



Governor Raimondo's Task Force on Overdose Prevention and Intervention

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Service Providers: www.riserves.org

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Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255, press 1 ~ text 838255

Website: www.veteranscrisisline.net



1) VA Providence Healthcare System

Website: www.providence.va.gov

2) US Department of Veterans Affairs

Website: www.benefits.va.gov/ROPROVIDENCE

Vet Center

2038 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02889

(401) 739-0167

Website: <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov>



It's Ok Not to Be Ok A Tribute to Veterans



Video: <https://bit.ly/3exkV9l>



Data Update: Rhode Island Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths January 2020-July 2020

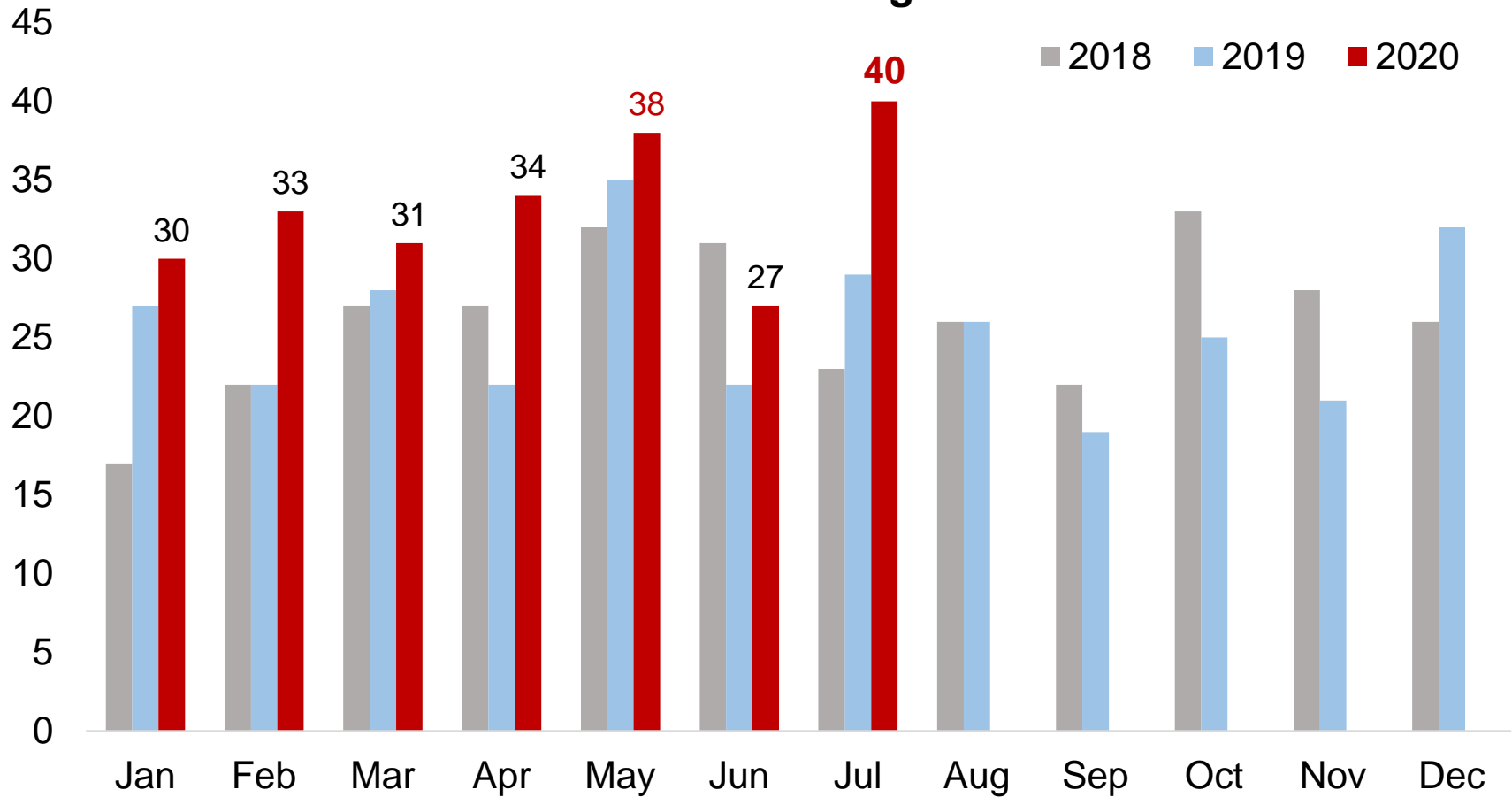
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Fatal Overdoses in Rhode Island January-July 2016-2020



In July 2020, 40 accidental drug overdose deaths occurred in Rhode Island. This is the highest count of accidental drug overdose deaths recorded in any month since the State started tracking fatal overdoses.



