

Today's
Philadelphia
Opioid
Epidemic
Review

AIDS Diagnoses

TABLE 7

Concurrent HIV/AIDS, Demographics and Transmission Risk | 2017 – 2021

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021											
	Non-concurrent	Concurrent HIV/AIDS	Non-concurrent	Concurrent HIV/AIDS	Non-concurrent	Concurrent HIV/AIDS	Non-concurrent	Concurrent HIV/AIDS	Non-concurrent	Concurrent HIV/AIDS										
	N	Row%	N	Row%	N	Row%	N	Row%	N	Row%										
Total	422	83.1%	86	16.9%	376	85.8%	62	14.2%	388	87.2%	57	12.8%	275	82.1%	60	17.9%	292	80.0%	73	20.0%
Sex Assigned at Birth																				
Female	87	82.9%	18	17.1%	93	86.9%	14	13.1%	98	90.7%	10	9.3%	64	78.0%	18	22.0%	60	78.9%	16	21.1%
Male	335	83.1%	68	16.9%	283	85.5%	48	14.5%	290	86.1%	47	13.9%	211	83.4%	42	16.6%	232	80.3%	57	19.7%
Race/Ethnicity																				
NH Black	285	83.1%	58	16.9%	219	84.9%	39	15.1%	247	88.2%	33	11.8%	191	84.1%	36	15.9%	179	78.2%	50	21.8%
Hispanic	70	85.4%	12	14.6%	74	84.1%	14	15.9%	62	78.5%	17	21.5%	47	87.0%	7	13.0%	38	73.1%	14	26.9%
NH White	56	81.2%	13	18.8%	69	88.5%	9	11.5%	68	91.9%	6	8.1%	32	71.1%	13	28.9%	68	89.5%	8	10.5%
Multi-race	6	20.6%	*	*	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	8	88.9%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other/Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0%
Age at HIV Dx																				
0-12	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%
13-19	42	97.7%	*	*	21	95.4%	*	*	31	96.9%	*	*	18	94.7%	*	*	15	83.3%	*	*
20-24	88	92.6%	7	7.4%	82	90.1%	9	9.9%	70	92.1%	6	7.9%	47	92.1%	*	*	60	90.9%	6	9.1%
25-29	93	91.2%	9	8.8%	77	92.8%	6	7.2%	87	87.9%	12	12.1%	66	88.0%	9	12.0%	69	89.6%	8	10.4%
30-39	116	84.1%	22	15.9%	97	81.5%	22	18.5%	95	82.6%	20	17.4%	80	81.6%	18	18.4%	92	80.0%	23	20.0%
40-49	39	63.9%	22	36.1%	38	77.6%	11	22.4%	51	85.0%	9	15.0%	28	66.7%	14	33.3%	29	74.4%	10	25.6%
50+	44	63.8%	25	36.2%	61	82.4%	13	17.6%	54	85.7%	9	14.3%	35	71.4%	14	28.6%	25	52.1%	23	47.9%
Transmission Risk																				
MSM	244	87.5%	35	12.5%	183	86.3%	29	13.7%	201	85.2%	35	14.8%	165	85.9%	27	14.1%	165	80.9%	39	19.1%
PWID	34	79.1%	9	20.9%	53	89.8%	6	10.2%	69	93.2%	*	*	23	88.5%	*	*	37	86.0%	6	14.0%
MSM/PWID	*	*	0	0.0%	18	90.0%	*	*	16	94.1%	*	*	7	70.0%	*	*	19	100.0%	0	0.0%
Heterosexual	90	81.8%	20	18.2%	73	84.9%	13	15.1%	76	87.4%	11	12.6%	61	75.3%	20	24.7%	49	77.8%	14	22.2%
Pediatric	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	0	0.0%
No Reported Risk	49	69.0%	22	31.0%	49	80.3%	12	19.7%	26	83.9%	*	*	18	72.0%	7	28.0%	20	58.8%	14	41.2%

