

**CITY OF
ANNAPOLIS**

**END OF YEAR
SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER REPORT**

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

PREPARED BY
CITY OF ANNAPOLIS
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

FOREWARD

City of Annapolis,

I am proud to share the 2023 End of Year Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Report. The continued hard work of our City departments, Health Department, local partners, and community members does not go unnoticed. Although great strides have been made, we are still seeing the impacts of overdoses in our communities.

For the calendar year 2023, the City of Annapolis had a total of 121 overdoses, which includes eight (8) confirmed overdose fatalities and four (4) fatalities that are pending toxicology reports by the Medical Examiner.

This year's total number of overdoses is a 14% increase from 2022's total overdoses (107). There is no significant trend to account for the additional fourteen (14) overdoses. Each demographic split had a slight increase compared to 2022.

However, this year's numbers still make it the second-lowest overdose total since 2017. Additionally, the City continues to see a steady decline in fatal overdoses. Fatalities decreased by 20% this year.

Narcan was administered by family, friends, community advocates, or public safety personnel for 71% of all overdoses. This reverses a trend of decreased Narcan usage over the past few years. Additionally, the City had 35 Safe Station visits.

The City's commitment to the community is unwavering. Recognizing the importance of "meeting people where they are" the City will continue to provide a mechanism of support and resources to these communities and individuals in need.



Kevin J. Simmons
Director, Office of Emergency Management

OVERVIEW

In 2022

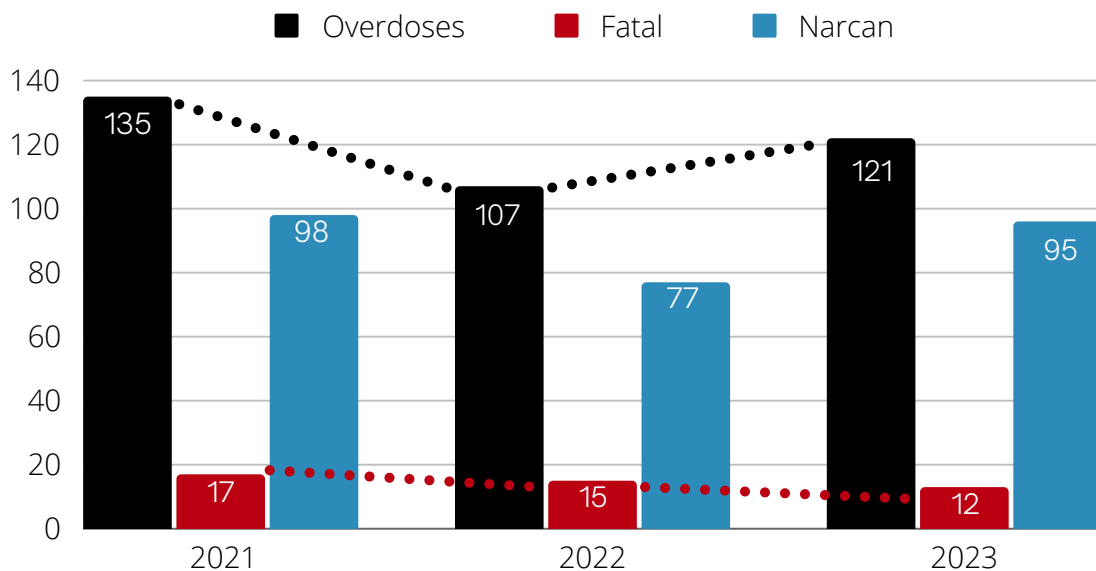
The Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) concentrated its resources on the areas with the highest incidence of overdoses in the City. As a result, the City recorded 107 total overdoses in 2022, which was the second-lowest annual figure since 2015 and 42.3% lower than the average of the previous three years.

