

NDEWS State Report Alerts in Pennsylvania for 2023: Opioid and non-opioid nonfatal overdose alerts

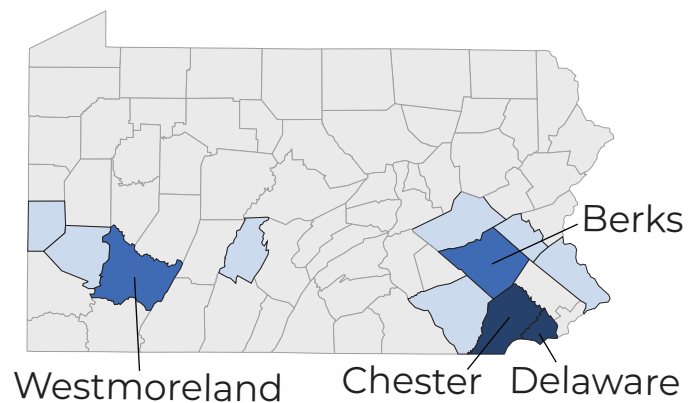
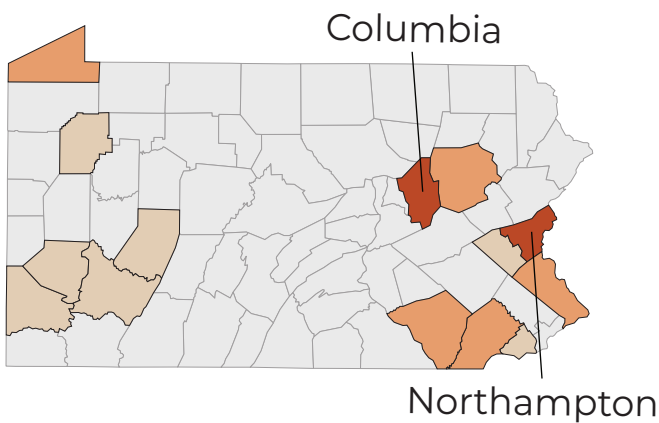
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In this week's State Report, NDEWS highlights nonfatal opioid and non-opioid overdose alerts for Pennsylvania during 2023. These alerts indicate days in which the number of overdoses exceeded the expected number for that county. This expected count, or threshold, is calculated through biospatial, and accounts for population, seasonality, and other factors. Between January 1 and December 31, 2023, there were a total of 15,218 opioid-involved nonfatal overdoses and 17,624 non-opioid-involved nonfatal overdoses identified in biospatial for the state of Pennsylvania. The maps below indicate the frequency of alerts for non-opioid- or opioid-involved nonfatal overdose dispatches. Counties with three or more alerts during the reporting period are labeled.

