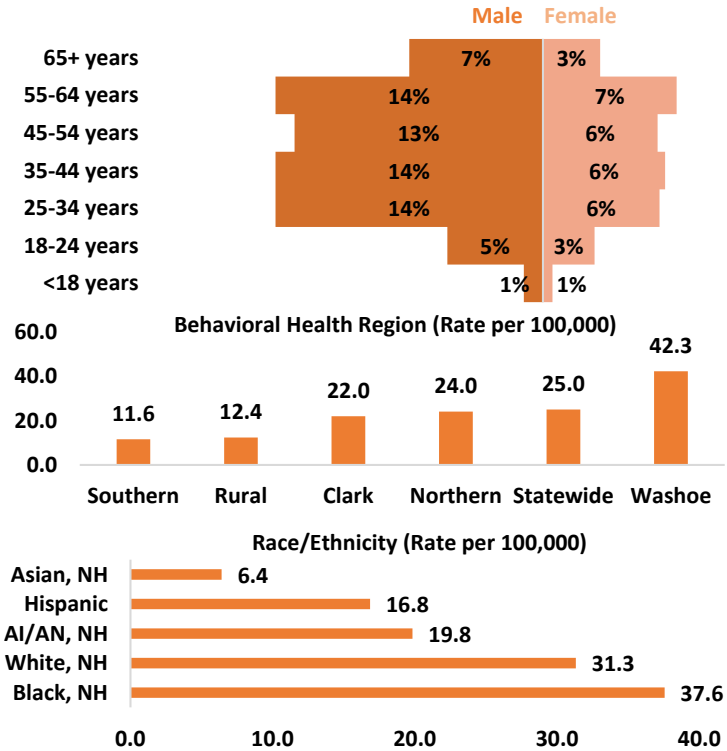


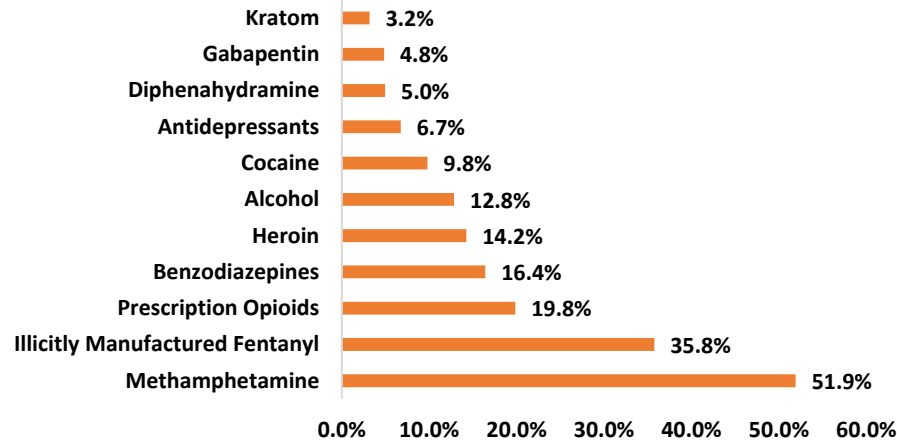
# Drug Overdose Deaths of Unintentional/Undetermined Intent in Nevada – Jan to Dec 2021: 786 deaths among Nevada residents - Statewide

## Who died by drug overdose?



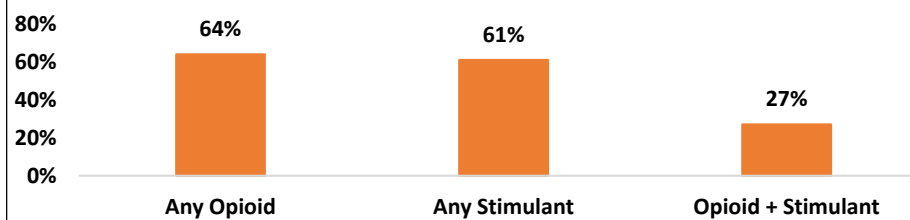
**Those who died by drug overdose were mostly White, NH adult males. Highest rates were among Black, NH persons and in Washoe County.**

## Top drugs listed as cause of death (COD)<sup>1</sup>

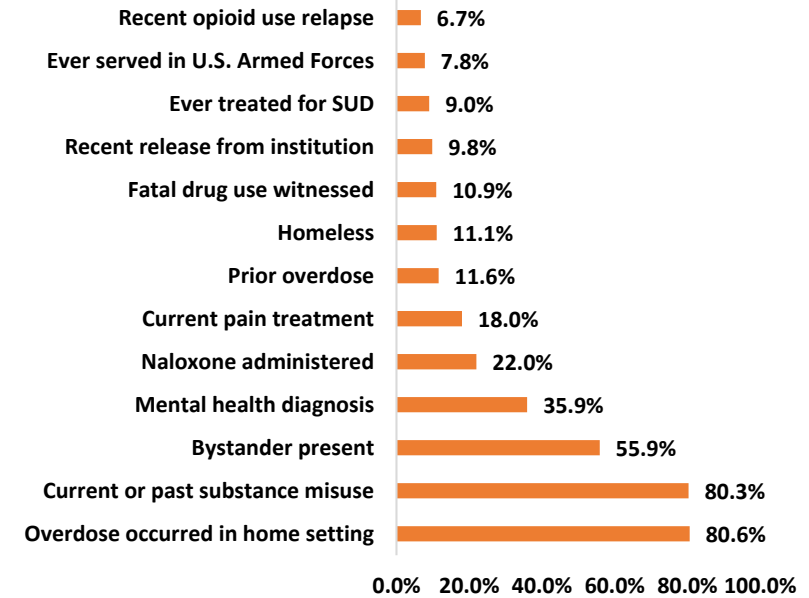


**64% of deaths involved any opioids, 61% of deaths involved any stimulants, and 27% of deaths involved an opioid and stimulant.**

## Opioid and stimulant involvement in COD<sup>1</sup>



## What circumstances<sup>2</sup> were documented?



**78% of decedents had at least one potential opportunity for linkage to care prior to death or implementation of a life-saving action\* at the time of overdose.**

Data comes from the Nevada State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS), which compiles information from death certificates, medical examiner/coroner reports, and toxicology results. Percentages are among decedents with known information. Abbreviations: NH: Non-Hispanic; AI/AN: American Indian/Alaskan Native; COD (Cause of Death); Meth: Methamphetamine; Benzos: Benzodiazepines; IMFs: Illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. Behavioral health regions include the following counties: Northern (Carson City, Storey, Douglas, Lyon, Churchill Counties), Rural (Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, Eureka, Elko, White Pine Counties), Southern (Mineral, Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln Counties), Clark (Clark County), and Washoe (Washoe County). <sup>1</sup>Substances are not mutually exclusive. <sup>2</sup>Circumstances represent evidence available in reports, and thus are likely underestimated. Percentages are among those with known circumstances. \*Potential opportunity for life-saving action includes recent release from an institution within past month (prison/jail, treatment, hospital), previous nonfatal overdose, mental health diagnosis, ever treated for substance use disorder, bystander present when fatal overdose occurred, and fatal drug use witnessed. This publication was supported by the Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services through Grant Number NU17CE925001 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Department nor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Questions: Contact NV OD2A epidemiologist Shawn Thomas at [shawnt@unr.edu](mailto:shawnt@unr.edu). **Suggested Citation:** Thomas, S. (2022). Nevada State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, Report of Deaths January to December, 2021 –Statewide. School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Reno. <https://www.nvopioidresponse.org/od2a/>