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June 15, 2021

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Patty Hajdu Minister of Health, House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 hcminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Hajdu:

RE: Opioid Crisis

Please the see the attached letter sent to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Minister Tibollo regarding the need for immediate action to address the worsening opioid crisis and its impact on our communities.

While we recognize that health care is primarily a provincial responsibility, it is the role of the federal government to provide the necessary funding. We believe all levels of government should be working together to find solutions to this crisis. We are requesting a meeting of federal, provincial and municipal representatives to discuss a national action plan.

Yours truly,

Mayor Al McDonald City of North Bay Mayor Christian Provenzano City of Sault Ste. Marie

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Mayor Brian Bigger City of Greater Sudbury

Mayor George Pirie City of Timmins

Mayor Bill Mauro City of Thunder Bay

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The Honourable Doug Ford – premier@ontario.ca
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, on M7A 1A1

The Honourable Christine Elliot – <u>christine.elliott@pc.ola.org</u> Minister of Health 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto, On M7A 2J3

The Honourable Michael Tibollo – michael.tibolloco@pc.ola.org
Whitney Block, Room 1618
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford and Ministers Elliot and Tibollo:

RE: Opioid Crisis

As the Mayors of the five largest cities in Northern Ontario, we are writing today to request the immediate assistance of the provincial government in addressing the unprecedented number of opioid overdoses and deaths in our communities.

All five Northern Ontario cities, including North Bay, Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay, are now grappling with two major health crises — the Covid-19 pandemic and the opioid epidemic.

The latest (attached) data collected by Ontario's chief coroner shows how the brunt of this national crisis is bearing down on our Northern communities. In 2020, the number of opioid-related deaths in some of our districts more than doubled compared to 2019; and our regions are now experiencing some of the highest per capita overdose numbers in the province.

In the Algoma Public Health Unit area, the number opioid-related deaths rose to 53 in 2020, up from 17 in 2019, representing a 211 per cent increase. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, meanwhile, saw a 168 per cent increase during that same period, with 51 deaths in 2020 compared to 19 in 2019. The Sudbury and District Health Unit area experienced an 87.5 per cent increase, with 105 opioid-related deaths in 2020, up from 56 in 2019. And, in the Porcupine Health Unit area, the number of opioid-related deaths reached 40 in 2020, compared to 22 in 2019 -- an 82 per cent increase – while the Thunder Bay District Health unit saw the number of deaths increase in 2020 to 65, compared to 38 in 2019, an increase of 71 per cent.

Urgent action is required now in order to stem the number of deaths in our communities and to alleviate the extreme pressures on our mental health and addiction services.

While we recognize and appreciate all of the efforts that have been put forward to date to try to address the increasing number of opioid overdoses in across Canada, the stark reality is that we are facing a worsening crisis. In fact, it would be more apropos to describe these deaths as poisonings in light of how lethal opioid drugs are to those struggling with addiction and to the communities trying to cope with the impacts.

Our request is for a meeting so you can hear the challenges we are facing and we can discuss plans and opportunities in partnership with you. We appreciate the time constraints everyone is under as a result of Covid-19 and thank you for all your efforts on this front.

We would like to request that this meeting take place as soon as it can be accommodated by you. We will work around your busy schedules.

Yours truly,

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Mayor Brian Bigger City of Greater Sudbury

