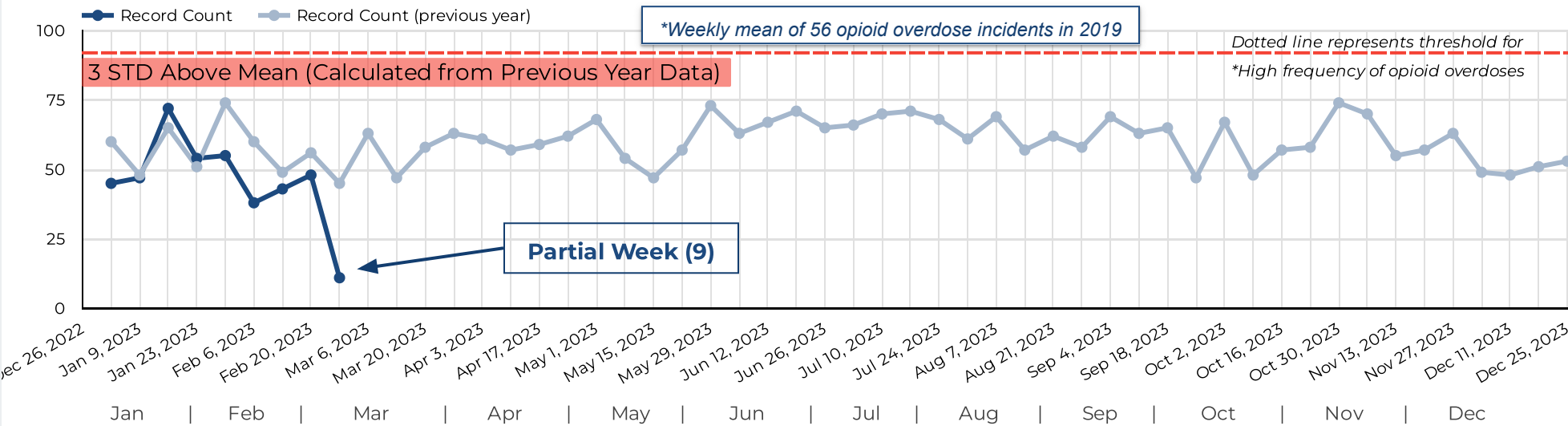


Figure 1 Weekly Comparison of Suspected Opioid Overdose Data (January 1st, 2022-February 28th, 2023)



All overdose incidence rates are monitored using 9-1-1 patient records made available in near real-time data from FirstWatch®, a data platform capturing all patient care report data within the emergency medical service system.

Suspected Opioid Overdose Incident Totals

Comparison to Previous Year (Jan 1st 2022- Feb 28th, 2022)

Opiate Overdose 2023
419
 ↓ -13.6%

Overdose Fatality 2023
26
 ↓ -29.7%

Comparison to Previous Month

Opiate Overdose Feb 2023
181
 ↓ -23.9%

Overdose Fatality 2023
10
 ↓ -37.5%

Figure 2 Suspected Opioid Overdose & Fatality by Age Group

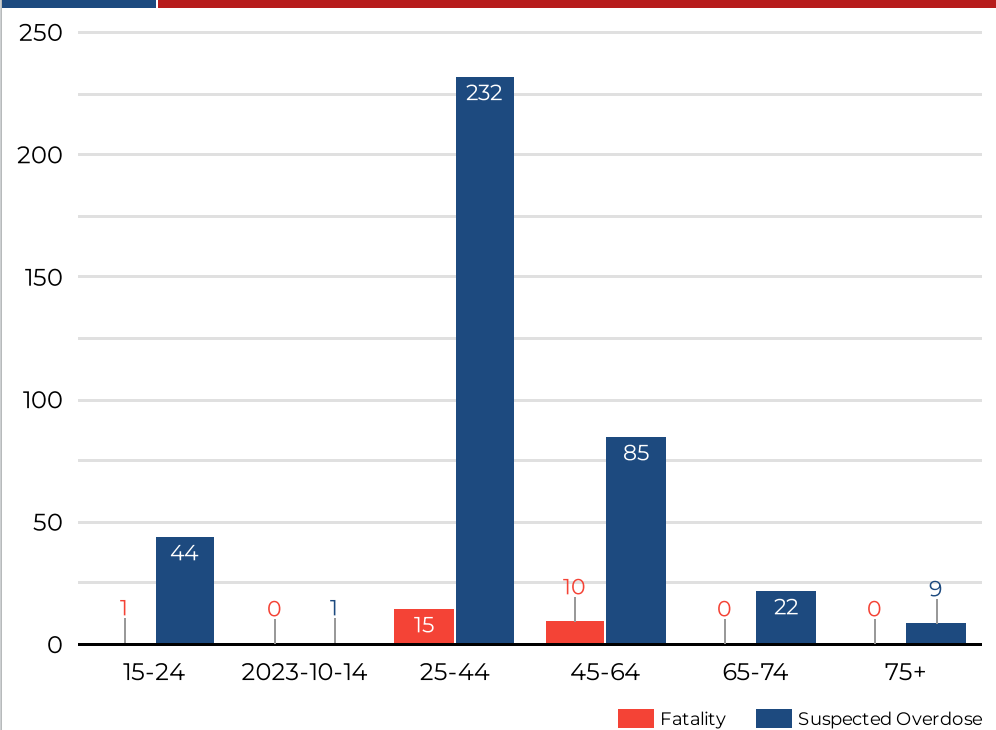
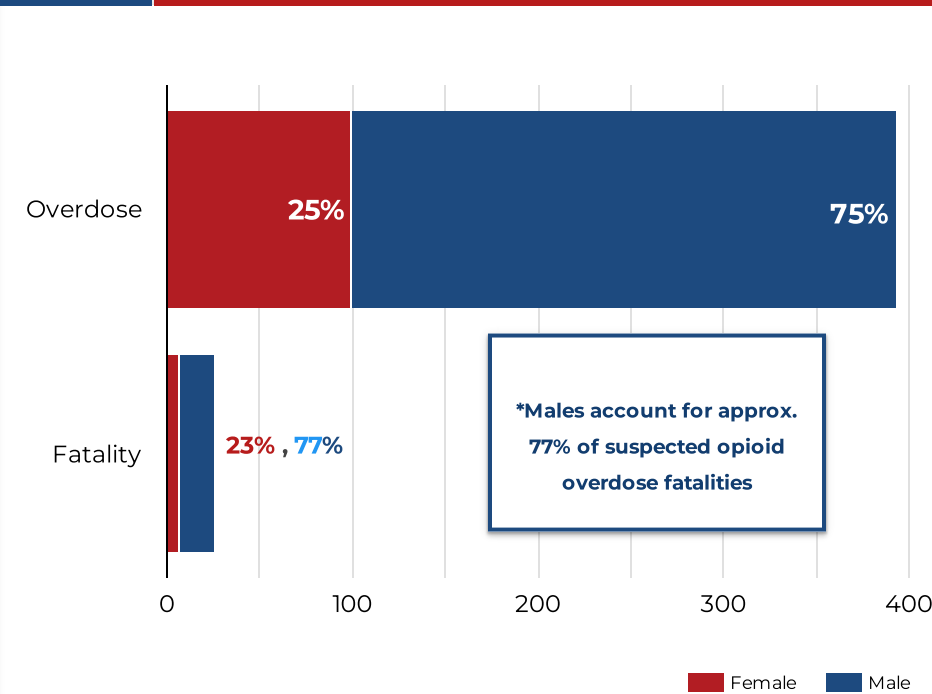