Source: Office of the State Medical Examiners (OSME), Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Data updated as of October 15, 2020. Note: Data reflect accidental drug overdose deaths and do not include suicides, homicides, or undetermined deaths.

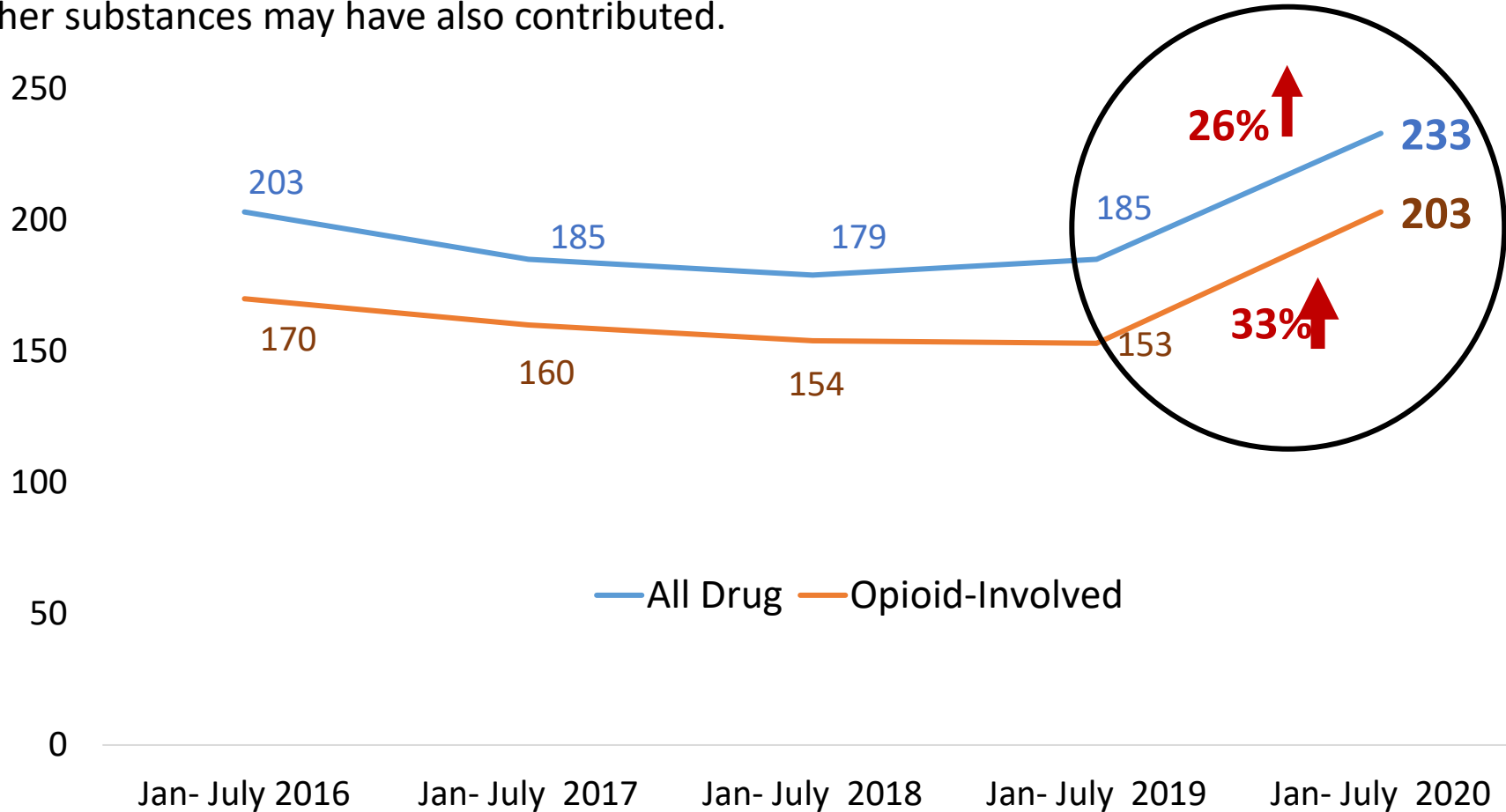


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All Drug Fatal Overdoses: At least one drug contributed to the death.

