

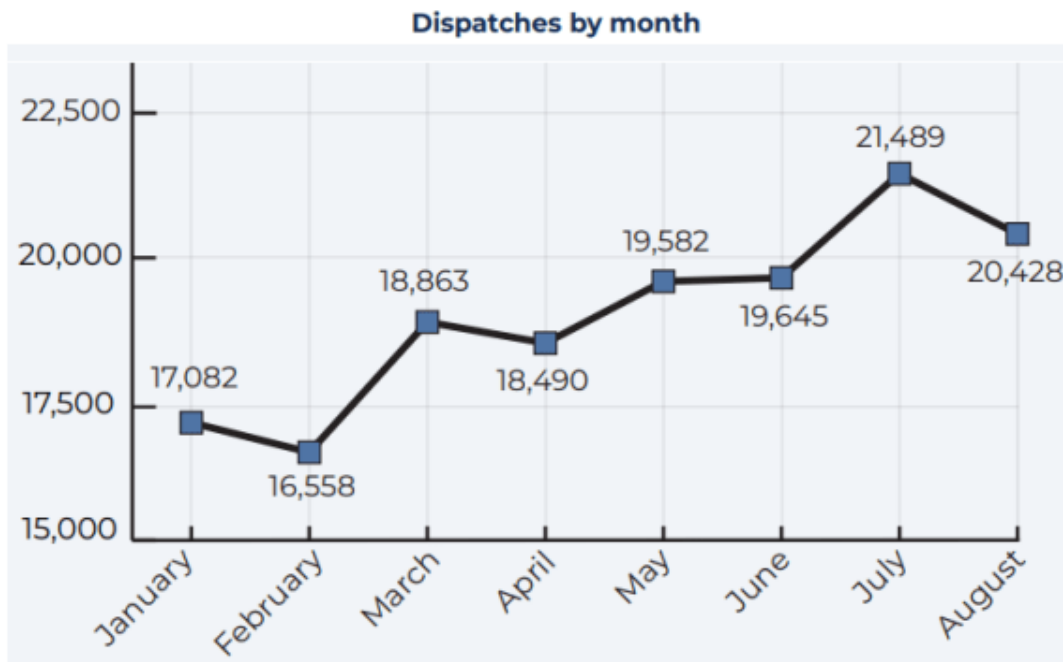


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NDEWS ORIGINAL CONTENT

Fatal and non-fatal opioid overdose-related 911 EMS dispatches January 2022 – August 2022



Fatal and non-fatal opioid overdose-related 911 EMS dispatches across the US increased throughout 2022, from 17,082 in January to 20,428. Dispatches were most common in White males and persons aged 30 – 39. This age range has continued to be of concern for opioid overdose. [View the full report here.](#)

