

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council  
Public Meeting



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August 24, 2023  
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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**August 24, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Conference Room 301, Tallahassee, FL 32399

### AGENDA

Time	Item	Topic	Topic Facilitator/Presenter
8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	1	Welcome/Opening Remarks	Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health
8:35 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	2	Introduction of New Council Members	Staff Liaison
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	3	Approval of April 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes	DPAC Members
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	4	Drug Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners 2022 Interim Report	Brett Kirkland, PhD Chief of Policy and Special Programs Medical Examiners Commission Florida Department of Law Enforcement
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	5	Fentanyl Fathers	Bob Minotti Fentanyl Fathers Co-Founder and Director of Florida Program Development
10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Break		
10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	6	Review and Updates of Recommendations 9-16	DPAC Members
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	7	Agency and Member Updates	DPAC Members
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	8	Public Comment	Public
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	9	Next Steps/Future Meeting Date/Motion to Adjourn	Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health

# Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams:  
<http://floridahealth.gov/DPACMeeting>  
Or call in (audio only): (850) 792-1375  
Phone Conference ID: 386 035 132#

## Welcome/Introductions

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, opened the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting. Dr. Ladapo thanked all members of DPAC, designated appointees, and other participants for their continued partnership in this critical work. Dr. Ladapo asked that Melissa Jordan, MS, MPH, Staff Liaison Designee, proceed with roll call.

## The following members or designees were in attendance:

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General  
Maggie Agerton for Ricky Dixon (Department of Corrections)  
Melanie Brown-Woofter for Mark P. Fontaine (Governor Appointee: Substance Abuse Treatment, Florida Behavioral Health Association)  
Jeffrey Cece, MS, CPM, for Shevaun Harris (Department of Children and Families)  
Aaron Gerson for Judge Steve Leifman (11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida)  
Dorothy Groover-Skipper (Governor Appointee, Faith-Based Substance Abuse Treatment, HeartDance Foundation, Inc.)  
Christina Harris for Ashley Moody (Office of the Attorney General)  
Timothy Hay for Manny Diaz, Jr. (Department of Education)  
Captain Jordan Jerris for Major General James Eifert (Department of Military Affairs)  
John McClellan for Mark Glass (Department of Law Enforcement)  
Vence Monlyn for Kimberly Spence (Governor Appointee: Drug Enforcement, Keaton Corrections, Inc.)  
Captain Derrick Rahming for Dave Kerner (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)  
Tracy Shelby for Eric Hall, Ed.D. (Department of Juvenile Justice)  
Doug Simon for Chris Spencer (Governor's Office of Policy and Budget)  
Eddie Stokes for Representative Spencer Roach (Florida House of Representatives)  
Roaya Tyson (Governor Appointee, Drug Enforcement and Substance Abuse Programs and Services, Gracepoint)

## Guests and Staff:

Kerri Bryan (Department of Health)  
Shay Chapman, BSN, MBA (Department of Health)  
Stephan Cooley (Department of Children and Families)  
Maggie Dilger, Member of the Public  
Chris DuClos, MS, GISP, CPM (Department of Health)  
Christina During, MPH (Department of Health)  
Jesseka Forbes, PharmD (Agency for Health Care Administration)  
Kelly Gergen (Department of Children and Families)  
Gayle Giese (Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition)  
Jennifer Johnson (Florida Behavioral Health Association)  
Melissa Jordan, MS, MPH, Staff Liaison (Department of Health)  
Megan Koufogazos (Orlando Health)

Michelle Mangum (Shatterproof | ATLAS)  
Ramon Maury (Informed Families)  
Amy McClellan (Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition)  
Amanda Regis (Department of Children and Families)  
Daniella Rice (Department of Children and Families)  
Daniel Rocha, MPH (Department of Health)  
Kevin Roy (Shatterproof)  
Kenneth Scheppke, MD, FAEMS (Department of Health)  
Anna Simmons (Department of Health)  
Ellen Snelling (HeartDance Foundation, Inc.)  
Lori Stalker (Indivior)  
Amy Vanness (Department of Corrections)  
Stuart Waldo (Department of Health)  
Jennifer Williams (Department of Children and Families)  
Nikki Wotherspoon (Department of Children and Families)

### **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Ladapo provided an overview of the meeting agenda and the presentations to follow.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Dr. Ladapo reflected on awareness endeavors held earlier in the month with collaboration of statewide agency partners, including Pinwheels for Prevention. Increased partner collaboration and the continued work of DPAC addresses the cycle and the whole family to prevent substance use disorder (SUD) and overdose deaths. By addressing mental health, stigma, and SUD as a multifaceted, cross agency approach, Florida will continue to support the sustained recovery in individuals.

### **Business**

#### **1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2023:**

A motion was entered to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried, all in favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

#### **2. Presentations:**

##### **a. Legislative and Policy Update** – Doug Simon, Director of the Office of Drug Control, Office of Policy and Budget, State of Florida

Doug Simon presented an update on recent legislation related to controlled substances, mental health, and SUD. Mr. Simon reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 1226 and House Bill (HB) 1359 which address the need for increased penalties for selling fentanyl, SB280 and HB365 which address increasing penalties to felony charge of murder for trafficking fentanyl, SB736 and HB1135 which is a priority of the Attorney General's to add nitazene and derivatives to the Controlled Substances Act, SB164 and HB165 which would remove fentanyl test strips from drug paraphernalia penalties, and SB1676 and HB1475 which address Delta-8 synthetic drugs being sold in convenience stores and smoke shops.

Additionally, Mr. Simon noted the opioid settlement funding allocation is before the legislature, and the Office of Policy and Budget continues to collaborate with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop processes and procedures for expending funds.

##### **b. Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Florida** – Nikki Wotherspoon, Supervisor of Special Projects and Research, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Children and Families; Gayle Giese, President, Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition

Nikki Wotherspoon presented on the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that was created by the Federal Communications Commission in July of 2020 and formally passed by Congress in October of 2020. 988 is

an easy to remember, three-digit number that offers 24-hour access to trained crisis counselors to assist individuals experiencing emotional distress, suicidal thoughts and feelings, or substance use crises. DCF is the statutory single state authority on substance abuse and mental health in Florida and oversees the Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, including developing policies and protocols.

DCF established four main goals for state fiscal year 2022-2023: 1) recruit and retain staff, 2) monitor Florida's 13 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline centers to improve statewide implementation range and depth, 3) identify quality assurance strategies, and 4) propose a glide path for callers into 988 to dispatch mobile response teams. Ms. Wotherspoon updated that, from July 2022 to December 2022, 65,666 calls were routed in Florida and, for October 2022 to December 2022, 3,984 individuals were referred to mental health or related services. DCF has begun working on sustainability efforts and future funding for continued efforts and improvement.

Gayle Giese demonstrated the need for Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by sharing her personal story and experience navigating through the process of obtaining mental health services for a loved one, and the asset that 988 would have been in her journey.

**c. Shatterproof's Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment, and Standards (ATLAS) Platform –**  
Kevin Roy, Chief Public Policy Officer, Shatterproof; Michelle Mangum, MPS, Director of State Engagement, Shatterproof | ATLAS

Kevin Roy provided an overview of Shatterproof, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing the addiction crisis in the United States. Shatterproof facilitates three pillars of work: 1) transforming addiction treatment, 2) ending addiction stigma, and 3) educating and empowering communities. Mr. Roy presented Shatterproof's collaborative care model that relies on measurement-based care to track patient progress through validated clinical rating scales. When this model is used in the treatment of opioid and alcohol use disorder, compared to usual care, it has shown to increase the proportion of patients receiving evidence-based treatment and the number achieving abstinence at six months.

Michelle Mangum presented on the impact of Shatterproof's three pillars and how they support implementing ATLAS. Ms. Mangum provided a demonstration of the ATLAS platform and how it breaks down barriers for individuals connecting to treatment options.

**3. Review and Updates of Recommendations 1–8:**

- a. Recommendation 1:** As of the meeting date, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has incorporated the ability to use telehealth within all contracts to include phone and video. Melanie Brown-Woofter with the Florida Behavioral Health Association (FBHA) updated that there is currently a bill in session to allow audio only telehealth.
- b. Recommendation 2:** FBHA noted that legislative updates have been made to the background screening requirements for peer specialists during the last four legislative sessions. FDC currently has a draft bill that will implement a peer specialist certification program within prisons.
- c. Recommendation 3:** Ramon Maury requested that a suggested revision from the October meeting be incorporated into Recommendation 3.
- d. Recommendation 4:** No updates to Recommendation 4.
- e. Recommendation 5:** The Department of Health updated that materials are forthcoming under the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) program and these materials can be shared at a later meeting.
- f. Recommendation 6:** Ramon Maury updated that Informed Families partners with Publix in the Lock Your Meds program and recommended adding this program to the recommendation. Update can be added to the annual report and will complete Recommendation 6.
- g. Recommendation 7:** No updates to Recommendation 7.
- h. Recommendation 8:** No updates to Recommendation 8.

#### 4. Agency and Member Updates:

##### **Christina Harris, Office of the Attorney General**

The Office of the Attorney General had no additional updates for DPAC.

##### **John McClellan, Florida Department of Law Enforcement**

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement updated that tracking of xylazine continues statewide and reports of naloxone being ineffective are being received.

##### **Jeffrey Cece, Department of Children and Families**

DCF updated that the State Opioid Response grant program added a fiscal coordinator, and the team is currently developing a mid-year report which will include service figures, and updates on goals and objectives. The report and additional information can be accessed on the DCF website.

##### **Maggie Agerton, Department of Corrections**

The Department of Corrections updated that Secretary Dixon has convened two medication-assisted treatment (MAT) workgroups, one on policy and one on security, to address moving forward with MAT within the prison system. Additionally, 5000 units of naloxone have been ordered that will allow every probation officer in the state to receive two units.

##### **Tracy Shelby, Department of Juvenile Justice**

The Department of Juvenile Justice updated that naloxone is now available in all detention facilities and residential commitment programs. Additionally, efforts are being made to provide naloxone in all juvenile assessment centers and screening centers.

##### **Andrew Weatherill, Department of Education**

The Department of Education updated that in March 2023, the State Board of Education adopted substance use and abuse student performance standards. These standards aim to ensure all students have the skills and knowledge necessary to confidently make positive decisions for their education, personal growth, and health. Coupled with resiliency education standards, the substance use and abuse standards set clear expectations for students and teachers specific to overall student development success.

##### **Captain Derrick Rahming, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles**

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles updated that planning continues for the upcoming Drug Take Back Day.

##### **Captain Jordan Jerris, Department of Military Affairs**

The National Guard had no additional updates for DPAC.

##### **Doug Simon, Governor's Office of Policy and Budget**

The Governor's Office of Policy and Budget updated that in collaboration with the Department of Health, progress is being made on the First Lady's *The Facts. Your Future.* Campaign.

##### **Ramon Maury, Informed Families**

Informed Families updated that the *Lock Your Meds* campaign is currently underway. Additionally, Informed Families is partnering with law enforcement on the Drug Take Back Day.

##### **Melanie Brown-Woofter, Florida Behavioral Health Association**

The FBHA received a grant for an apprenticeship program and has enrolled nearly 50 apprentices to create a pipeline of workforce into behavioral health.

**Aaron Gerson, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida had no additional updates for DPAC.

**Dorothy Groover-Skipper, HeartDance Foundation, Inc.**

HeartDance Foundation, Inc. serves on the board for the Hillsborough County Antidrug Alliance. The alliance works on various grants and projects, including a training video series for law enforcement, an opioid education plan and toolkit, and tobacco, vaping and marijuana classes for youth.

**Vence Monlyn, Keeton Corrections, Inc.**

Keeton Corrections, Inc. had no additional updates for the Council.

**Eddie Stokes, Florida House of Representatives**

The Florida House of Representatives had no additional updates for DPAC.

**5. Public Comments/Open Discussion:**

No public comments received.

**6. Adjournment:**

For closing items, Dr. Ladapo reminding DPAC members that the council operates in accordance with the Sunshine Law and members should not discuss DPAC business with other members outside of meetings.

The date for the next DPAC meeting is July 11, 2023.