Mayor George Pirie City of Timmins

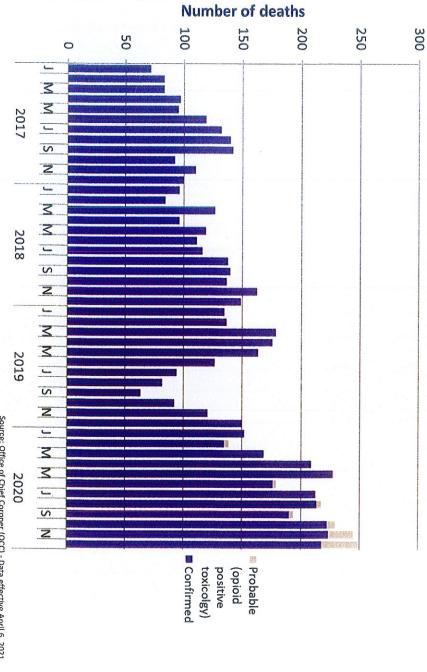
Mayor Bill Mauro City of Thunder Bay

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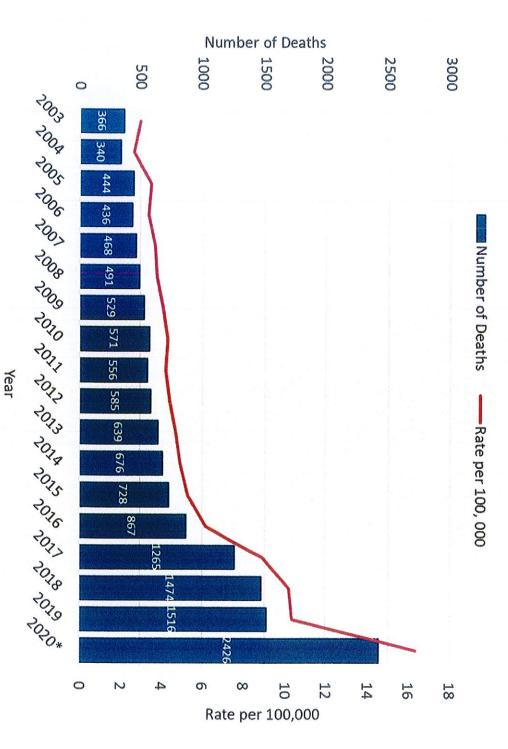
Ontario opioid-related deaths from Jan-Dec 2020

- 2426 opioid-related deaths* reported to date in 2020
- 60% increase over the same time period in 2019 (1516 deaths)
- 250 deaths occurred in December, the highest number of deaths reported to date in 1 month

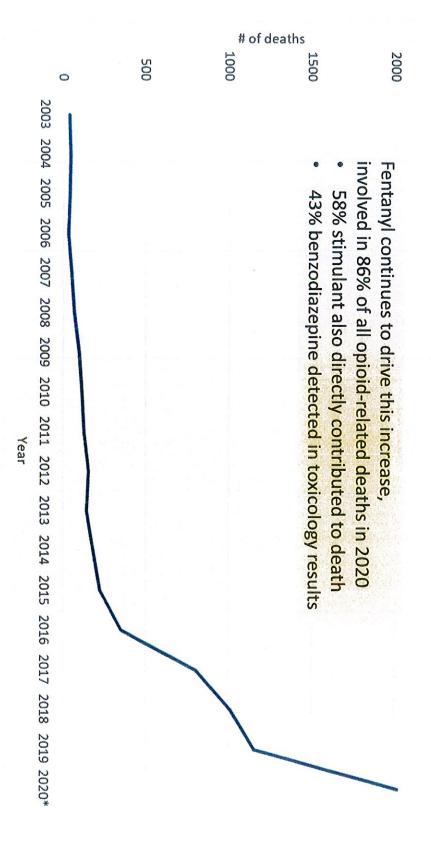
Opioid-related Deaths in Ontario, 2017 to 2020



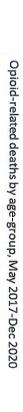
Opioid-related deaths in Ontario, 2003-2020*

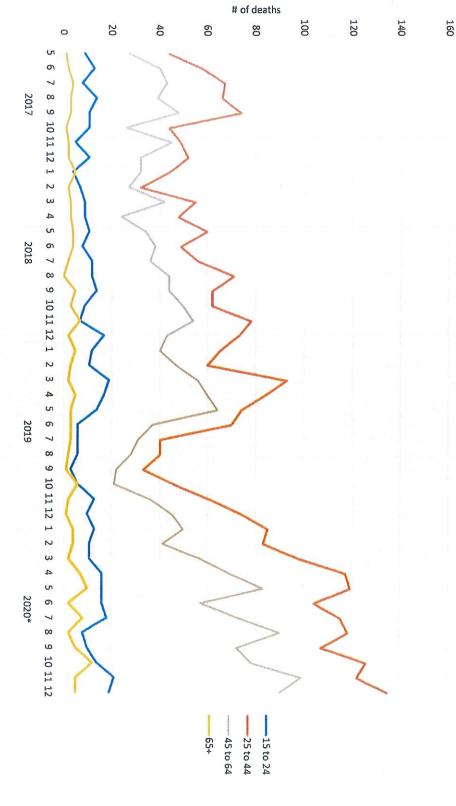


Number of opioid-related deaths with fentanyl or fentanyl analogue present at death, Ontario, 2003 to 2020



