CUYAHOGA COUNTY

MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE

Heroin & Fentanyl Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

MAY 31, 2016
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

No. of Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in May – 44
18 - City of Cleveland Residents

VICTIMS
Victims’ ages range from 18 – 65
31 Male victims; 13 Female victims
8 African American victims; 36 Caucasian victims; (1 Hispanic victim)

EXPONENTIAL RATE OF INCREASE

In 2015, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a drug overdose.

In 2016, during January and February, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a heroin or fentanyl overdose. January was a record for fentanyl deaths, broken again in February. Starting March 10, 2016 to months end, two people died every day in Cuyahoga County from a heroin or fentanyl overdose as well as from May 25th until the end of the month and set a new record for fentanyl deaths. At least 184 victims died already in 2016.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
No. of Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in April – **33**

15 - City of Cleveland Residents
18 - Suburban Residents- Berea (2), Brook Park, Brooklyn, Euclid, Fairview Park, Garfield Hts. (2), Lakewood (3), Middleburgh Heights, Oakwood, Parma, Richmond Hts., Walton Hills, And (2) out of County residents – Chester Twp., Lorain

**VICTIMS**
Victims’ ages range from 20 – 64

24 Male victims; 9 Female victims

3 African American victims; 2 Hispanic victims; 30 Caucasian victims

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*Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 5-12-16*
Cuyahoga County Deaths per Day due to Heroin and Fentanyl or in Combination

Represents a projected 791 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 712 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 438 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 46 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 346 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents 228 heroin/fentanyl deaths out of 370 total OD deaths

Represents a projected 402 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 439 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
CCMEO 2016 Fentanyl & Heroin Related Deaths, by Month
(*Monthly totals through May)

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Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
Heroin and Fentanyl related Overdose Deaths by Quarter,
January 2014 - May 2016
(2nd quarter 2016 only through May)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-28-16
Cuyahoga County Heroin/Fentanyl Related Overdose Deaths and Naloxone Use, in 2015/2016 1st Quarter, by Zip Code

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 5-12-16

- **2015 Deaths**
- **2016 Deaths (Thru April 7)**
Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2016*
Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths

(* 2016 projected based on preliminary data through May)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
Fentanyl Deaths Oct 2014 to May 2016

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16
Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2016

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 6-3-16