A motion was entered to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

# Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners



## 2022 Interim Report



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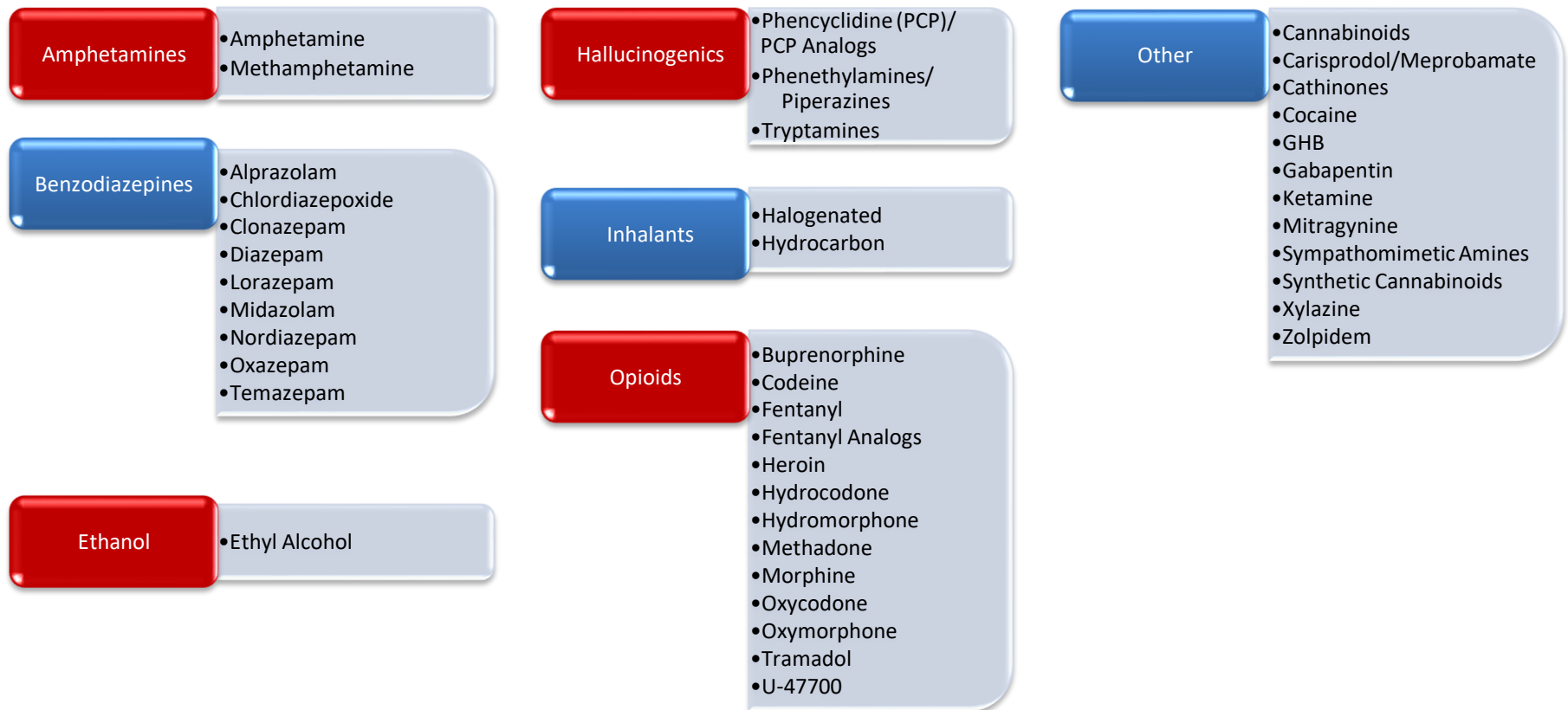
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# January – June 2022

- **124,788** deaths occurred in Florida during the first six months of 2022.
- Of the deaths investigated by medical examiners, toxicology results determined that one or more of the drugs listed below were present at the time of death in **7,667** cases. **6.1%** of Overall Deaths
- Medical Examiners measure deaths in two ways:
  - Drug death- the drug **caused** the death
  - Drug occurrence-at least once drug is **present** in the decedent
- **The vast majority of the 7,667 cases (decedents) had more than one drug occurrence.**

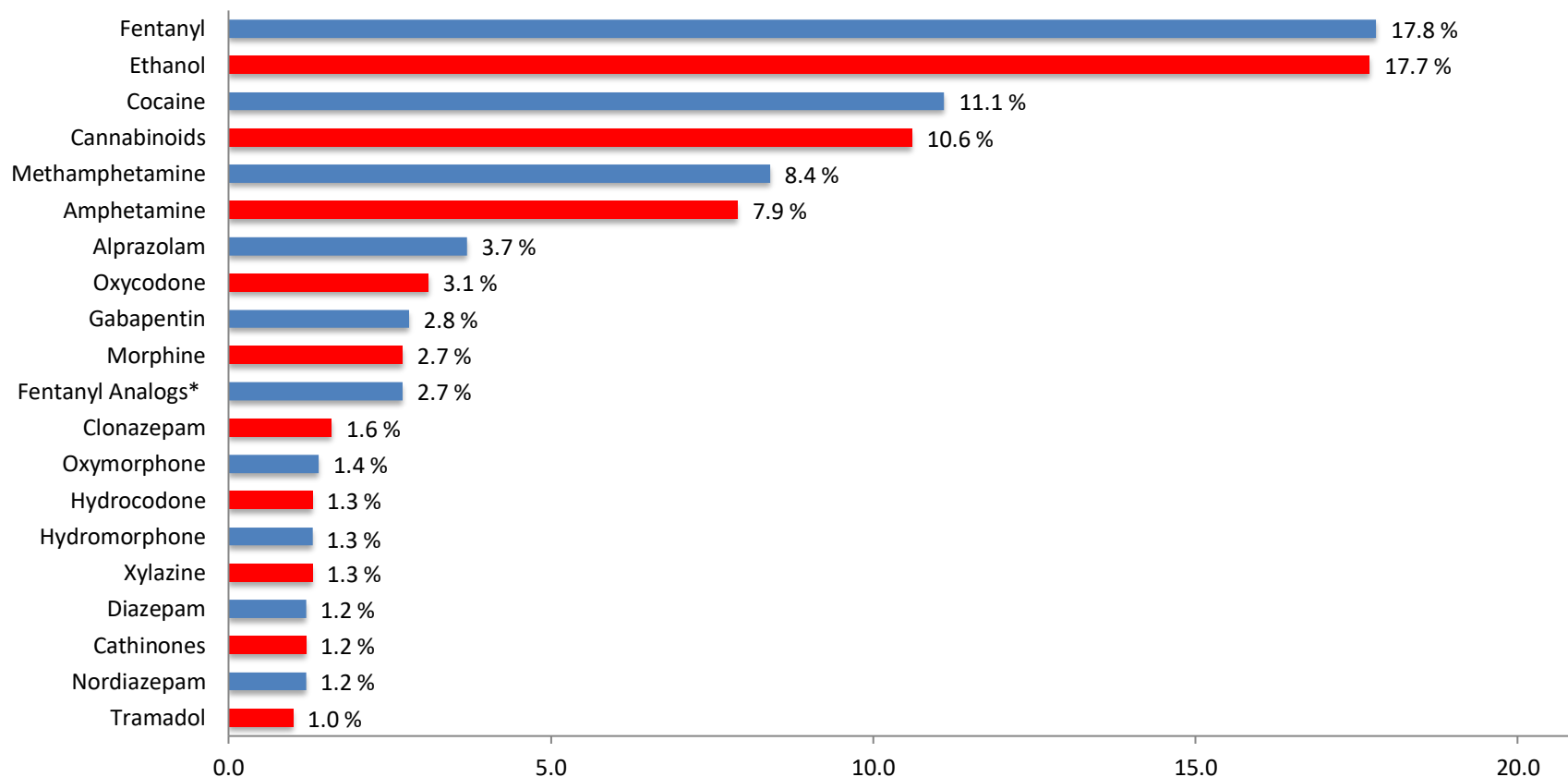
## Data were collected on the following 42 drugs:



# General Statewide Trends

- Total drug-related deaths decreased by **5 %** (373 less) when compared with the first six months of 2021.
- **3,969 opioid-related** deaths were reported, which is a **7 % decrease** (313 less).  
**3,003 opioid-caused** deaths were reported, which is a **10 % decrease** (333 less).
- **4,568** individuals (**7% decrease**, 344 less) died with one or more prescription drugs in their system.
- **3,033** individuals (**10% decrease**, 349 less) died with at least one prescription drug in their system that was identified as the cause of death.

Frequency of Reported Drug Occurrences<sup>1</sup>

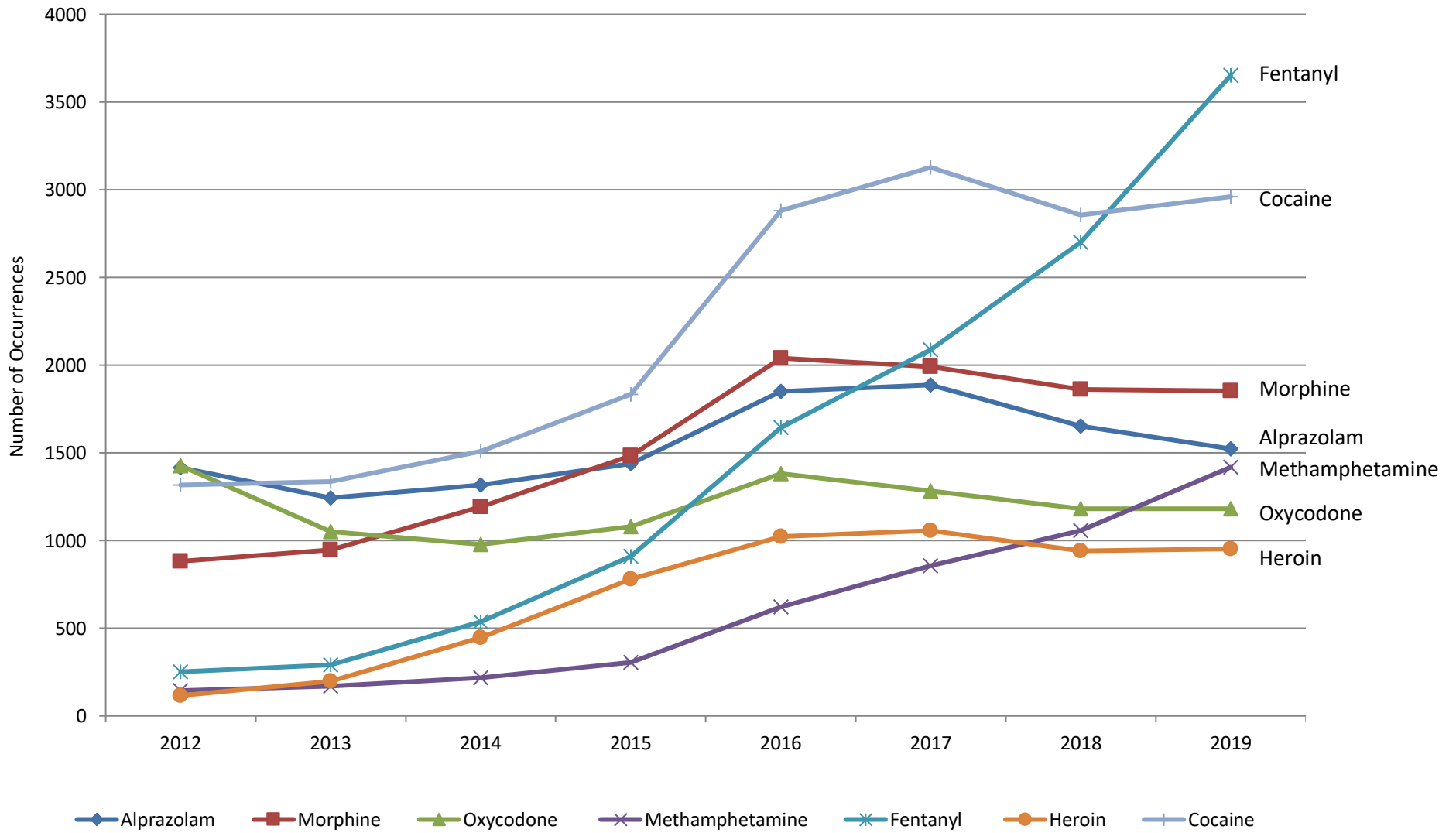


<sup>1</sup>The following drugs individually constituted less than one percent of drug frequencies and are not included: chlordiazepoxide, lorazepam, midazolam, oxazepam, temazepam, all hallucinogenics, all inhalants, buprenorphine, carisoprodol/meprobamate, codeine, GHB, heroin, ketamine, methadone, mitragynine, sympathomimetic amines, synthetic cannabinoids, U-47700 and zolpidem. Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 percent because of rounding.

\*Does not include 4-ANPP.

