



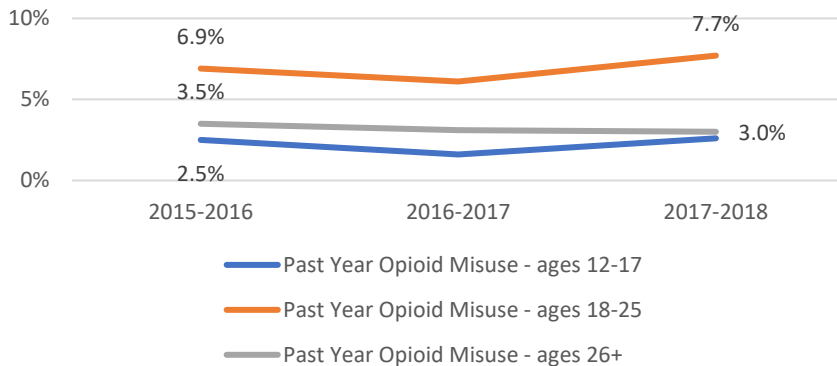
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Opioid Misuse in Georgia

Fewer than 10% of Georgians have misused opioids within the past year, though opioid-involved overdose deaths and opioid-involved emergency room and hospital visits remain the highest among those who are white, younger than 45 years old, and males. Opioid misuse is highest among Georgians ages 18 to 25 years old at nearly 8% misusing opioids in the past year according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2017-2018).

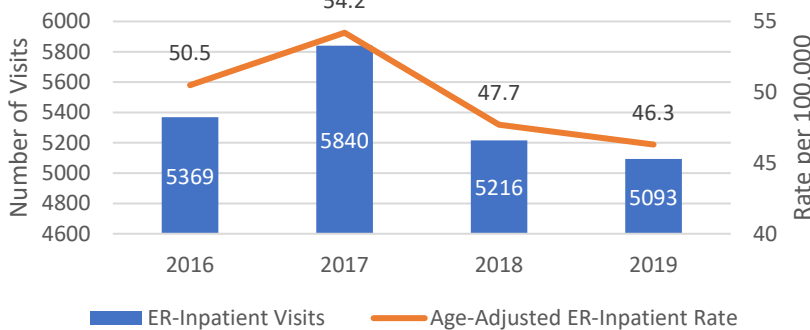
Past Year Opioid Misuse, Georgia (NSDUH)



Use in Georgia

- Opioid misuse, which includes heroin use, is highest among Georgians aged 18 to 25 years old.
- Approximately 3% of adolescents in Georgia have misused opioids in the past month.
- Based on the 2020 Georgia Student Health Survey data, nearly 2% of students report using heroin in the past month. [data not shown]

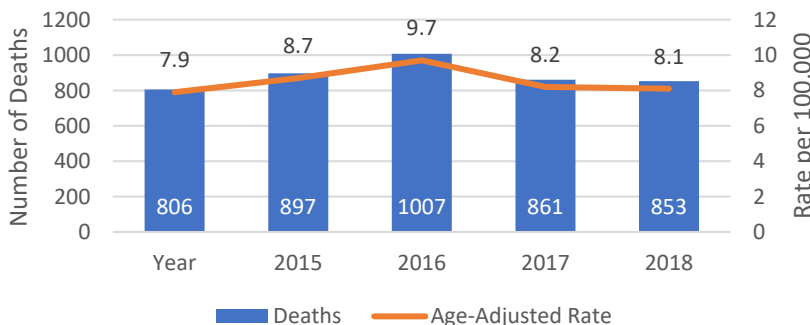
Opioid-involved ER-Inpatient Visits Georgia, 2016-2019 (GA DPH OASIS)



ER & Hospitalizations

- In 2019, 5,093 emergency department visits and hospitalizations were due to opioid-involved overdoses.
- ER-Inpatient visits sharply increased by over 500 visits from 2016 to 2017.
- Since 2017, ER-inpatient visits have decreased each year.

Opioid-involved Overdose Death Rates Georgia, 2015-2019 (GA DPH OASIS)



Opioid-Involved Deaths

- In 2019, there were 853 opioid-involved overdose deaths, which is an age-adjusted rate of 8.1 deaths per 100,000 people.
- Of those deaths, 296 involved heroin.
- Death rates were highest among those ages 35 to 39 years old, those who are white and non-Hispanic, and males.