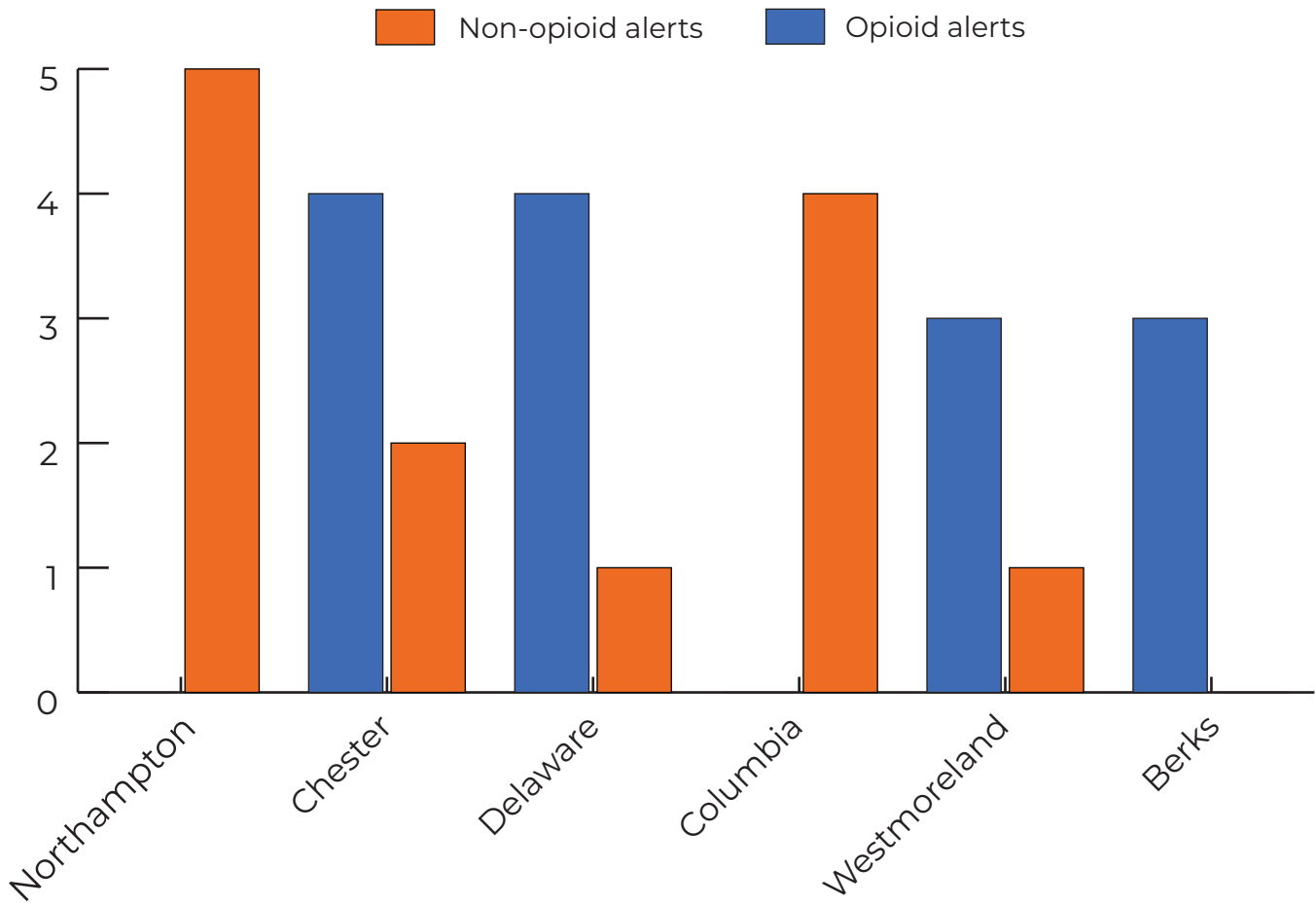
The bar charts on page 2 detail the most frequent destination facilities for these overdose dispatches by substance type, as well as the Pennsylvania counties with the most alerts during 2023. Demographics for opioid and non-opioid overdoses for the year are also included on page 3.

