



A data source for overdose prevention

Unintentional drug overdose deaths are preventable with quality data to inform prevention efforts. Traditional data sources, such as death certificates, provide some information on drug overdose deaths, but can lack detail.

The Montana State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) contains rich contextual data on the characteristics and circumstances surrounding unintentional drug overdose deaths in Montana. SUDORS data comes from death certificates, coroner/medical examiner reports, and postmortem toxicology reports, which provide in-depth information on these deaths, including the following types of data:



Populations

most affected by overdose:
demographics, special populations (veterans, unhoused, etc.)



Drugs

involved in overdose deaths (including emerging drugs, like xylazine)



Locations

where overdose deaths occur most often



Circumstances

that might indicate opportunities to prevent future deaths (bystander presence, naloxone use, etc.)

The latest findings



3 in 5

unintentional drug overdose deaths are caused by **opioids**.



4 in 5

unintentional drug overdose deaths occurred in a **home** (house, apartment, etc.).



1 in 10

people who died had received **substance use disorder treatment** at some point.

Source: MT State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, 2019-2023



Explore more data (desktop/laptop recommended)



[Montana SUDORS dashboard](#)



[CDC SUDORS dashboard](#)