Figure 3 Suspected Opioid Overdose & Fatality by Gender



All Suspected Drug Overdose EMS Incidents (January 1st, 2023- February 28th, 2023)

All Drug Overdoses (Jan-Feb 2023)

557

↓ -15.2%

Drug Overdose Fatality (Jan-Feb 2023)

31

↓ -22.5%

Figure 5 All Suspected EMS Overdose Records (2022-2023 Comparison)

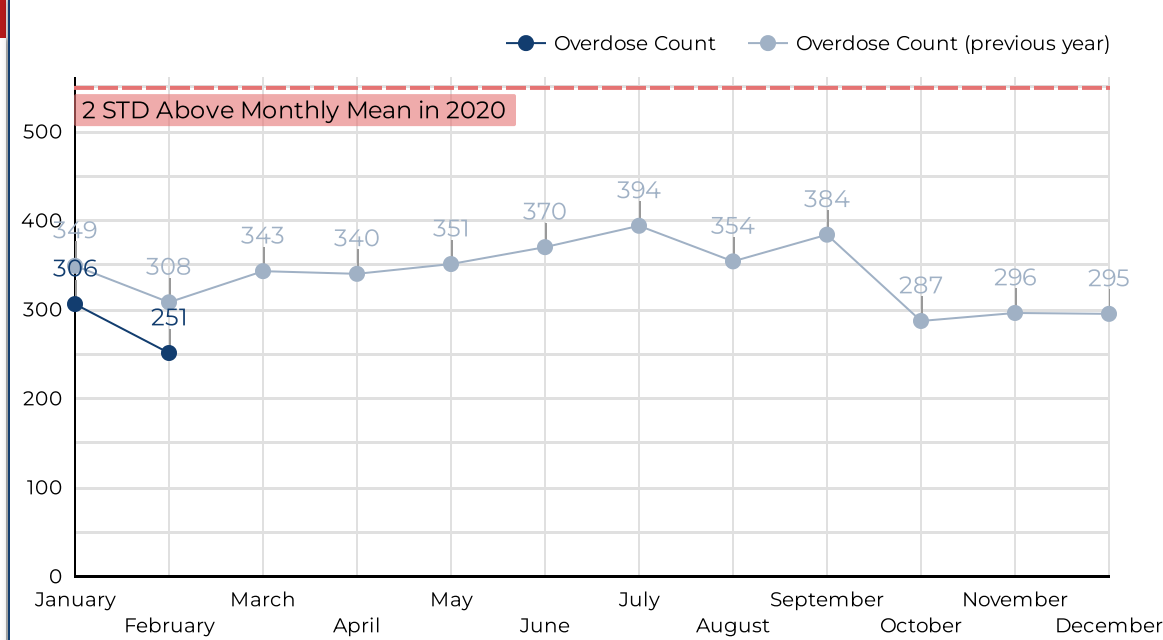
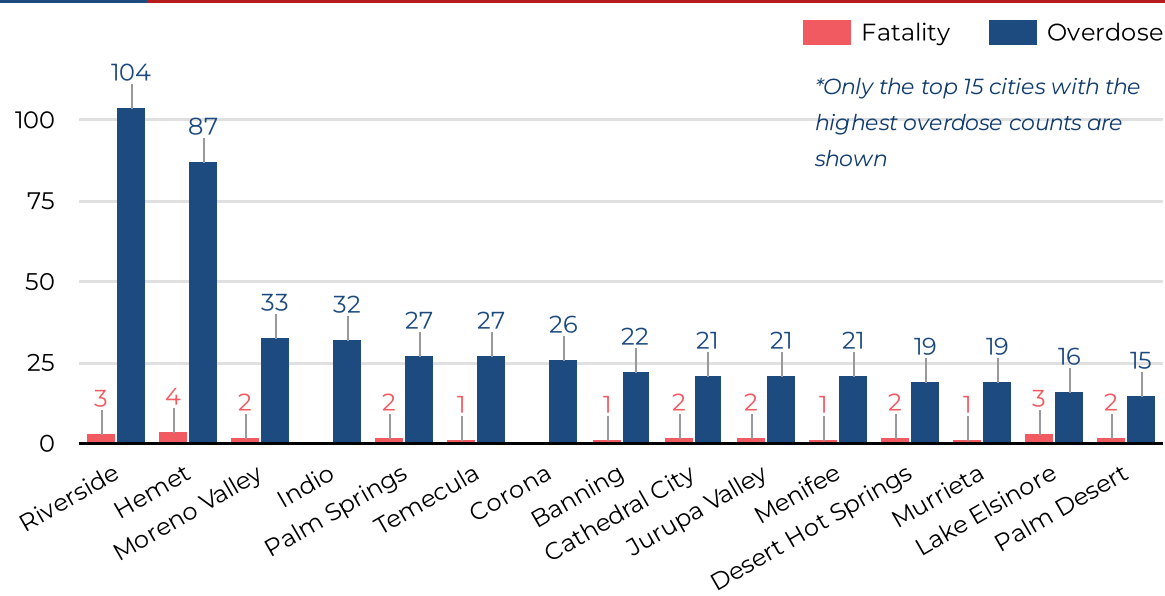
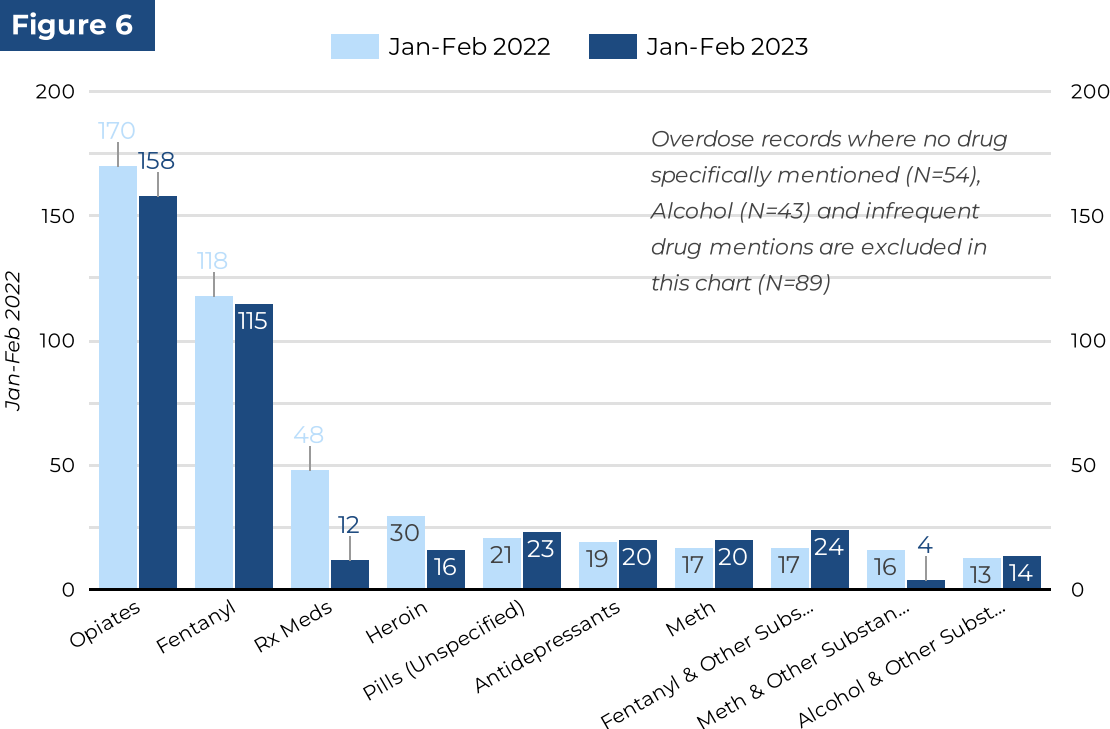