In Calendar Year 2023

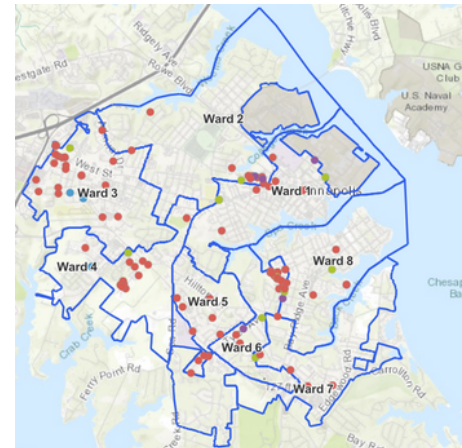
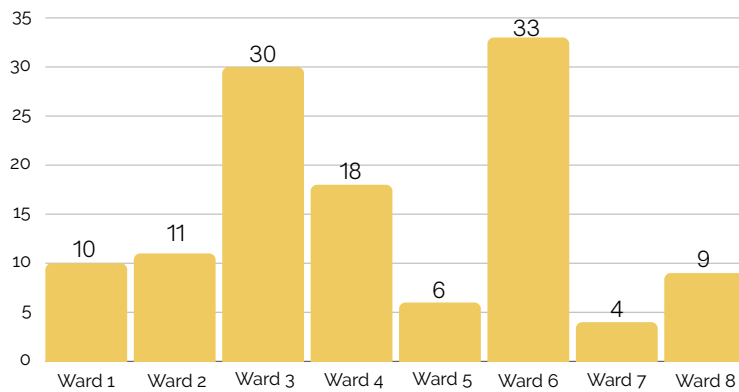
The City has continued to implement its OIT programs to their fullest extent while looking for new ways to reach those in need. Year to date, we have a mixed result in the City’s overdose totals. While total overdoses are slightly higher from 2022 with 121 compared to 107, the fatal overdoses are down by 20% with 12 total fatal overdoses. That is tied for the second lowest fatal overdoses since 2017. An unnerving trend of the decrease in the usage of Naloxone was reversed in 2023 with 95 overdose incidences reporting having used at least one dose of Narcan. An increase of 23.4% from the previous year.

Overdose Comparison Over Three Years

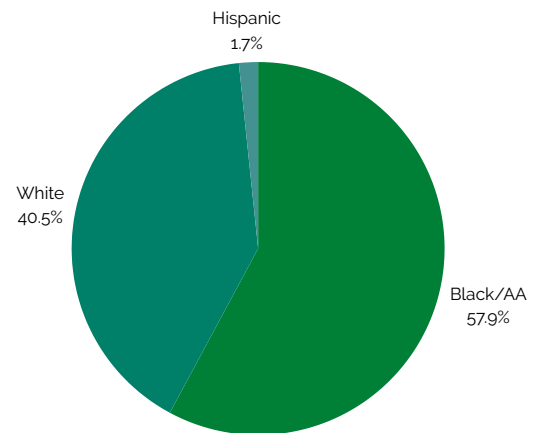
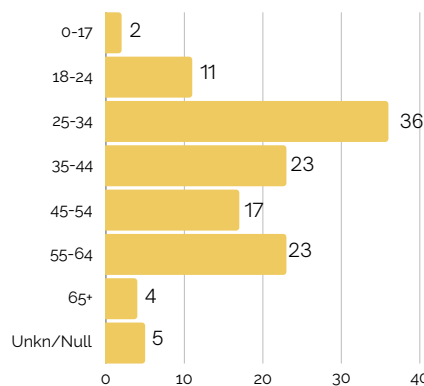
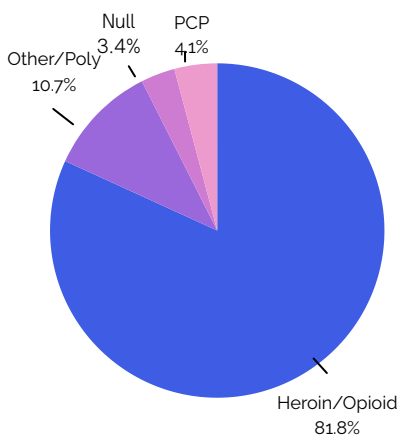
* 2023 Fatals include 8 confirmed and 4 pending toxicology reports.



TOTAL OVERDOSES BY THE NUMBERS



The graph above illustrates the **total number of overdoses** in 2023 within each Ward. Ward 6, Ward 3, and Ward 4, respectively, have the highest overdoses. The map illustrates each overdose respective to each Ward.



