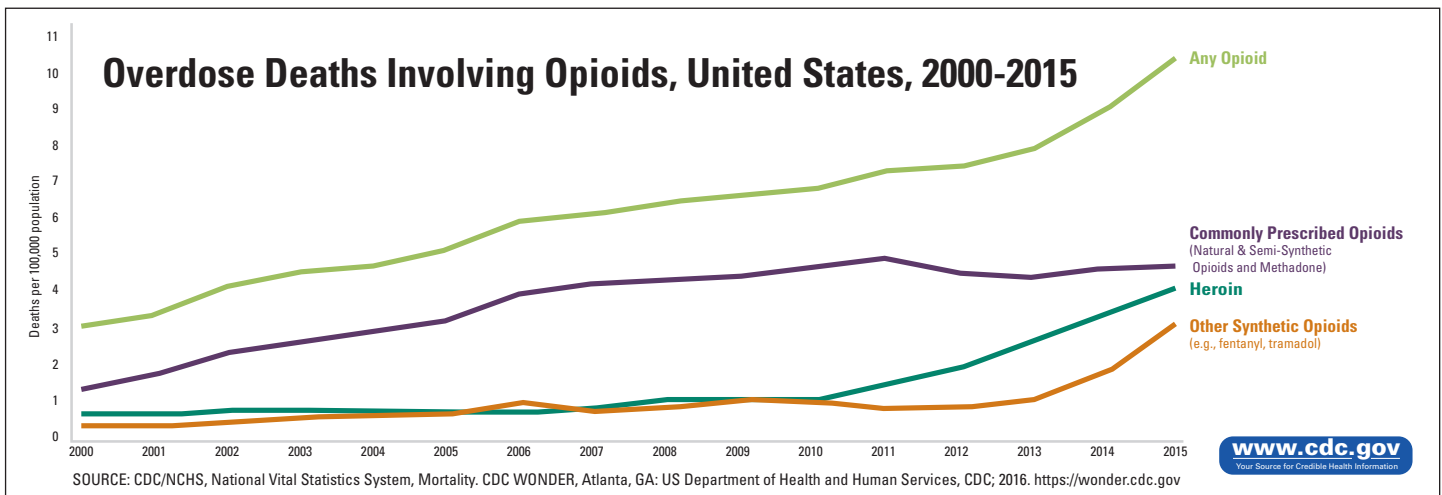
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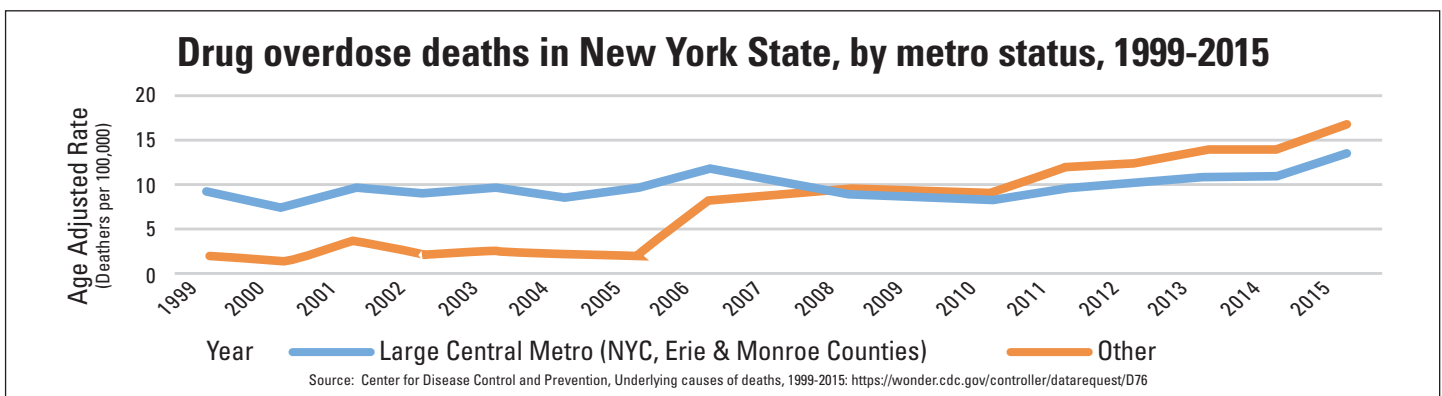
Opioids in our Communities: Drug Overdose Deaths in New York State

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Drug overdose deaths have risen steadily in recent years, becoming the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 60% of overdose deaths involve the use of opioids¹.



In New York State (NYS), drug overdose deaths increased by 20% between 2014 and 2015², but declined again between 2015 and 2016³. While drug use and drug overdoses have long been viewed as primarily an urban issue, drug overdose death rates in large central metropolitan areas were surpassed in 2008 by rates in less densely populated areas. Opioid and other drug use has been linked to several factors, including social, cultural, and economic stressors.



For recent County-Level data on opioid hospitalizations, outpatient emergency department visits, and deaths, visit: https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid/data/pdf/nys_jul17.pdf

¹<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/index.html> • ²<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/statedeaths.html> • ³https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid/data/pdf/nys_jul17.pdf

Additional Resources: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/06/05/upshot/opioid-epidemic-drug-overdose-deaths-are-rising-faster-than-ever.html> • <http://aese.psu.edu/directory/smm67/Election16.pdf>



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