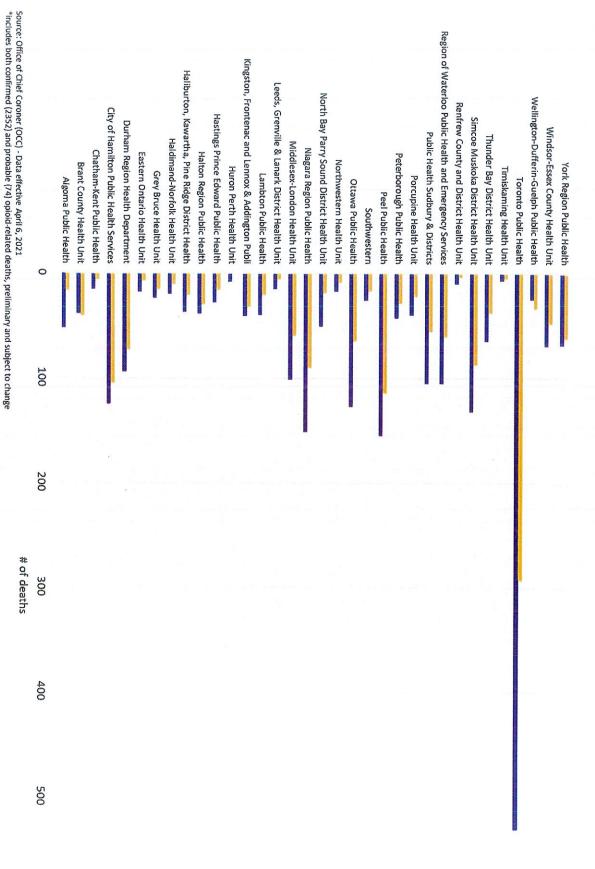
Opioid-related deaths by age group and month, May 2017 to Dec 2020*





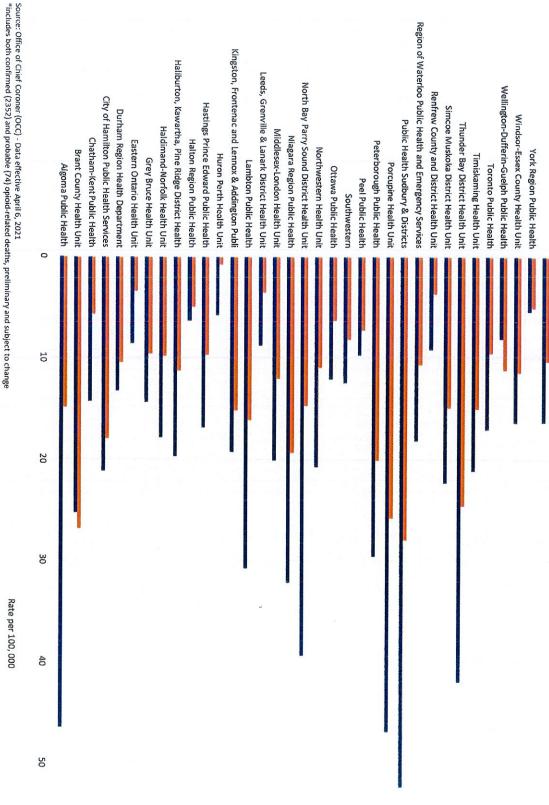
Opioid-related deaths from Jan to Nov 2019 and 2020 by PHU Region

2019 Jan to Dec 2020 Jan to Dec



Opioid-related deaths per 100, 000 by PHU Region, 2019 and 2020

■ 2019 Jan to Dec ■ 2020 Jan to Dec



Preliminary Opioid-related deaths by month and Public Health Unit, Ontario, January to Dec 2020