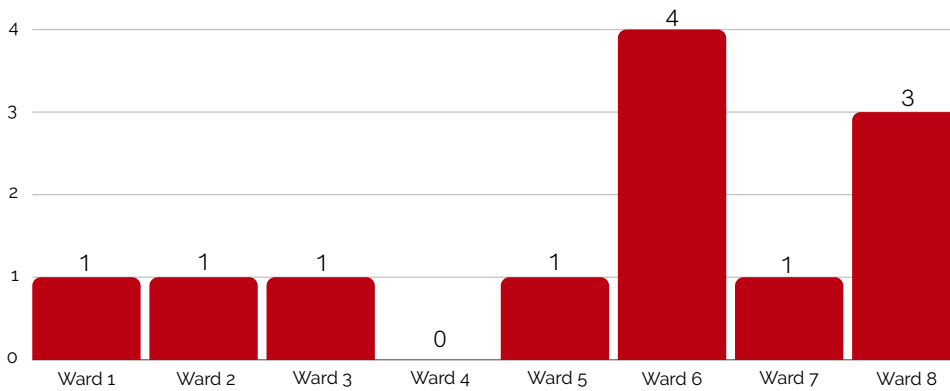
The pie chart above details the **substances** used during the overdose. This is corroborated by self-reporting, evidence located at scene, and/or toxicology reports.

Poly = polysubstance
Null = not reported

The **age range** has become more diverse over the last couple of years. Historically, the City sees the most overdoses in the 25-50 age range. The age range with the most overdoses has always been 25-34 year olds.

The chart above shows the **race/ethnicity** breakdown of the total ODs in the City. African Americans are still the largest race demographic for overdoses in the City.

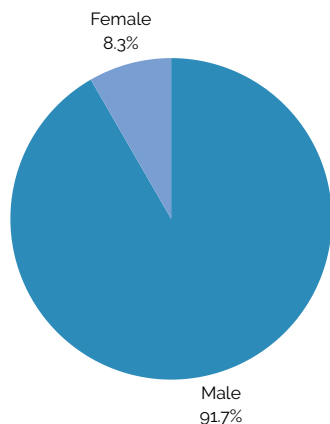
FATAL OVERDOSES BY THE NUMBERS



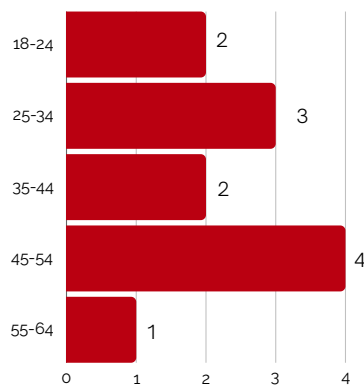
Locations of Fatal Overdoses:

- Americana Dr
- Chesapeake Ave
- Madison St
- Maryland Ave
- President St (2)
- Silverwood Cir
- Town Pines Ct
- Tyler Ave (2)
- West St / Kirby Ln
- Winslow Ct

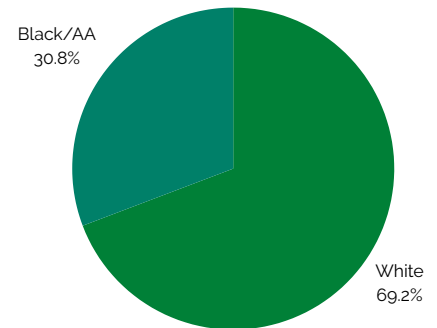
The graph above depicts the **fatal overdoses per Ward** in 2023. There were a total of 12 fatal overdoses - 8 confirmed fatal overdoses and 4 is still pending the disposition of the medical examiner. Ward 6 had the most fatalities, followed by Ward 8.



The chart above shows the **gender** breakdown of the fatal ODs in the City. Males have historically had higher rates than females. Female deaths had been increasing over the past years.



The **age range** for fatal overdoses has become more diverse over the last couple of years as well. Historically, the City saw more individuals overdosing in the 45+ age range, specifically African American males.



The chart above displays the distribution of overdoses by **race/ethnicity** in the City. In five out of the last eight years, the white population had more fatal overdoses than the Black/AA population.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Law Enforcement Activity

The Annapolis Police Department (APD) continues to work with allied law enforcement partners such as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Group 51, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACo PD), to disrupt the flow of illicit drug trafficking organizations in the City. APD officers made (and supported) dozens of raids and arrests throughout the year. Additionally, a new unit was created. Below is a snapshot of some of the department’s recent accomplishments.

