Causes of Death

Opioid-related overdose deaths

Unintentional opioid-related overdose is one of the leading causes of injury mortality in Oregon. Opioid overdose deaths have markedly increased during the past decade, from 58 total deaths during 2000 to 235 in 2012.

![FIGURE 1](image-url)

Opioid-related overdose deaths, Oregon, 2000–2012

Efforts targeted at patients who use opioids as well as clinicians who prescribe them are needed to address this emerging public health problem.

Additional Resources: [Injury and Fatality State Plans and Reports](#)
About the Data: Data source is Oregon Death Certificate Data. Data include deaths for which the underlying cause of death was accidental poisoning and opium, heroin, methadone, other synthetic narcotics or other opioids were listed among the contributing causes. Population estimates used in calculating rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

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