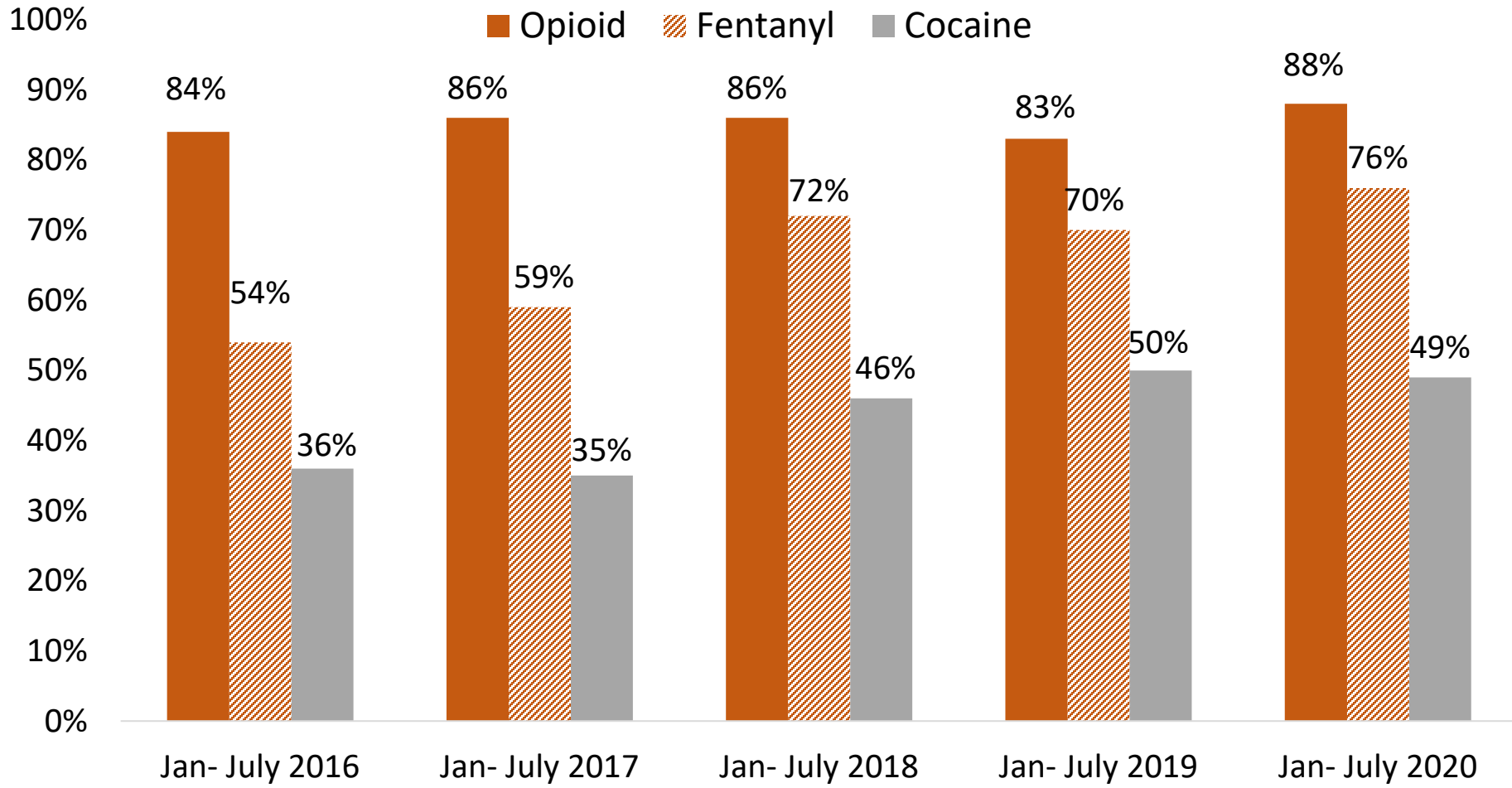
Opioid-Involved Fatal Overdoses: Any opioid, including fentanyl, contributed to the death.

Other substances may have also contributed.