	Janu	uary 2020	
Public Health Unit	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total
Algoma Public Health	3	0	3
Brant County Health Unit	6	0	6
Chatham-Kent Public Health	2	0	2
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	4	0	4
Durham Region Health Department	6	0	6
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	1	0	1
Grey Bruce Health Unit	1	0	1
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	3	0	3
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health	5	0	5
Halton Region Public Health	3	0	3
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	1	0	1
Huron Perth Health Unit	1	0	1
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Publi	4	0	4
Lambton Public Health	3	0	3
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	0	0	0
Middlesex-London Health Unit	10	0	10
Niagara Region Public Health	6	0	6
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	1	0	1
Northwestern Health Unit	1	0	1
Ottawa Public Health	4	0	4
Southwestern	4	0	4
Peel Public Health	8	0	8
Peterborough Public Health	2	0	2
Porcupine Health Unit	1	0	1
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	5	0	5
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	9	0	9
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	0	0	0
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	9	0	9
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	3	0	3
Timiskaming Health Unit	1	0	1
Toronto Public Health	35	0	35
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	0	0	0
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	6	0	6
York Region Public Health	4	0	4
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¹ Confirmed cases (at least one opioid listed in the cause of death, other non-opioid opioid substances mc 2 Cases still under investigation (suspect-drug related death with toxicology postive for opioid)

Data source: Coroner's Opioid Investigative Aid, January 2020 to Dec 2020, Office of the Chief Coroner for Data is preliminary and subject to change

Ths data will be posted to the Interactive Opioid Tool in a future update. https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/substance-use/interactive-opioid-tool

Fek	ruary 2020		N	1arch 2020			April 2020	
Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total
5	1	6	4	0	4	1	0	1
1	0	1	3	0	3	4	0	4
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
8	0	8	12	0	12	12	0	12
9	0	9	6	0	6	10	0	10
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0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1
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1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2
2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	3
1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
2	0	2	5	0	5	2	0	2
0	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	3
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
6	0	6	9	0	9	5	0	5
13	0	13	8	0	8	21	0	21
1	0	1	4	0	4	7	0	7
2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
6	0	6	8	0	8	10	0	10
1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
8	0	8	14	0	14	17	0	17
2	0	2	4	0	4	4	0	4
4	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0
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Ontario, Apr 7 2020.

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Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total
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5	0	5	2	0	2	3	0	3
3	0	3	1	0	1	4	0	4
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
7	0	7	2	0	2	2	0	2
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228	1	229	176	3	179	213	1	214

	Aug 2020			Sep 2020				
Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total
0	0	0	0	3	3	4	0	4
6	0	6	3	0	3	4	1	5
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12	0	12	5	0	5	7	0	7
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2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	4	6	0	6	3	0	3
2	0	2	1	0	1	8	0	8
2	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0
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11	0	11	14	0	14	13	0	13
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7	0	7	5	0	5	9	0	9
214	4	218	190	4	194	223	7	230

Jan-Dec 20	Total		Dec 2020			Nov 2020	
Probable ²	Confirmed ¹	Total	Probable ²	Confirmed ¹	Total	Probable ²	Confirmed ¹
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	20	3	0	3	2	0	2
	35	4	1	3	4	0	4
	38	7	1	6	7	0	7
	26	3	1	2	4	1	3
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
	42	3	0	3	2	0	2
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	15	0	0	0	1	0	1
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	147	12	3	9	15	1	14
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VIA E-Mail and Ordinary Mail

The Honourable Doug Ford – premier@ontario.ca
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Toronto, on M7A 1A1

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The Honourable Michael Tibollo – michael.tibolloco@pc.ola.org Whitney Block, Room 1618 99 Wellesley St. W. Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford and Ministers Elliot and Tibollo:

RE: Opioid Crisis

As the Mayors of the five largest cities in Northern Ontario, we are writing today to request the immediate assistance of the provincial government in addressing the unprecedented number of opioid overdoses and deaths in our communities.

All five Northern Ontario cities, including North Bay, Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay, are now grappling with two major health crises – the Covid-19 pandemic and the opioid epidemic.