# Historical Overview of Alprazolam, Morphine, Oxycodone, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin, and Cocaine Occurrences

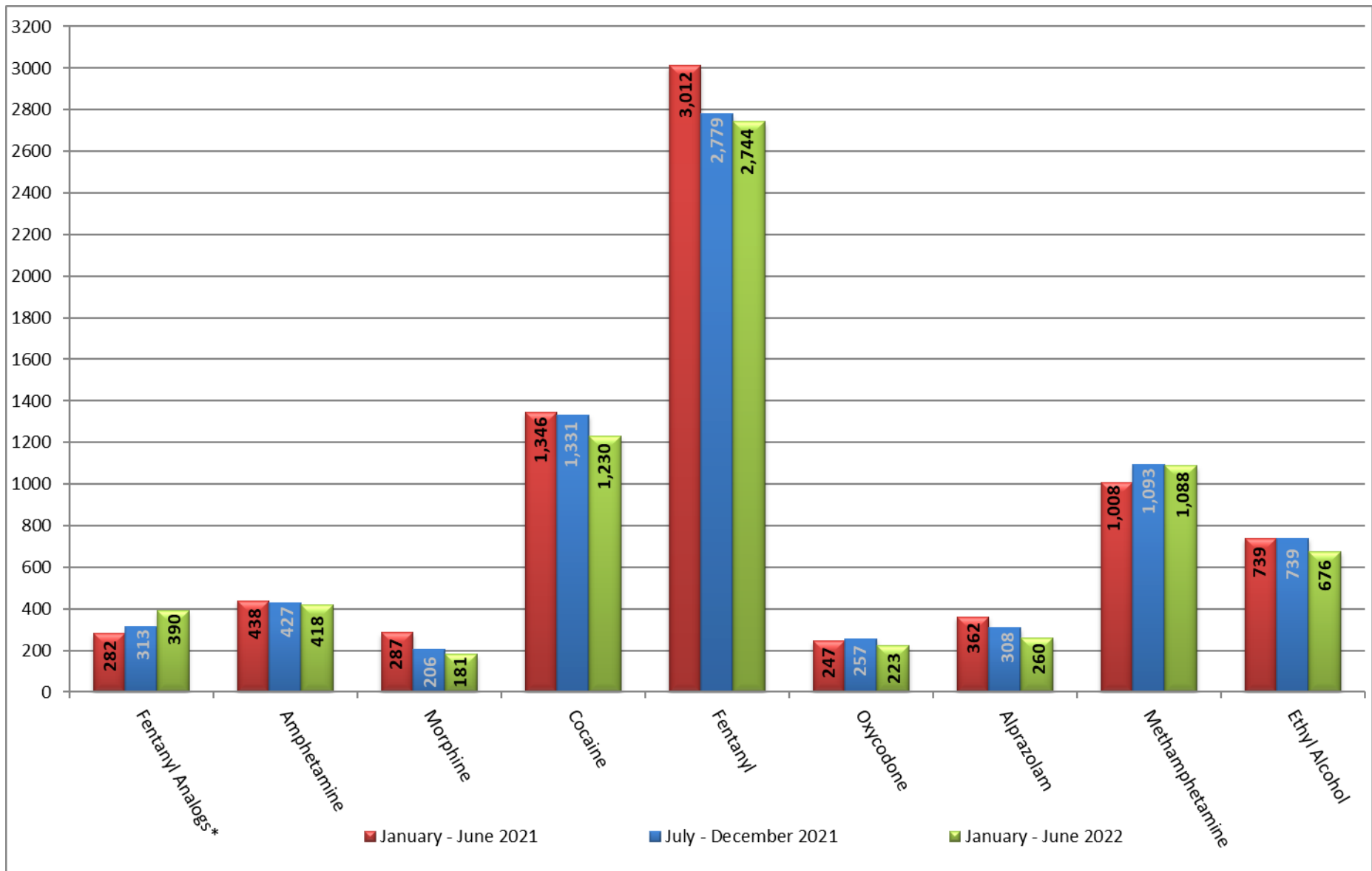
(Present and Cause)  
2012 to 2021





# Drug Caused Deaths

The drugs that caused the most deaths were **fentanyl** (2,744), **cocaine** (1,230), **methamphetamine** (1,088), ethyl alcohol (676), benzodiazepines (437, including 260 alprazolam deaths), amphetamine (418), fentanyl analogs (390) and oxycodone (223).

\* Does not include 4-ANPP

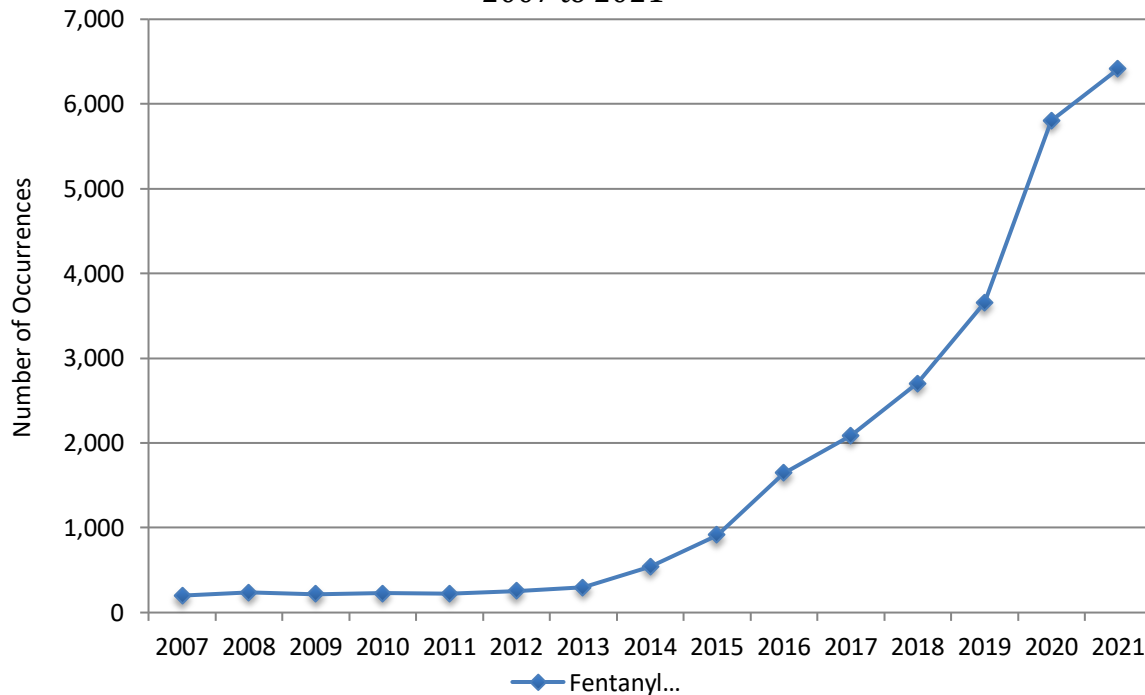


# Fentanyl Deaths

Occurrences of  **8 %** and  
deaths caused by  **9 %**.

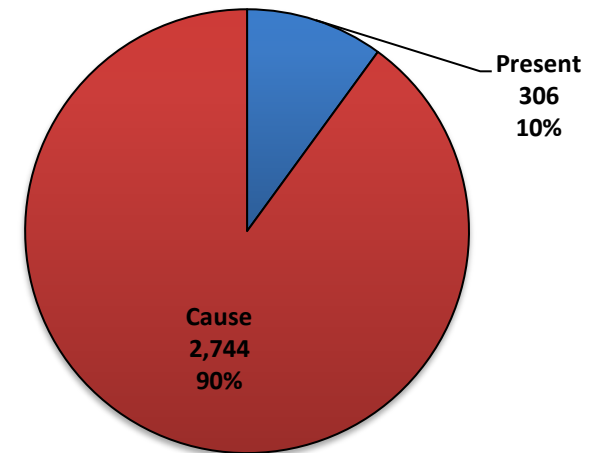
## Historical Overview of Fentanyl Occurrences<sup>1</sup>

(Present and Cause)  
2007 to 2021



<sup>1</sup>Prior to 2016, the number of fentanyl occurrences indicated includes occurrences of fentanyl analogs. Starting in 2016, fentanyl analogs were tracked separately.

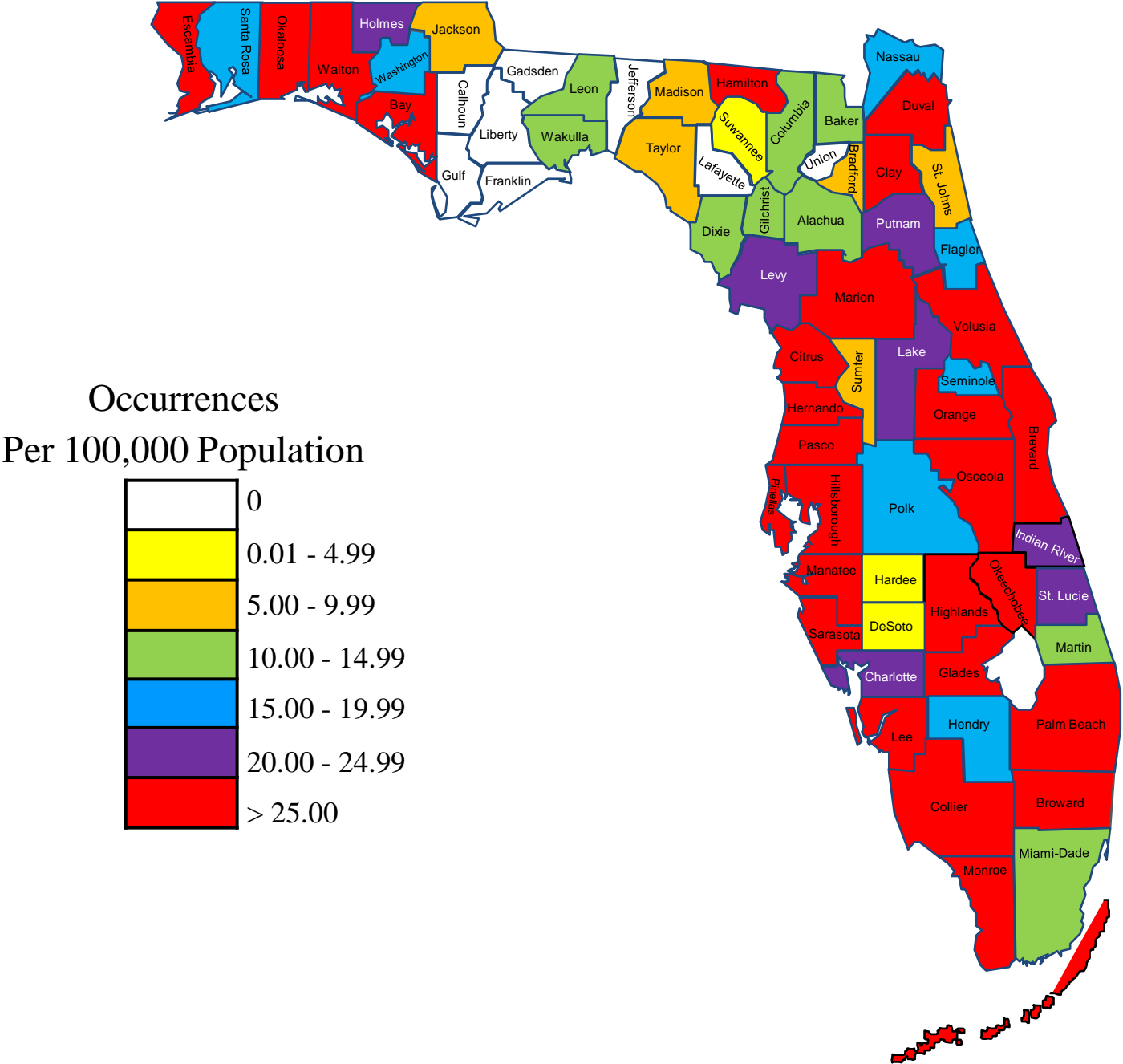
## Fentanyl Deaths Total Occurrences = 3,050





While fentanyl is a prescription drug, data indicates that at least **86.8%** of fentanyl occurrences were illicitly obtained.

# Fentanyl Deaths by County

2021

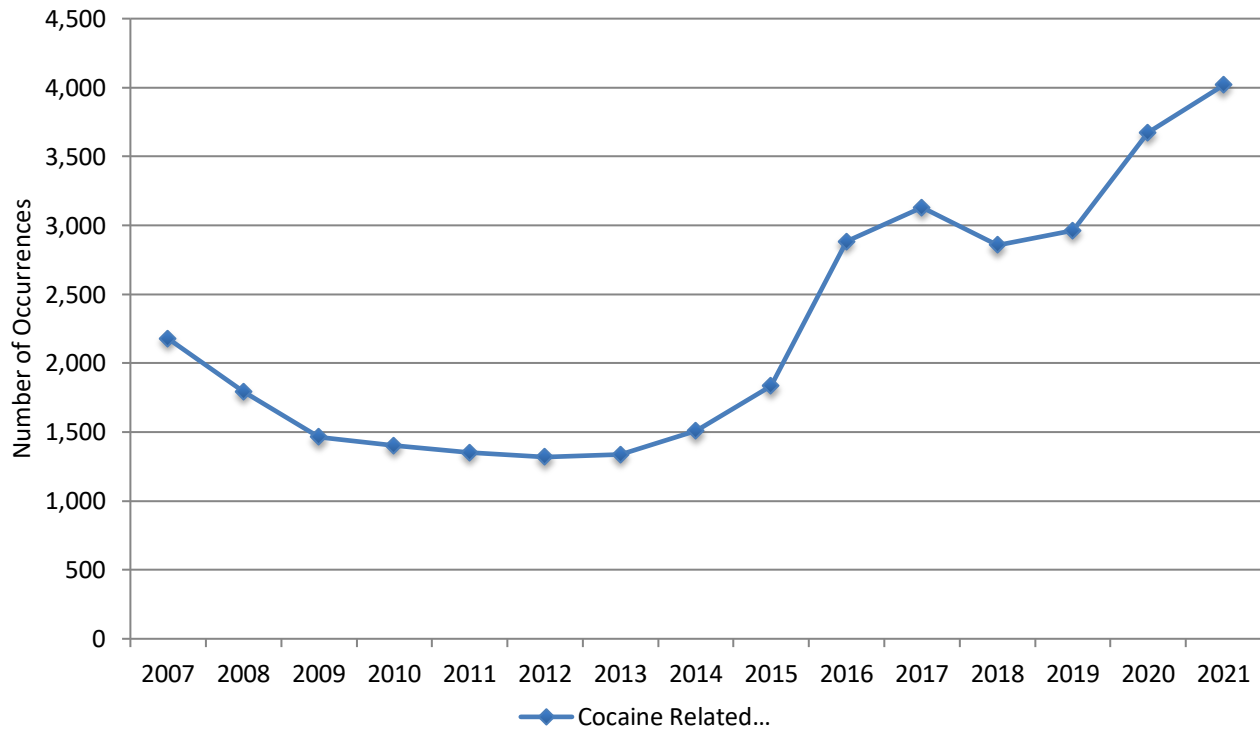


# Cocaine Deaths

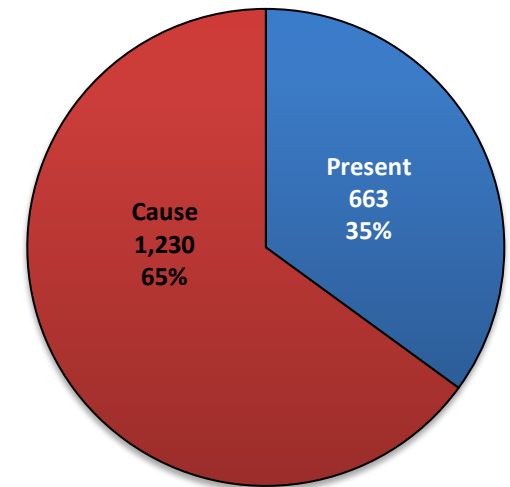
Occurrences of  **6.5%** and  
deaths caused by  **9%**.

