

2024-2025



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Oakland
Kenwood
Hyde Park
Woodlawn



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SUMMARY

The Three Cords Strong ROSC Alliance (Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care) initiative is dedicated to understanding and addressing the unique needs of the Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn communities in Chicago. By conducting a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, we aim to identify priority areas for intervention and develop strategies to support residents in their journey towards health, well-being, and resilience.



Introduction:

This Community Needs Assessment analyzes survey responses to understand the needs and gaps in services related to substance use disorders, mental health treatment, harm reduction, and healthcare access in the community. The goal is to identify key areas for improvement and recommend actionable steps to enhance support systems.

MAP

TARGET AREAS



KEY FINDINGS

Respect and Awareness:

- Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that people who use drugs and those with mental illness deserve respect.
- This indicates a positive shift in attitudes toward reducing stigma in the community.

Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR):

- A majority of respondents recognize MAR as an effective treatment for substance use disorders.
- However, there are challenges in accessing healthcare providers who offer MAR, with many respondents agreeing that these services are difficult to find.

Harm Reduction Services:

- There is a mixed perception of harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs, with some agreeing that they reduce risks while others remain neutral or disagree.
- Many respondents reported difficulty finding harm reduction services in their community, indicating a need for better availability and awareness.

Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment:

- Many participants agreed that it is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services.
- A significant number of respondents support increasing government funding for treatment options, emphasizing the need for policy advocacy.

Equitable Access to Services:

- Responses were divided on whether everyone in the community can access mental health and substance use treatment services regardless of income, insurance status, race, or other factors.
- Some respondents disagreed, highlighting disparities in service accessibility.



Demographics of Respondents:

- The majority of respondents were aged 55-64.
- Most identified as African American/Black and non-Hispanic.
- English was the primary language spoken.
- Income levels varied, with many reporting earnings between \$25,000-\$99,999.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Increase Awareness and Education:

- Implement community education programs to reduce stigma and increase understanding of harm reduction services.
- Provide more information about MAR and how to access providers.

Expand Access to Treatment and Services:

- Advocate for more healthcare providers offering MAR and harm reduction services in underserved areas.
- Enhance community partnerships to make mental health and substance use treatment services more accessible.
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Strengthen Policy and Funding Initiatives:

- Advocate for increased government funding for treatment programs.
- Ensure equitable access to care for all individuals, regardless of demographic factors.

Improve Service Availability and Outreach:

- Establish more harm reduction programs and ensure they are well-publicized.
- Provide mobile or community-based services to reach marginalized populations.
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Conclusion :

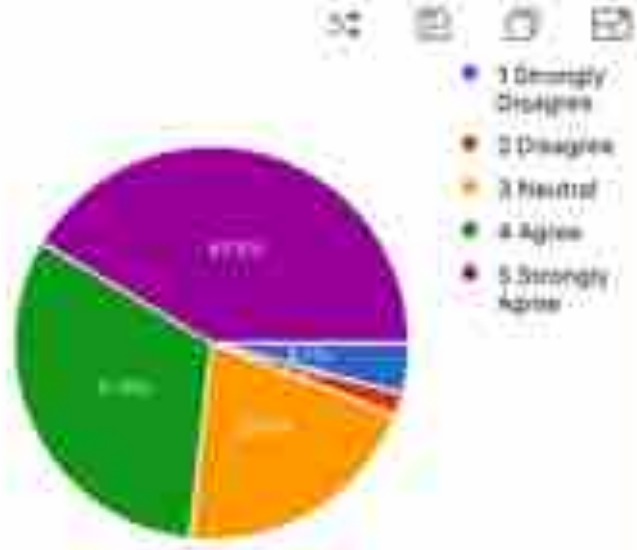
This assessment highlights the community's needs in mental health and substance use treatment. Addressing gaps in service availability, increasing public awareness, and advocating for policy changes are crucial steps toward improving health outcomes and overall community well-being.

RESULTS GRAPHS



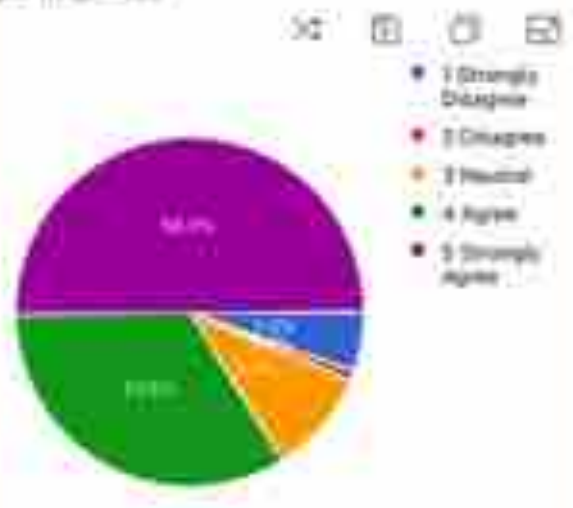
People who use drugs deserve respect.

217 Responses



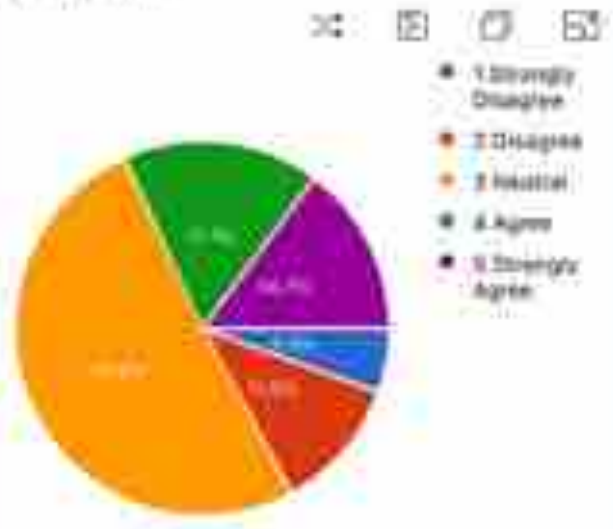
People with a mental illness deserve respect.