The latest (attached) data collected by Ontario's chief coroner shows how the brunt of this national crisis is bearing down on our Northern communities. In 2020, the number of opioid-related deaths in some of our districts more than doubled compared to 2019; and our regions are now experiencing some of the highest per capita overdose numbers in the province.

In the Algoma Public Health Unit area, the number opioid-related deaths rose to 53 in 2020, up from 17 in 2019, representing a 211 per cent increase. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, meanwhile, saw a 168 per cent increase during that same period, with 51 deaths in 2020 compared to 19 in 2019. The Sudbury and District Health Unit area experienced an 87.5 per cent increase, with 105 opioid-related deaths in 2020, up from 56 in 2019. And, in the Porcupine Health Unit area, the number of opioid-related deaths reached 40 in 2020, compared to 22 in 2019 -- an 82 per cent increase – while the Thunder Bay District Health unit saw the number of deaths increase in 2020 to 65, compared to 38 in 2019, an increase of 71 per cent.

Urgent action is required now in order to stem the number of deaths in our communities and to alleviate the extreme pressures on our mental health and addiction services.

While we recognize and appreciate all of the efforts that have been put forward to date to try to address the increasing number of opioid overdoses in across Canada, the stark reality is that we are facing a worsening crisis. In fact, it would be more apropos to describe these deaths as poisonings in light of how lethal opioid drugs are to those struggling with addiction and to the communities trying to cope with the impacts.

Our request is for a meeting so you can hear the challenges we are facing and we can discuss plans and opportunities in partnership with you. We appreciate the time constraints everyone is under as a result of Covid-19 and thank you for all your efforts on this front.

We would like to request that this meeting take place as soon as it can be accommodated by you. We will work around your busy schedules.

Yours truly,

Mayor Al McDonald City of North Bay Mayor Christian Provenzano City of Sault Ste. Marie

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Mayor Brian Bigger City of Greater Sudbury

Mayor George Pirie City of Timmins

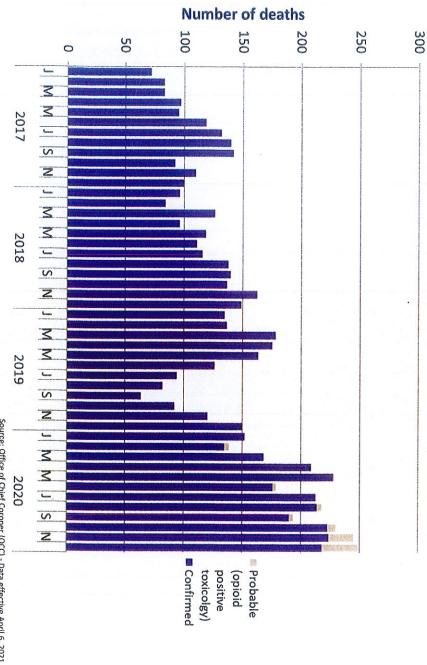
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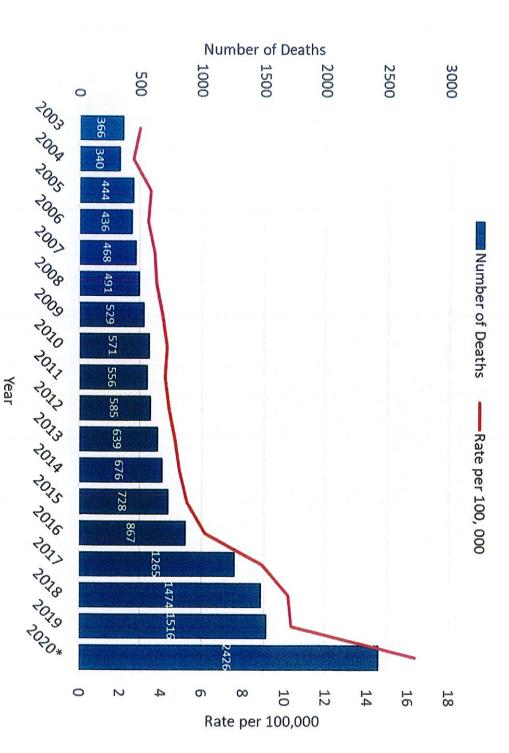
Ontario opioid-related deaths from Jan-Dec 2020