## Historical Overview of Cocaine Occurrences

(Present and Cause)  
2007 to 2021



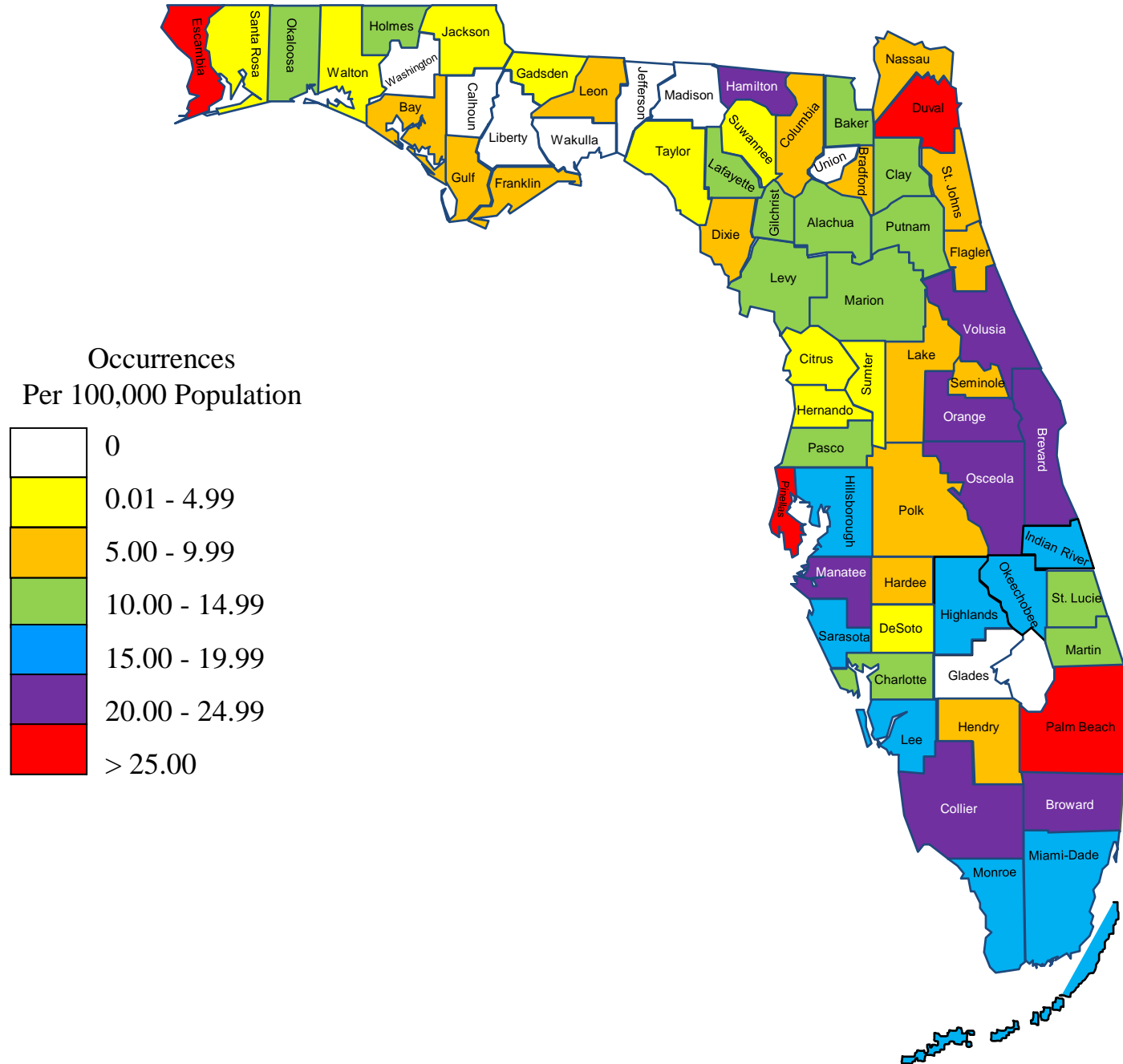
**Cocaine Deaths**  
**Total Occurrences = 1,893**





# Cocaine Deaths by County

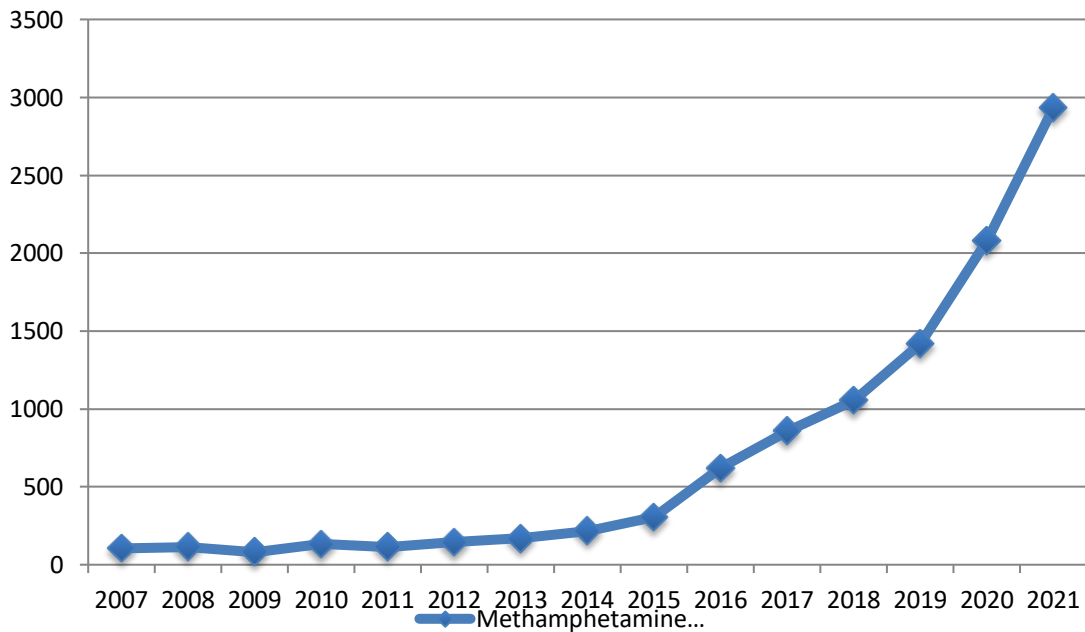
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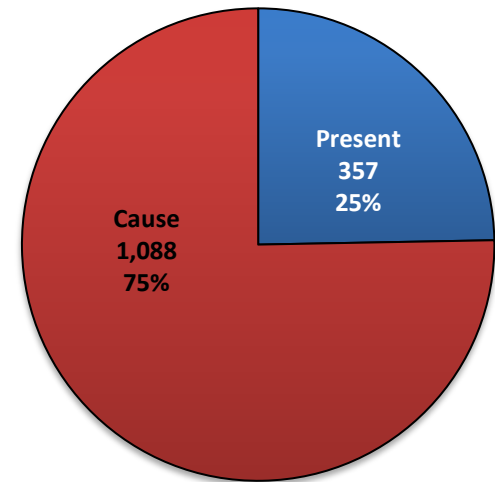
# Methamphetamine Deaths

Occurrences of **↑ 3%** and  
deaths caused by **↑ 8%**.

