

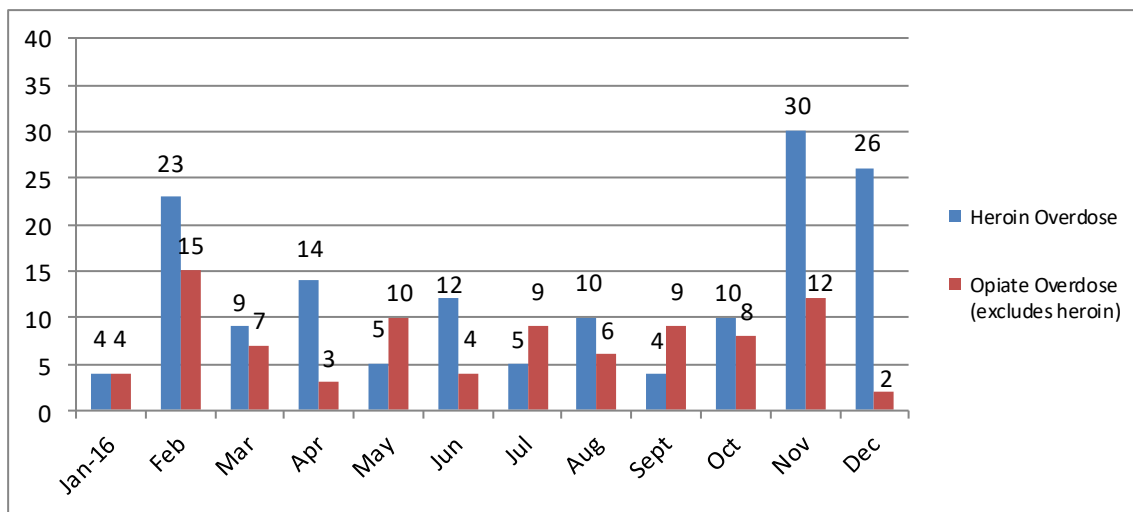
OPIATE/HEROIN

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".

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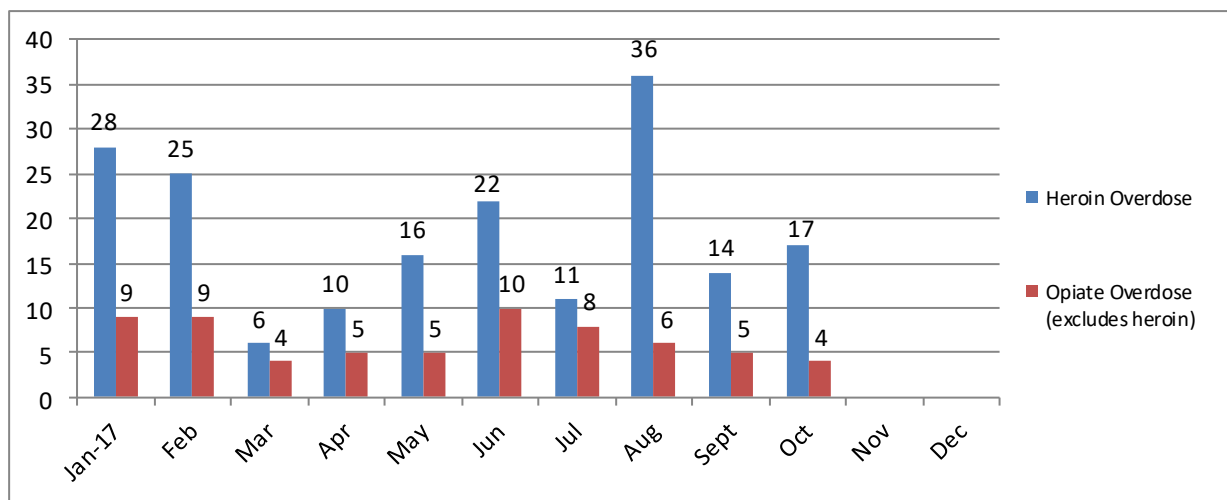


