



# Mental Health and Recovery Services Board

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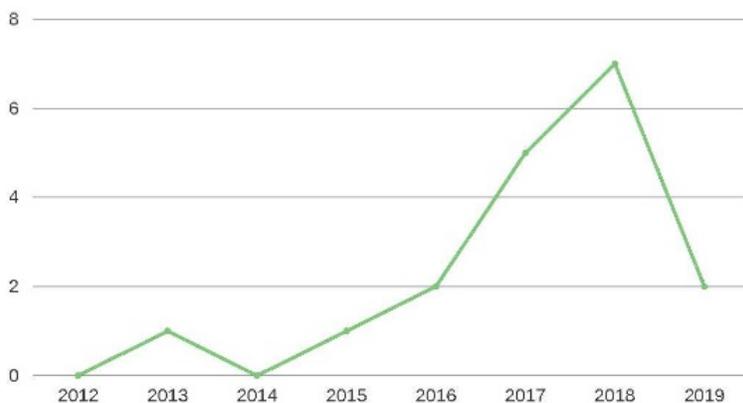
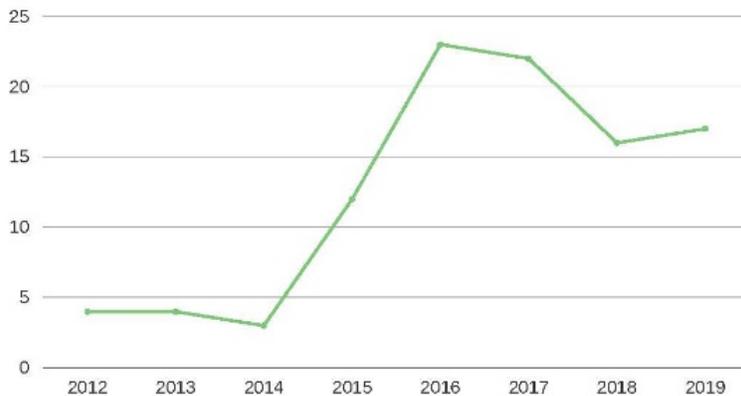
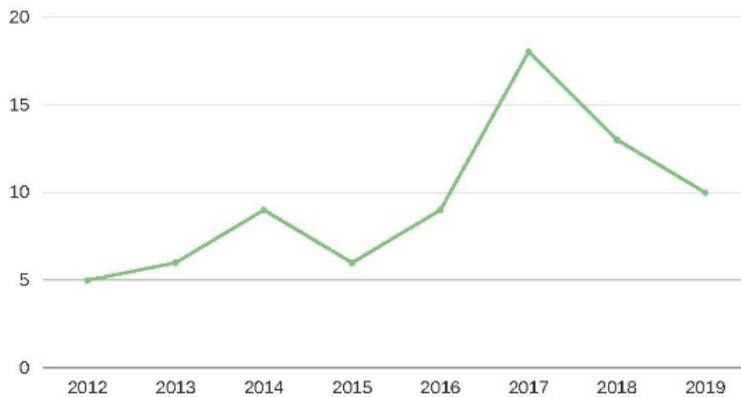
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The Ohio Department of Health has released the **Calendar Year 2019 Overdose Death Report**. The 2019 report is the most recent data provided by the Ohio Department of Health. In the Board's district, a total of 29 individuals died by unintentional drug overdose. Overall, unintentional drug overdose deaths declined compared with the previous year. These statistics refer to the county of residence based on the decedent's residence address at the time of death, not where the death occurred. It is projected that Calendar Year 2020 numbers will be much higher than 2019 in our Board district.

The Board will be working on a full report that will be released in the coming weeks, which will include local demographic information. Across Ohio from 2018 to 2019, black, non-Hispanic males had the largest increase in overdose deaths rates. Among black, non-Hispanic males, 55-64-year-olds had the highest rate. Fentanyl was involved in 76.2% of all unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio. In 2019, deaths involving psychostimulants surpassed those involving heroin. Scioto County had the highest rate of drug overdoses than any other county in Ohio.

"Overdose and suicide deaths are preventable, and behind every single death is a grieving family. There are many people and agencies in our communities fighting daily to stop these numbers from claiming even more. Please reach out to our office for help by calling 419-448-0640" said Director Mircea Handru.

## OVERDOSE DEATH TRENDS



• 2019 Ohio Overdose Deaths per 100,000 = 36.4

### Seneca County

Year	Total	Total Per 100k
2012	5	8.8
2013	6	10.6
2014	9	15.9
2015	6	10.6
2016	9	15.9
2017	18	31.7
2018	13	22.9
2019	10	20.9

### Sandusky County

Year	Total	Total Per 100k
2012	4	6.6
2013	4	6.6
2014	3	4.9
2015	12	19.7
2016	23	37.7
2017	22	36.1
2018	16	26.3
2019	17	35.1

### Wyandot County

Year	Total	Total Per 100k
2012	0	0
2013	1	4.4
2014	0	0
2015	1	4.4
2016	2	8.8
2017	5	22.1
2018	7	31.0
2019	2	8.8

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