

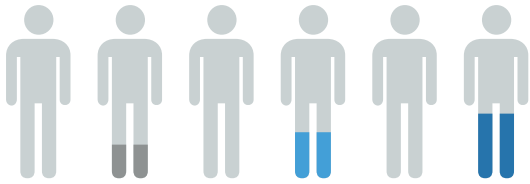
**Calhoun Free!**  
**WITHOUT STIGMA**



# Take Action

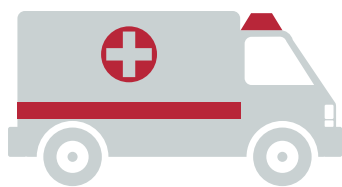
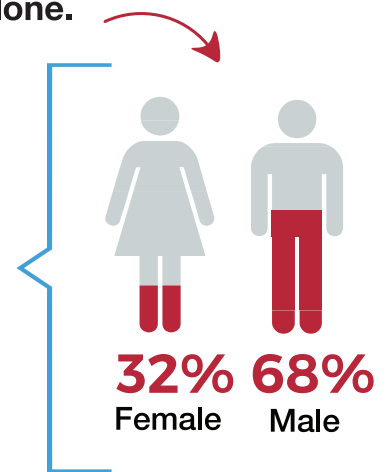
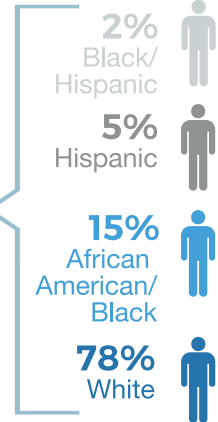
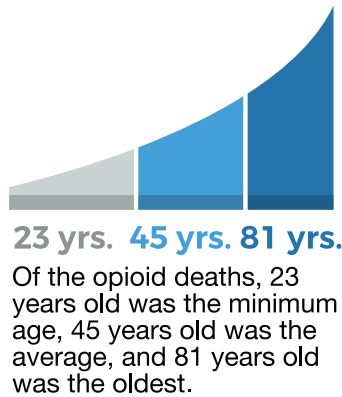
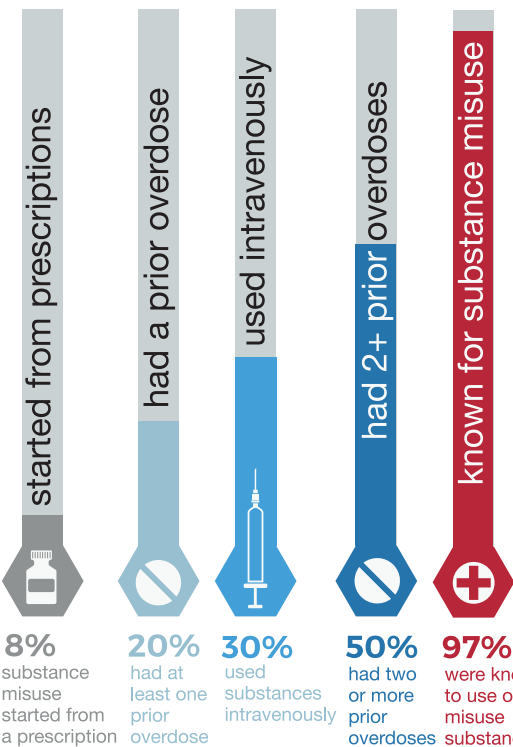
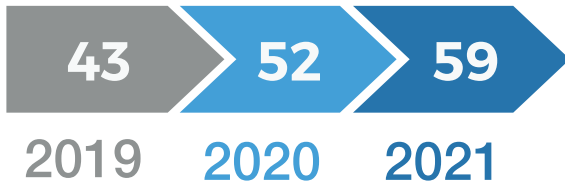
## Stop Opioid Stigma. Support Recovery.

Opioid use disorder is not a weakness nor a choice, it's a medical condition. **It's time to free Calhoun County from opioid stigma.** When people are free from blame, discrimination, language, and shame, they will be encouraged to seek medical help and support. **Live without opioid stigma, heal Calhoun County.**



### Calhoun County Opioid Overdose Deaths

Total opioid-related deaths in Calhoun County residents has increased each year since 2013. In 2019, there was 42 deaths, 52 in 2020, and 59 in 2021. **This is a 13.3% increase in opioid deaths from 2020 to 2021 alone.**



**28%** had been to a **treatment clinic/detox center** at least **one** time.

**33%** reported they were **substance free** in the past 3 weeks.

**11%** received medication for **opioid misuse** in the past 2 years.



**41%**

Of the opioid deaths, 41% had Naloxone (NARCAN®) administered to them. Who administered the Naloxone? 15 were from EMS, 2 from the Hospital, 1 from a bystander, and the rest were a combination of all three.

Through our Substance Abuse Council's Calhoun Free — Without Stigma campaign, we want to draw awareness to the effects opioid use disorder has on our residents. Stigma exacerbates the impact of the opioid epidemic in Calhoun County. Now's your chance to change lives for the better. Visit [drugfreebc.org/without-stigma](http://drugfreebc.org/without-stigma) to find out how to help stop opioid stigma and download insightful communications on how to be a part of the change.

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