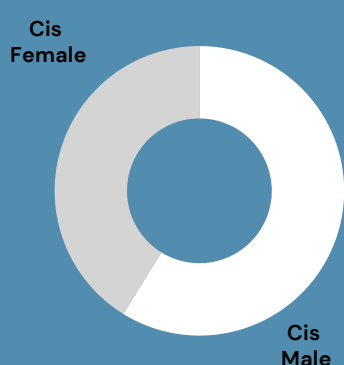


# WASHTENAW OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

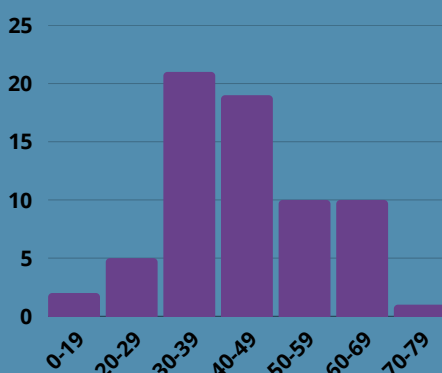
Findings and recommendations resulting from multi-disciplinary Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs) in Washtenaw County, Michigan from June 2023 – October 2023. Fatalities reviewed (n<6) did not necessarily occur during this time period.

## WASHTENAW COUNTY 2023 FATAL OVERDOSE DEMOGRAPHICS

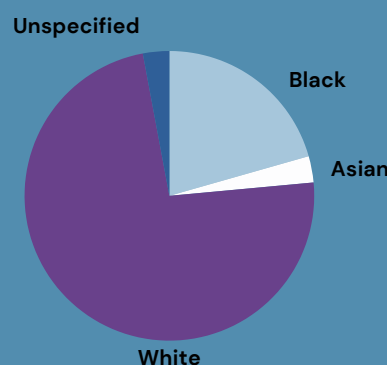
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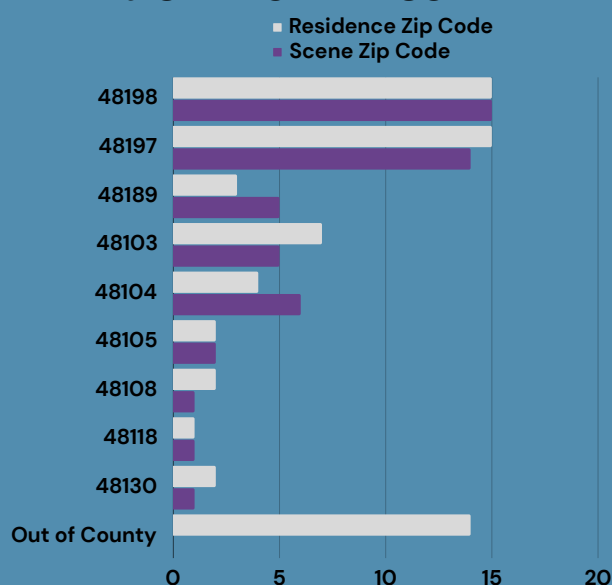
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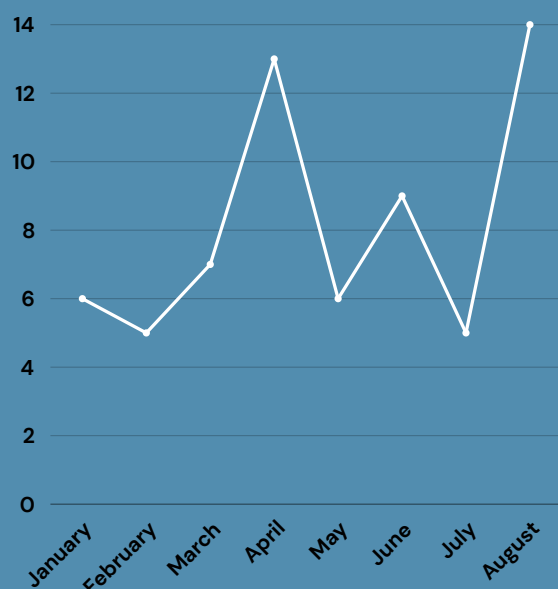
### RACE



### ZIP CODE OF DECEDENT RESIDENCE AND SCENE



### MONTH OF DEATH



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Educate Community and Providers

- **Never Use Alone** resource.
- **Project Assert** is a recovery coach who works with the Emergency Room and Psych. When anyone is identified with an Substance Use Disorder (SUD) the recovery coach will go and meet with the person to talk to them and get them connected to resources.
- Try to get emergency preparedness kits to residents and tailoring one that includes Narcan or emergency drug supplies if a person has identified SUD.
- Guidance on how to receive effective and appropriate PTSD treatment to folks on Medicaid.
- The partnership between **Recovery Opioid Overdose Team (ROOT)** and HVA where EMS personnel calls ROOT on overdose cases for so they can provide outreach.

### Harm Reduction

- Home of New Vision has 12 newspaper Narcan dispensers to place throughout the county for distribution. Possibly placing one outside of the Towner site for when they are closed.
- Train community how to self-administer naloxone, especially people reluctant to use nasal naloxone bc it puts them directly into detox.

### Advocacy

- Advocating for universal checking of MAPS regardless of the number of days of prescribing.

### Healthcare

- Non-opioids like NSAIDS or partial opioid agonist buprenorphine for pain treatment can be considered for pain management instead of continually prescribing opioid pain medication.
- Utilize EPIC system and Great Lakes Connect system to help see a person's history. This will allow better care across systems.
- Prescribe Narcan with any opioid prescription.
- The importance of ALL hospitals as potential entry points to SUD treatment and the need for multi-disciplinary teams to engage with patients during medical hospitalizations.

## THE TEAM

The Washtenaw County OFR team has representation from disciplines in the following agencies: Public Health, Medical Examiner's Office, Probation and Parole, Courts, Law Enforcement, Harm Reduction, Mental and Behavioral Health, Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Schools/Education, Jail, Child Protective Services (CPS), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Health Care, Pharmacist, and Peer Recovery Coach.