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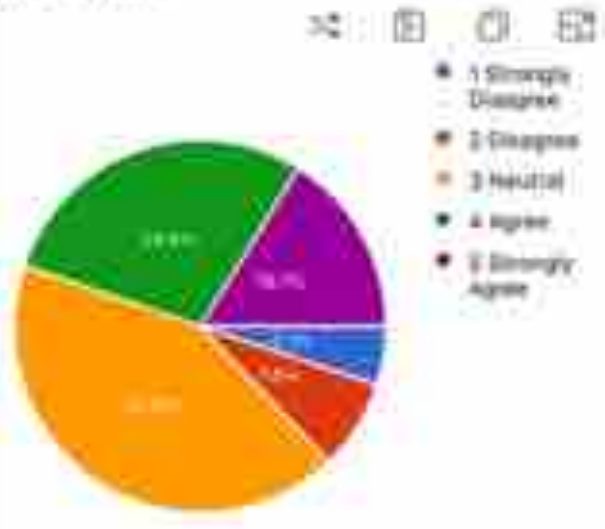
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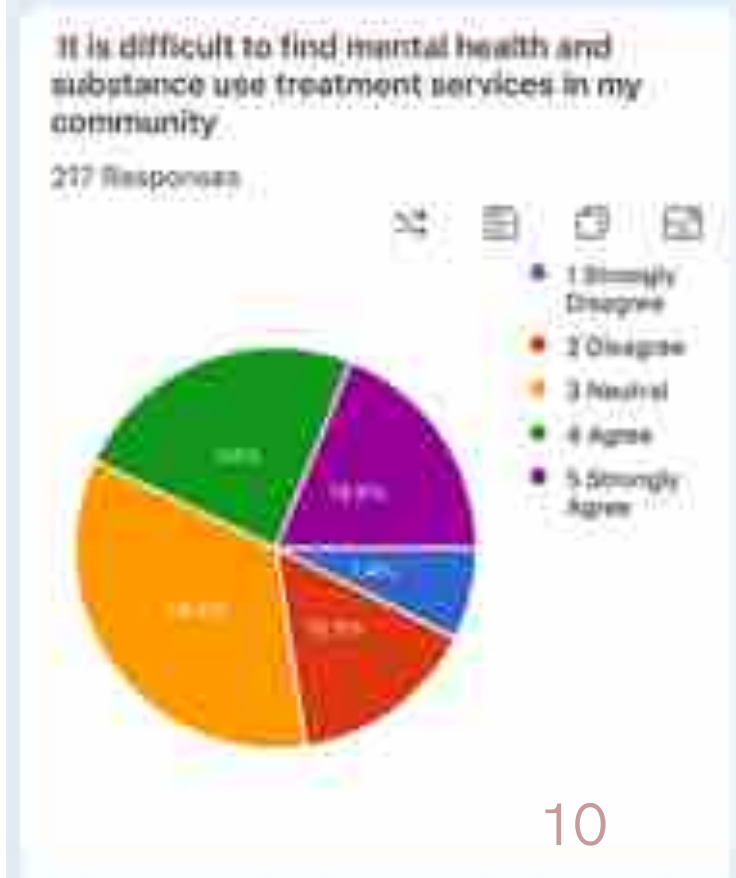
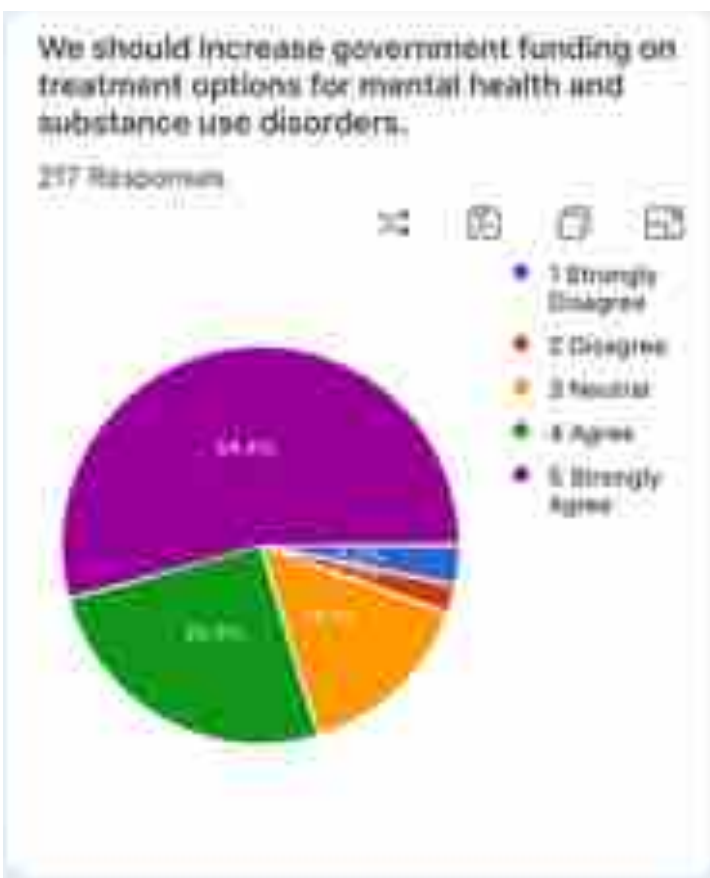
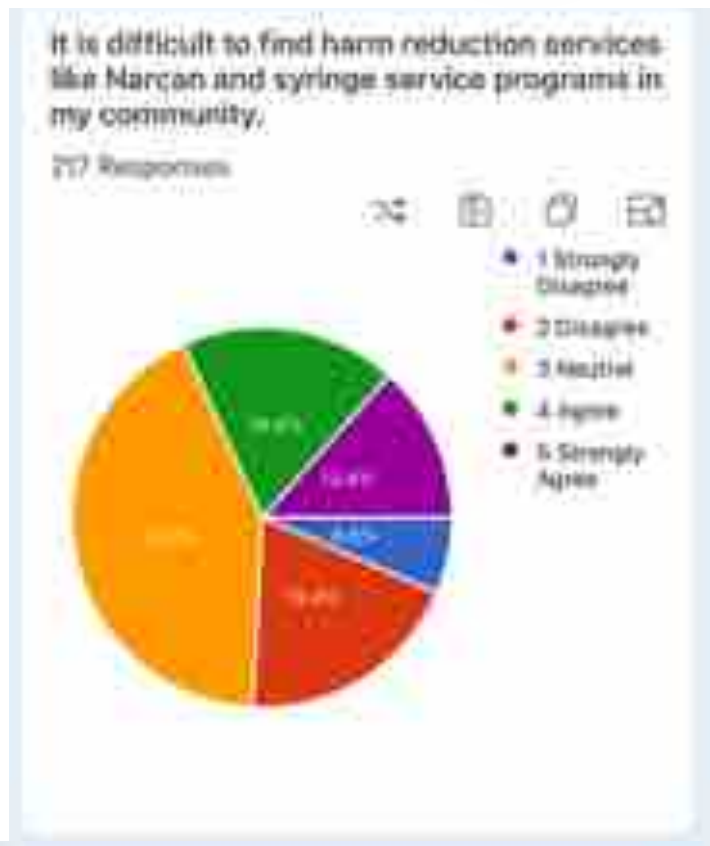
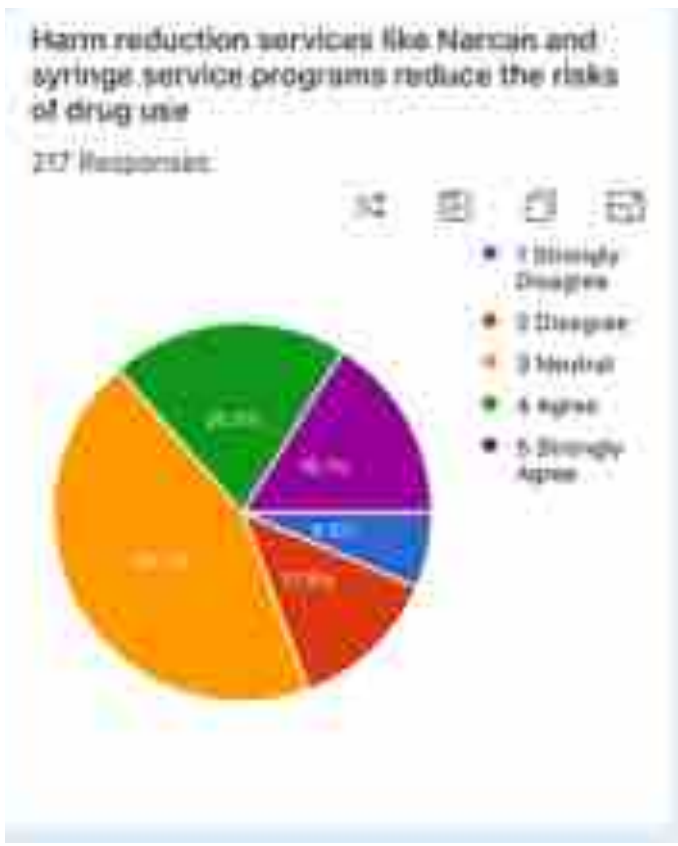


