



## A data source for overdose prevention

**Unintentional drug overdose deaths are preventable** with quality data to inform prevention efforts. Traditional data sources, such as death certificates, provide some information on drug overdose deaths, but can lack detail.

**The Montana State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) contains rich contextual data** on the characteristics and circumstances surrounding unintentional drug overdose deaths in Montana. SUDORS data comes from death certificates, coroner/medical examiner reports, and postmortem toxicology reports, which provide in-depth information on these deaths, including the following types of data:



### Populations

most affected by overdose:  
demographics, special populations (veterans, unhoused, etc.)



### Drugs

involved in overdose deaths (including emerging drugs, like xylazine)



### Locations

where overdose deaths occur most often



### Circumstances

that might indicate opportunities to prevent future deaths (bystander presence, naloxone use, etc.)

## The latest findings



**3 in 5**

unintentional drug overdose deaths are caused by **opioids**.



**4 in 5**

unintentional drug overdose deaths occurred in a **home** (house, apartment, etc.).



**1 in 10**

people who died had received **substance use disorder treatment** at some point.

Source: MT State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, 2019-2023



## Explore more data (desktop/laptop recommended)



[Montana SUDORS dashboard](#)



[CDC SUDORS dashboard](#)