



Rhode Island Data Brief

Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths by Municipality Supplemental Information: Race/Ethnicity

Fatal Overdoses: The source for all fatal overdose data in this report is Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME). Data reflect accidental drug overdose deaths when an individual is pronounced dead in *Rhode Island*. The municipality where the overdose occurred can be different than the municipality where the individual was pronounced dead. If the location of the incident was not in Rhode Island or is unknown, the death is not usually included in a geographical count. Variations in unknown city of incident may impact trends. Rhode Island residents who died of accidental drug overdose deaths outside of Rhode Island are not included.

Data shown only for municipalities where at least two race categories were greater than or equal to five. Per RIDOH's *Small Numbers Policy*, numbers less than five are suppressed.

Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths, 2016-2018: Race by Residence City

City	White	Black	Asian	Unknown/ Missing	Total
East Providence	34	6	0	0	40
Providence	203	31	<5	<5	237
Woonsocket	62	8	<5	0	72
Rhode Island Resident Total	796 (92%)	61 (7%)	5 (1%)	7 (1%)	869

Source: OSME, RIDOH's Center for Health Data and Analysis (CHDA).

Note: Data are current as of January 24, 2020, and are subject to change.

Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths, 2016-2018: Ethnicity by Residence City

City	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown/ Missing	Total
Pawtucket	9	54	<5	66
Providence	52	165	20	237
Warwick	<5	48	6	56
Woonsocket	9	57	6	72
Rhode Island Resident Total	89 (10%)	719 (83%)	61 (7%)	869

Source: OSME, CHDA

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Emergency Department (ED) Opioid Overdose Reports by Municipality, Supplemental Information: Race/Ethnicity

Emergency Department (ED) Visits: The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) maintains an Opioid Overdose Reporting System, the *48-Hour Overdose Reporting System*, which contains overdose reports from EDs in Rhode Island. As part of regulation [216-RICR-20-20-5](#), RIDOH requires every health professional and every hospital in the state to report all opioid overdoses or suspected opioid overdoses within 48 hours. This includes non-fatal overdoses and any overdose fatalities that occur at the hospital. If a suspected overdose patient is brought to a hospital in a neighboring state, that overdose report may not be captured in Rhode Island's numbers. Municipalities that are located in close proximity to hospitals in Connecticut or Massachusetts may show an under-representation. The source for all ED visit data in this report is the 48-Hour Overdose Reporting System. Overdoses reported with an incident location of unknown or outside of Rhode Island were excluded.

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Suspected Overdose-Related ED Visits, 2016-2019: Race by Incident City

Municipality	White	Black/African American	Other	Unknown/Missing	Total
Central Falls	54 (49%)	<5	17 (15%)	29 (32%)	110
Cranston	348 (71%)	22 (5%)	15 (3%)	102 (22%)	492
East Providence	139 (59%)	10 (4%)	<5	84 (36%)	235
Lincoln	59 (62%)	5 (5%)	<5	27 (28%)	95
Newport	55 (86%)	5 (8%)	<5	<5	64
North Providence	80 (85%)	<5	6 (6%)	<5	94
Pawtucket	371 (67%)	29 (5%)	23 (4%)	133 (24%)	556
Providence	928 (50%)	179 (10%)	162 (9%)	572 (31%)	1,841
Warwick	477 (89%)	6 (1%)	13 (2%)	42 (8%)	538
Woonsocket	321 (79%)	20 (5%)	34 (8%)	31 (8%)	406
Rhode Island Total	4,004 (69%)	317 (6%)	297 (5%)	1,183 (20%)	5,801

Source: 48-Hour Overdose Reporting System

Note: January 2016 data may be incomplete. Data are current as of January 24, 2020, and are subject to change. Use caution when interpreting data due to high percentage of missing data. Please do not back calculate rates for small numbers.

Suspected Overdose-Related ED Visits, 2016-2019: Ethnicity by Incident City

Municipality	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	Total
Central Falls	29 (26%)	48 (44%)	33 (30%)	110
Cranston	22 (5%)	268 (55%)	202 (41%)	492
Lincoln	5 (5%)	55 (58%)	35 (37%)	95
Pawtucket	59 (11%)	356 (64%)	141 (25%)	556
Providence	167 (9%)	742 (40%)	932 (51%)	1,841
Warwick	14 (3%)	424 (79%)	100 (19%)	538
Woonsocket	38 (9%)	251 (62%)	117 (29%)	406
Rhode Island Total	364 (6%)	3,323 (57%)	2,114 (36%)	5,801

Source: 48-Hour Overdose Reporting System

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