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Proportion of Fatal Overdoses by Select Substance, January-July 2016-2020



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PreventOverdoseRI

Rhode Island's overdose
information dashboard:
2020 updates



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Agenda

- 1. Tour of updated features on PreventOverdoseRI**
- 2. Our community-driven COVID-19 page**
- 3. Unveiling the new “Emerging Trends” data page**
 - First emerging trend topic: race & ethnicity data in Rhode Island



We have many pages translated in Spanish and Portuguese

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- [Dependência de medicamentos opióides brochura \(inglês e português\)](#)
- [10 Cartões sobre riscos de fentanil \(inglês e português\)](#)
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In addition, Google Translate integration enables users to translate the entire site into many other languages.

- Local Events
- Communities
- Mini-Grants
- Social Media Library

Our **Local Events** page contains upcoming and ongoing events around the state as well as free, online webinars

Local Events

Note: The current COVID-19 health crisis has brought many events to online platforms. Please check back here from time to time to see new community events.



A Virtual Release of the Providence Community Overdose Engagement Reports

WHEN:

October 30th, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Register [here](#)

ABOUT:

Join the City of Providence Healthy Communities Office, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation, Project Weber/RENEW, Amos House, RI Public Health Institute and Systems Change Strategies as well as the 02907 and 02903 CODE (Community Overdose Engagement) Plans.

Ongoing Events:



Community First Responder Program (CFRP): Upgrade Your First Aid Kit

WHERE:

Online at: web.uri.edu/cfrp

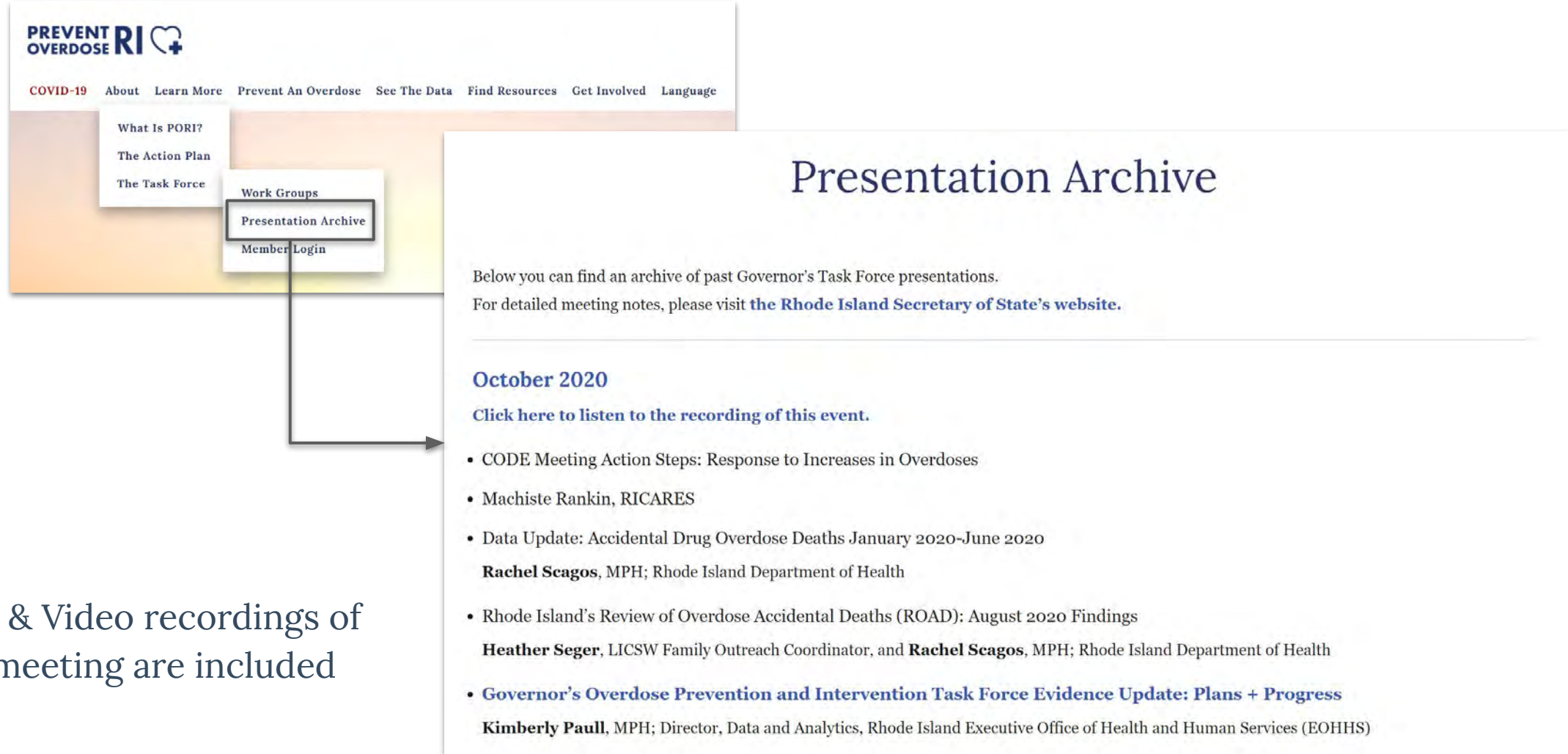
ABOUT:


Visit our website and learn how to become a Community First Responder and receive free harm reduction supplies including Narcan®/naloxone and fentanyl test strips by mail. [\[Learn more\]](#)



Anchor Recovery Meetings

Missed the last Task Force Meeting? We have you covered!



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Presentation Archive

Below you can find an archive of past Governor's Task Force presentations.
For detailed meeting notes, please visit [the Rhode Island Secretary of State's website](#).

October 2020

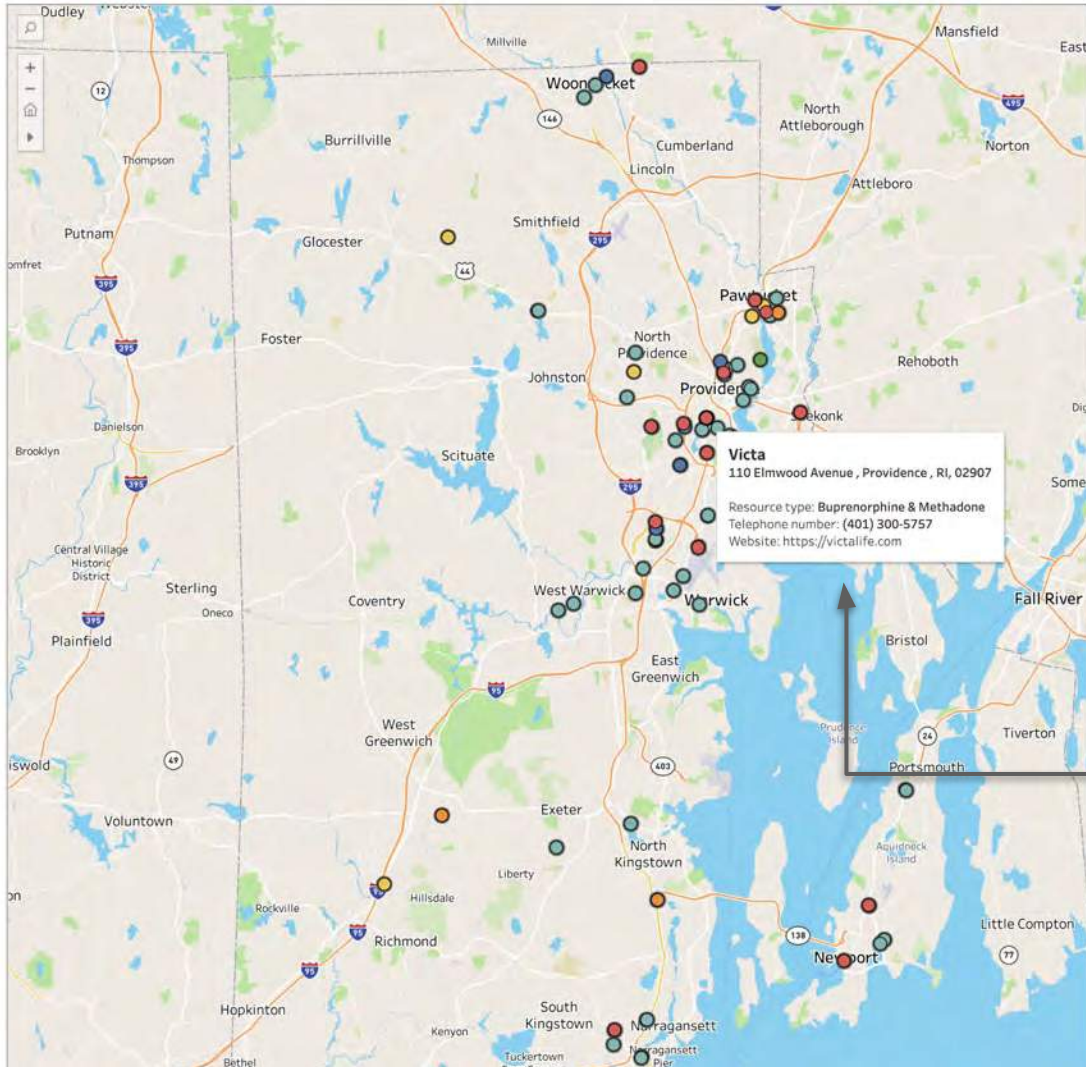
[Click here to listen to the recording of this event.](#)