- APD created the Special Enforcement Action Team (SEAT) in the fall of 2023. Their objective is to conduct pro-active policing and to conduct initiatives in high-crime areas that need additional attention to combat illegal activity.
- “...on January 17, 2023, at approximately 10:00 a.m., members of the Southern District Tactical Narcotics Team executed search and seizure warrants at three locations ...The search warrants were executed after a three-month-long investigation into drug distribution in Annapolis. According to authorities, detectives recovered approximately 158g of suspected cocaine (estimated street value: \$15,820), three digital scales, and \$2,430 in US currency, as a result of the search warrants from all three locations. “
- "On July 12, 2023, at approximately 11:10 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Archwood Avenue and Academy Street in Annapolis...The passenger fled when told to get out of the vehicle but was quickly apprehended. The search of the vehicle and occupants resulted in the seizure of a loaded 9mm handgun, approximately 32.79 grams of suspected Phencyclidine, approximately 8.26 grams of suspected Heroin/Fentanyl, approximately 3.61 grams of suspected crack Cocaine and approximately 1.77 grams of suspected Buprenorphine Hydrochloride."

CRIME & COURTS

Annapolis Man Arrested And Charged Following Month-Long Narcotics Investigation

by Site Coordinator

July 18, 2023

TRAFFIC STOP IN ANNAPOLIS LEADS TO DRUG SEIZURE, TWO ARRESTS

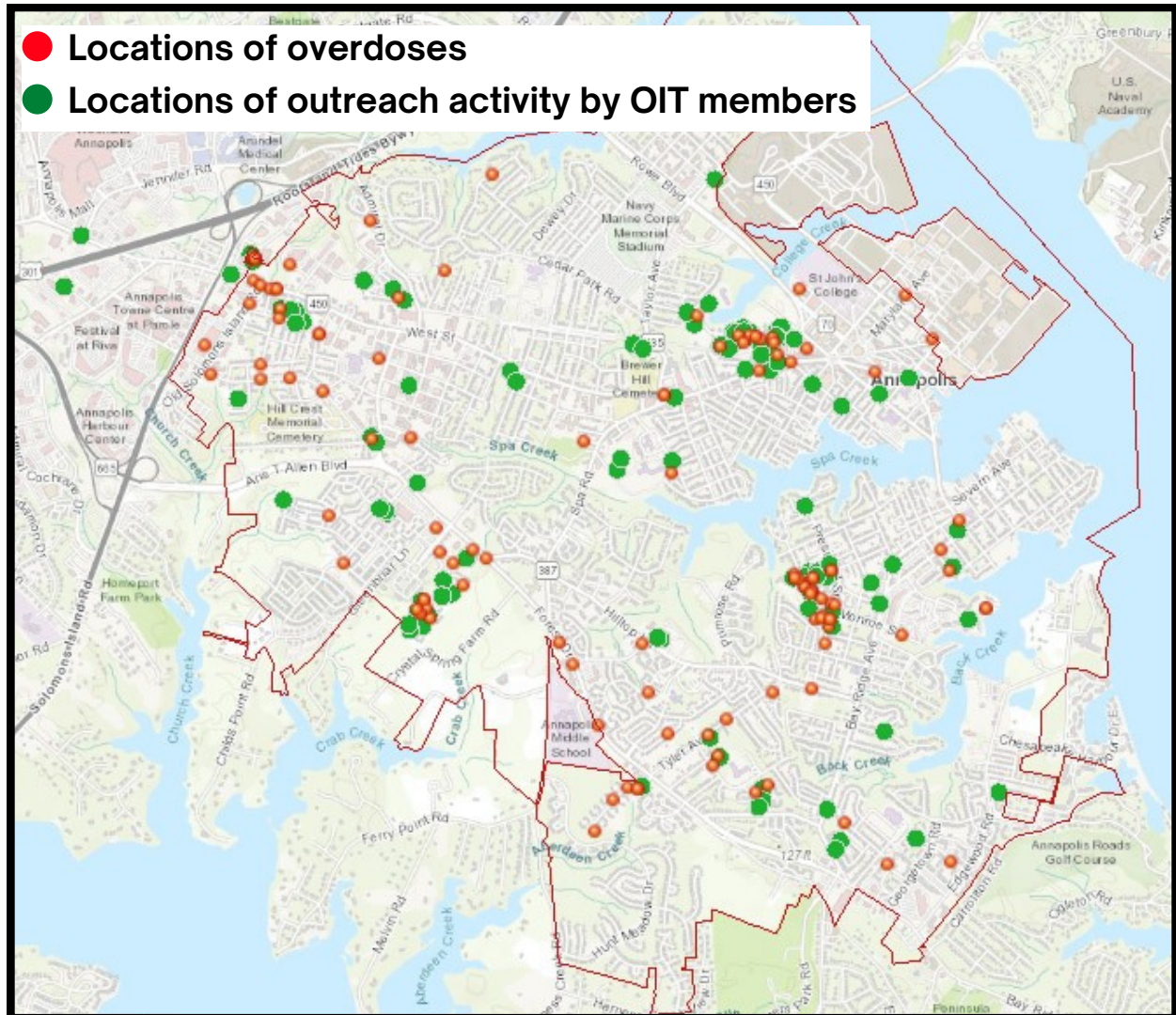
January 22, 2023

LOCAL MAN ARRESTED, MORE THAN \$15K IN COCAINE SEIZED DURING NARCOTICS BUST IN ANNAPOLIS



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Education-based Activities Conducted



This map shows the general overdose locations (red) and OIT events (green). The goal is to accurately track the efforts of the Annapolis OIT programs and place resources where they are needed most.

WHAT'S NEW IN FY24

Annapolis Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) becomes Annapolis Overdose Prevention Team (OPT)

Effective January 1, Governor Moore’s Executive Order 01.01.2023.21 expanded the state’s response to overdoses by not focusing solely on the opioid overdose crises but on overdoses

in general and specifically added harm reduction as a focus area. The Executive Order also changes the Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC) to the Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR), Opioid Intervention Teams (OITs) to Overdose Prevention Teams (OPTs), and the Inter-agency Herion Council to Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council. To learn “MOOR”, visit: <https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/>

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Harm Reduction Vending Machine