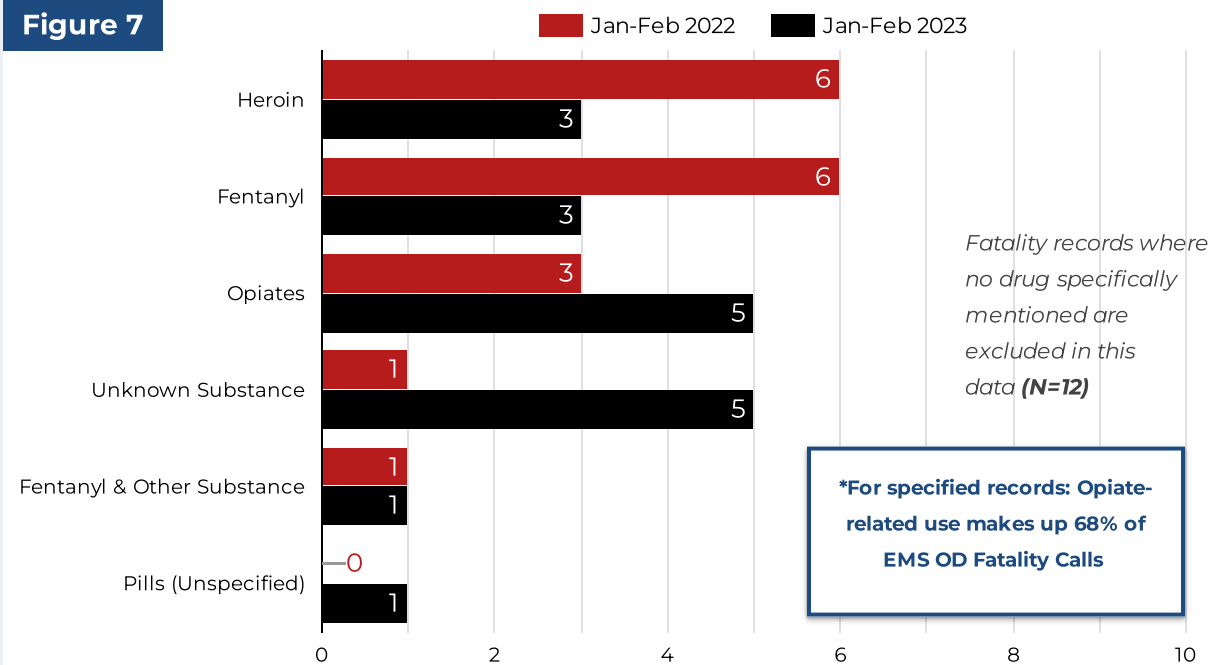
Figure 4 All Suspected EMS Overdose Records by City



Type of Drug Mentioned in Overdose Calls



Type of Drug Mentioned in Fatal Overdose Calls



***For specified records: Opiate-related use makes up 68% of EMS OD Fatality Calls**

*All drug categories in Figure 6 and 7 are mutually exclusive

Overdoses in Patients Experiencing Homelessness and/or Mental Health Crisis

(January 1st, 2023- February 28th, 2023)

Overdose-Homelessness Records

126

Homelessness-Overdose Fatality

4

Mental Health-Overdose Records

38

Mental Health-Overdose Fatality

0

According to California Welfare and Institutional Code (WIC), a 5150 (mental health crisis) enables law enforcement and designated medical professionals to place individuals posing imminent risk to self or others on involuntary 72-hour hold. From 