



## Massachusetts Opioids Fact Sheet

### What are opioids?

Opioids are a type of drug that is prescribed to reduce pain. The frequent use of opioids can lead to developing tolerance and dependence.

### What is the current opioid situation in MA?

The state has a rate of opioid-related deaths that is lower than the national average. People that are ages 25-44 account for 50% of all confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths.

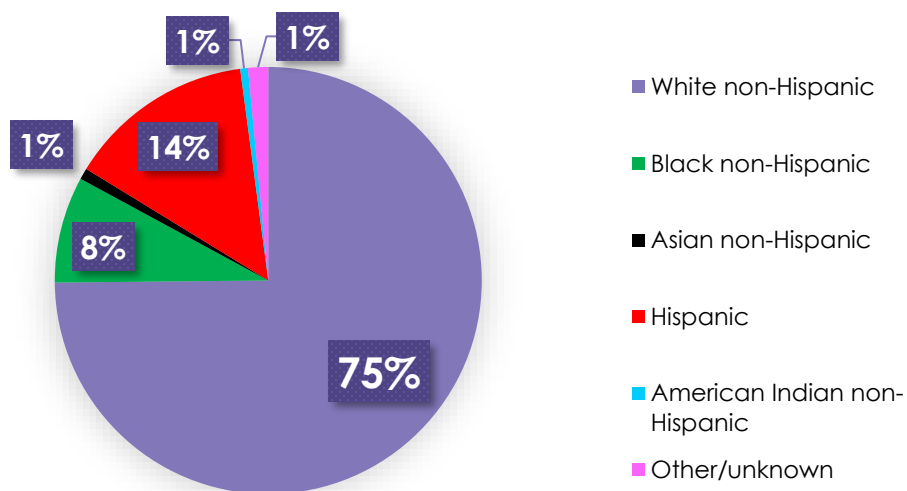
This fact sheet provides the most recent data on opioid statistics published by Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information, please visit the website at

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/current-opioid-statistics>

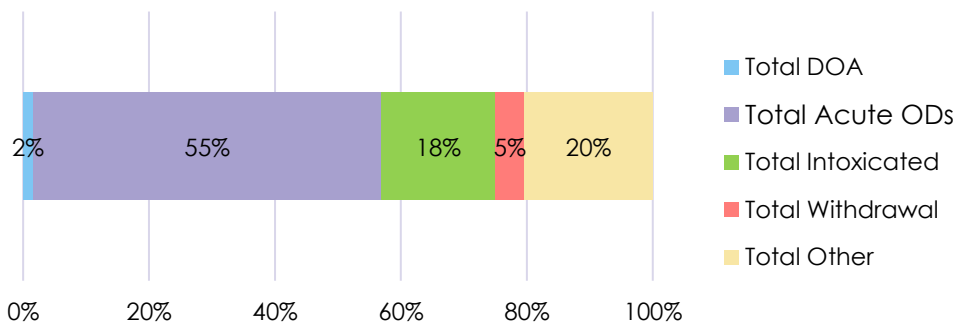
From January 2021 – December 2021, there were **2,234** opioid overdose deaths. Out of these deaths,

**1,632 (73%)** accounted for all males.

**602 (27%)** accounted for all females.



Between 2020 and 2021, both **White non-Hispanic** and **Hispanic/Latinx** residents experienced a notable increase in the rates of confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths.



**Acute overdose incidents (ODs) account for 55% of all suspected opioid-related incidents by category.**