



Missouri Opioid Crisis: Overdose Deaths

Data Sources: DHSS Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2017; Katz, 2017



Fentanyl was the main cause of overdose deaths nationally in 2016

County Rank by Death Rate

- St. Louis City
- Franklin
- Jefferson
- St. Louis County
- Lincoln



County Rank by Total Number of Deaths

- St. Louis County
- St. Louis City
- Jefferson
- St. Charles
- Jackson

Number of Opioid Overdose Deaths in 2016



35%

increase in opioid overdose deaths from 2015 to 2016

93%

of opioid overdose deaths were accidental in 2016

Who is Dying?

White individuals account for the MOST deaths, yet Black individuals are TWICE as likely to die from an overdose death given their proportion of the population in Missouri

Most deaths occur among 25-44 year olds



33%



66%

7 in 10 overdose deaths in Missouri occurred in St. Louis and surrounding counties



Heroin and fentanyl are the main causes of overdose deaths in urban areas

