

# Southwest Region Drug Overdose Fact Sheet

**250**  
**FATAL**  
drug overdoses in 2022  
▼ 9% from 2021

## Nonfatal Trends

Figure 1: In 2022, the Southwest region ranked highest in the state for rates of drug overdose inpatient visits. Over the last five years, drug overdose-related hospital visits remained relatively stable and consistent with inpatient visits declining and ER visits increasing.

**Figure 1. Nonfatal All Drug Overdose Health Care Utilization (2018-2022\*)**

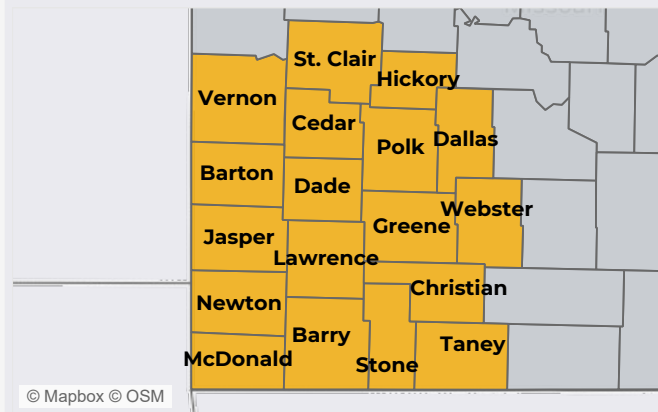
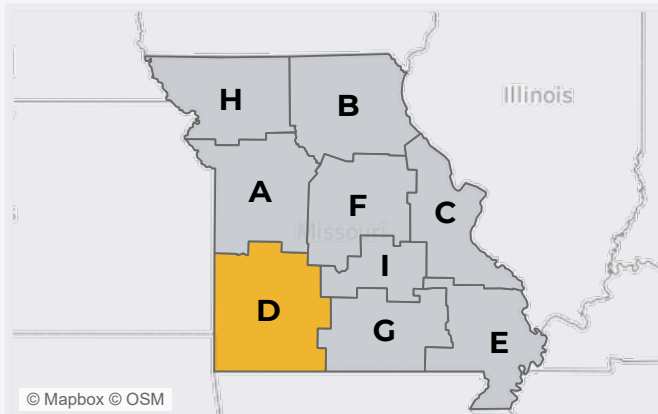


## Regional Fatal Trends

The following visualizations depict trends within LPHA Reporting Group, D.

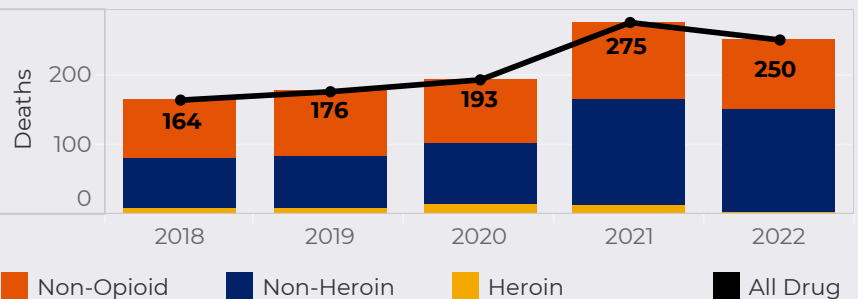
Figure 2: In 2021, the Southwest region experienced 275 drug overdose deaths, which was the highest total in the last five years. Non-Heroin opioids, such as Fentanyl, had a greater contribution to deaths while deaths driven by Heroin have been on the decline.

Figure 3: Most overdoses occurred within the 35 to 54 age group, however, in 2020, the 15 to 34 age group eclipsed all other age categories.



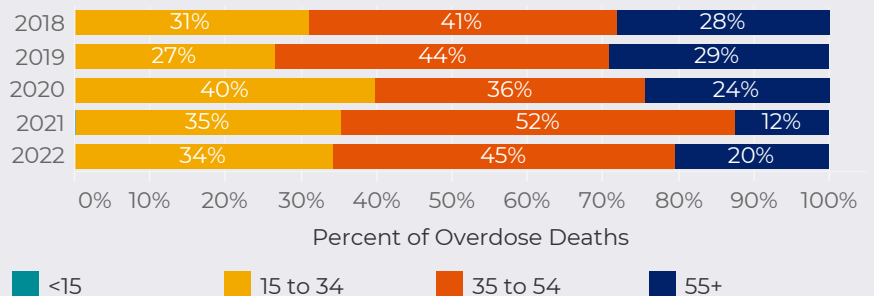
**Figure 2. Fatal Drug Overdoses by Type**

For LPHA Reporting Region D (2018-2022)



**Figure 3. Fatal Drug Overdoses by Age Group**

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Sources: Nonfatal data available from the Missouri Patient Abstract System. Fatal data available from the Missouri Vital Statistics Death File.

\* Nonfatal 2022 data is provisional and subject to change.