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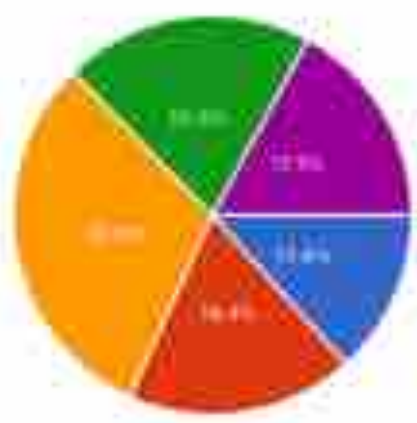


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- 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Agree
- 5 Strongly Agree



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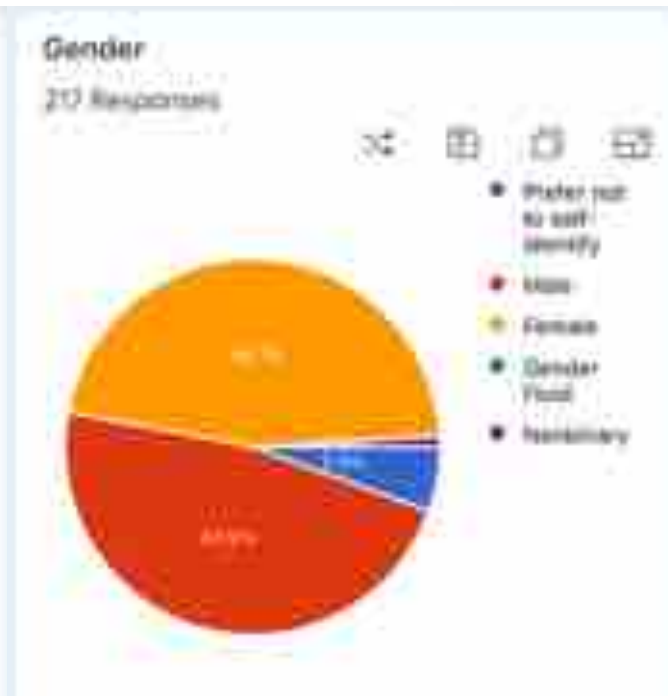
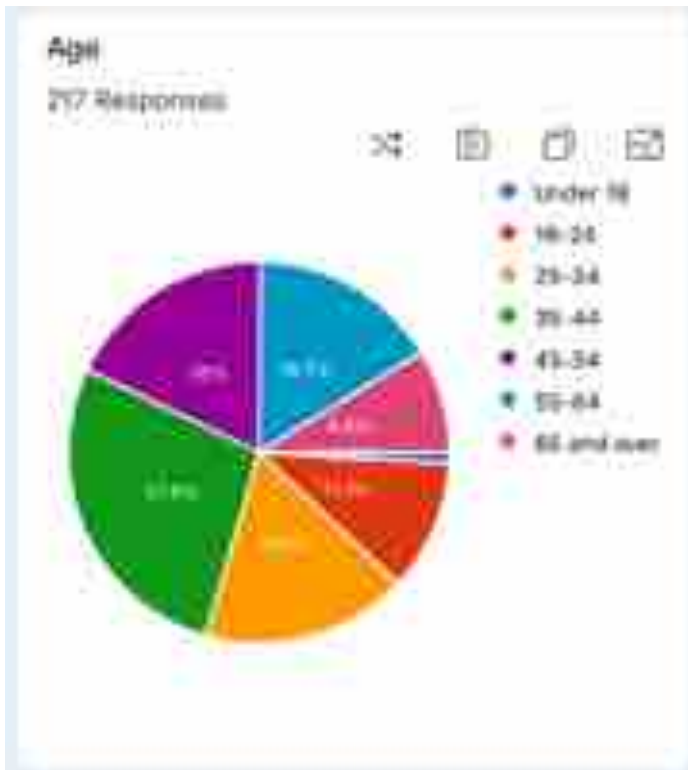
