

# Emerging Issues and Advances In Addiction Medicine

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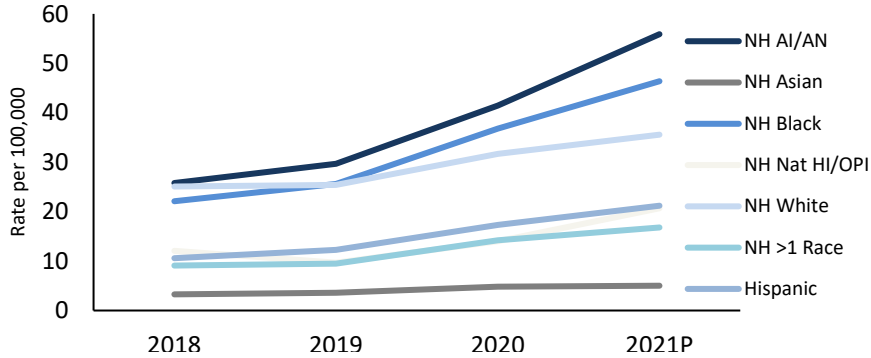
# HHS Overdose Prevention Strategy



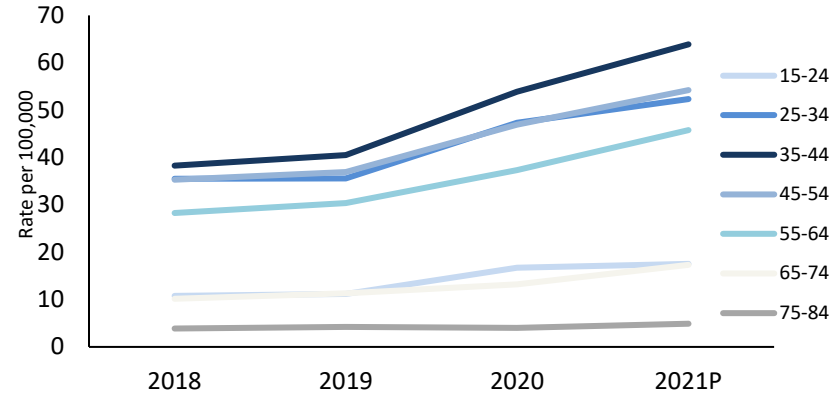
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# Drug Overdose Deaths, Race/Ethnicity & Age, 2018-2021

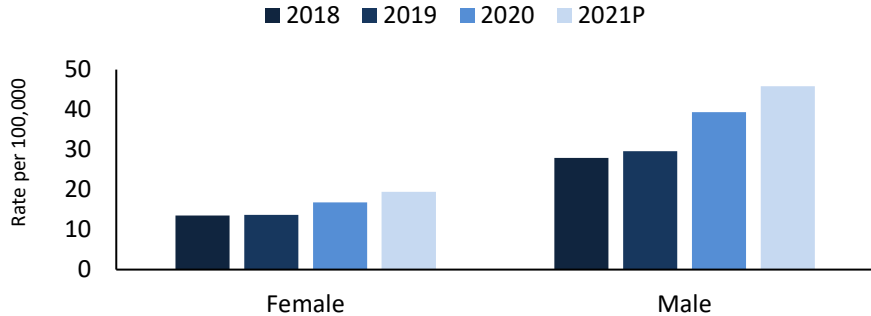
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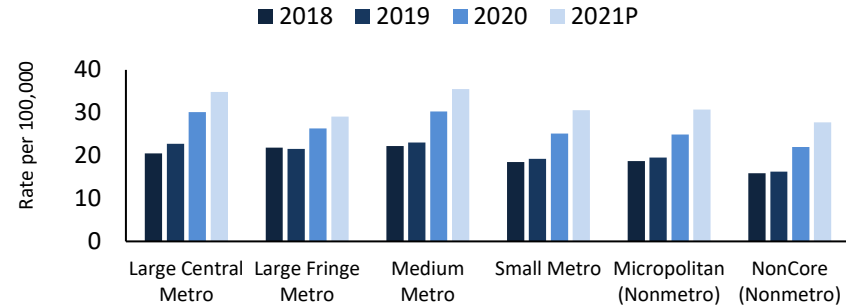
### Overdose Deaths by Age Group



### Overdose Deaths by Gender



### Overdose Deaths by Urbanization



# Health Disparities

- In 2020, only about **1 in every 10** AI/AN and Hispanic people had reportedly received substance use treatment; evidence of treatment was even lower for Black people (**1 in every 12**). *(CDC, 2022)*
- A 2017 study found that Black and Hispanic youth were **less likely** to receive treatment with buprenorphine or naltrexone than were non-Hispanic white youth. *(JAMA 2017)*
- A study found that providers of opioid agonist treatment in four Appalachian states often **would not treat** pregnant women. *(Substance Abuse, 2018)*

# Increasing Access for Diverse Populations

- SAMHSA has over a dozen programs and initiatives to increase access to behavioral health **services** and strengthen the behavioral health **workforce** to reach **diverse populations and communities**
  - Minority Aids Initiative
  - Criminal justice grants
  - MOUD expansion initiative with Bureau of Prisons
- Focused grants work with specific communities to advance culturally appropriate and locally responsive care

# The Value of Harm Reduction

- Harm reduction supports people, helping prevent injury, infectious disease transmission, and death.
- Harm reduction meets people where they are and helps them move forward.
- Harm reduction supports multiple pathways to recovery.
- Harm reduction addresses social determinants of health and focuses on increasing protective factors.

# SAMHSA's First Dedicated Harm Reduction Grant

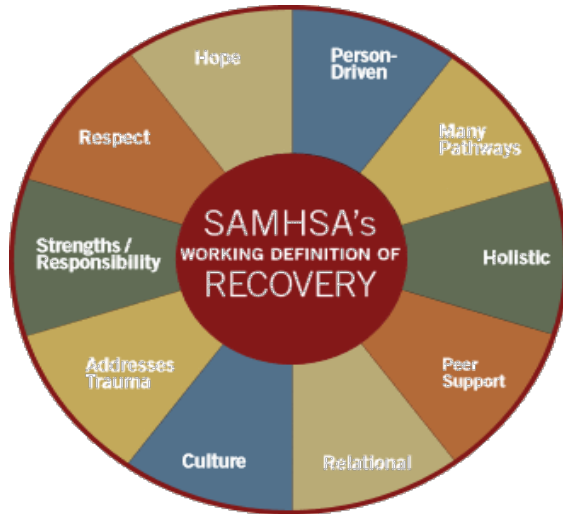
SAMHSA awarded 25 grants for a total of \$30 million in summer 2022



Provision of evidence-based services, including but not limited to:

Sterile syringes	Peer worker engagement	Case management
Safer sex kits	Sharps disposal	Wound care supplies
Overdose prevention kits including naloxone	Overdose & prevention education	Infectious disease screening & testing
Fentanyl test strips	Vaccination services	Referral to treatment

# The Goal – 4 SAMHSA Dimensions of Recovery



SAMHSA's working definition of recovery defines recovery as a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.

The Four Major Dimensions of Recovery:

- Health
- Home
- Purpose
- Community



*Thank You!*

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