1/1/2023-2/28/2023, Riverside County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers responded to an average of 19 WIC-5150 emergency and non-emergency transport overdose calls each month in 2022.

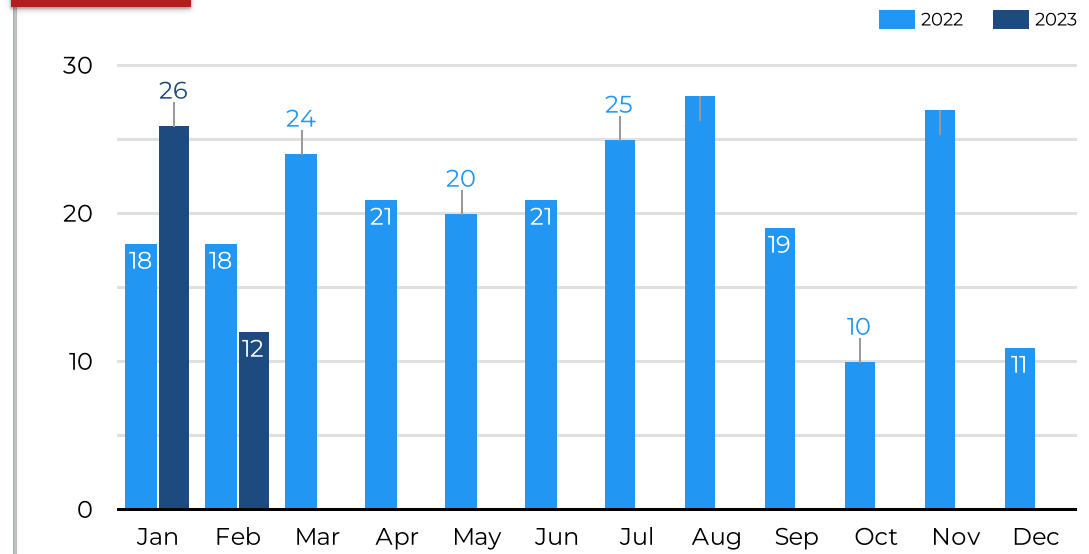
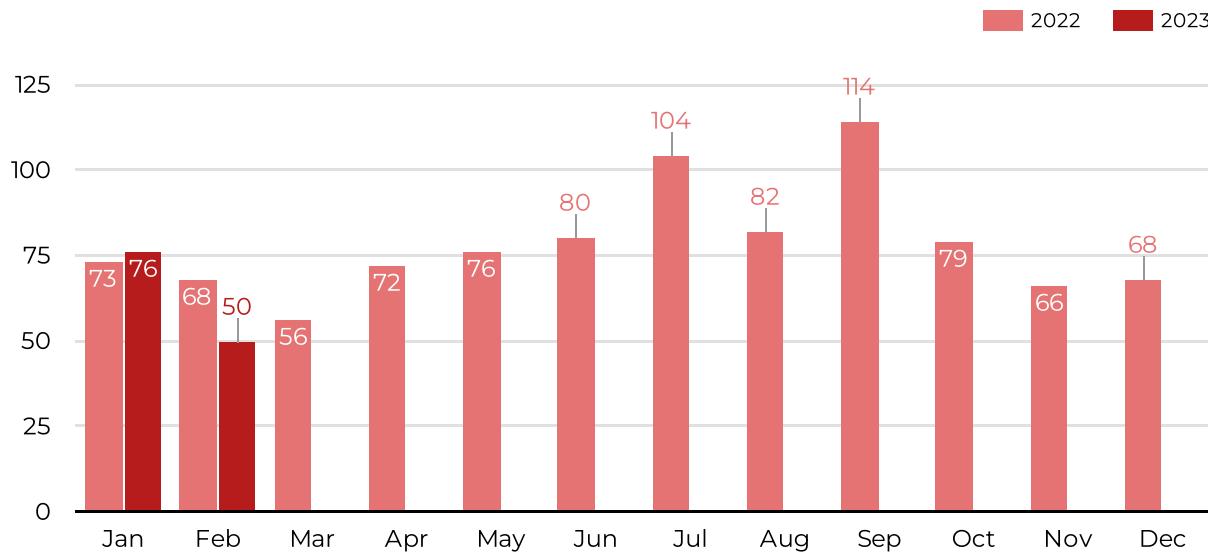
Homelessness (unstable housing) is an important factor for resource allocation and understanding all factors that can lead to overdose in the EMS system. Homeless status is established and self-reported by patient to EMS provider and noted in electronic patient care records that display patient as homeless. There are two fields within the record "Patient Home Address"="Homeless" or a checkbox, "Is patient homeless" marked "Yes" to indicate homeless patient status. The data displays all overdose records that involve a patient with homeless status.