2015
94 heroin
91 other opiates

2016
152 heroin
89 other opiates

2017—through October
185 heroin
65 other opiates

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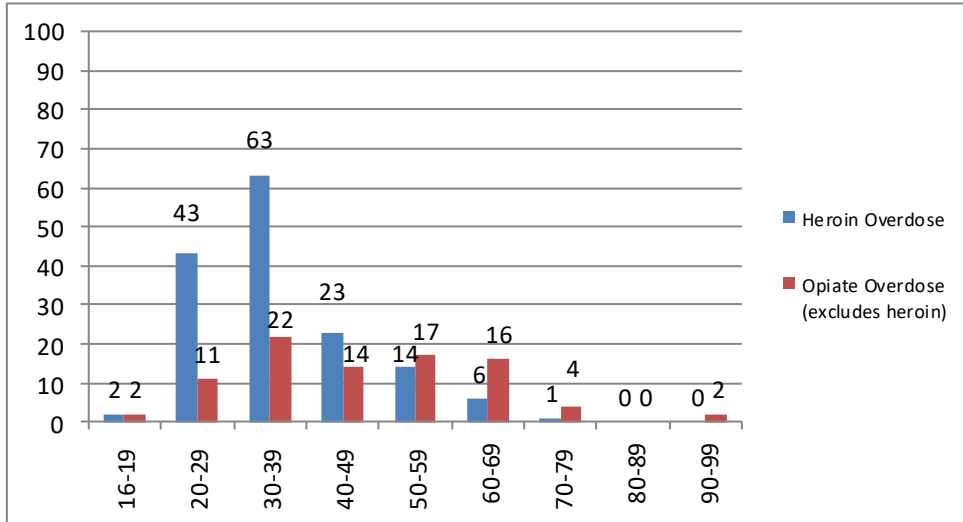
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Substance Abuse Council