- **CODE Meeting Action Steps: Response to Increases in Overdoses**
- **Machiste Rankin, RICARES**
- **Data Update: Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths January 2020-June 2020**
Rachel Scagos, MPH; Rhode Island Department of Health
- **Rhode Island's Review of Overdose Accidental Deaths (ROAD): August 2020 Findings**
Heather Seger, LICSW Family Outreach Coordinator, and Rachel Scagos, MPH; Rhode Island Department of Health
- **Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force Evidence Update: Plans + Progress**
Kimberly Paull, MPH; Director, Data and Analytics, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)

Audio & Video recordings of each meeting are included

GET HELP ▾

- Get Help
- Obtenga Ayuda
- Obtenha Ajuda



What kind of help do you need?

- (All)
- Buprenorphine & Methadone
- Centers of Excellence
- Detoxification
- Outpatient
- Outpatient Detoxification
- Residential Treatment

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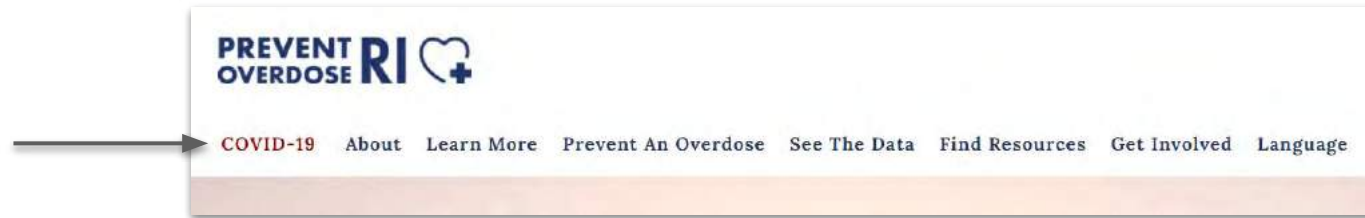
Our **Get Help** map has been updated with current locations of treatment options.

We have also added new filtering map functionality.

Mouseovers and a text box provide contact information for each provider

New COVID-19 Resources

Our new page highlights resources offered by our harm reduction, treatment, and recovery organizations during COVID-19.



New page includes information about:

- What can you do to use drugs safely right now?
- Can I still get treatment?
- Who can you call for mental health and substance use support?
- Where can you get recovery support?