### Historical Overview of Methamphetamine Occurrences (Present and Cause) 2007 to 2021

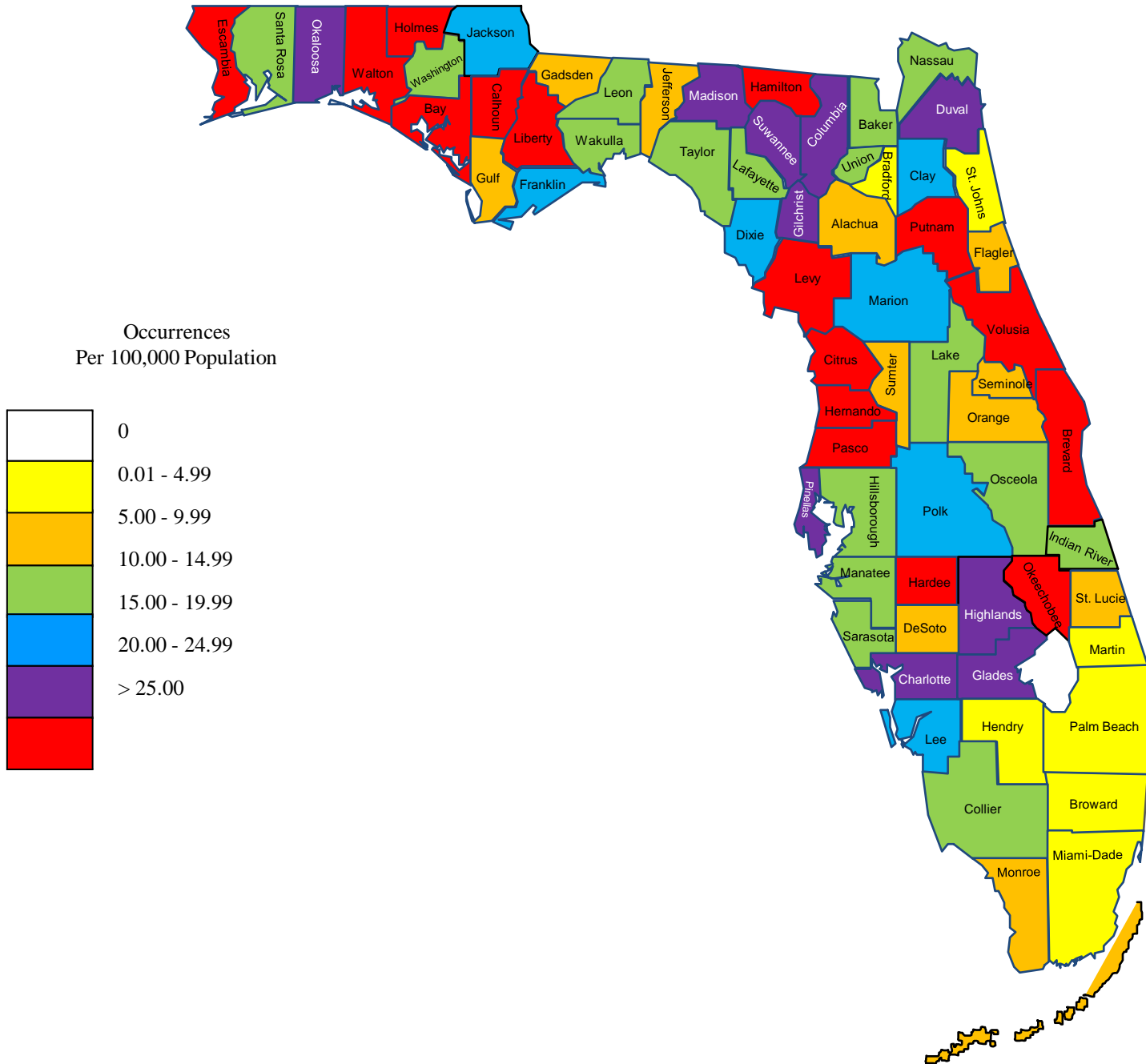


### Methamphetamine Deaths Total Occurrences = 1,445



# Methamphetamine Deaths by County

2021



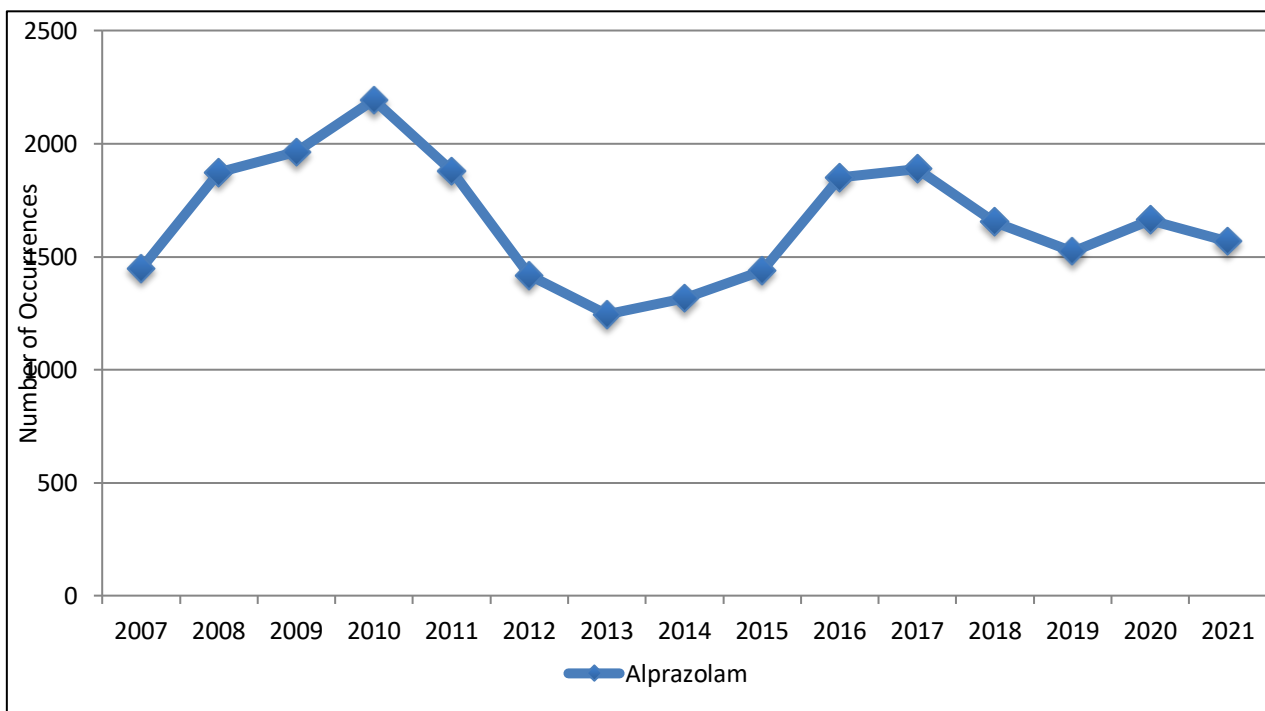
# Alprazolam Deaths

Alprazolam (Xanax) continues to dominate the category of benzodiazepines even though occurrence ↓ **21%** and deaths caused by ↓ **25%**

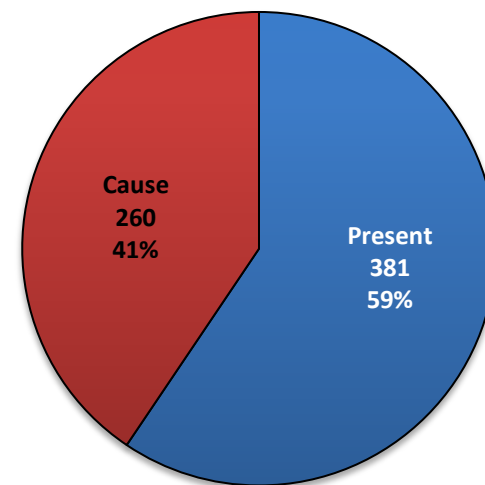
## Historical Overview of Alprazolam Occurrences

(Present and Cause)

2007 to 2021

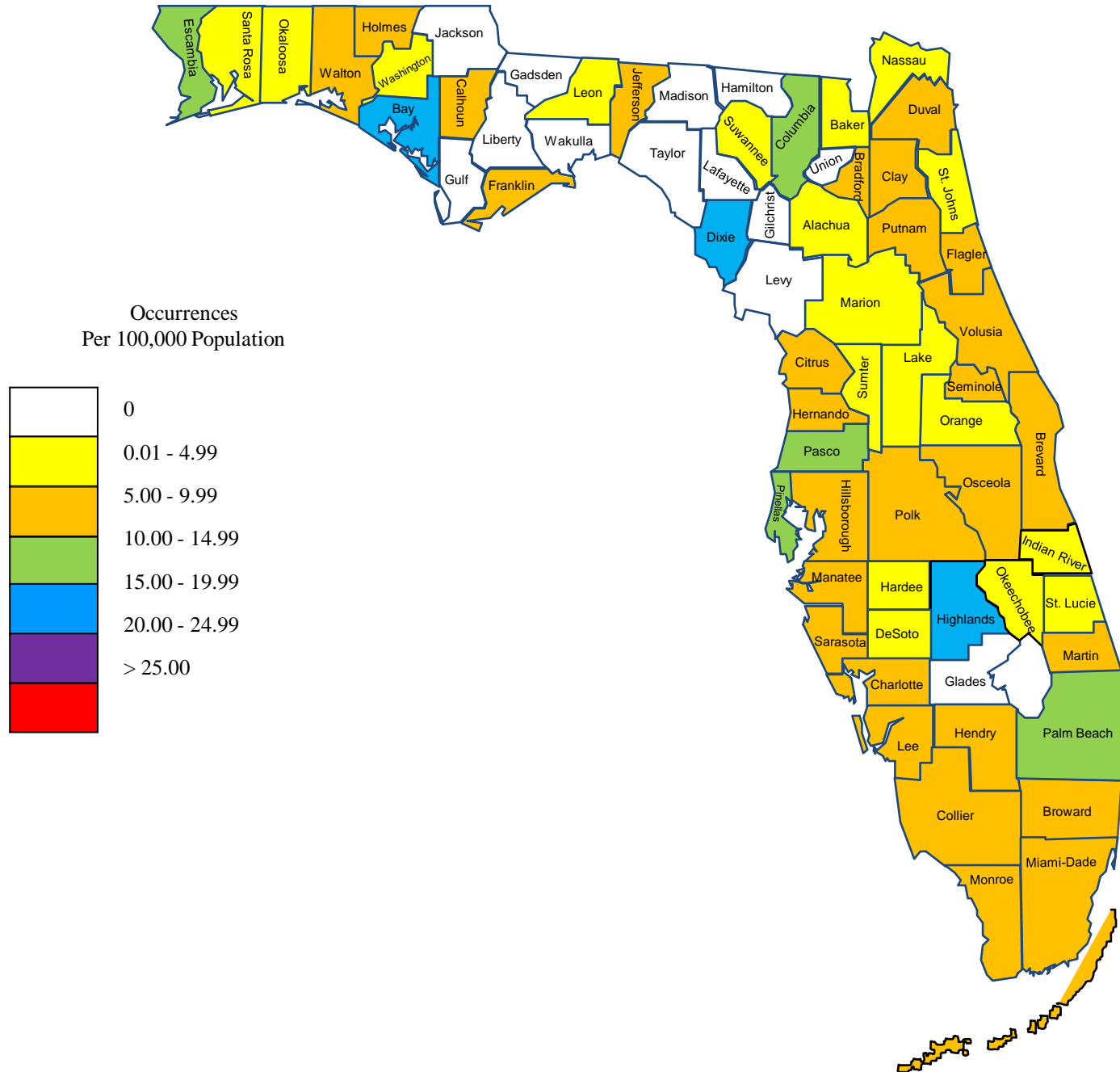


## Alprazolam Deaths Total Occurrences = 641



# Alprazolam Deaths by County

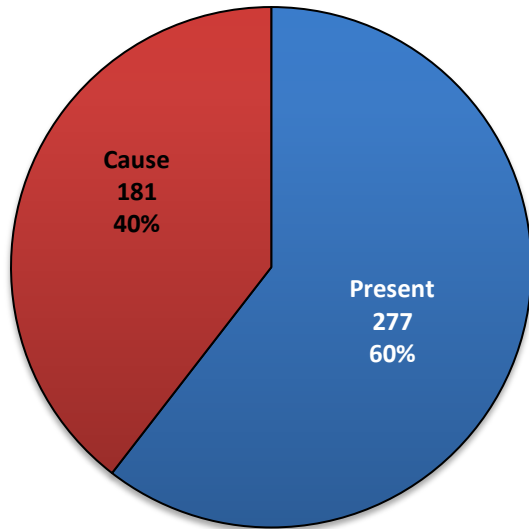
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# Morphine Deaths

Morphine was the third most occurring opioid with 458 occurrences, a **28%** decrease.

## Morphine Deaths Total Occurrences = 458

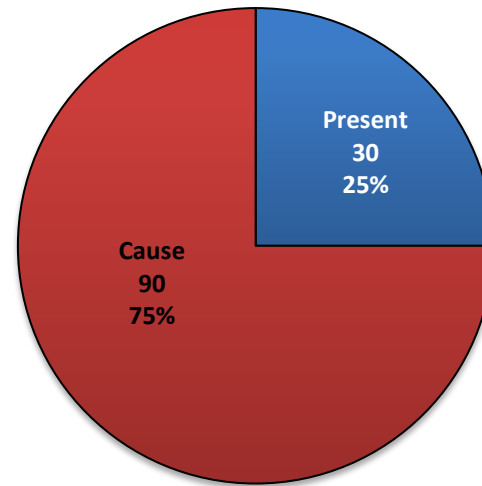


\*Since heroin is rapidly metabolized to morphine, this may lead to a substantial over-reporting of morphine-related deaths as well as significant under-reporting of heroin-related deaths.

# Heroin Deaths

Occurrences of heroin decreased by **58%** and deaths caused by heroin decreased by **62%**.

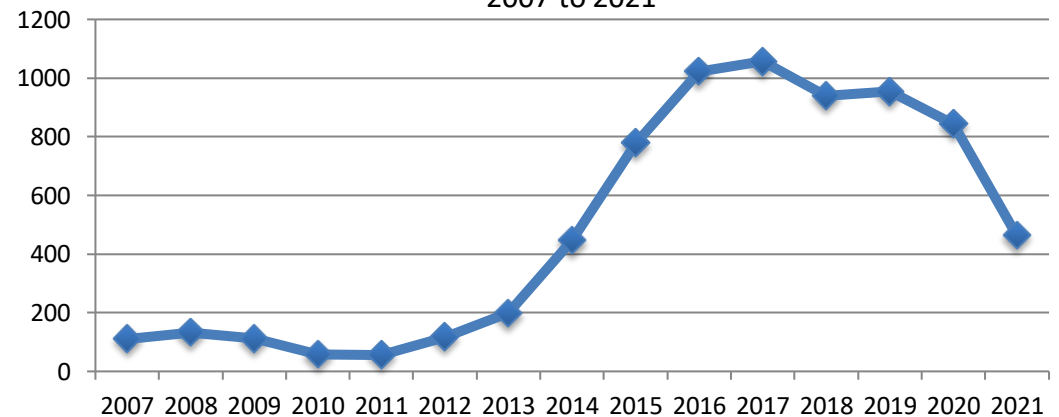
## Heroin Deaths Total Occurrences = 120