Overdoses in Patients Experiencing Homelessness by Month

Overdoses in Patients Experiencing Mental Health Crisis by Month

Figure 8

Figure 9

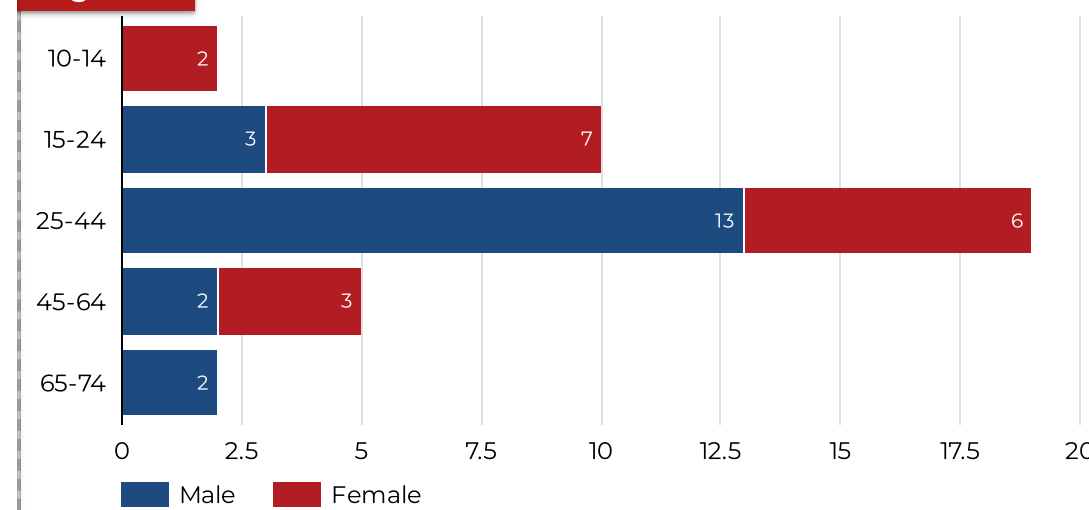
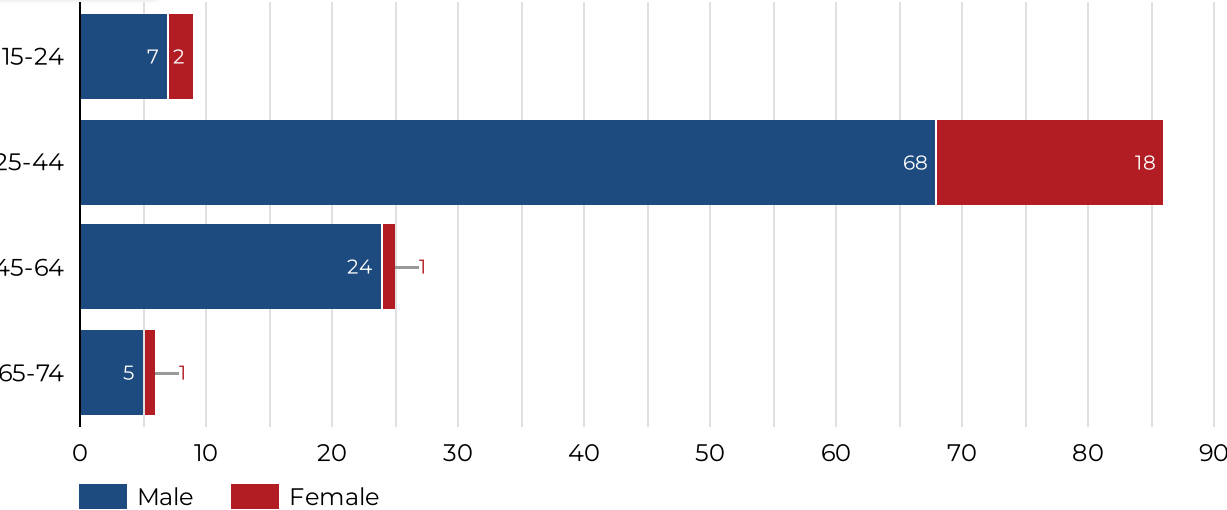


Overdoses in Patients Experiencing Homelessness by Gender & Age Group

Overdoses in Patients Experiencing Mental Health Crisis by Gender & Age Group

Figure 10

Figure 11



Suspected Opiate Overdose Treatment Adherence (January 1st, 2023-February 28th, 2023)

In order to get an in depth look at opioid overdose data, it is important to understand the willingness of patients that are seen and treated by EMS providers to comply with provider recommendations. This provides context and highlights potential obstacles in overdose treatments.

