

Joinpoint regression for the 96D between 95Dn

819 drug-induced deaths (including those from drug overdose) among Australians in 2022.

This number of deaths is equivalent to 5 drug-induced deaths per day among Australians and comprised around 1% of all registered deaths in Australia in 2022.

Since 2003, the rate of drug-induced deaths steadily increased on average by 4.1% per year, reaching a peak in 2017 of 8.2 deaths per 100,000 people. This slowly declined to 7.7 per 100,000 people in 2020; the revised 2021 and preliminary 2022 estimates were lower again and similar to each other (7.1 and 7.0 deaths per 100,000 people, respectively). The 2021 and 2022 estimates are not final and may increase with further revision, with a greater increase anticipated for the latter.

The rate of unintentional drug overdose deaths nearly [doubled](#) from 2003 to 2018, increasing on average by 4.5% per year

opioid type in opioid overdose deaths (43%
