

There were 350 registered overdose and other drug-induced deaths (excluding alcohol and tobacco) in [Queensland](#) in 2021, which is equivalent to 1.0% of all registered deaths in this jurisdiction.

The population rate increased from 4.4 in 2002 to 7.4 in 2019 but peaked at 8.5 deaths per 100,000 people in 2015. The preliminary age-standardised rate of drug-induced deaths was 6.7 deaths per 100,000 people in 2021 ([Figure 1](#)). This rate was not statistically different from the estimated rate in 2020 (7.1 deaths per 100,000 people), noting that estimates for 2020 and 2021 are subject to revision and may increase (Table 1).

In 2021, males accounted for 59% (205

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In Queensland, the three most common drug types involved in drug overdose deaths in 2021 were:

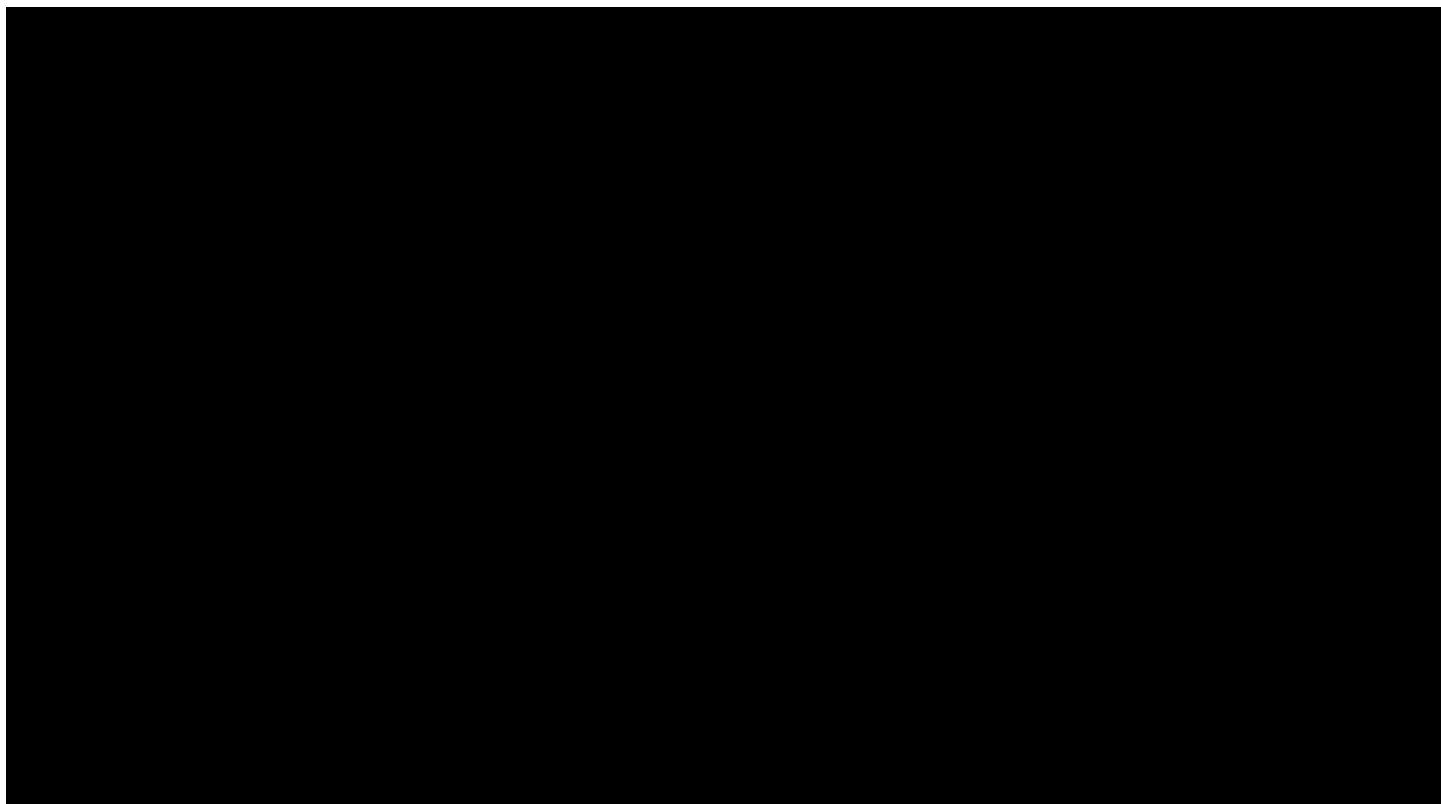
- (3.8 deaths per 100,000 people, 193 deaths),
- 2 (3.7 deaths per 100,000 people, 191 deaths),

- (2.5 deaths per 100,000 people, 131 deaths) ([Figure 2](#)).

Comparison of estimated rates of drug overdose deaths in Queensland did not identify a significant change in rates of drug involvement between 2020 and 2021, noting that these are subject to revision and may increase (Table 5).

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45-54	11 (8.4, 13)	11 (9.1, 14)	7.3 (-23, 50)
55-64	9.7 (7.4, 12)	9.4 (7.1, 12)	-2.8 (-34, 42)
65-74	5 (3.2, 7.4)	4.2 (2.6, 6.4)	-15 (-55, 59)
75-84	6.3 (3.6, 10)	6.3 (3.7, 10)	0.26 (-52, 112)

85+

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