The following data represents patients that go against medical advice (AMA), thereby refuse treatment, or transport to a designated healthcare facility for further treatment. Patients encountered that were determined to be deceased when EMS units arrived are denoted as DOA.

Treated & Transported
355

Treated & No Transport
28

Refused Treatment & No Transport
8

Refused Treatment & Transported
1

DOA
25

Figure 12A-B: Count & Proportion of Patients Treated/Transported/Refused for Suspected Opioid Overdose Incidents

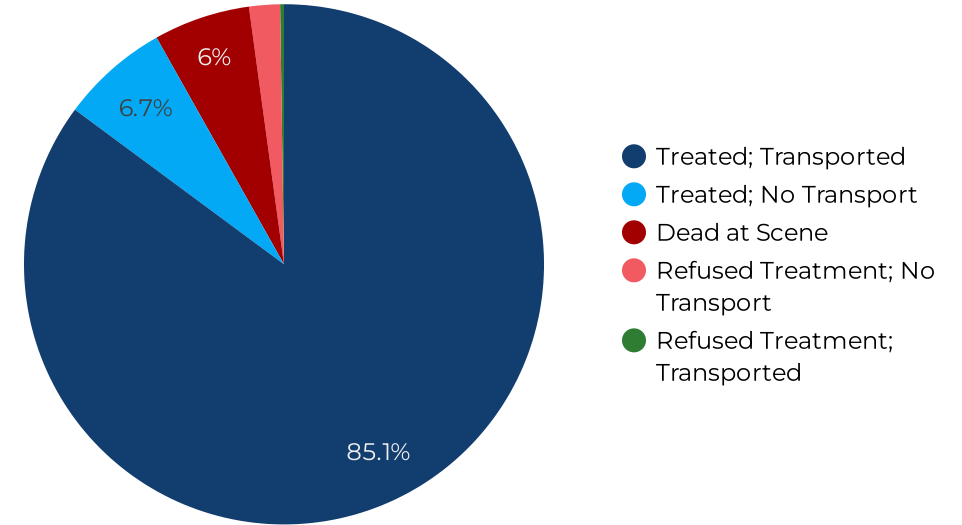
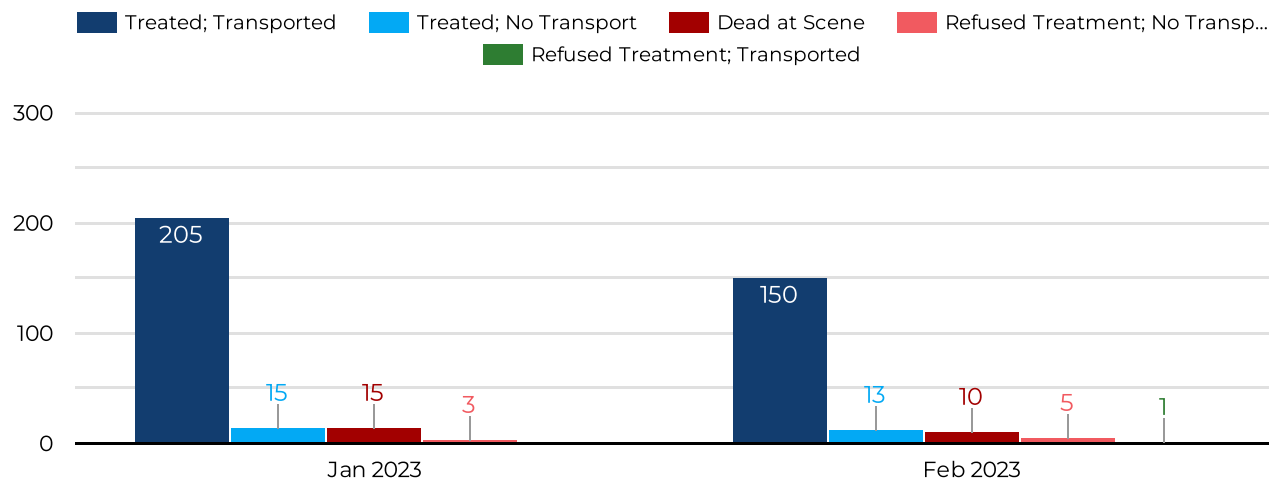


Figure 13: Patients Treated/Transported/Refused for Suspected Opioid Overdose Incidents by Age Group