Note *Cell sizes < 6 are suppressed. Concurrent HIV/AIDS is defined as diagnosis of AIDS within 90 days of initial diagnosis of HIV.
Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

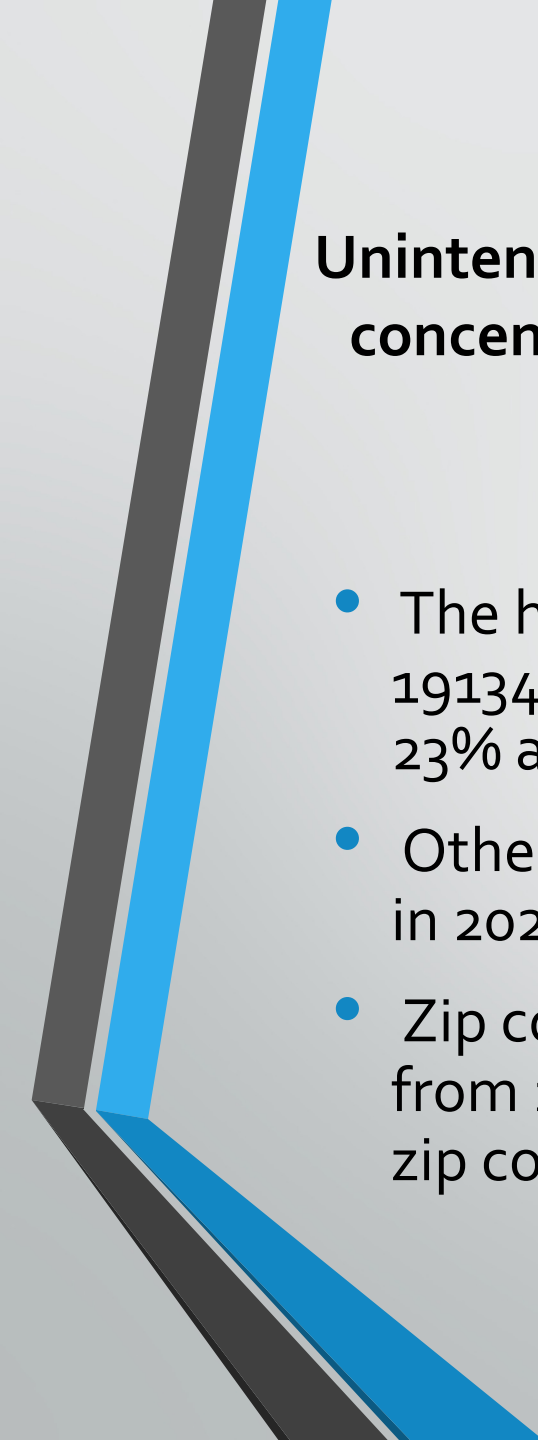


CHART

Unintentional Drug Overdose
Fatalities in Philadelphia, 2021
(October 26, 2022)

Key takeaways from CHART

- In 2021, there were 1,276 unintentional drug overdose deaths, the highest ever reported in Philadelphia.
- While most unintentional overdose deaths involved opioids, deaths involving stimulants (both with and without the presence of opioids) also increased.
- In 2021, the number of unintentional overdose deaths among NonHispanic Black individuals surpassed the number of unintentional overdose deaths among NonHispanic White individuals.



Unintentional overdose deaths occurred throughout the city, but were concentrated in North, Northeast, South, and Southwest regions of Philadelphia.

- The highest number of unintentional overdose deaths occurred in the 19134-zip code with 169 deaths. In 2021, deaths in this zip code increased by 23% after declining 22% in the previous year
- Other Philadelphia zip codes with the highest number of overdose fatalities in 2021 included 19140 (n=84), 19124 (n=80), 19133 (n=59), and 19132 (n=55)
- Zip codes with the highest percent change in unintentional overdose deaths from 2020 to 2021 included 19141, 19124, 19149, and 19136. Of note, these zip codes also had more than 25 overdose deaths in 2021.