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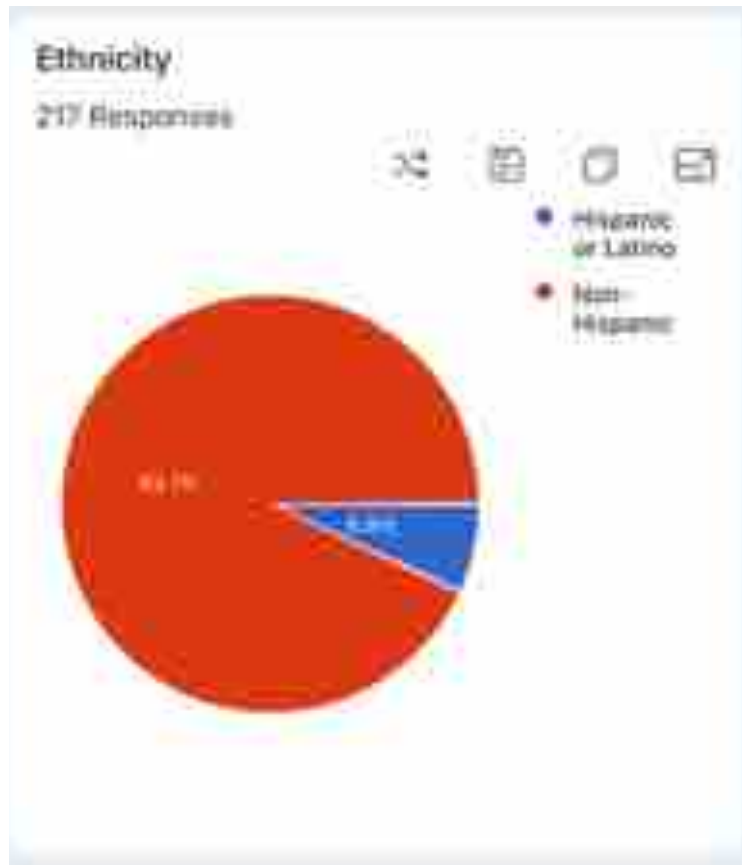
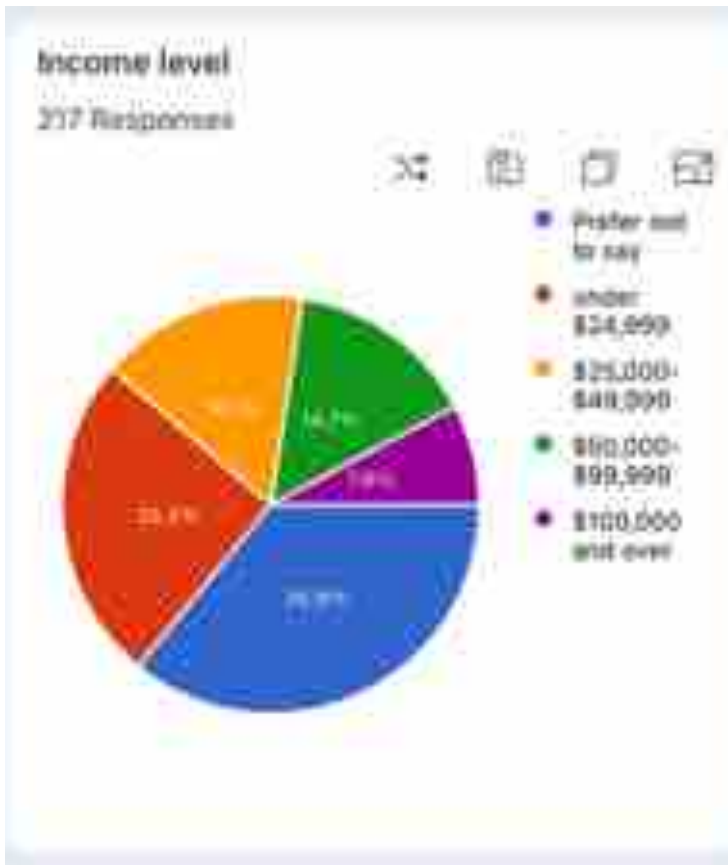
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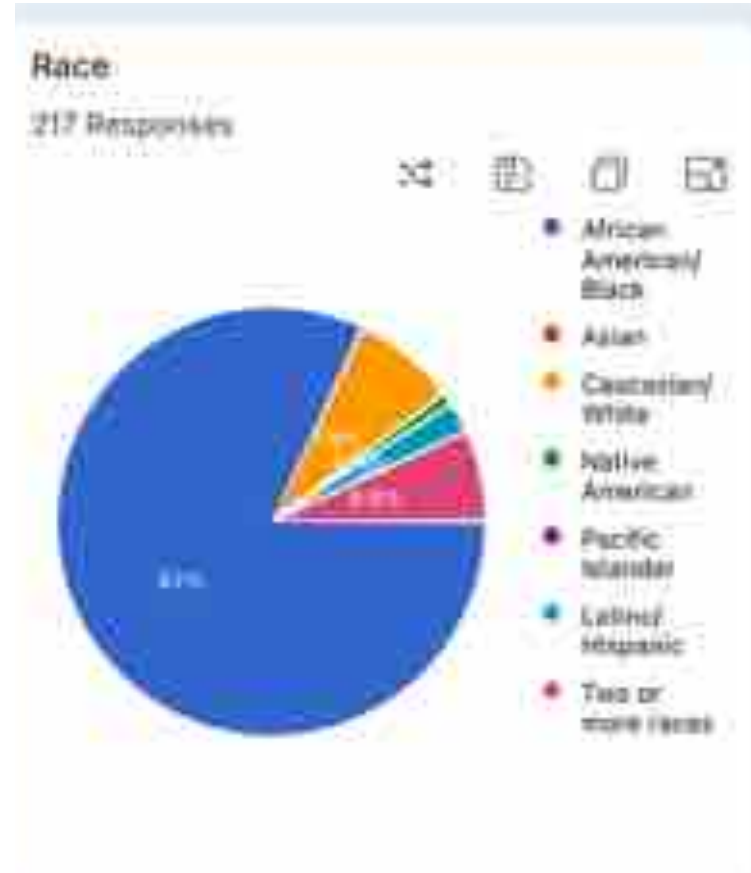
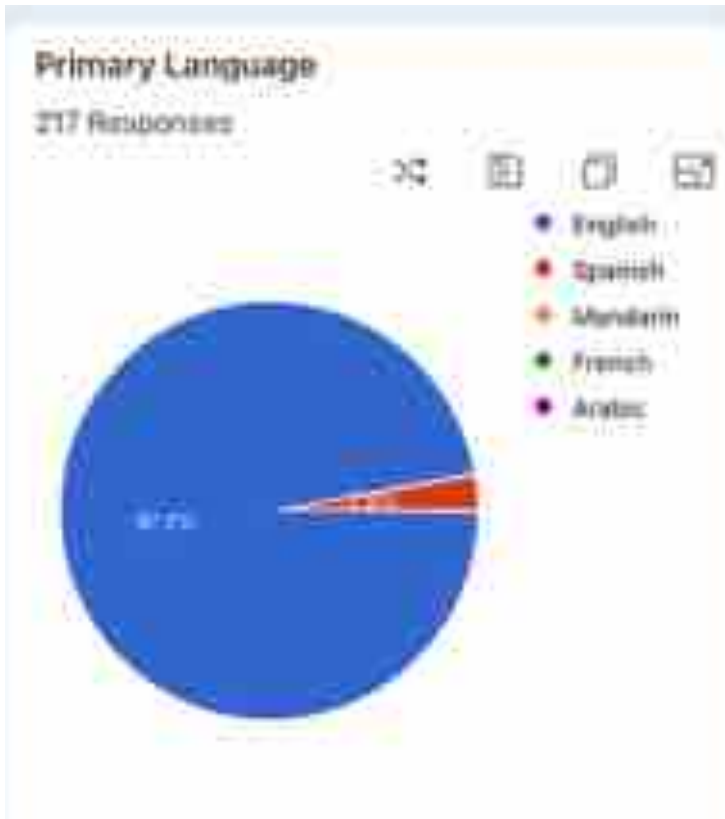
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HOW ARE YOU?

