

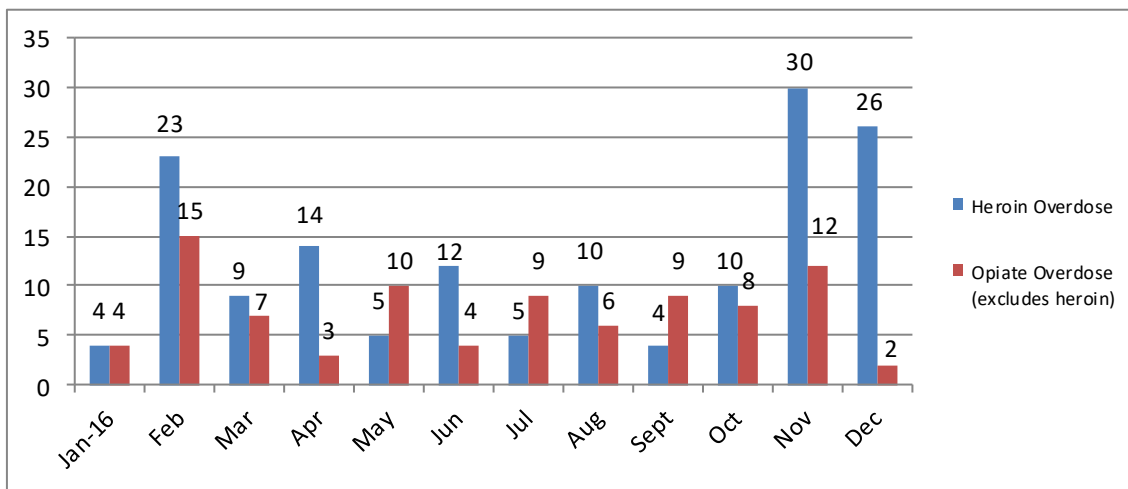
# OPIATE/HEROIN

Taken as prescribed, opioids can be used to manage pain safely and effectively. However, when abused, even a single large dose can cause severe respiratory depression and death.

Prescription drug abuse is the use of a medication without a prescription, in a way other than as prescribed, or for the experience or feelings elicited. According to several national surveys, prescription medications, such as those used to treat pain, attention deficit disorders, and anxiety, are being abused at a rate second only to marijuana among illicit drug users. The consequences of this abuse have been steadily worsening, reflected in increased treatment admissions, emergency room visits, and overdose deaths.

Heroin is an opioid drug that is synthesized from morphine, a naturally occurring substance extracted from the seed pod of the Asian opium poppy plant. Heroin usually appears as a white or brown powder or as a black sticky substance, known as "black tar heroin".

