to 2022.

Data are from the Cause of Death Unit Record File (COD URF) collated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

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<u>819</u> drug-induced deaths (including those from drug overdose) among Australians in 2022.

This number of deaths is equivalent to 5 drug-induced deaths per day among Australians and comprised around 1% of all registered deaths in Australia in 2022.

Since 2003, the rate of drug-induced deaths steadily increased on average by 4.1% per year, reaching a peak in 2017 of 8.2 deaths per 100,000 people. This slowly declined to 7.7 per 100,000 people in 2020; the revised 2021 and preliminary 2022 estimates were lower again and similar to each other (7.1 and 7.0 deaths per 100,00 people, respectively). The 2021 and 2022 estimates are not final and may increase with further revision, with a greater increase anticipated for the latter.