- 2426 opioid-related deaths* reported to date in 2020
- 60% increase over the same time period in 2019 (1516 deaths)
- 250 deaths occurred in December, the highest number of deaths reported to date in 1 month

Opioid-related Deaths in Ontario, 2017 to 2020

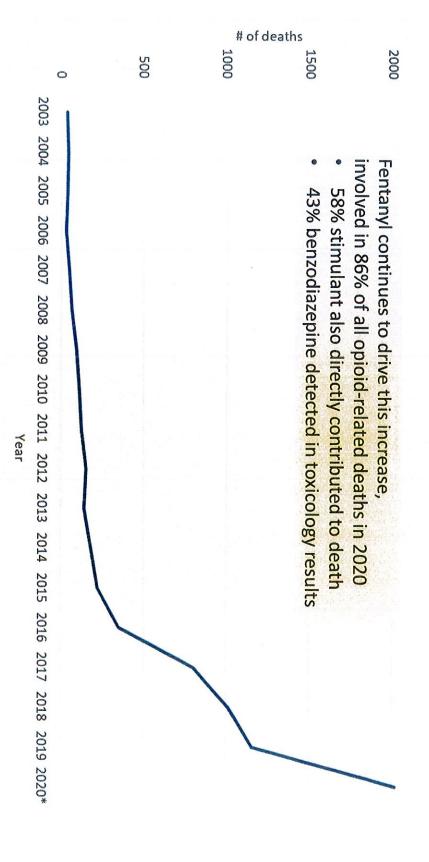


Opioid-related deaths in Ontario , 2003-2020*



Number of opioid-related deaths with fentanyl or fentanyl analogue present at death, Ontario, 2003 to 2020

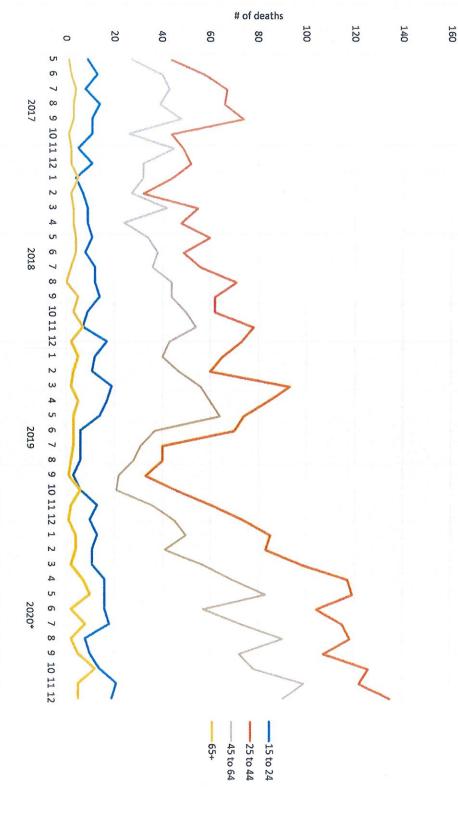
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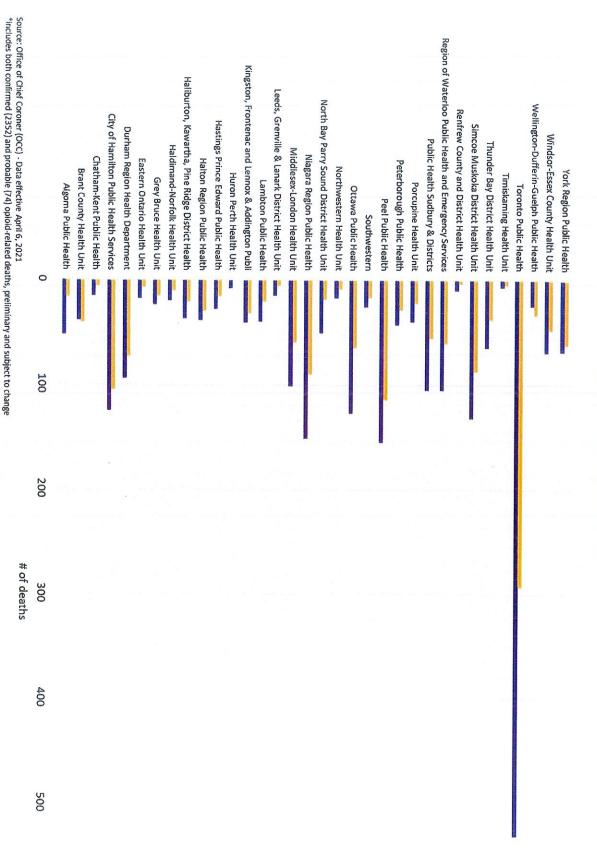
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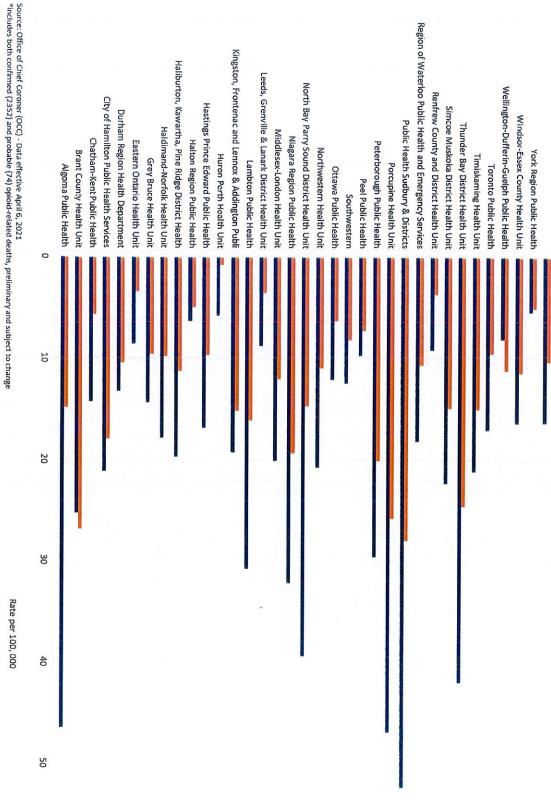
Opioid-related deaths from Jan to Nov 2019 and 2020 by PHU Region