## OVERDOSE BY MONTH - Calhoun County 2016

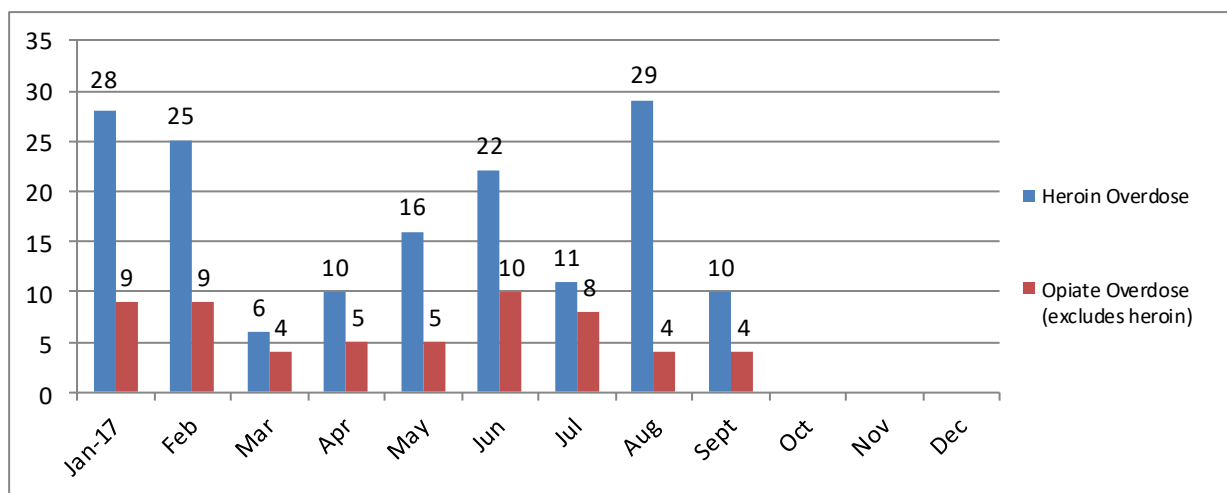


**2015**  
**94 heroin**  
**91 other opiates**

**2016**  
**152 heroin**  
**89 other opiates**

**2017—through Sept**  
**157 heroin**  
**58 other opiates**

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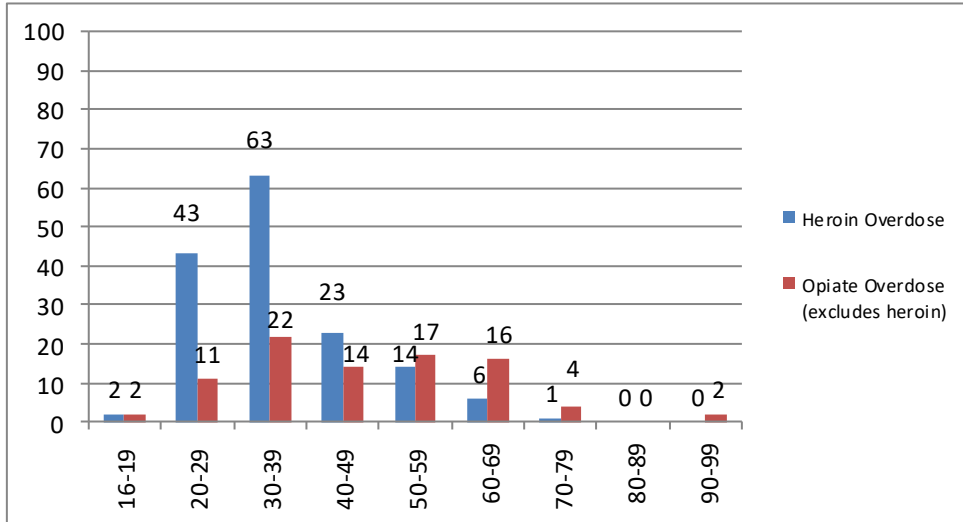
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**Substance Abuse Council**

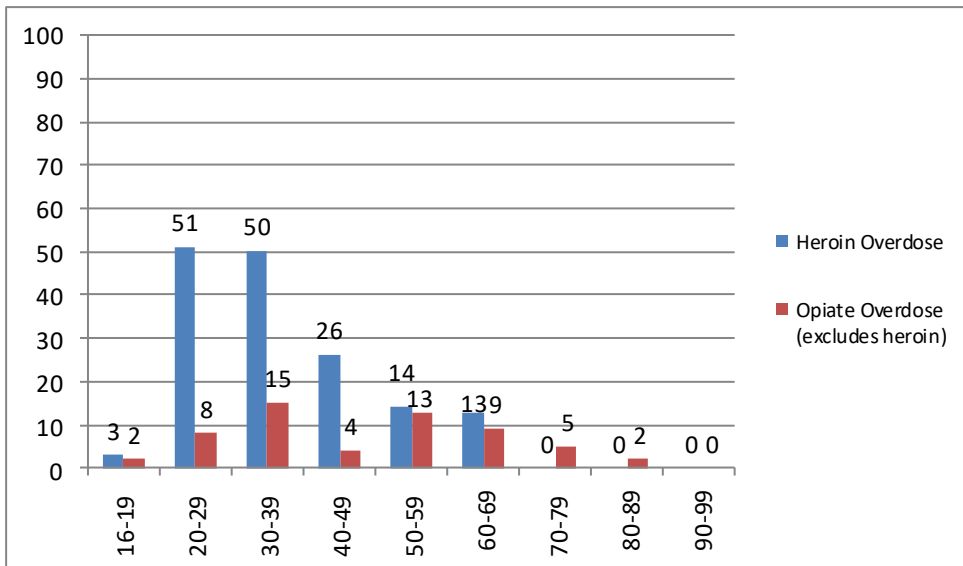


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### OVERDOSE BY AGE - Calhoun County 2016



