Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

2019 MARCH UPDATE

April 4, 2019
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2019*
Most Common Drugs
(* 2019 based on projections through April 4, 2019)

Heroin
Cocaine
Carfentanil
Fentanyl
All Opioids (not inc. Fentanyl after 2013)
TOTAL DRUG OD DEATHS

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY — At least 4 fatalities since Apr. 1

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in MARCH— at least 29 (23 cases pending testing)

15 - City of Cleveland Residents
8 - Suburban Residents- Cleveland Hts., Euclid (2), Lakewood, North Olmsted, Parma (2), Strongsville and, 6- Out of County- Akron (Summit), Medina (Medina), Madison, Willoughby (Lake), Louisville (Stark), Hiram (Lorain)

VICTIMS
Victims’ ages range from 22 - 65
22 Male victims; 7 Female victims
7 African American victims; 22 Caucasian victims (3 hispanic victims)

TRENDS
At least 129 victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through March 2019. This compares to 102 in 2018 and 149 in 2017. 2019 total is at least 150 fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 FATAL CASES in 2017; 24 confirmed cases in 2018; 6 confirmed in 2019 as of 4/1/19
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 26.3% of all victims so far in 2019, a rate above 2016 (14.5%), and higher than the 20.33% in 2017 and 21.11 in 2018. As many as 24 cocaine related deaths occurred in February 2019 with as many as 18 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
2019 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved
Combining heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns).

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<th>Opioid ODs (awaiting confirmation tests)</th>
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2018 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved
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Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administrations:


Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
Cuyahoga County has seen 1236 more fentanyl related deaths in the past 38 months than the entire decade prior.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
Opioid related overdose deaths as Percentage* of All Drug related Deaths

*(2006-2010 54%; 2011-2018 77%)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2019*
*(Red - Projected for remainder of year, as of April 1, 2019)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
CCMEO, Proliferation of Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2019* (* thru April 1, 2019)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 4-4-19
Demographic Shift in Cocaine Deaths
(Includes cocaine/fentanyl mixed cases)

*2018 from 3rd Qtr data and projected from remainder of 2018 as of 12/31/18

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