

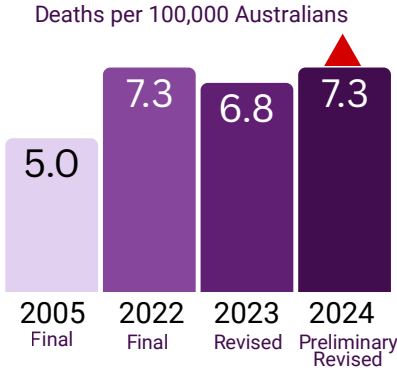
Overdose and Other Drug-Induced Deaths Australia, 2024



Preliminary estimates indicate that there were 2,005 overdose and other drug-induced deaths in 2024 (excluding deaths caused by alcohol and tobacco).



This equates to about 5.5 deaths per day among Australians, which is around 1.1% of all registered deaths in Australia in 2024.

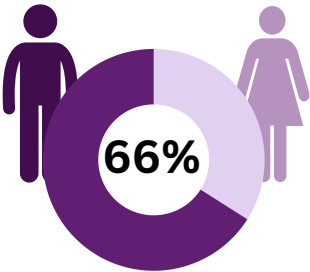


The preliminary rate of overdose and other drug-induced deaths in 2024 was higher than observed in 2023; both rates are likely to further increase with data revisions.



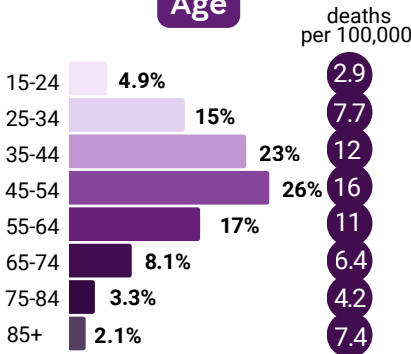
Preliminary data indicate 1,781 alcohol-induced deaths in 2024, equating to a rate of 6.0 deaths per 100,000 people.

Sex



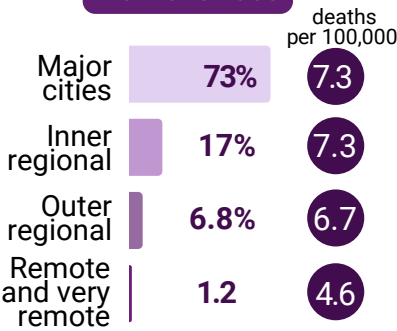
Males accounted for around two-thirds of overdose and other drug-induced deaths, with a rate of 9.9 per 100,000 compared to 4.7 for females.

Age



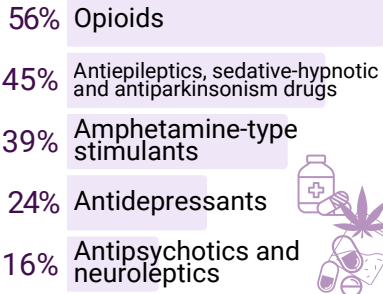
Overdose and other drug-induced deaths were most common among those aged 45-54, followed by those aged 35-44 years.

Remoteness



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

Substance involvement



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



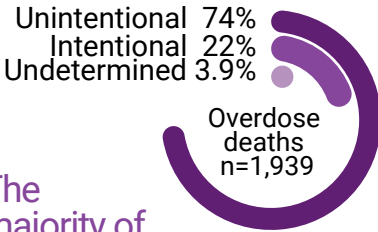
Most common psychosocial risk factor in drug-induced deaths was **PERSONAL HISTORY OF SELF HARM (12%)**



The majority of all drug overdose deaths occurred at **HOME (72%)**

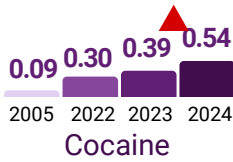
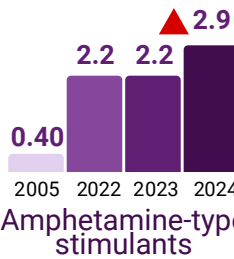
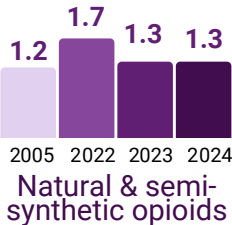
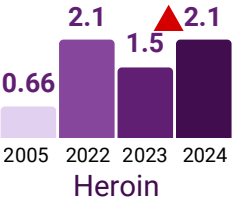
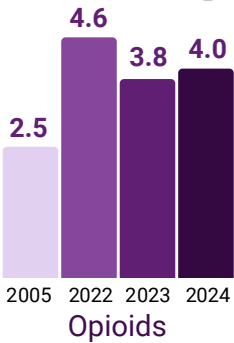


The largest proportion of drug-induced deaths occurred in residents of **THE MOST DISADVANTAGED AREAS (30%)**



The majority of drug overdose deaths were **UNINTENTIONAL (74%)**

Rate of drug overdose deaths involving selected drug types per 100,000 people



Since 2005, 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 highest levels in 2024.