

Healthy people and places

Drug Overdose: Dane County Data

Poisoning is a public health problem affecting the health & safety of our community.

- Poisoning has increased for the last ten years and surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of injury death in 2006. In 2011, there were 65 deaths.
- In 2011, there were 1,200 visits to the hospital for poisoning (270 opiate –related). In addition, there were more than 3,500 visits to the hospital for nondependent abuse or dependence on drugs (1,050 opiate-related).

Dane County: Injury Mortality Trends (2000-10)

Motor Vehicle
Poisoning
Falls
Firearms

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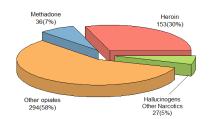
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Counts of deaths in parenthesis

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

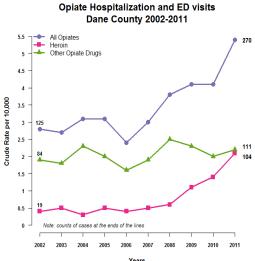
Unintentional Poisoning ED visits and Hospitalization for Opiates and other Narcotics Dane County, 2007-2011



- The majority of unintentional* poisonings (deaths -85%; unintentional poisoning hospitalizations 62%) are due to prescription, over-the-counter, and illicit drugs.
- For those that end up in hospital, the drugs of biggest concern are in the opiate and hallucinogen group, in particular, opiate pain medications, esp. Oxycontin, Vicodin & morphine. Opiates are overprescribed, easily available, and can result in dependence and abuse.
- There has been a dramatic increase in opiate hospitalizations, including emergency department visits, over the past 10 years in Dane County. In 2011, there were 270 hospital visits, 163 from Madison Area (60%).

Using E-codes PHMDC 2012

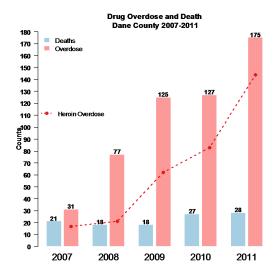
* An unintentional poisoning is a poisoning in which the individual exposed to the substance is not attempting to cause harm to himself or herself or others. It can result from misuse and abuse of prescription or recreational drugs, overuse of drugs prescribed for medical reasons and exposure to chemicals, gases, venoms, biological toxins, and other substances.

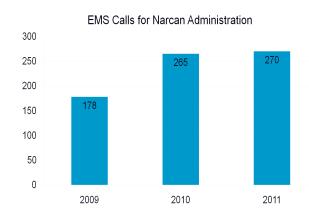


[Data Source: Public Health Madison & Dane County]

- Drug poisoning/overdoses (resulting in death, hospital admissions or police arrests) are county-wide.
- There is an alarming increase in Madison EMS calls, where Narcan injections were given (mostly used to reverse opiate overdose).

[Data source: Madison Fire & EMS]





Police reports of drug overdoses and deaths show an increase in the past 5 years, especially with heroin. In 2011, the heroin overdoses more than doubled those in 2009.

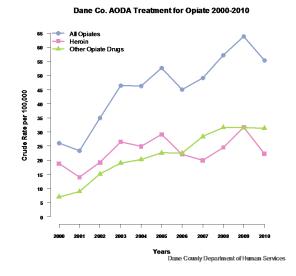
[Data source: Dane County Narcotics & Gang Task Force]

• In 2012, 7.1% of Dane County high school students reported that they used prescription drugs and 5.7% used over-the-counter drugs for non medical reasons. 2.1 % reported having used heroin in the last 12 months.

[Data Source: 2012 Dane County Youth Assessment]

Dane County funded AODA treatment programs have shown a steady increase in clients with opiate problems, over the past 10 years. (There were over 100 in 2000 compared to over 315 in 2011.

[Data source: Dane County Health & Human Services]



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