The Philadelphia Opioid Response 2022 Action Plan details the Administration's ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis

2022 ACTION PLAN

Philadelphia Opioid Response

The plan to save lives, rejuvenate impacted communities, and recover from the Opioid Crisis

August 2022



**2022 Opioid Response Unit Action
Plan Update**

(October 26, 2022)

Community Support Strategies

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	2022 GOALS	UPDATE
<p>1. Develop holistic and trauma-informed engagement programs for communities families, and individuals impacted by opioid use disorder</p>		<p>The Philly HEALs program, operating out of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Division offers bereavement outreach/crisis counseling, formal grief counseling for adults and children, and peer support groups for Philadelphia residents that have suffered a substance use related loss.</p> <p>The DBHIDS Community Wellness Engagement Unit (CWEU) continues its partnership with Concilio, a local human services provider, to triage supports and offer family based services & supplemental supports via their Family Navigator, along with Philadelphia Systems of Care. CWEU has partnered with PDPH's COVID-19 Resource Hub program to connect residents to wellness resources and enhance community awareness, starting at Mi Salud Wellness Center in Feltonville. CWEU support includes resource drop offs and community health events.</p>

Community Support Strategies continued

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	2022 GOALS	UPDATE
<p>2. Scale Housing First/ Permanent Supportive Housing in opioid hot spot neighborhoods</p>	<p>Complete a 100 Day Challenge (100DC) to achieve targeted, specific goals related to homelessness in the Kensington area.</p> <p>The 100 Day Challenge will include, but will not be limited to, evidenced-based reentry programming, dedicated shelter space for couples, housing vouchers, supportive housing for recovery, transportation, and nursing support.</p> <p>Increase housing availability and related shelter services, by both type and location</p>	<p>The City completed a 100-Day Challenge between March 28 to July 24, 2022. In total, 377 people in Kensington were connected to housing and/or behavioral health treatment services.</p> <p>171 people were placed in housing opportunities. 282 people enrolled in behavioral health treatment, 84 of whom also received wound care services. 141 additional housing opportunities came online as a result of the 100 Day Challenge, including couples' housing.</p> <p>Through the 100 Day Challenge, treatment and housing providers strengthened the connections between residential drug treatment, recovery, and permanent housing.</p>
<p>3. Expand employment (including youth) and other programs in hotspot neighborhoods</p>	<p>Increase Same Day Work and Pay participants by providing additional opportunities through expanded CLIP and Project REACH programming</p>	<p>The fiscal year 2023 budget includes a funding extension for the Same Day Work and Pay Program. Managing Director's Office (MDO) Community Services is working with the Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity (CEO) on the implementation of the program's strategic planning.</p>
<p>4. In coordination with Public Safety Strategy Group, pursue permanent closure of drug corners and activation of community spaces in hotspot neighborhoods</p>	<p>Support residents in improving quality of life</p> <p>Improve the physical condition of opioid-affected communities</p>	<p>The Philadelphia Police Department East Division partnered with the City of Philadelphia's Parks and Recreation to provide public safety support at Kensington-area parks during summer and fall family oriented programming</p>

Prevention

Strategic Initiative	2022 Goals	Update
1. Reduce overdoses and increase harm reduction	<p>Expand harm reduction resources into hotspots outside of Kensington</p> <p>Ensure communication around harm reduction is culturally competent and meets the needs of unique individuals</p> <p>Offer supportive services to families impacted by substance use</p>	<p>The Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Substance Use, Prevention and Harm Reduction Division (SUPHR) is planning to install a second Naloxone Tower at 60th and Market, in partnership with SEPTA.</p> <p>In an effort to reach more communities outside of the Kensington area, SUPHR has organized harm reduction outreach at libraries across North Philadelphia. In addition, the Opioid Response Unit has provided targeted substance use awareness trainings for adults working with disproportionately high risk populations, including juvenile justice professionals, DHS staff, and local supermarkets.</p> <p>SUPHR's communications team is launching a new fentanyl test strip education campaign, as well as a bilingual PSA on xylazine, in partnership with Kensington-area businesses.</p> <p>PDPH's Philly LIFTS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Program) works to expand engagement for parents prior to birth and pre-discharge from the hospital, and has established relationships at eleven local hospitals.</p>