Non-opioid overdose alerts

Opioid overdose alerts

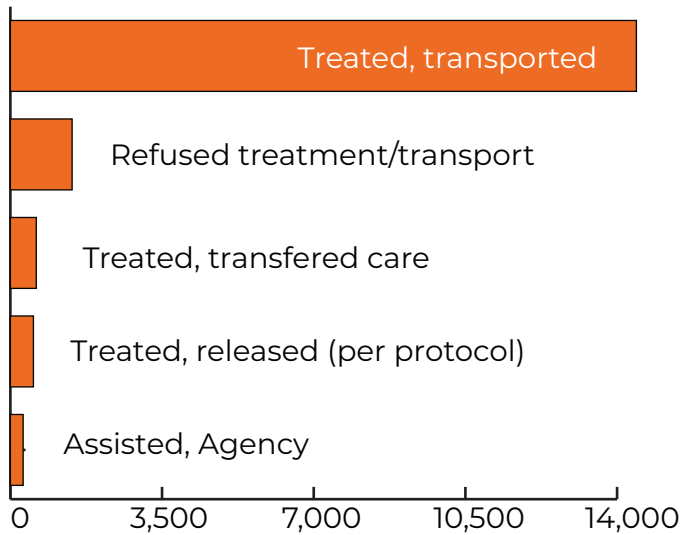


Alerts by county and substance type

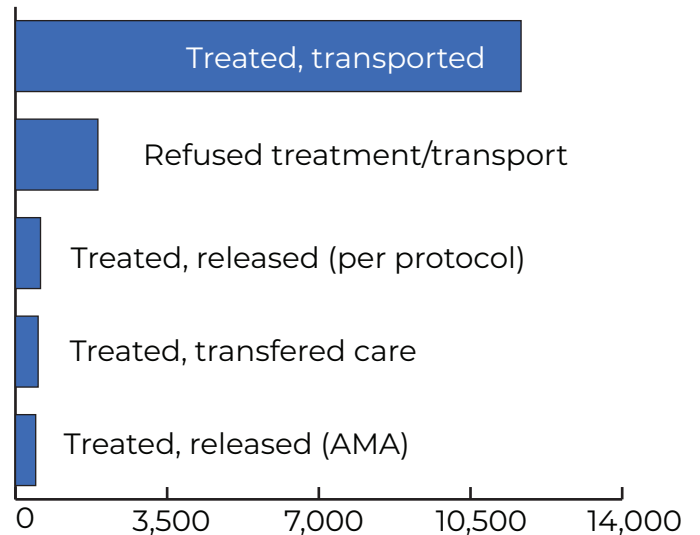


Incident disposition by substance type

Non-opioid

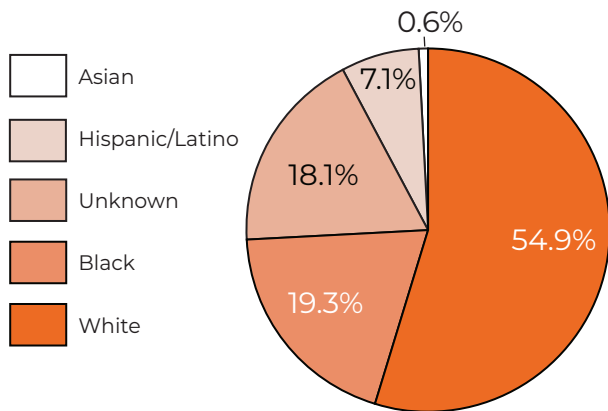


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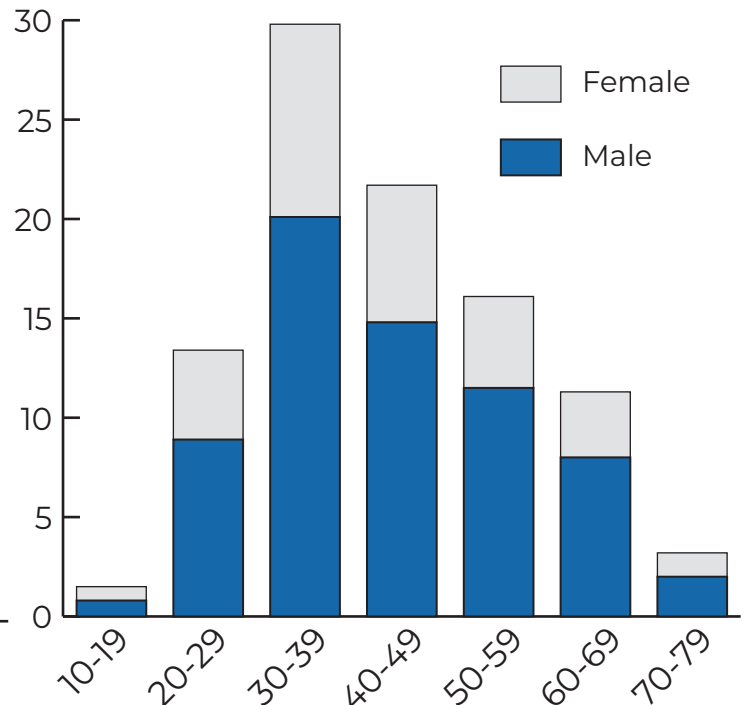
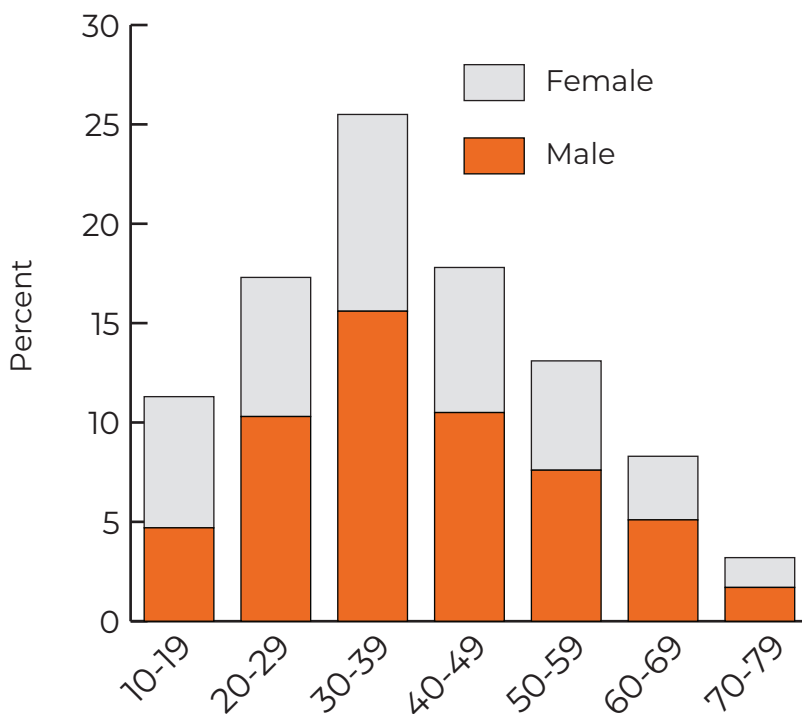
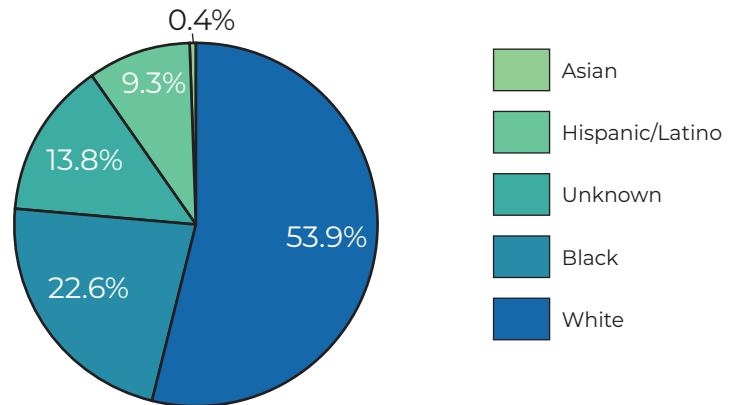


Race, age, and sex of Pennsylvania overdoses by substance type

Non-opioid overdoses



Opioid overdoses



Opioid-related dispatches were defined based on the Enhanced State Opioid Overdose Surveillance (ESOOS) criteria as defined by the state of Rhode Island, intended to detect incidents involving opioid overdose. States included in this report met or exceeded a 75% Underlying Event Coverage (UEC) during the surveillance period, indicating that biospatial has received at least 75% of the expected data for the given time and region.

Non-opioid-related dispatches are based on the Virginia Department of Health criteria for incidents involving non-opioid overdoses; indicates events where naloxone administration response is unchanged or worse, or involving ICD-CM-10 codes for cocaine, cannabis, LSD, or other unspecified psychodysleptics.