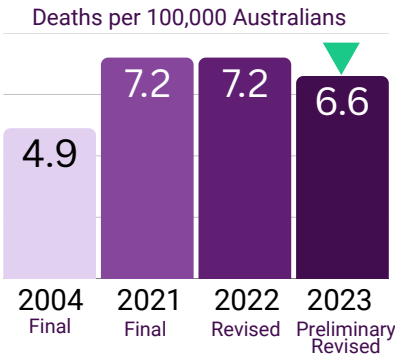


# Overdose and Other Drug-Induced Deaths Australia, 2023



Preliminary estimates indicate that there were 1,762 overdose and other drug-induced deaths in 2023 (excluding deaths caused by alcohol and tobacco).

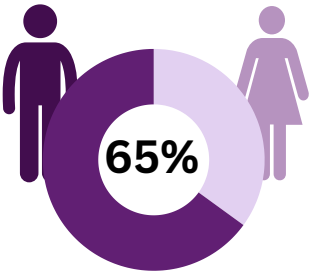


The preliminary rate of overdose and other drug-induced deaths in 2023 was lower than observed in 2022; both rates are likely to further increase with data revisions.



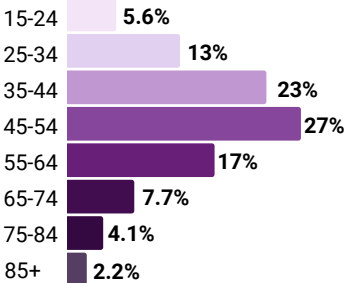
Preliminary data indicate 1,700 alcohol-induced deaths in 2023, equating to a rate of 5.8 deaths per 100,000 people.

## Sex



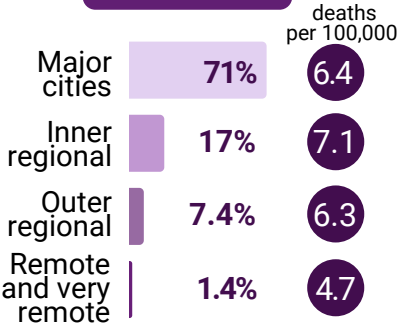
Males accounted for around two-thirds of overdose and other drug-induced deaths, with a rate of 8.7 per 100,000 compared to 4.4 for females.

## Age



Overdose and other drug-induced deaths were most common among those aged 45-54, followed by those aged 35-44 and 55-64.

## Remoteness



The majority of overdose and other drug-induced deaths occurred in major city areas, however the rate was highest in inner regional areas.

## Substance involvement



Opioids were the most commonly identified substances involved in drug overdose deaths.

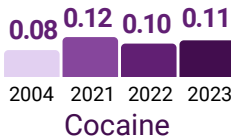
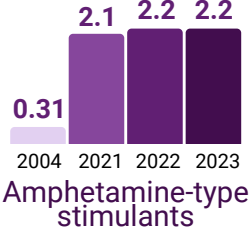
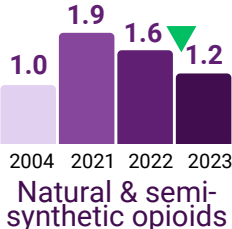
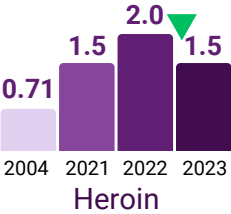
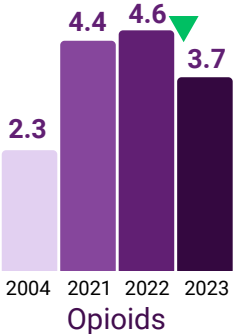
Most common psychosocial risk factor in drug-induced deaths was **PERSONAL HISTORY OF SELF HARM (15%)**

The majority of all drug overdose deaths occurred at **HOME (75%)**

The largest proportion of drug-induced deaths occurred in residents of **THE MOST DISADVANTAGED AREAS (32%)**

The majority of drug overdose deaths (n=1,701) were **UNINTENTIONAL (71%)**

## Rate of drug overdose deaths per 100,000 people



Since 2004, drug overdose death rates have increased across all drug types, generally peaking in 2017 or 2018, and declining thereafter. However, rates for cocaine and amphetamine-type stimulants continued to increase, reaching their peak in 2020, and remaining relatively stable since. Most drug classes had lower rates in 2023 compared to 2022, with the exception of amphetamine-type stimulants and cocaine.