Prevention continued

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2. Scale Emergency Medical Services Alternative Response Unit	Expand AR-2 Operational Hours Expand AR-2 Geographic Footprint	<p>Philadelphia Fire Department's Alternative Response Unit 2 (AR-2) pairs behavioral health professionals with paramedics in a marked EMS SUV. AR-2 currently serves as a supplemental service to non-fatal street-level overdoses in East Division and provides leave-behind Narcan, active outreach in the neighborhood, and has the capacity for SUD assessments and warm handoffs to treatment out of an RV.</p> <p>AR-2 operates 7 days a week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is increasing its follow-up services post-treatment for served individuals.</p>

Public Safety

Strategic Initiative	2022 Goals	Update
<p>1. In coordination with the Community Support Strategies Group, pursue permanent closure of drug corners and activation of community spaces in hotspot neighborhoods</p>	<p>Create safe spaces with enforcement of curfew, no camping, and no outdoor drug use at all in community parks in Kensington, Harrowgate, and Fairhill</p> <p>Support Parks and Recreation Summer Programming at Play Parks, Swim Philly, and Play Streets</p>	<p>Parks and Recreation, the Managing Director's Office, Impact Services, New Kensington CDC and the Free Library of Philadelphia worked together to schedule consistent summer and fall programming at McPherson Square Park, Harrowgate Park, and Hissey Playground, with support from police, Community Life Improvement Program, and the Health Department's Project Reach team.</p> <p>In Summer 2022, parks programming in Kensington included PlayParks activations, SwimPhilly at Scanlon and McVeigh, and 18 PlayStreets. Seven Literacy & Playful Learning PlayStreets received programming support thanks to Fab Youth Philly Play Captains and Free Library of Philadelphia.</p>
<p>2. Scale Police-Assisted Diversion (PAD) with co-responders</p>	<p>Expand PAD to Northeast Police Division with mobile behavioral health supports concentrated in the 15th Police District</p>	<p>Police Assisted Diversion (PAD) expanded operations by 25% adding services in the East Police Division. In FY23, PAD will expand into the Northeast Police Division, with a focus on the 15th Police District.</p>
<p>3. Improve coordinated narcotics strategy between local, state, and federal agencies</p>	<p>Pilot diversion courts in East Division</p>	<p>The Office of Violence Prevention's Group Violence Intervention model has expanded to six new police districts and will expand to operate in all police divisions citywide and host a minimum of five group call-ins over the course of this fiscal year.</p> <p>The Accelerated Misdemeanor Program (AMP) resumed operation in the East Division in August 2022. As of September 28, the District Attorney's Office has diverted 288 cases to AMP.</p>