## Historical Overview of Heroin Occurrences

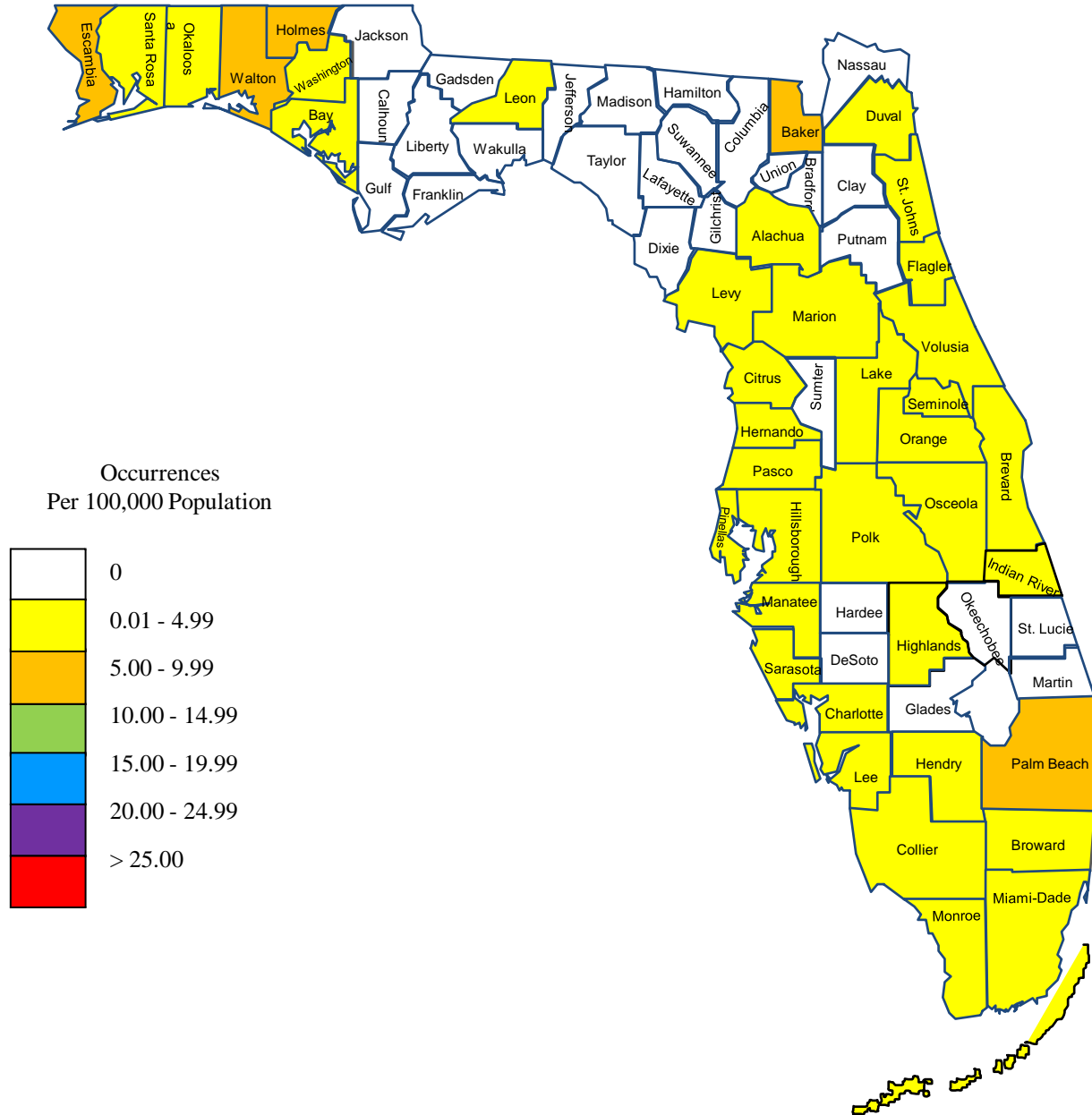
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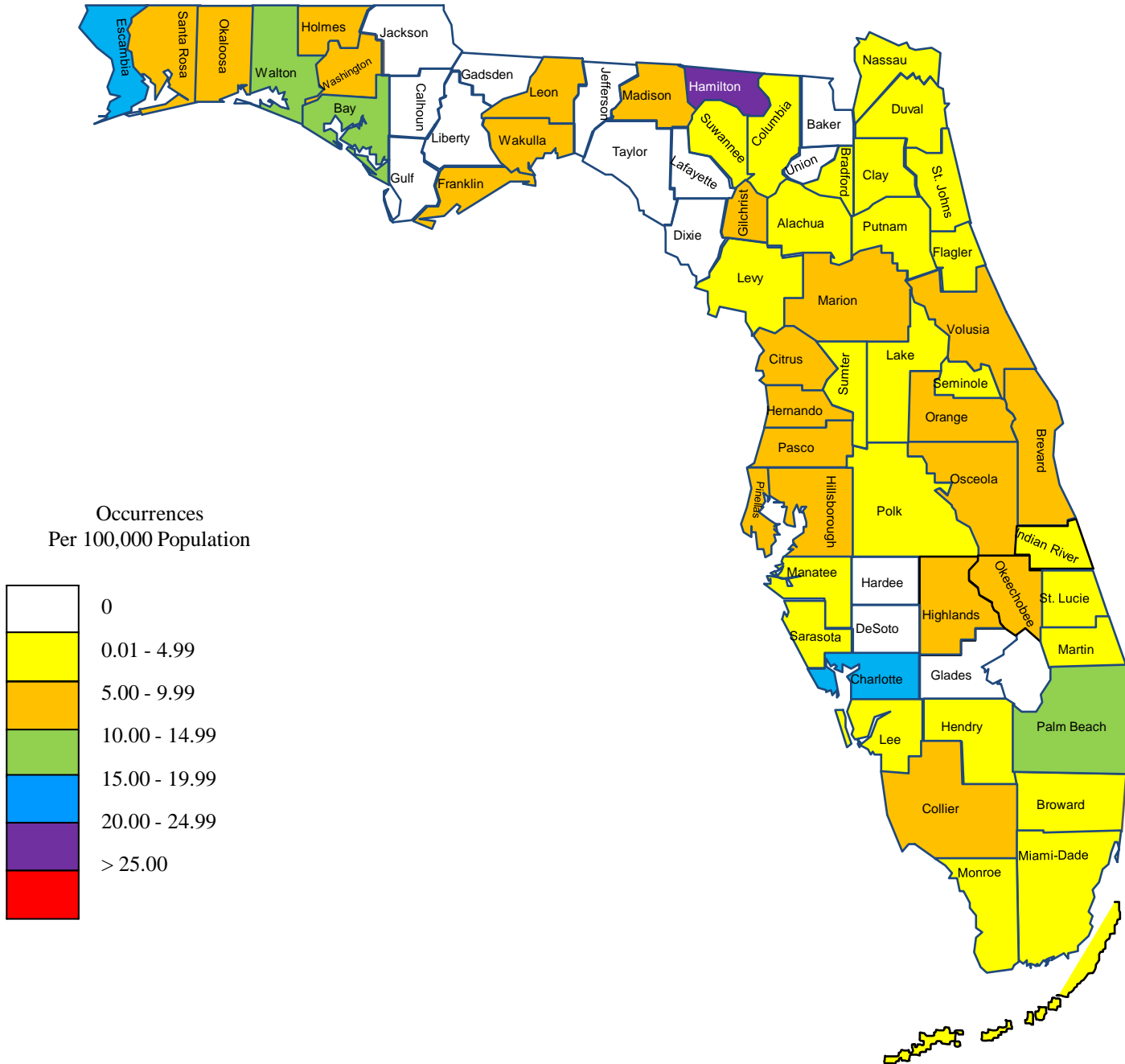
# Heroin Deaths by County

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# Morphine Deaths by County

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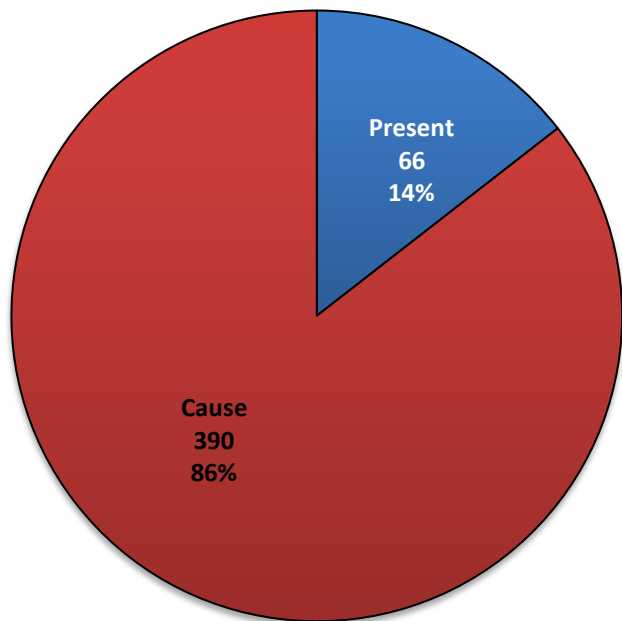




## Fentanyl Analog Deaths\*

Occurrences of fentanyl analogs increased by **35%** and deaths caused by fentanyl analogs increased by **38%**.

### Fentanyl Analog Deaths Total Occurrences = 456

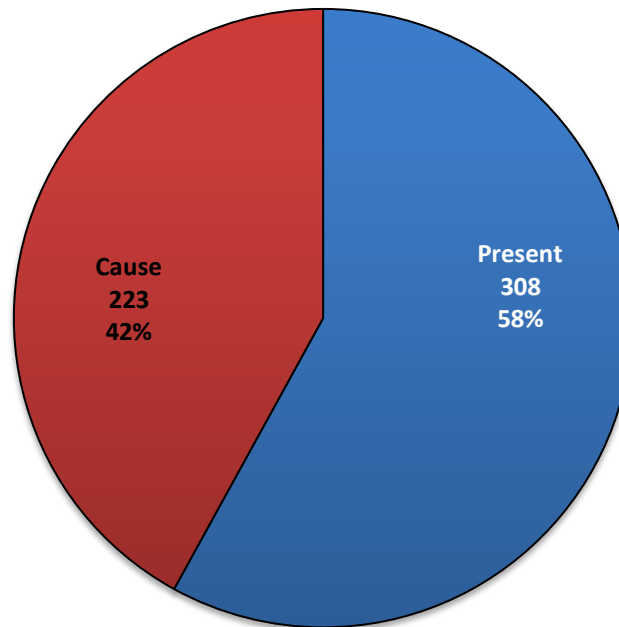


\*These comparisons remove 4-ANPP from occurrences of fentanyl analogs

## Oxycodone Deaths

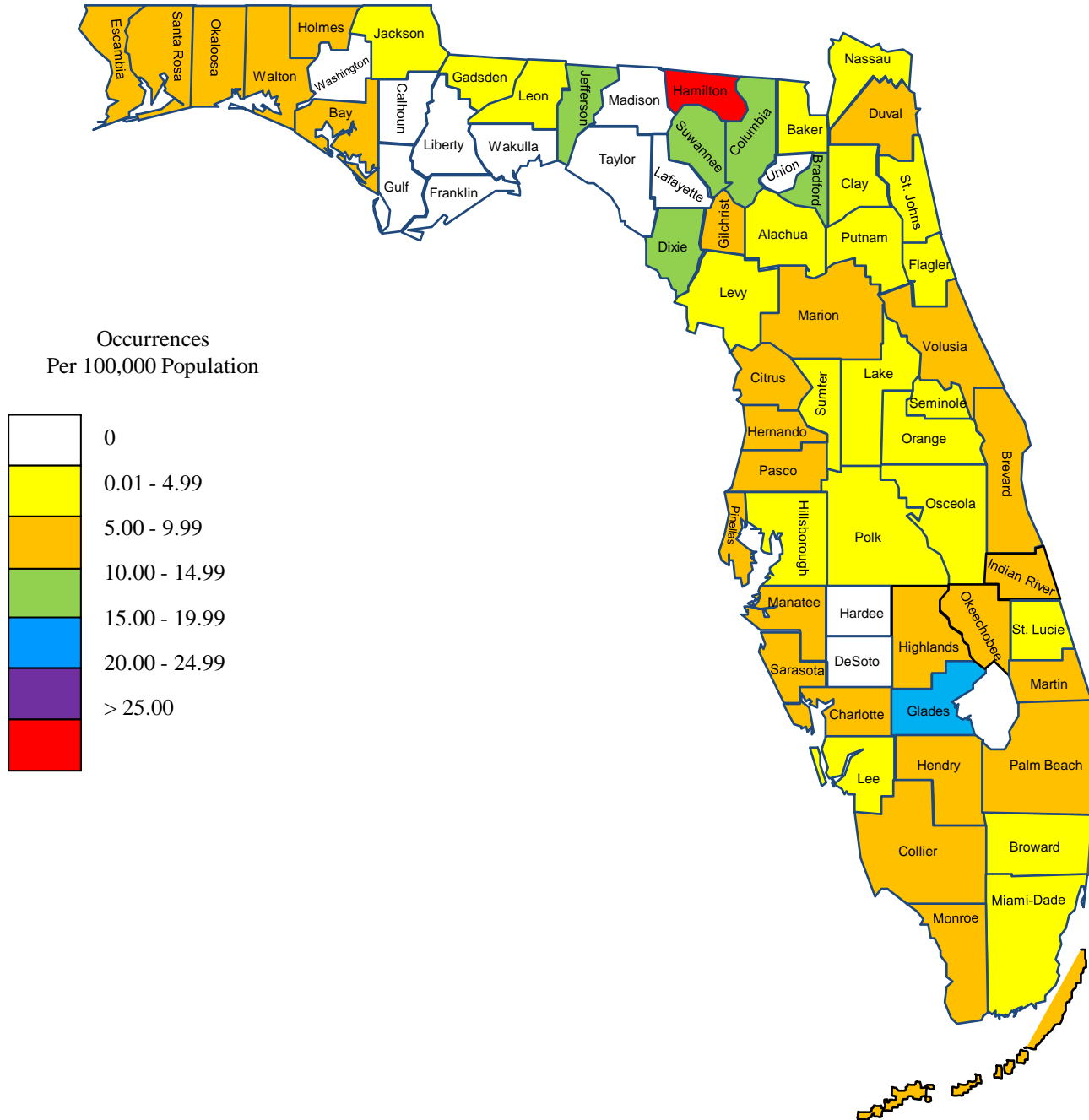
Occurrences of oxycodone decreased by **5%** and deaths caused by oxycodone decreased by **10%**.