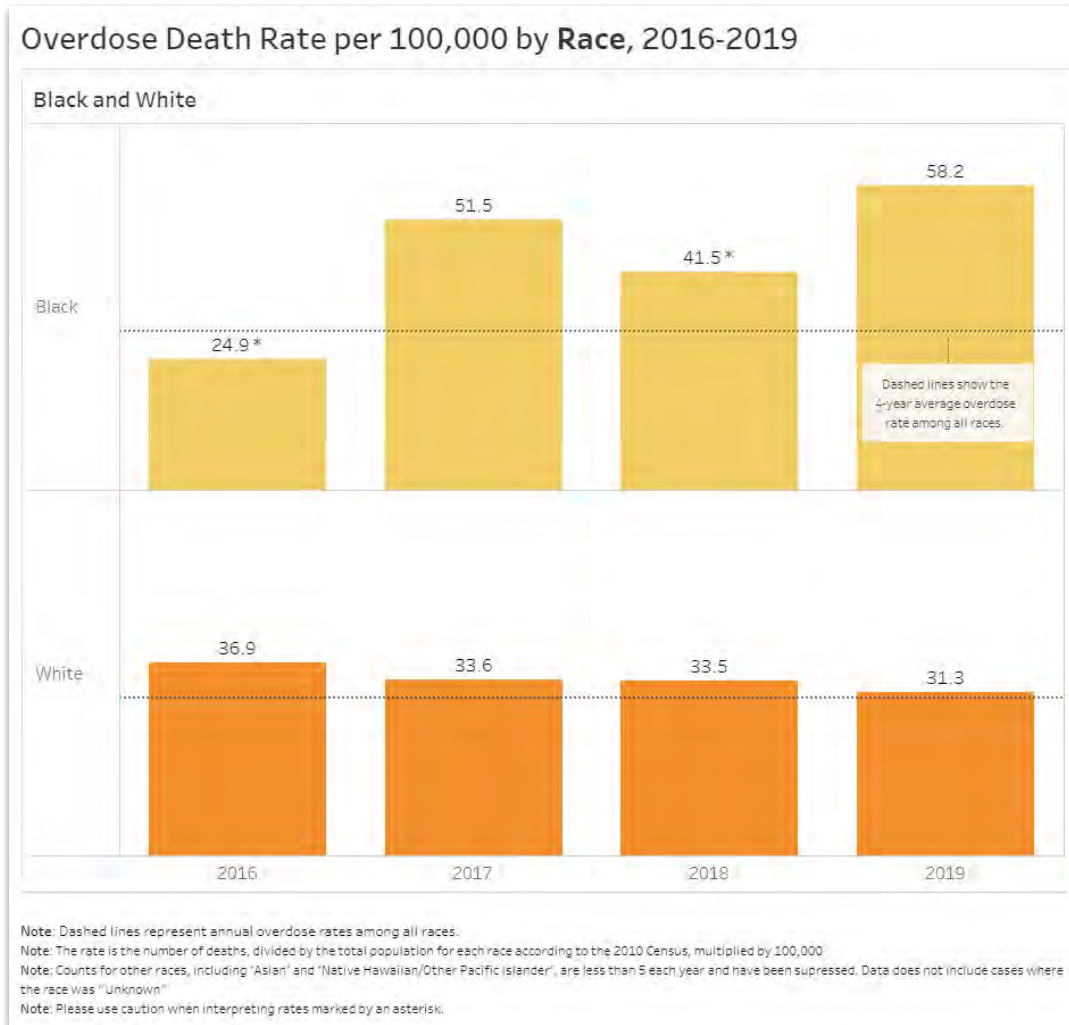
Thank you to everyone who contributed!

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- Emerging Trends
 - Track Our Action Plan
 - Overdose Deaths
 - Emergency Department Visits
 - Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT)
 - Naloxone Data
 - Opioid Prescribing Data

New data page on **Emerging Trends** that will highlight a new topic every 6 months.

The current focus is on **race and ethnicity data** in Rhode Island.

Since 2017, Black Rhode Islanders have faced higher rates of overdose death than White residents each year.