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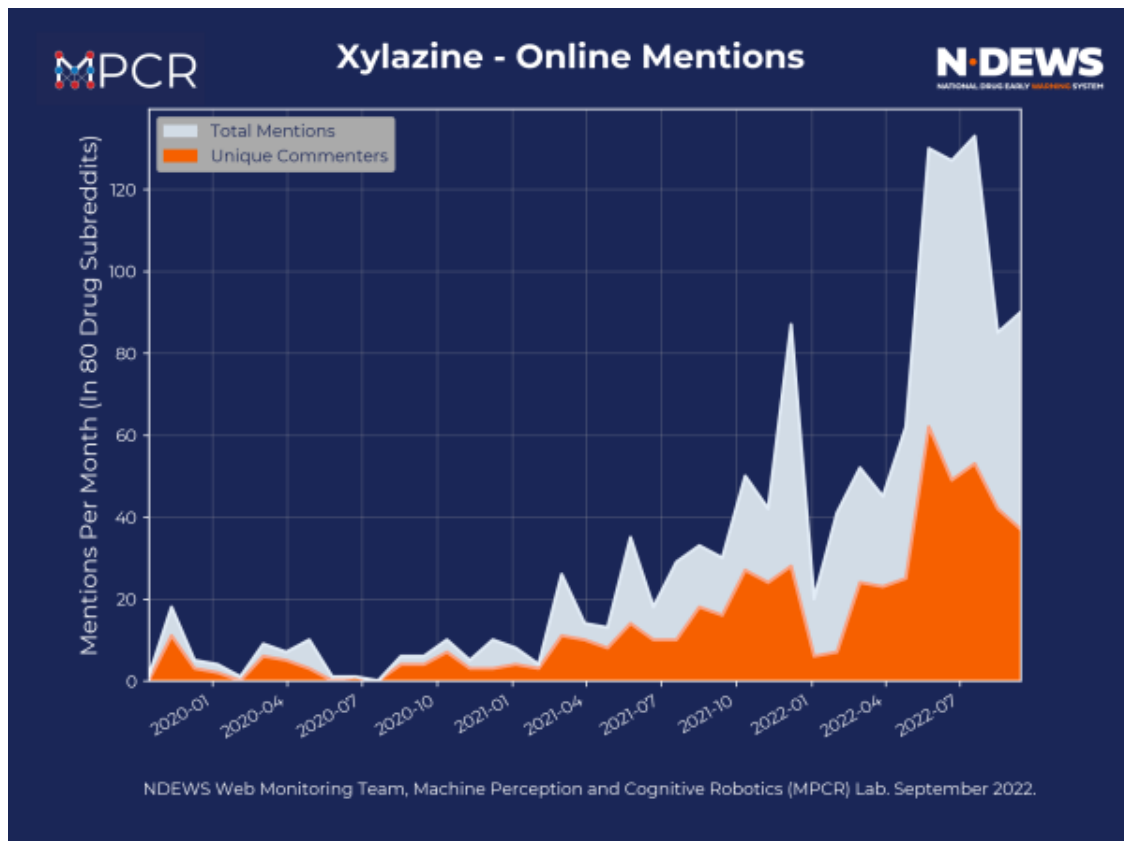
Substance use in the past 12 months: San Diego, CA Survey dates: August 19–21, 2022

The National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Rapid Street Reporting (RSR) team visited San Diego, CA on August 19–21, 2022. The RSR team conducted surveys (N=391) in public spaces, including parks, grocery stores, stadium/arenas, libraries, and sidewalks. [View the full report here.](#)

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Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Xylazine



What was found? A subreddit discussion trend for the drug xylazine peaked in Summer 2022.

To what does Xylazine refer? Xylazine is a sedative drug used in veterinary anesthesia.

How is it being discussed? Recent discussion of xylazine on Reddit is focused on the drug's use as a cutting agent in fentanyl. The increase in mentions in Summer 2022 can be partially attributed to discussion of media reporting, discussion of first-hand experiences with xylazine and its toxic effects, and efforts by commenters to determine whether fentanyl has been cut with the drug.

Drug Terms: Xylazine, fentanyl.

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Notes from the Field: Nitazene-related deaths — Tennessee, 2019 – 2021

This week's *MMWR* included a report on nitazene-involved overdose deaths in Tennessee. From 2019 to 2021, a total of 52 nitazene-involved fatal drug overdoses were identified using Tennessee State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) data. In 2020, most of the nitazene-involved deaths were attributed to isotonitazene, while in 2021, most were attributed to metonitazene. Most nitazene-involved deaths in Tennessee were identified in Knox County. [Read the full report here.](#)