### Oxycodone Deaths Total Occurrences = 531



# Oxycodone Deaths by County

2021



# Additional Highlights

- ✓ Occurrences of cathinones decreased by **21.5%** (56 less) and deaths caused by cathinones decreased by **13%** (22 less). The majority of cathinones reported were **N,N-Dimethylpentylone and its metabolite, pentylone.**
- ✓ Occurrences of **gabapentin** decreased by **9.5%** and **mitragynine** decreased by **1%**
- ✓ There were a total of **13** occurrences of **difluoroethane** reported for January – June 2022.
- ✓ There were a total of **218** occurrences of **xylazine.**

# Questions?

Full 2022 Interim Report available at:

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/MEC/Publications-and-Forms/Documents/Drugs-in-Deceased-Persons/2022-Interim-Drug-Report-FINAL.aspx>

# Summary of Drug Occurrences in Decedents

January - June 2022

	DRUG PRESENT IN BODY	CAUSE	PRESENT	TOTAL OCCURRENCES
Amphetamines	Amphetamine	418	932	1,350
	Methamphetamine	1,088	357	1,445
Benzodiazepines	Alprazolam	260	381	641
	Chlordiazepoxide	5	19	24
	Clonazepam	58	217	275
	Diazepam	69	140	209
	Lorazepam	11	121	132
	Midazolam	2	131	133
	Nordiazepam	14	184	198
	Oxazepam	5	112	117
	Temazepam	13	139	152
Ethanol		676	2,350	3,026
Hallucinogenics	Phencyclidine (PCP)/PCP Analogs	0	0	0
	Phenethylamines/Piperazines	27	26	53
	Tryptamines	0	2	2
Inhalants	Halogenated	12	1	13
	Hydrocarbon	1	0	1

## Summary of Drug Occurrences in Decedents (continued)

	DRUG PRESENT IN BODY	CAUSE	PRESENT	TOTAL OCCURRENCES
Opioids	Buprenorphine	22	88	110
	Codeine	15	83	98
	Fentanyl	2,744	306	3,050
	Fentanyl Analogs	390	66	456*
	Heroin	90	30	120
	Hydrocodone	59	171	230
	Hydromorphone	46	173	219
	Methadone	90	61	151
	Morphine	181	277	458
	Oxycodone	223	308	531
	Oxymorphone	21	224	245
	Tramadol	47	124	171
	U-47700	0	0	0
Other	Cannabinoids	26	1,792	1,818
	Carisoprodol/Meprobamate	4	16	20
	Cathinones	142	62	204
	Cocaine	1,230	663	1,893
	GHB	1	3	4
	Gabapentin	93	386	479
	Ketamine	15	81	96
	Mitragynine	82	75	157
	Sympathomimetic Amines	3	9	12
	Synthetic Cannabinoids	3	1	4
	Xylazine	122	96	218
	Zolpidem	17	40	57

*Note: The total occurrences for buprenorphine and cannabinoids are under reported. The rate will vary from district-to-district based on the scope of drug analysis utilized by the medical examiner office. Since heroin is rapidly metabolized to morphine, this may lead to a substantial over-reporting of morphine-related deaths as well as significant under-reporting of heroin-related deaths. Many deaths were found to have several drugs contributing to the death; therefore, the count of specific drugs listed is greater than the number of deaths.*

*\*Does not include 4-ANPP.*

## Comparison of Drug Occurrences in Decedents

DRUG PRESENT IN BODY		JANUARY – JUNE 2021	JANUARY – JUNE 2022	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Amphetamines	Amphetamine	1,297	1,350	4.1%
	Methamphetamine	1,407	1,445	2.7%
Benzodiazepines	Alprazolam	811	641	-21.0%
	Chlordiazepoxide	36	24	**
	Clonazepam	305	275	-9.8%
	Diazepam	227	209	-7.9%
	Lorazepam	164	132	-19.5%
	Midazolam <sup>1</sup>	145	133	-8.3%
	Nordiazepam	208	198	-4.8%
	Oxazepam	119	117	-1.7%
	Temazepam	164	152	-7.3%
Ethanol		3,217	3,026	-5.9%
Hallucinogenics	Phencyclidine (PCP)/PCP Analogs	1	0	**
	Phenethylamines/Piperazines	61	53	-13.1%
	Tryptamines	7	2	**
Inhalants	Halogenated	24	13	**
	Hydrocarbon	1	1	0%

*\*\*Due to the small number of occurrences, percent changes were not calculated.*

*<sup>1</sup>Midazolam is used clinically as a sedative and anesthetic. It is not currently a known drug of abuse.*

*Note: Many deaths were found to have several drugs contributing to the death; therefore, the count of specific drugs listed is greater than the number of deaths.*

## Comparison of Drug Occurrences in Decedents (Continued)

	DRUG PRESENT IN BODY	JANUARY – JUNE 2021	JANUARY – JUNE 2022	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Opioids	Buprenorphine	111	110	-0.9%
	Codeine	151	98	-35.1%
	Fentanyl	3,315	3,050	-8.0%
	Fentanyl Analogs	338	456*	34.9%
	Heroin	284	120	-57.7%
	Hydrocodone	259	230	-11.2%
	Hydromorphone	235	219	-6.8%
	Methadone	202	151	-25.2%
	Morphine	634	458	-27.8%
	Oxycodone	560	531	-5.2%
	Oxymorphone	287	245	-14.6%
	Tramadol	304	171	-43.8%
	U-47700	0	0	0%
Other	Cannabinoids	1,985	1,818	-8.4%
	Carisoprodol/Meprobamate	22	20	-9.1%
	Cathinones	260	204	-21.5%
	Cocaine	2,025	1,893	-6.5%
	GHB	20	4	**
	Gabapentin	529	479	-9.5%
	Ketamine	109	96	-11.9%
	Mitragynine	159	157	-1.3%
	Sympathomimetic Amines	11	12	**
	Synthetic Cannabinoids	13	4	**
	Xylazine	N/A	218	N/A
	Zolpidem	74	57	-23.0%

\*Does not include 4-ANPP.

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N/A – Drug was not tracked during the previous reporting year; therefore a comparison could not be calculate. Many deaths were found to have several drugs contributing to the death; therefore, the count of specific drugs listed is greater than the number of deaths.





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# Who – Who We Are



## **Fentanyl Fathers**

A non-profit working to educate kids and warn communities about the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit pills through the lens of bereaved parents. Our goal is to spare families from waking up to the same grief we share in every day.

## **Mission:**

To establish a world where no adolescent succumbs to fentanyl poisoning or overdose, by raising awareness about the dangers of fentanyl, counterfeit pills, and effective overdose response measures.

**dead on arrival**



**Hello, I'm Jack McCarthy**

I died September 25, 2021 from drug induced homicide from Fentanyl poisoning.



**Hello, I'm Drew Swan**

I died April 3, 2013 from synthetic Opioids.

# Jack McCarthy



# Drew Swan



# The Numbers

## As reported by the CDC:

- There were an estimated **101,078** drug overdose deaths in the US for the 12-month period ending April 2021.
- The CDC indicated that more than **110,000** Americans died from a drug overdose in the 12-months ending in January 2023.

**101,078**

April  
2020-2021

**110,133**

January  
2022-2023



# The Numbers

Overall, **75.8%** involved at least one opioid, with **75,929 (68.9%)** involving synthetic opioids, primarily illicitly manufactured **Fentanyl** or Fentanyl analogs.

**75,929**

**68.9%**  
Synthetic Opioids

# Famous People

ONE NATION OVERDOSED

## Prince died after taking fake Vicodin laced with fentanyl, prosecutor says

"In all likelihood, Prince had no idea he was taking a counterfeit pill that could kill him," the Minnesota prosecutor said.



— Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl in 2007. Chris O'Meara / AP file

## Prince

## Angus Cloud: Euphoria actor who played 'Fez' dead aged 25

6 days ago

## Drug dealer accepts plea deal in Mac Miller death



GETTY IMAGES

Mac Miller had just released a new album when he died of an overdose in 2018

## Mac Miller



## Angus Cloud

# The Numbers

- **High school-aged** overdose deaths rose by **114%** between 2019 and 2021
  - **Fentanyl** accounted for **77%** of those deaths
- Among adolescent overdose decedents (ages 10 to 19) only **35%** of them had previous opioid use history, yet **90%** of deaths were opioid related
  - **1 in 4** had evidence of counterfeit pill involvement.

**114%**

2019-2021

**90%**

Opioid  
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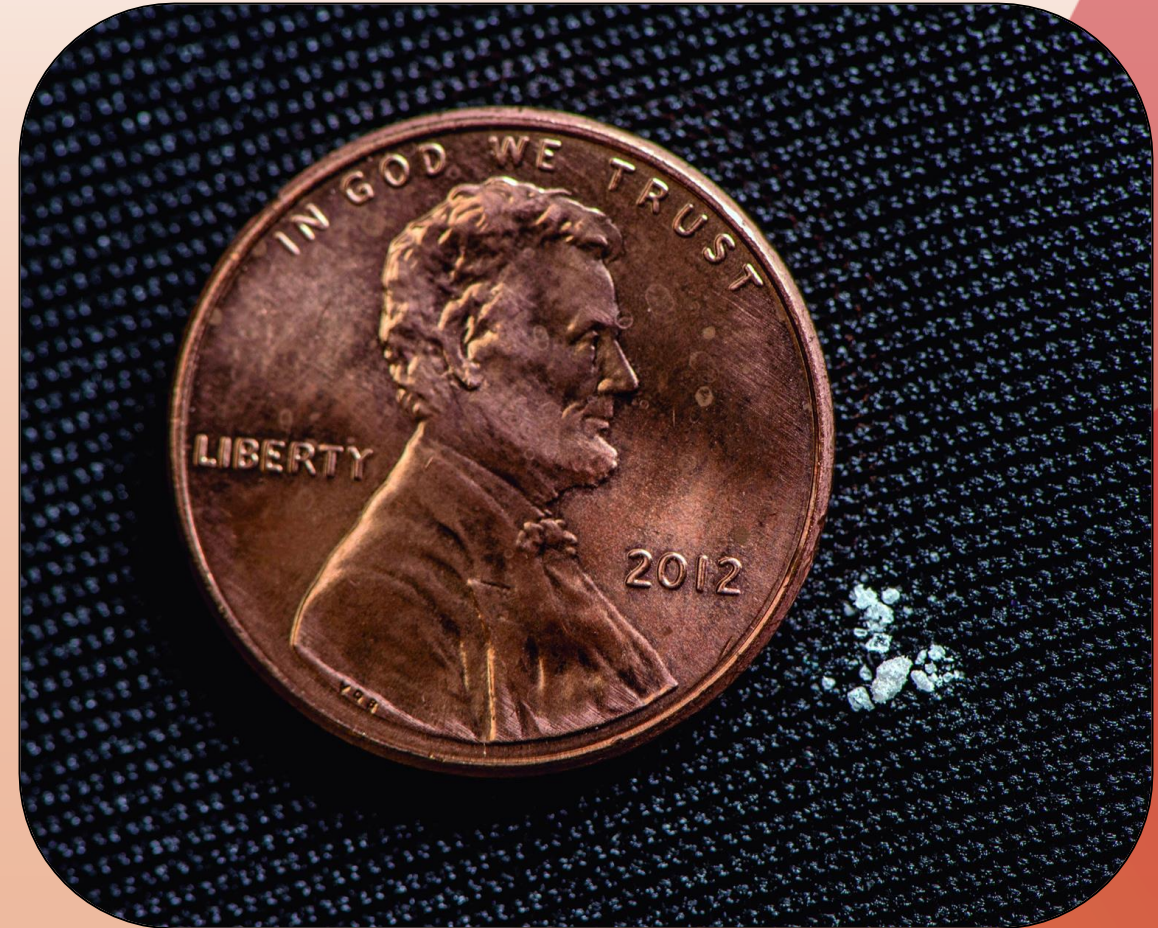
# The Impact

Deaths By Category	Deaths <sup>1</sup>
2022 Drunk Driving +	0,360
9/11 Attack +	2,977
Covid Deaths (18-29) +	6,749
2022 Childhood Cancer +	1,600
Vietnam War Deaths +	58,220
Global Plane Crashes	14,572
Total	<b>94,478</b>



2 mg = Potentially Lethal Dose of Fentanyl

There are 2,000 mg in a packet of sugar by comparison



FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS • WIDELY AVAILABLE • INCREASINGLY LETHAL

**DEA LAB TESTING REVEALS THAT**

**7** OUT OF EVERY **10** PILLS

**WITH FENTANYL CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY**

**LETHAL DOSE**

**COUNTERFEIT PILLS OFTEN CONTAIN  
FENTANYL AND ARE MORE LETHAL  
THAN EVER BEFORE**

# Counterfeit Pills

- Mass produced by criminal drug networks
- **Most contain Fentanyl**, a synthetic opioid that is 50x more potent than heroin and 100x more potent than morphine
- Easy to purchase, widely available
- Sold on social media and e-commerce platforms



# Counterfeit Pills

- These pills are being sold on social media to look like Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, Xanax, and Adderall
- Assume every pill you purchase today **WILL KILL YOU**
- Fentanyl powder is also being added to street drug supplies like cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine





# Don't Become a Headline



*Melanie Ramos (15) found dead in Los Angeles high school bathroom hours after taking a fake Percocet.*