COMMUNITY



OVERWHELMED
 GOOD
 I'M OKAY, THANKS FOR ASKING.
 VERY WELL
 TIRED
 I'M ALRIGHT
 I'M OK
 WELL, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE.
 THANKS
 I'M GOOD
 FINE
 NEUTRAL
 EXCELLENT
 GREAT
 FAIR, GRATEFUL
 BLESSED
 TRYING TO STAY AFLOAT
 OK
 FINE
 MODERATE
 STRESSED

HEALTHY
 BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVORED
 FAIR, MENTALLY DRAINED
 MANAGING ONE DAY AT A TIME, ONE STEP DON'T
 LOOK AT HOW MANY STAIR
 GOOD, HANGING IN THERE
 OK
 I'M BLESSED
 FAIR
 I AM DOING GREAT I'M CONFIDENT AND MOTIVATED
 GOOD
 I'M DOING GOOD 4 MONTH SOBER
 PRETTY DECENT
 FINE
 I'M IN A STABLE MENTAL STATE DESPITE THE CHAOS
 OF THE WORLD RIGHT NOW AND IN OUR COUNTRY.
 SO I'M FOCUSING ON STAYING CALM AND
 VIGILANT
 GREAT
 GOOD
 IM DOING VERY WELL.
 I'M FINE.
 A LIL ANGRY



HOW ARE YOU? COMMUNITY



HOW ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?

WORKING

NOT WELL

SURVIVING BUT OK. AND LOVE THE SURVEY AESTHETIC!!

VERY GOOD

GOOD HEALTHY BLESSED

NOT ADDING TO THE POPULATION

PERSEVERING

TIRED

PRETTY GOOD/ SOME UPS AND DOWNS

I'M DOING WELL

I'M GOOD

I'VE BEEN BETTER

WONDERFUL

I'M A GOOD PLACE !

GREAT

DOING VERY WELL

I FEEL GREAT!

GREAT, I AM BLESSED.