2019 Jan to Dec 2020 Jan to Dec



Opioid-related deaths per 100, 000 by PHU Region, 2019 and 2020

■ 2019 Jan to Dec ■ 2020 Jan to Dec



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Preliminary Opioid-related deaths by month and Public Health Unit, Ontario, January to Dec 2020

	Janu	uary 2020	
Public Health Unit	Confirmed ¹	Probable ²	Total
Algoma Public Health	3	0	3
Brant County Health Unit	6	0	6
Chatham-Kent Public Health	2	0	2
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	4	0	4
Durham Region Health Department	6	0	6
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	1	0	1
Grey Bruce Health Unit	1	0	1
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	3	0	3
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health	5	0	5
Halton Region Public Health	3	0	3
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	1	0	1
Huron Perth Health Unit	1	0	1
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Publi	4	0	4
Lambton Public Health	3	0	3
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	0	0	0
Middlesex-London Health Unit	10	0	10
Niagara Region Public Health	6	0	6
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	1	0	1
Northwestern Health Unit	1	0	1
Ottawa Public Health	4	0	4
Southwestern	4	0	4
Peel Public Health	8	0	8
Peterborough Public Health	2	0	2
Porcupine Health Unit	1	0	1
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	5	0	5
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	9	0	9
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	0	0	0
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	9	0	9
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	3	0	3
Timiskaming Health Unit	1	0	1
Toronto Public Health	35	0	35
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	0	0	0
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	6	0	6
York Region Public Health	4	0	4
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¹ Confirmed cases (at least one opioid listed in the cause of death, other non-opioid opioid substances mc 2 Cases still under investigation (suspect-drug related death with toxicology postive for opioid)

Data source: Coroner's Opioid Investigative Aid, January 2020 to Dec 2020, Office of the Chief Coroner for Data is preliminary and subject to change

Ths data will be posted to the Interactive Opioid Tool in a future update. https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/substance-use/interactive-opioid-tool

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4	147	12	3	9	15	1	14
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