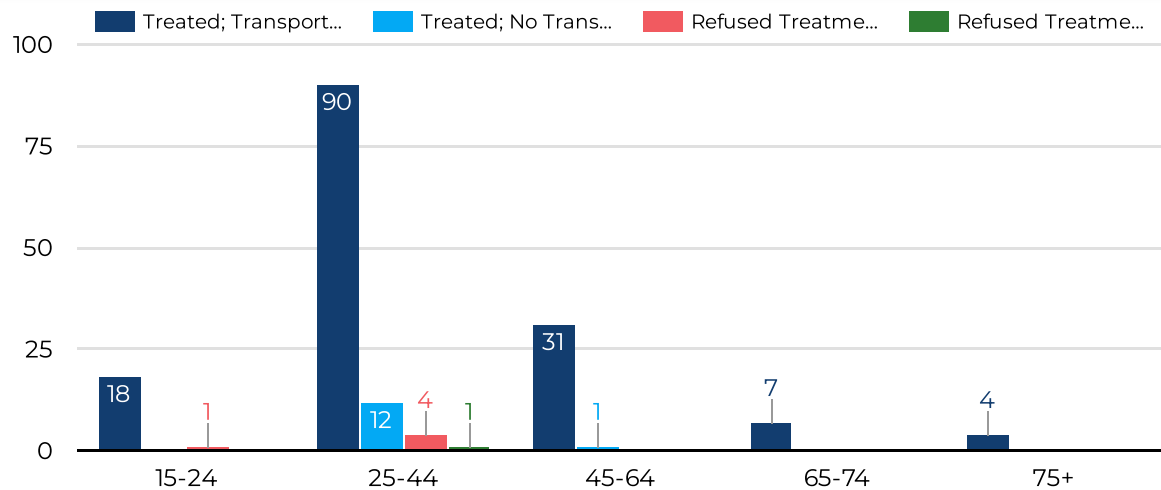
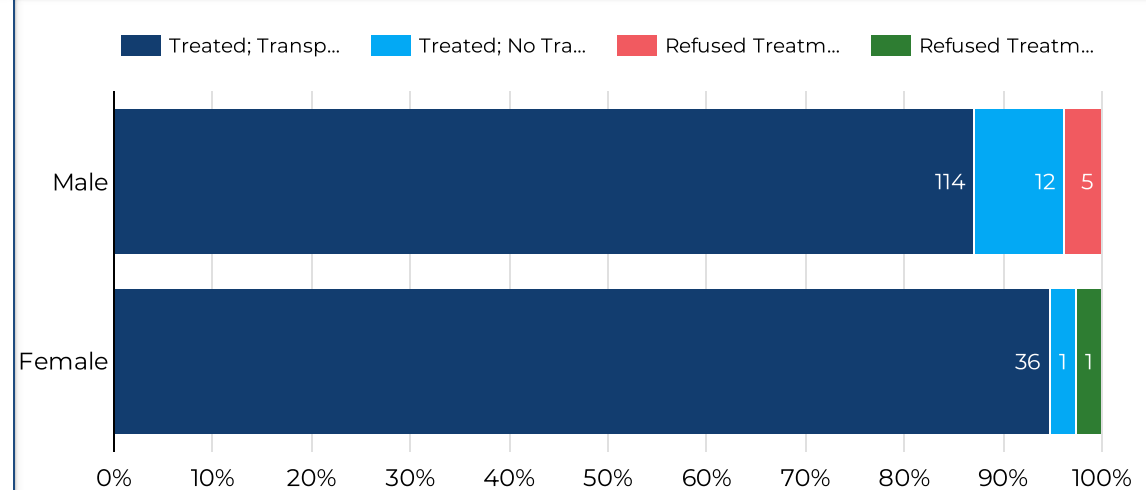


Figure 14: Patients Treated/Transported/Refused by Gender

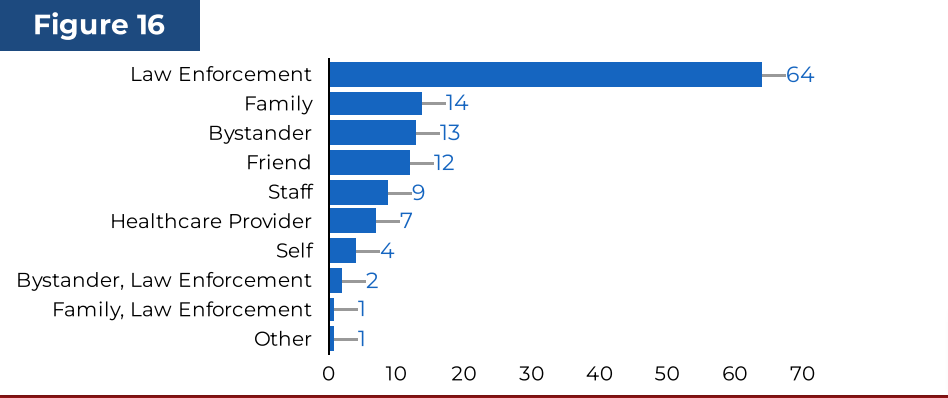


Naloxone Administration in EMS Suspected Opioid Overdose Calls (Jan-Feb 2023)