I'M FINE JUST WANT MY NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE SAFE

STRESSED, ANGRY, BULLIED

IM IN A HARD SPOT RIGHT NOW BUT IM TAKING IT
ONE DAY AT A TIME

WELL, BETTER THEN I USED TO FEEL

OKAY

ALRIGHT

GOOD

SAFE SPACE

GOOD

UP AND DOWN

ALRIGHT

BIEN

ME SIENTO BIEN

BIEN

I'M FABULOUS AND DIVINELY GUIDED AT ALL
TIMES



Cook County Medical Examiner's Office Snap Shots



COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER CASES AT A GLANCE

Number of Deaths Investigated	16,392
Number of Cases by Manner of Death ¹	7,738
Accident	3,384
Homicide	850
Natural	2,776
Suicide	508
Undetermined	170
Homicides Autopsied	850
Suicides Autopsied	158
Non-Motor Vehicle Accident Deaths Certified	2,931
Motor Vehicle Accident Deaths Certified	453
Motor Vehicle Accidents Autopsied	79
Non-Motor Vehicle Accidents Autopsied	1,998
Drug-related Accident Deaths Certified	2,012
Drug-related Accident Deaths Autopsied	1,744
Naturals Autopsied	805
Undetermined Autopsied	148
Unidentified Autopsied	9
Opioid-Related	1,822
Gun-Related Homicides	739
Latino	137
NL White	25
NL Black	574
NL Other	3

¹ cases without a manner of death (n=50) like non-human bones are not listed

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OPIOID DEATHS

SEX	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OPIOD	282	476	1126	1188	1126	1216	1688	1888	2002	1802
PERSON-RELATED	288	497	912	787	888	894	778	888	812	802
VEHICLE-RELATED**	20	155	380	400	347	382	710	771	788	782

DEMOGRAPHICS OF OPIOID CASES

SEX	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MALE	216	488	829	868	876	987	1422	1475	1539	1420
FEMALE	76	188	293	320	250	229	266	413	463	382

RACE/ETHNICITY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HL WHITE	132	250	545	578	520	534	455	425	579	481
HL BLACK	81	219	408	407	322	340	345	382	375	368
LATINO	0	24	71	72	111	173	270	221	276	279

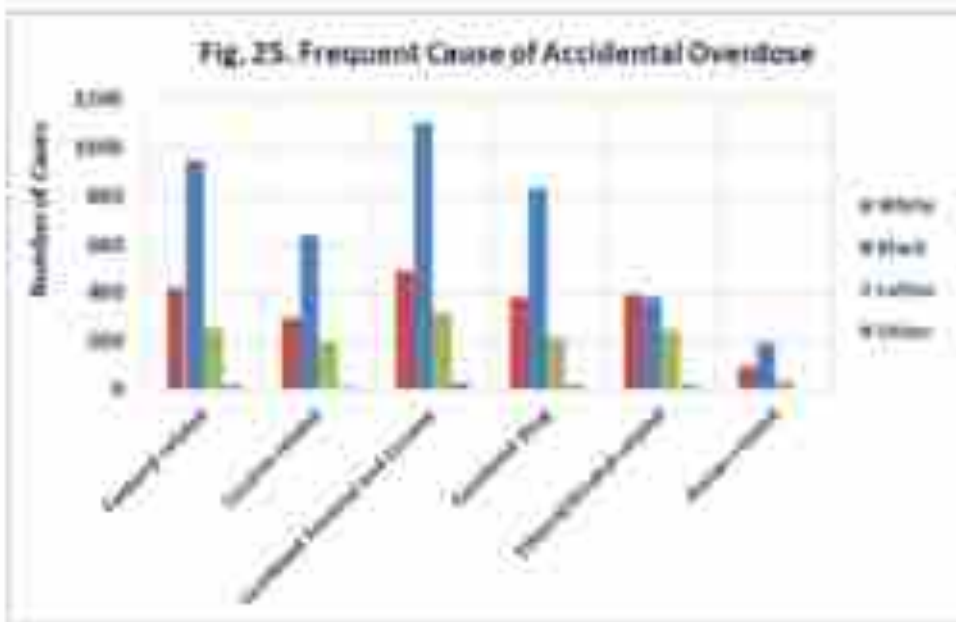
AGE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
18	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
19-24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
25-29	15	47	96	74	73	60	74	122	129	80
30-34	41	145	281	282	225	212	218	219	207	280
35-39	40	131	280	222	240	228	308	334	366	318
40-44	70	184	311	296	288	280	481	471	402	406
45-49	85	144	289	242	289	294	408	221	270	476
50-54	0	18	30	41	46	70	124	127	176	122
55-59	0	1	4	2	3	3	12	7	12	11
60-64	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Transport and Vehicle-Related are not normally captured in our data because they have a commonality of person and their addresses

MEDICAL EXAMINER 2023 CASE DATA

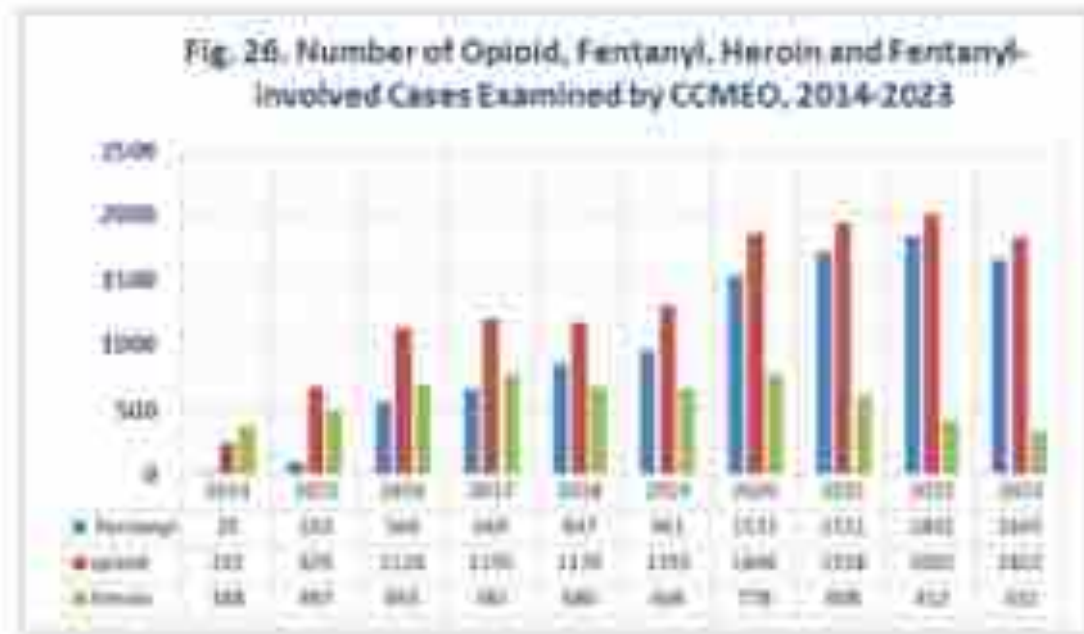
TABLE 25. FREQUENT CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

