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There were 322 registered overdose and other druginduced deaths (excluding alcohol and tobacco) in <u>Queensland</u> in 2022, which is equivalent to 0.84% of all registered deaths in this jurisdiction.

The population rate increased from 4.1 in 2003 to 8.5 in 2015, subsequently decreasing to 7.2 in 2020. The preliminary age-standardised rate of drug-induced deaths was 6.0 deaths per 100,000 people in 2022 (Figure 1). This rate was significantly lower than the estimated rate in 2021 (7.0 deaths per 100,000 people), noting that estimates for 2021 and 2022 are subject to revision and may increase (Table A28).

Sex

In 2022, <u>males</u> accounted for 58% (186 deaths) of drug-induced deaths. The rate of drug-induced deaths was also higher among males than females (7.3 versus 4.8 deaths per 100,000 people, respectively). Analyses did not

indicate a statistically significant difference between 2021 and 2022 in the estimated rates for males or females (Table A28).

Age

In 2022, drug-induced deaths were most common among the <u>45-54 age</u> group (27%, 87 deaths).

The rate was as high in the 45-54 age group as in the 85 and over age group (13 deaths per 100,000 people, each), followed by the 35-440.0000912e-(o)-()-147eup

broadly consistent over time. Comparison of preliminary rates did not suggest a significant change between 2021 and 2022 (Table A31).

Place of Occurrence

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Drug Involvement

In Queensland, the three <u>most common drug types</u> involved in drug overdose deaths in 2022 were:

Note: Deaths where conditions related to alcohol or tobacco comprised the underlying cause of death are not captured here. Causes of death data for 2021 and 2022 are preliminary and thus are subject to further revision. 95% confidence intervals for the age-standardised rate and average percent change are shown in brackets. Please refer to our methods also refer to our methods

Table A32. Age-standardised rate per 100,000 people of overdose deaths in Queensland in 2021 and 2022, and average percent change (APC) for difference between 2022 and 2021 (with 95% confidence intervals), by drugs involved

Opioids	4.3 (3.7, 4.9)	3.3 (2.8, 3.8)	-24 (-37, -6)*
Antiepileptic, sedative-hypnotic & antiparkinsonism drugs	4.2 (3.6, 4.8)	3.2 (2.7, 3.7)	-24 (-38, -7)*
	2.9 (2.4, 3.4)	2.1 (1.7, 2.5)	-28 (-44, -8)*
Amphetamine-type stimulants	1.6 (1.3, 2.0)	1.4e0 / Span AMC	