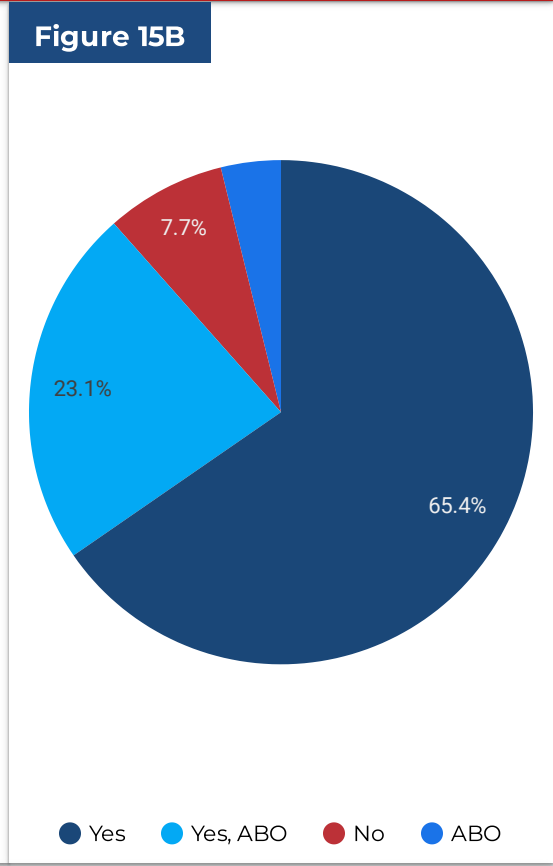
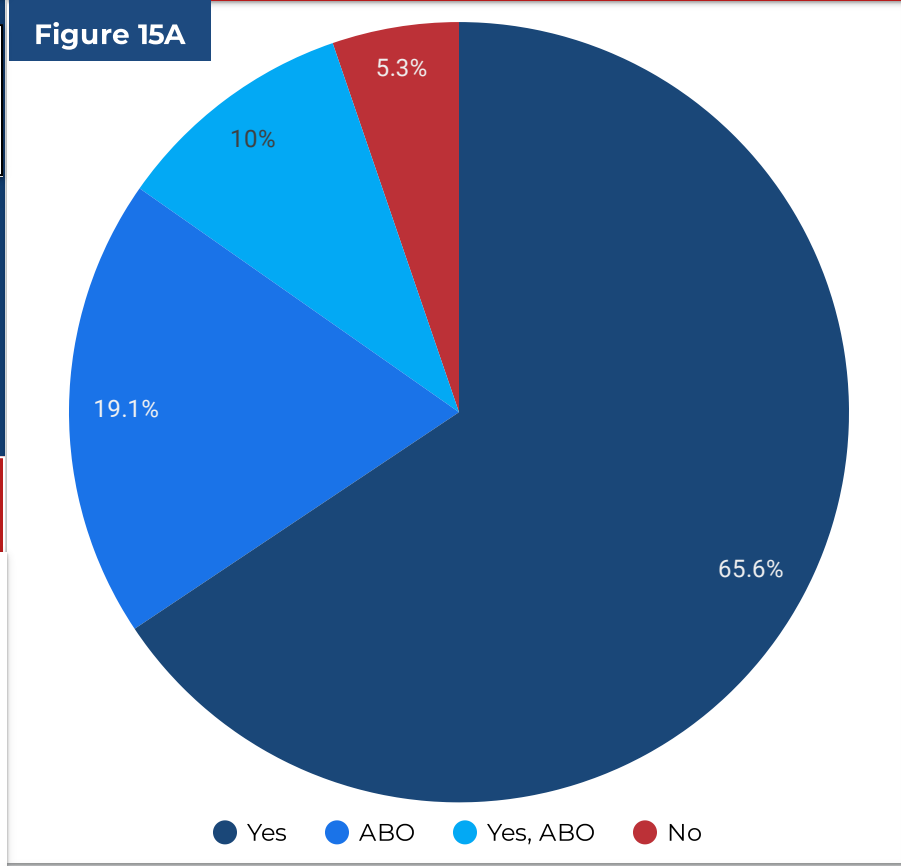
Narcan Administered by EMS 317	No Narcan Administered 22	Administered by Other 121
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Naloxone, aka Narcan, is the name of a generic drug that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. First responders in our community have been trained to use narcan when they encounter an overdose while responding to an emergency incident. Understanding its efficacy in suspected EMS overdose incidents can help guide response activities and inform health care providers offering treatment services.

Naloxone Administration Prior to EMS Arrival

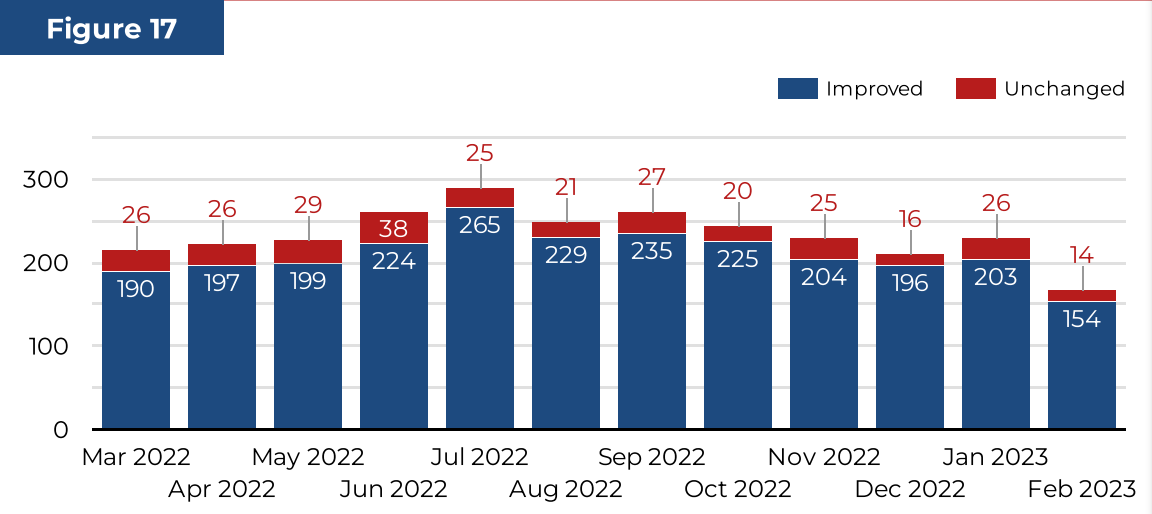


Naloxone Administration in All Suspected Opioid Overdose Calls (15A) & Overdose Fatality Calls (15B)



**ABO (administered by other) refers to naloxone administered by someone other than EMS prior to EMS arrival*
**Yes, ABO refers to naloxone administered by EMS as well as prior to arrival*

Patient Response to Naloxone Administration



% Patient Response to Naloxone Administration