RACE	WHITE	BLACK	LATINO	OTHER
Alcohol-related	471	390	258	18
Co-drug related	371	308	228	8
Cardiovascular-related and Collapse	480	1006	327	23
Overdosed Drug	581	1180	327	25
Heroin-related	381	322	196	19
Heroin-related	88	192	40	8



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OPIOID DEATHS



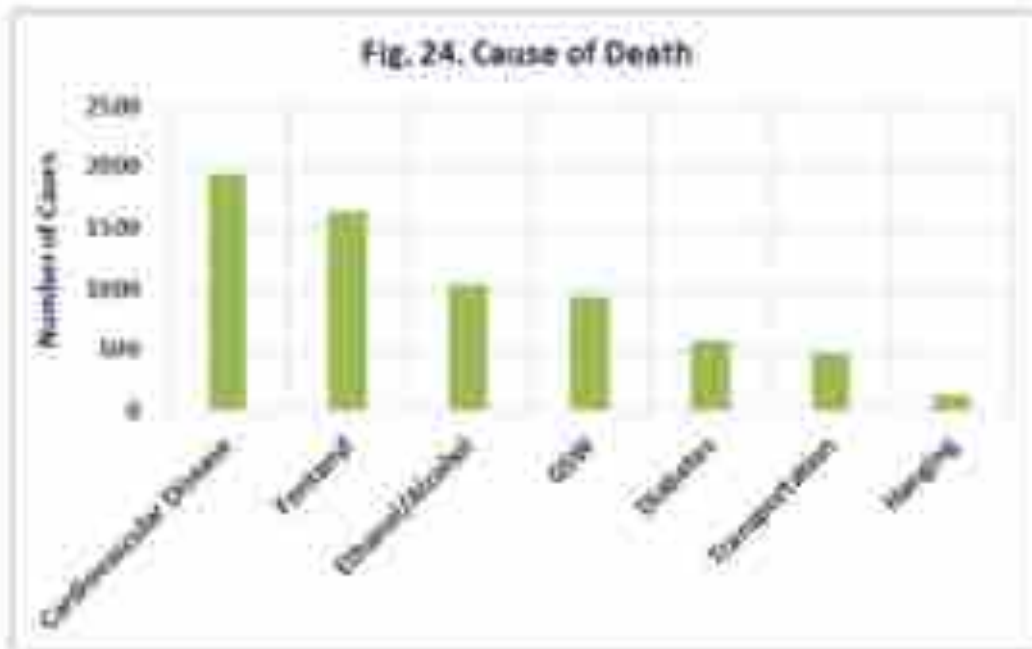


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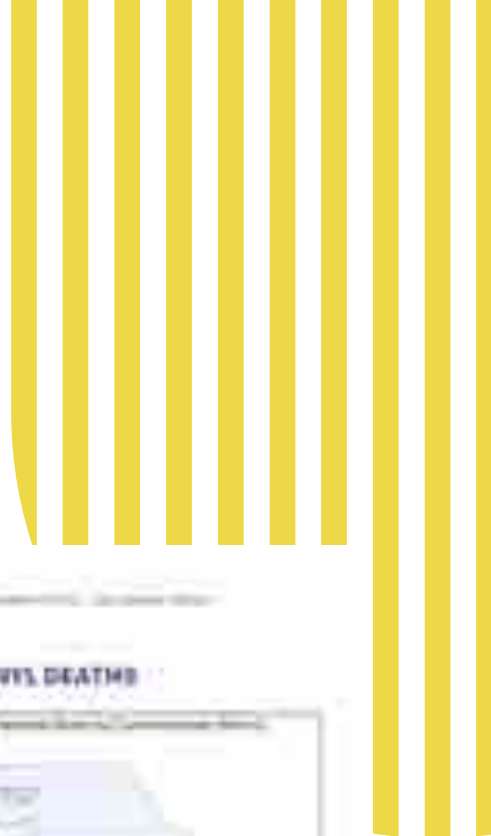
TABLE 24. CAUSE OF DEATH (CONTINUED)

CAUSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Cardiovascular Diseases	1995	15.14%
Fentanyl	1645	12.78%
Diabetes	1039	8.03%
GOV	942	7.31%
Ethanol/Alcohol	873	6.74%
Stomach Cancer	452	3.51%
Hanging	180	1.41%