*Jayla McBroom (17) poisoned by fentanyl in D.C.*

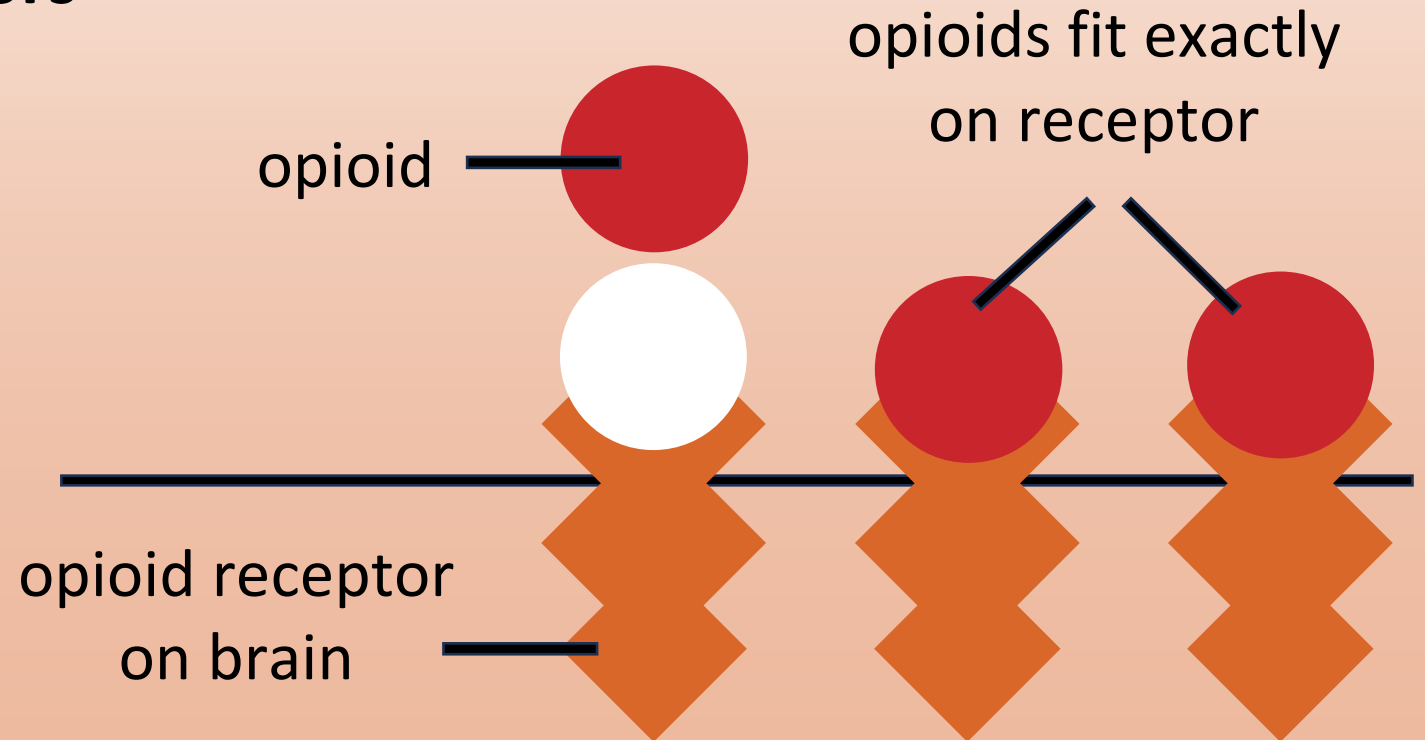


*"Brothers Caleb (18) & Kyler (20) Kiessling, Poisoned by fentanyl in Michigan thinking it was Percocet"*

# What Is An Opioid Overdose?

## Opioids Attaching To Receptors

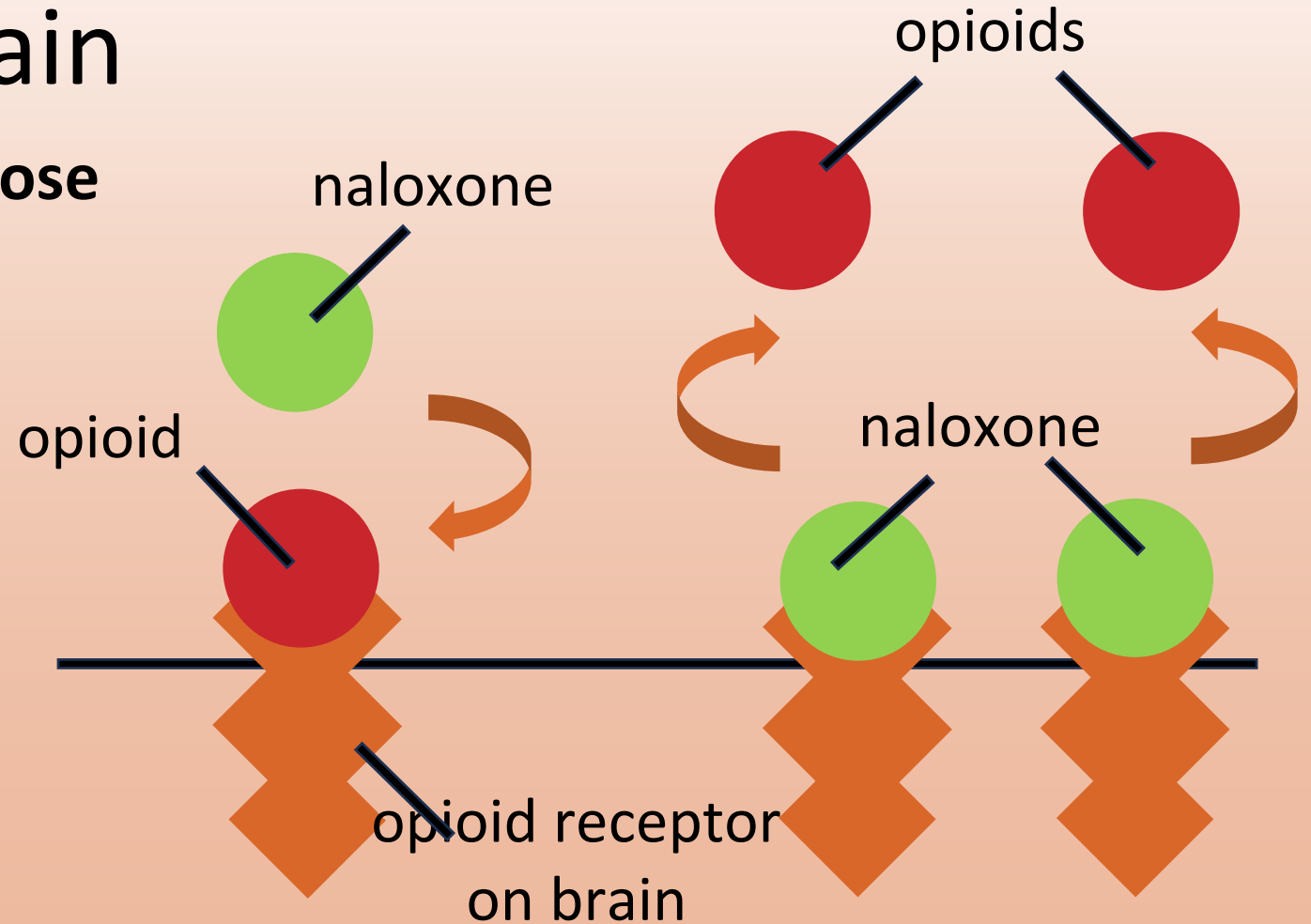
The brain has many, many receptors for opioids. An overdose occurs when too much of an opioid, such as oxycodone or fentanyl, fits in too many receptors slowing and then stopping the breathing.



# Naloxone In The Brain

## Naloxone Reversing An Overdose

Naloxone has a stronger affinity to the opioid receptors than opioids, so it knocks the opioids off the receptors for a short time (30-90 minutes). This allows the person to breathe again and reverse the overdose.

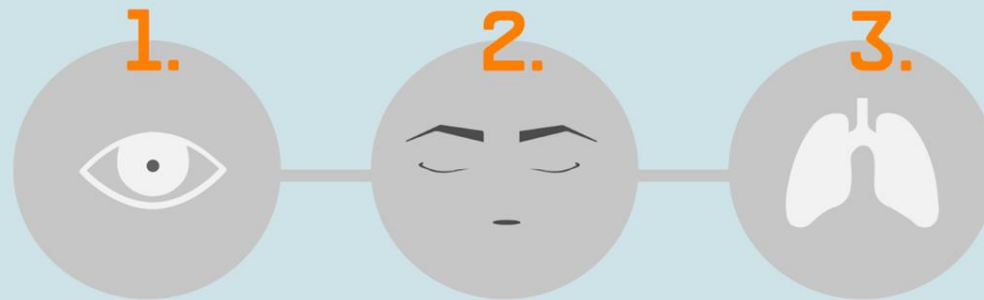


# Naloxone In Action

- Works on ANY opiate ANY time
- Reverses opiate effects- sedation and respiratory depression
- Causes sudden withdrawal – an unpleasant experience
- No contraindications for use in the event of a suspected overdose
- Routinely used by EMS (often in larger doses)

**There will be no effect on the individual if an opiate is not present**

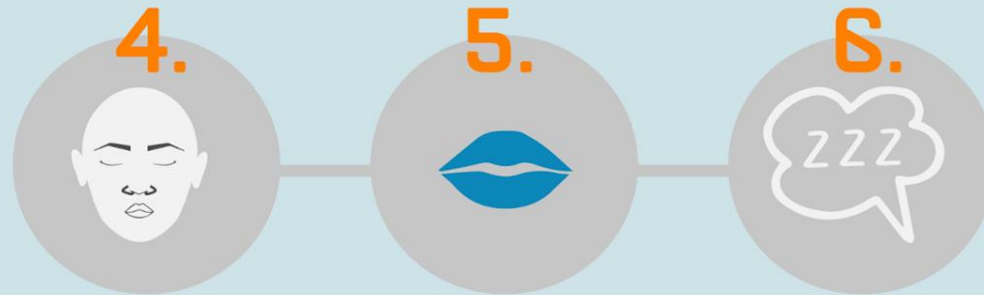
# SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE



Pinpoint pupils

Unconsciousness

Shallow/slow Breathing



Pale skin

Blue lips

Snoring/rasping breath

# Steps To Administering Nasal Naloxone

## Step 1: Call 9-1-1

- Request EMS or fire department
- Try to put gloves on to protect yourself

### Law 768.13 “Good Samaritan Act”

(3) As used in this section:

(d) “Who participates in emergency response activities...is not liable for any civil damages” means reporting a drug overdose or other medical emergency to law enforcement, the 9-1-1 system, a poison control center, or medical provider, or assisting someone in reporting a drug overdose or other medical emergency.



# Steps To Administering Nasal Naloxone

## Step 2: **Assess Situation**

- Do not disturb the area
- Check consciousness



# Steps To Administering Nasal Naloxone

## Step 3: Give Nasal Naloxone

- Remove 1 – 4mg dose of the Nasal Narcan, or 8mg dose of Nasal Kloxxado
- Tilt individual's head back
- Dispense dose as directed into 1 nostril





# Steps To Administering Nasal Naloxone

## Step 4: Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose

- Wait 3 minutes
- If no change in victim's condition, administer the second dose in the opposite nostril



# Steps To Administering Nasal Naloxone

## Step 5: **Withdrawal**

- Place individual on their side in the recovery position (left side)
- Possible vomiting, diarrhea, and/or sweating
- Possible agitated behavior



“I will NEVER TRY, so I will NEVER DIE from FENTANYL!”

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# Recommendation #9

- Encourage the continued establishment of warm handoff programs, such as the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network (CORE) from hospital EDs to community OUD treatment providers to address opioid overdoses; issue naloxone to overdose patients before they leave the ED.

# Recommendation #10

- Expand additional fellowship and residency programs for physicians to obtain a specialty in addiction medicine with a goal of increasing physicians with an addiction medicine specialty.

# Recommendation #11

- Pass model legislation that will align Florida law with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and require all state health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurance to report annually on the implementation of the parity act in Florida. These reports should be transparent and available to inform the public.

# Recommendation #12

- State health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurers should remove prior authorization requirements for evidence-based MAT to allow for use of medications such as buprenorphine, naltrexone, naloxone, and methadone.



# Recommendation #13

- Promote legislation that adds the Secretary of AHCA and the Commissioner of the Office of Insurance Regulation as members to the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.

# Recommendation #14

- Continue the statewide Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) initiative designed to promote and enhance recovery efforts in Florida and support the continued development of the Recovery Community Organization (RCO) and a statewide RCO that helps link community initiatives.

# Recommendation #15

- Evaluate the impact of Senate Bill 1120 (2020): Substance Abuse Services on agency background screening requirements related to the eligibility of individuals with lived experience/peers attempting to enter the workforce; continue efforts to reduce the administrative burden of the background screening and exemption process; promote consistency among state agencies related to the background screening exemption process; ensure an individual with lived experience is part of the exemption review panel.

# Recommendation #16

- The Council recommends the modernization, improvement, and appropriate funding for the Baker and Marchman Acts to increase the effectiveness of the Baker and Marchman Acts to serve the people of Florida.