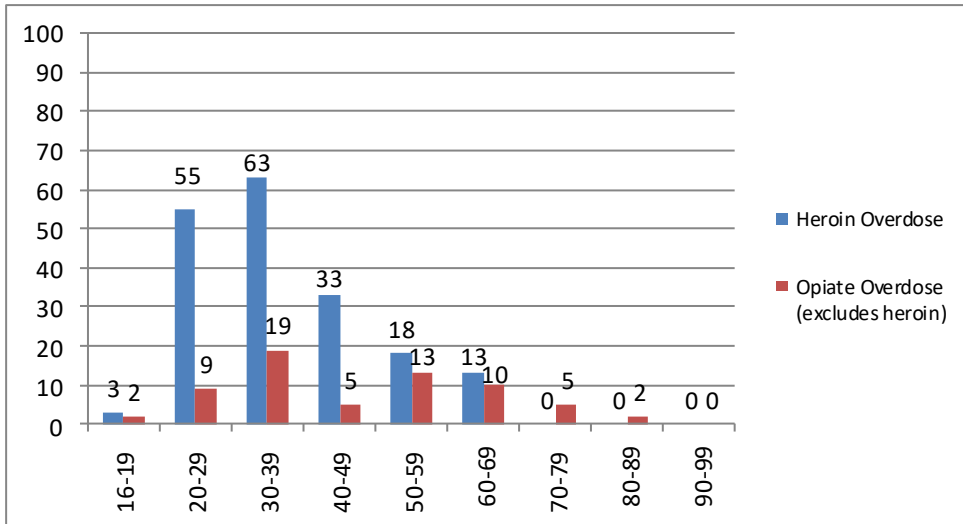


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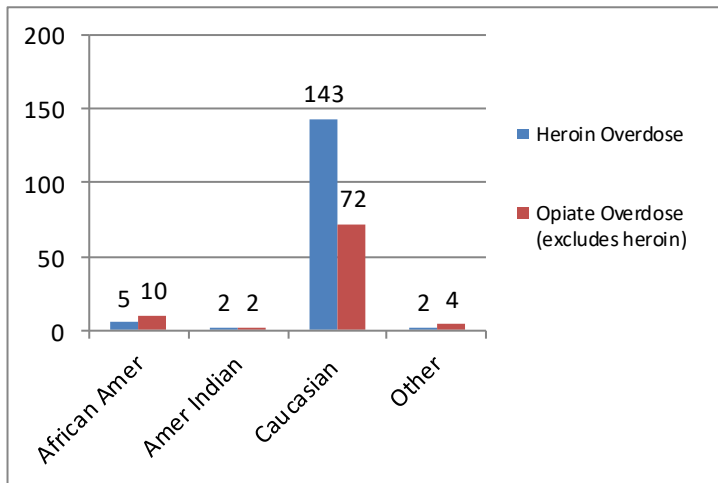
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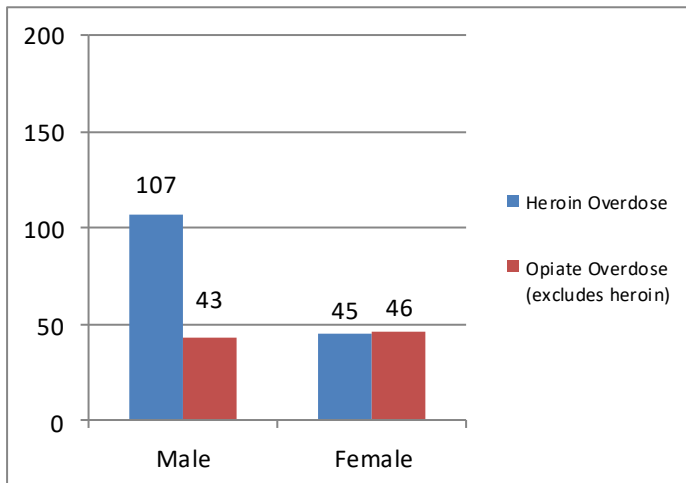
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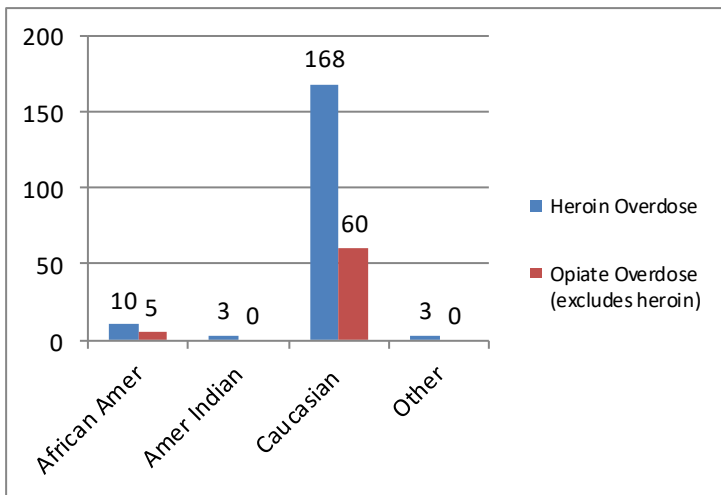
OVERDOSE BY ETHNICITY - Calhoun County 2016



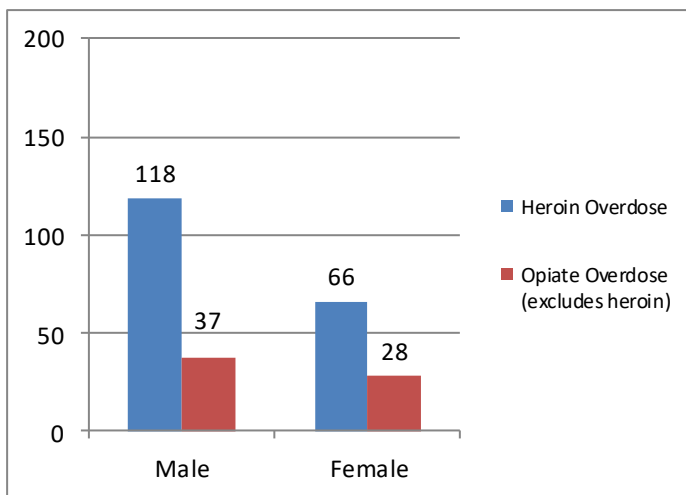
OVERDOSE BY GENDER - Calhoun County 2016



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*Numbers for ethnicity and gender may differ from totals due to demographics being not reported or classified as unknown.

References:
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