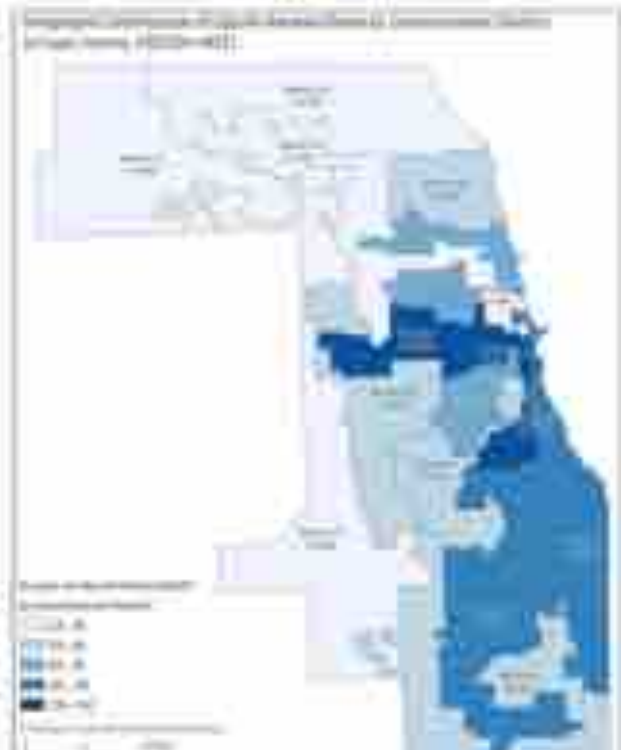


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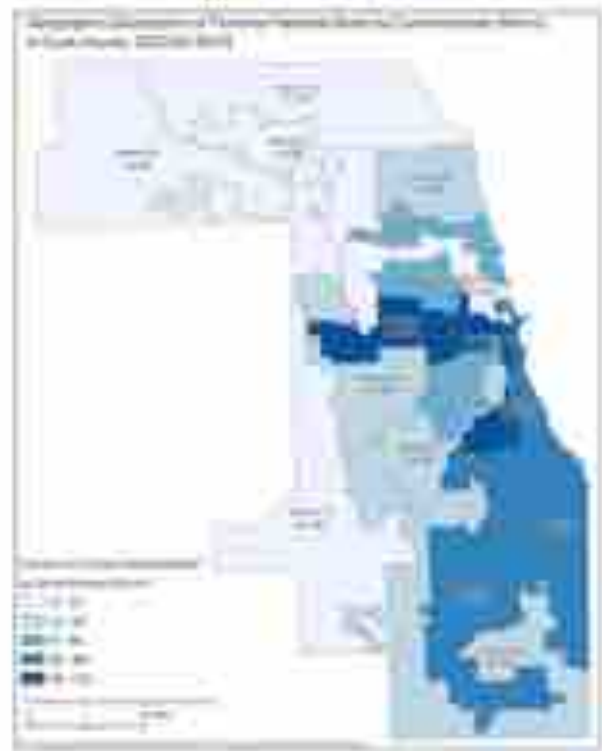
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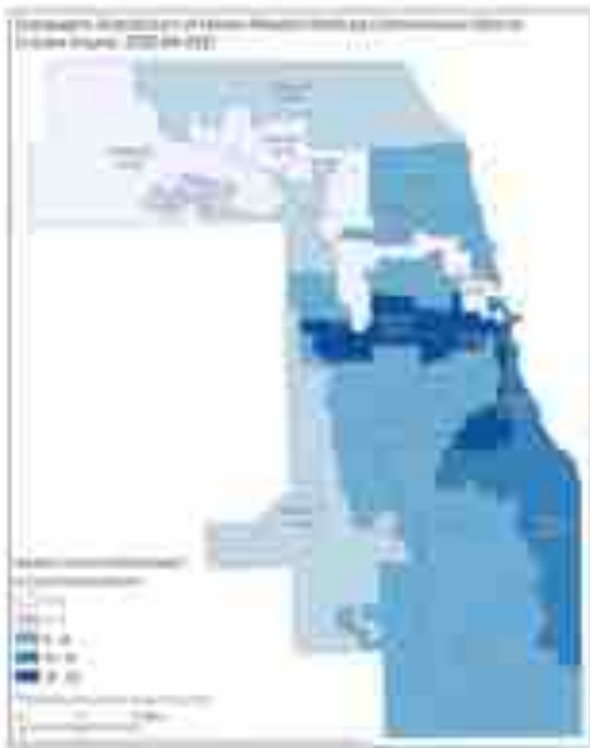
OPIOD DEATHS



FENTANYL DEATHS



HEROIN DEATHS



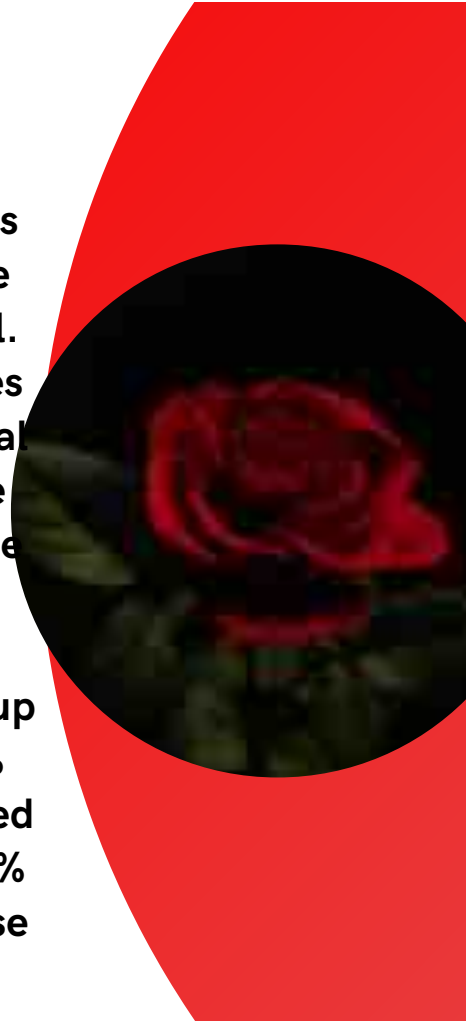
SECONDARY SOURCE

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Medical Examiner's Office Releases Preliminary 2024 Data Quotes:

"Opioid overdose deaths in the County continued to decline from their peak in 2022. While the Office still awaits the results of hundreds of toxicology tests, it has confirmed 1,026 opioid overdose deaths for 2024. The vast majority of those deaths - 87% - involved fentanyl. The MEO anticipates that 200 - 300 of its pending cases will be due to opioid toxicity, which would place the final total for 2024 well below 2022 and 2023 totals. While this decline is encouraging, opioid overdoses remain the greatest cause of unnatural deaths in Cook County.

Of the opioid toxicity cases confirmed thus far, approximately 76% are male. African Americans make up 53% of the deaths, Latinos account for just under 14% and whites constitute 31%. The age group most impacted continues to be 50- to 59-year-olds, accounting for 27% of overdose deaths. The year's youngest opioid overdose death in Cook County was a 1-year-old boy from Chicago and the oldest was an 83-year-old man from Chicago."



SECONDARY SOURCE KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Year	Opioid Overdose Deaths
2024	1,026*
2023	1,822
2022	2,001
2021	1,938
2020	1,847
2019	1,295
2018	1,170
2017	1,167
2016	1,081
2015	647

*Preliminary data





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HYDE PARK



OAKLAND



KENWOOD



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