Drug Overdose Deaths, 2020

Number Of Deaths

- In Wisconsin, 5,516 deaths between 2014 to 2019 were due to drug overdose. 1
- Initial analysis of suspected drug overdoses in Wisconsin between March and July show a 117% increase in 2020 compared to 2019. There were 325 suspected overdoses in 2020 compared to 150 suspected overdoses in 2019.²

Crude Cause-Specific Mortality Rates Between January and May in Milwaukee County				
Year	Rate per 100,000 People	Total Drug Overdose Deaths	Population per Year	
2020	23.5	222	945,726*	
2019	15.9	150	945,726	
2018	12.6	119	946,969	
2017	14.8	141	950,172	

*2019 population data for the Milwaukee County was used for the year 2020

In Milwaukee County, the change in the number of drug overdose deaths for 2020 from January to May is 5 times the change in the average number of overdose deaths from the past 3 years.



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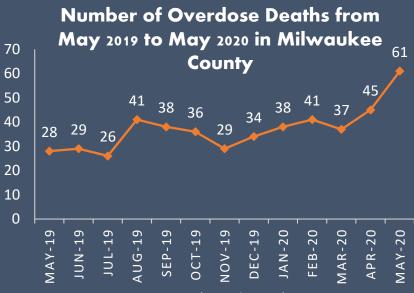
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Footnotes

¹ Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2020). Substance abuse drug overdose deaths dashboard. Retrieved from https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/drugoverdose-deaths.htm

² Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2020). State health agency finds behavioral health challenges are compounded by COVID-19. Retrieved from https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/072220.htm

**All death data was obtained for analysis from the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Public Data and population estimates are from the US Census Bureau



Time (Month-Year)

The number of drug overdose deaths in the Milwaukee County has increased in the past year.

There was a 48.0% increase in the number of drug overdose deaths in 2020 compared to 2019 in Milwaukee County.

Number of Overdose Deaths per Month for 2020 vs Average of Overdose Deaths from Past 3 **Years in Milwaukee County**



Suicides, 2020

- In 2017, there were 918 deaths attributed to suicide in Wisconsin.¹
- From 2000 to 2017, suicide rates increased by 40.0% in Wisconsin. 1



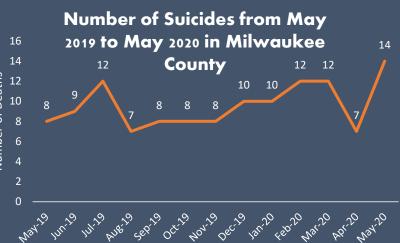
Year	Rate per 100,000 People	Total suicides	Population per Year
2020	5.8	55	945,726*
2019	5.6	53	945,726
2018	5.2	49	946,969
2017	6.4	61	950,172

*2019 population data for the Milwaukee County was used for the year 2020

In Milwaukee County, the change in the number of suicides per month from January to May increased for 2020 while the change in the average of suicides from the past 3 years decreased from January to May.

Footnotes

- ¹Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2019). Suicide in Wisconsin: Impact and response. Retrieved from
- https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02478.pdf
- **All death data was obtained for analysis from the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Public Data and population estimates are from the US Census Bureau.



Time (Month-Year)

The number of suicides in **Milwaukee County has** slightly increased in the past year.

There was a 3.8% increase in the number of suicides in 2020 compared to 2019 in Milwaukee County.

Number of Suicides per Month for 2020 vs

