

BY THE NUMBERS



MDEA drug trafficking investigations due to heroin have more than doubled from 2013 to 2015. Trafficking investigations due to cocaine observed a 38% increase from 2014 to 2015.¹

MDEA drug manufacturing investigations related to methamphetamine more than tripled from 2013 to 2015.¹

In 2015, there were a total of **272 overdose deaths** due to drug use in Maine, representing a **55 percent increase since 2013**. The majority of overdose deaths were related to illicit drugs.

Almost 2 in 5 of these deaths involved heroin/morphine, and nearly a third involved non-pharmaceutical fentanyl.²



From 2013 to 2015, the number of naloxone administrations given by EMS responders more than doubled. Rates are highest among males 25 to 34 years old.³

Drug/medication overdoses EMS responses are most common among those between the ages of 26 and 35, as well as among those 18 to 25.³



The shift to more potent and volatile drugs has had a severe impact on the health and safety of Maine.

In 2015 nearly **1 in 3 fatal motor vehicle crashes** involved alcohol/drugs.

Mainers aged 18-35 years old have the highest rates of alcohol/drug-related crashes and crash fatalities.⁴



SPOTLIGHT ON: OPIOIDS

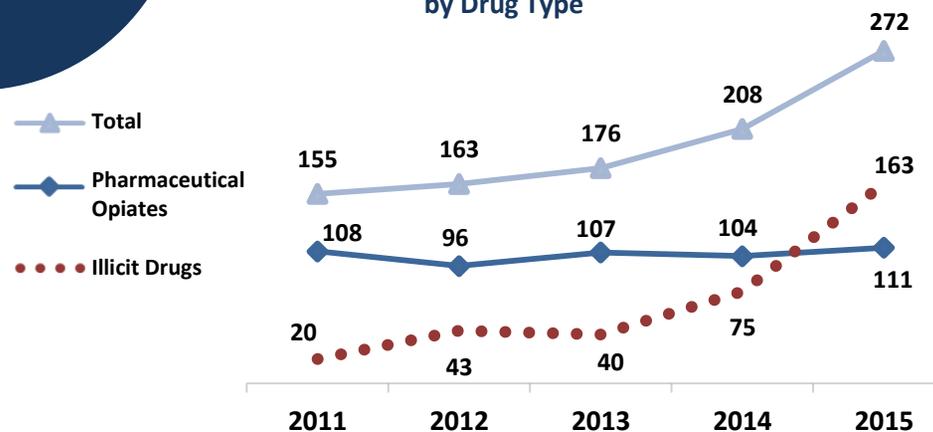
The shift to more potent and volatile opioids has had a major impact on overdoses, crime, and health in Maine. In recent years, consequences arising from synthetic opiates have declined as those related to heroin and other non-pharmaceutical opioids have risen.

In 2015 there were **1,013 notifications to Child Protective Services** regarding infants born exposed to substances, representing **8% of live births in Maine**. Compared to only **5% of such births in 2011**; this represents a **50% increase**.⁵

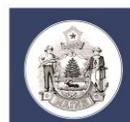


In 2015, primary treatment admission rates related to heroin/morphine have steadily increased since 2011, and have surpassed synthetic opiates as the second most common substance.⁶

Number of Drug Related Overdose Deaths, by Drug Type²



1. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency
2. Dr. Sorg, Office of Chief Medical Examiner
3. Emergency Medical Services
4. Bureau of Highway Safety
5. Office of Child and Family Services
6. Web Infrastructure Treatment System



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