Treatment

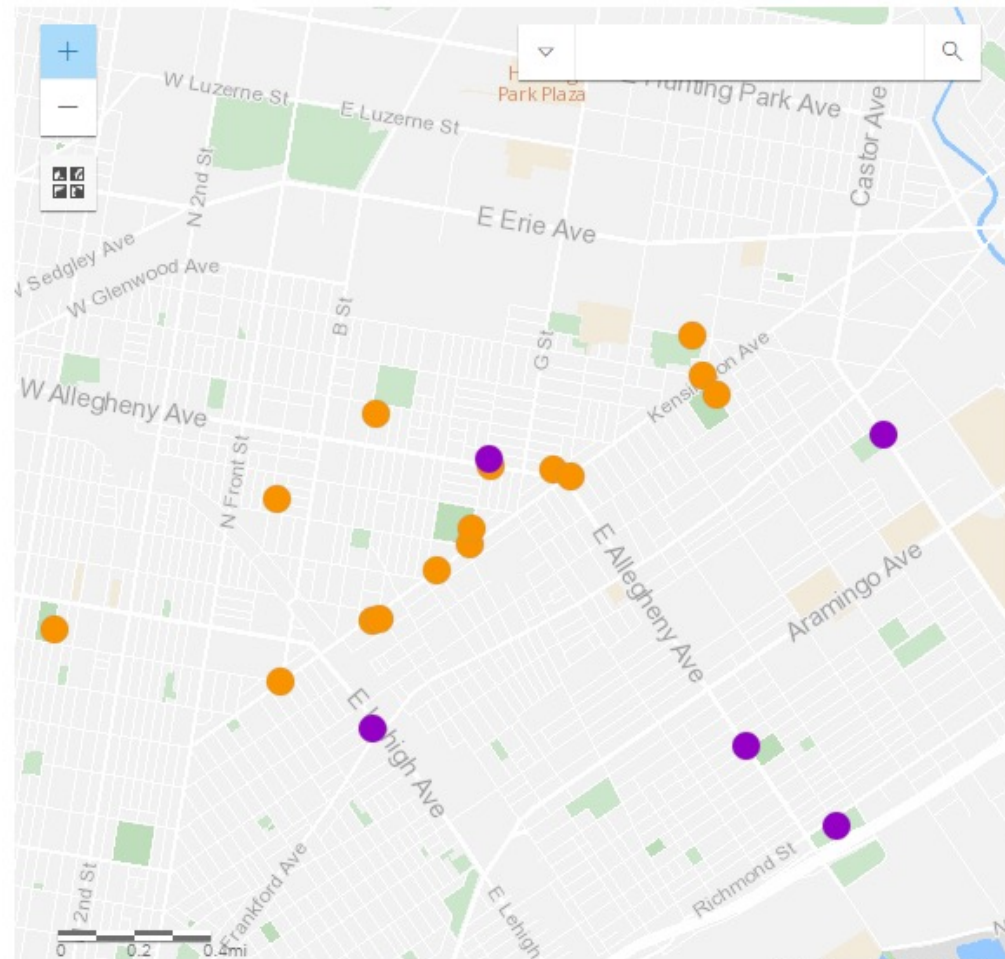
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<p>1. Execute Medication First policies, expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) provision and provider incentives and expand access to treatment</p>	<p>Enhance access to existing treatment systems</p> <p>Support Recovery Houses to become licensed through the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)</p>	<p>In 2022, all 24 Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS) contracted recovery houses are now fully licensed.</p> <p>DBHIDS issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to provide funding for physical plant upgrades to currently operating Recovery Houses in Philadelphia who are not contracted with DBHIDS.</p>
<p>2. Expand mobile medication assisted treatment initiatives</p>	<p>Develop and implement a Mobile Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, with the goal of transitioning individuals to a clinic to preserve capacity to serve new patients seeking care</p>	<p>DBHIDS is actively working on a plan to launch Mobile Methadone Maintenance Treatment.</p>
<p>3. Expand Warm Handoff Program, including following incarceration</p>	<p>Develop warm handoff culture across systems</p>	<p>DBHIDS recently received a grant to connect individuals being discharged from Philadelphia Department of Prisons (PDP) to receive support from Certified Recovery Specialists.</p>

Sharps disposal sites

Kiosks provide safe disposal

As part of the Philadelphia Resilience Project, the City has installed sharps disposal kiosks in Kensington, a neighborhood hit hard by the epidemic. The kiosks also accept needles used for insulin, steroids, biologic drugs, in vitro fertilization, and more. Use the map below to locate them.

- Dropbox
- Wall unit



Resources

- [CHART](#) Unintentional Drug Overdose Fatalities in Philadelphia, 2021 (October 26, 2022)
- [2022 Opioid Response Unit Action Plan Update](#) (October 26, 2022)
- [The Philadelphia Opioid Response 2022 Action Plan details the Administration's ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis.](#) (August 2022)
- OPIOID RESPONSE UNIT <https://www.phila.gov/programs/opioid-response-unit/>
- <https://www.kensingtonplan.org/>
- [DHH Surveillance report](#) (November 2022)