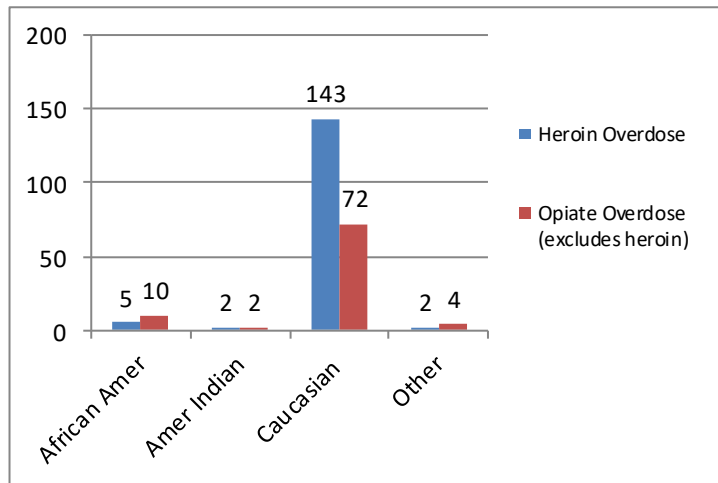
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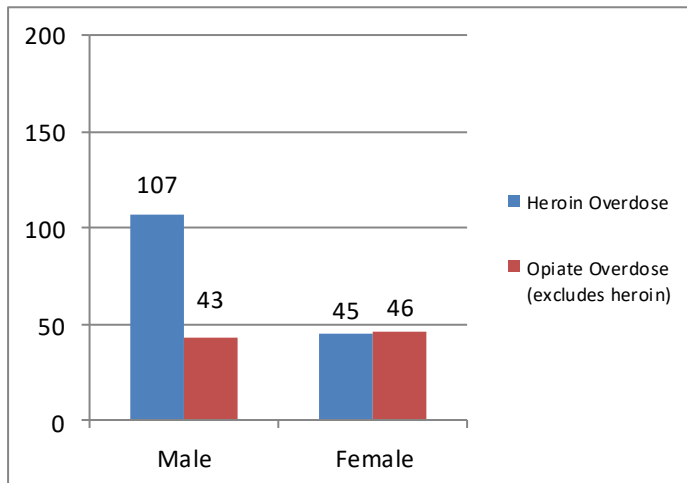
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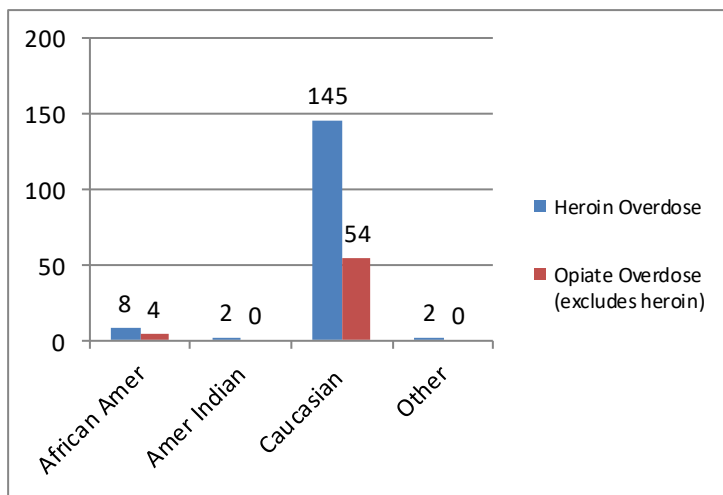
**OVERDOSE BY ETHNICITY - Calhoun County 2016**



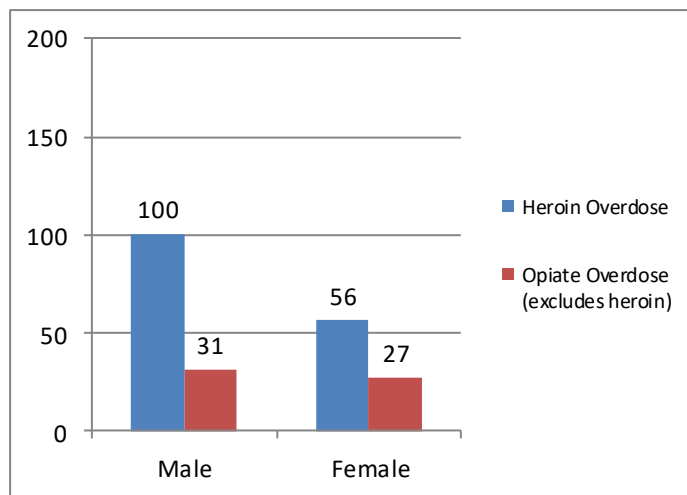
**OVERDOSE BY GENDER - Calhoun County 2016**



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