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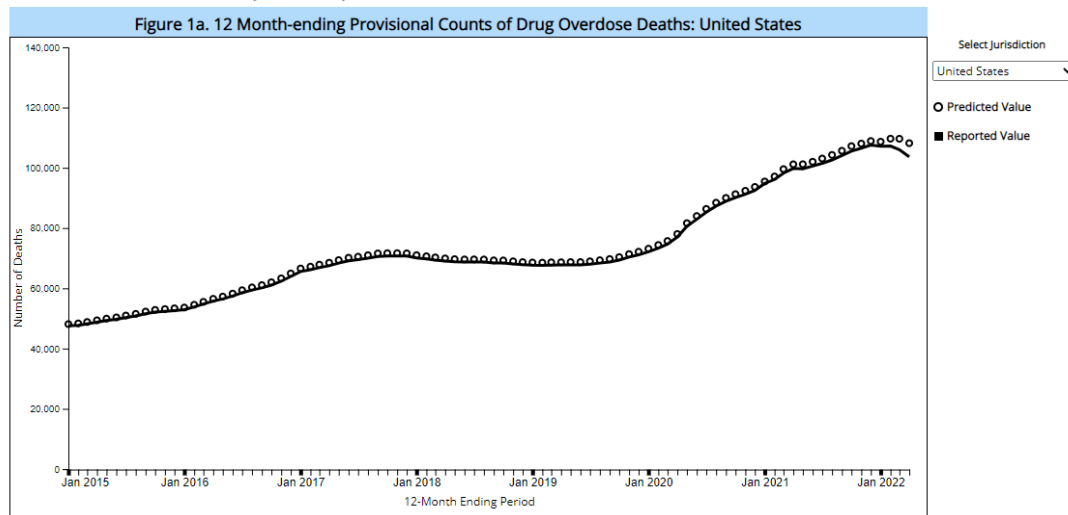


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National Vital Statistics System: Provisional drug overdose death counts

12 Month–ending Provisional Number and Percent Change of Drug Overdose Deaths

Based on data available for analysis on: September 04, 2022

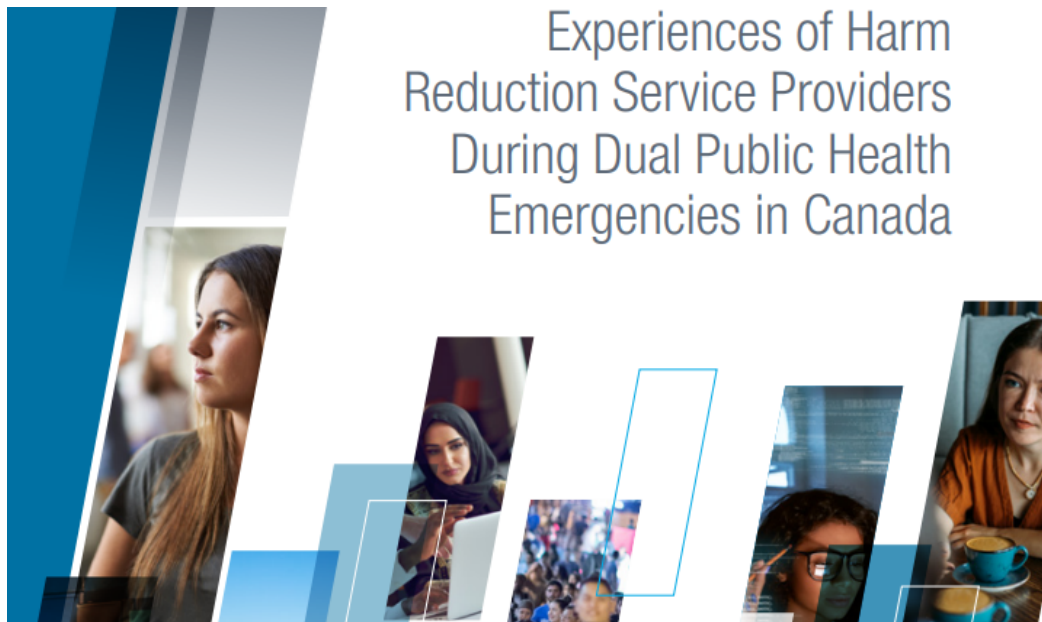


Earlier this week, the CDC published their provisional counts for drug overdose deaths based on a current flow of mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. [Read the full report here.](#)

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Experiences of harm reduction service providers during dual public health emergencies in Canada



A recently published report by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction details five findings to improve the experiences of those providing harm reduction services. [Read the full report here.](#)

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Xylazine and overdoses: Trends, concerns, and recommendations

An article published in the *American Journal of Public Health* details trends, concerns, and recommendations regarding xylazine and overdoses. Current trends of xylazine in the US drug supply using state-level data from Connecticut were highlighted, as well as recommendations that included testing, research, patient and clinical education, and harm reduction. [Read the full article here.](#)

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