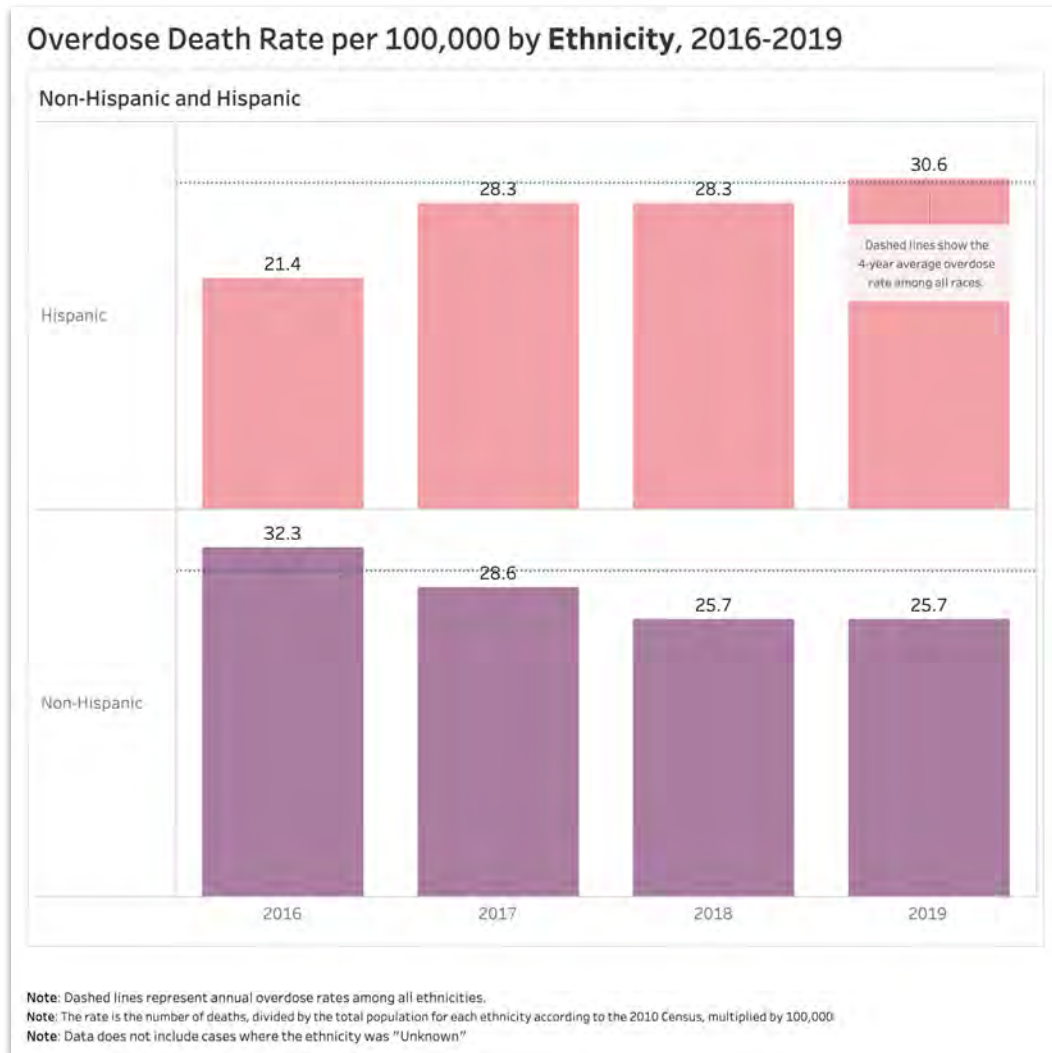


Dashed lines show the average overdose rate among all races.

Being above the dashed line means a higher than average overdose death rate.

In 2019, Black Rhode Islanders had almost double the overdose rate (**58.2**) than white residents (**31.3**).

Since 2016, overdose death rates among Hispanic Rhode Islanders has steadily increased, while the Non-Hispanic rate has fallen.



The overdose death rate for Hispanic Rhode Islanders increased from **21.4** in 2016 to **30.6** in 2019.

For Non-Hispanic Rhode Islanders, it fell from **32.3** in 2016 to **25.7** in 2019

We also see differences in treatment across racial and ethnic groups

Rates of Methadone receipt per 100,000 by race/ethnicity, Q1 2018 to Q3 2020



Methadone receipt among all racial and ethnic groups grew steadily for two years before declining in 2020.

Rates of Methadone receipt per 100,000 by race/ethnicity, Q1-Q3 2020

While rates of methadone receipt have grown among all groups since 2018, we see that the rate among **whites** (614 per 100,000) is almost double that of **Blacks** (336 per 100,000) as of Q3 2020.

The rate of methadone receipt among **Hispanic** Rhode Islanders is in the middle, at **493 per 100,000**.



Black

Hispanic

White

Questions & Next steps:

We need to understand why racial/ethnic disparities have grown in the last few years: **what is contributing to increasing rates of fatal overdose among Black and Latinx Rhode Islanders?**

What other **data sources** might give us a deeper understanding of these disparities? Are we accurately capturing race & ethnicity in all of our data sources?

We must assess our current overdose response to identify barriers in prevention, treatment, and recovery that contribute to disparities. Example: research shows that Black and Latinx people are less likely to receive evidence-based treatment after an opioid use disorder diagnosis.

Thank you to all who make this work possible!

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- ❖ **Staff & Directors at the Rhode Island Department of Public Health (especially Rachel Scagos, who provided PORI with overdose data for this presentation)**
- ❖ **Staff & Directors at BHDDH (especially Gabriela Arredondo, Jamie Goulet, and Linda Mahoney, who all provided data and information for this presentation)**
- ❖ **Staff & Directors at the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) on Opioids and Overdose**
- ❖ **The wonderful community organizations who contributed to our COVID-19 page!**



Syndemic: Intersectionality of COVID-19 and the Drug Overdose Epidemic

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