The City has collaborated with the Health Department and the community to set up a vending machine that provides free resources for harm reduction. The vending machine was installed with the involvement of the community, who helped select the items that should be included. It is the first of its kind in the City and County and is located in the Eastport Community Center lobby. The Health Department will be responsible for maintaining and restocking the vending machine. The machine currently includes several items such as KN95 masks, COVID-19 test kits, Xylazine test strips, and Fentanyl test strips, all of which are available free of charge.



Roster changes for the Annapolis OPT



Thank you, Sgt. Vaden!

Sgt. Nicole Vaden retired at the end of 2023 after 26 years with the Department. She made such a visible impact in the communities and enjoyed supporting and serving the residents. She is spending her well-deserved retirement in the Boston area with her dog, Panzer.

Welcome, Officer Benson!

Officer Benson has been assigned to lead the Department’s CIT program. She has been with the department for almost 15 years and helped bring the CIT program to APD. Officer Benson is the new coordinator for the APD SUD program in addition to other duties.



OUR OPT PROGRAMS



Ofc. Benson and Patti Norris
Program Coordinators
Police Department



APD SUD PROGRAM. The Annapolis Police Department created a two-pronged program to combat substance use disorder in the City. The first prong is rooted in education and prevention. Officers and civilian staff collaborate to bring prevention-based programs to at-risk youth in the defined "hotspot areas". The second prong touches on harm reduction, treatment, and recovery. An officer teams up with a community liaison or SUD specialist to conduct follow-ups and provide resources for overdose victims.

YOUR LIFE MATTERS. The Fire Department's program is dedicated to educating the Annapolis community and preventing fatal overdoses. Your Life Matters has successfully trained hundreds of community members, City employees, and businesses in Narcan administration, the Good Samaritan Law, and hands-only CPR. Having these critical skills can help save someone's life while emergency services are being dispatched.



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NAPTOWN ANTI-DOPE MOVE[MEANT], aka NAM. The Naptown Anti-Dope Move[meant], referred to as "N.A.M.", was initially created to target the high-risk hotspots in minority populations, especially African American communities within the City. The program engages the community by hosting engagement sessions, creating multimedia prevention campaigns, and supports training and awareness about harm reduction and substance use treatment resources.

ODFREE ANNAPOLIS. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) houses the umbrella program to the substance use disorder programs in the City. ODFree is the one stop shop for substance use resources and provides a substance use disorder (SUD) dashboard with data that is specific to the City. ODFree supports every aspect of the SUD "spectrum" (prevention, education, treatment, enforcement, harm reduction, quality of life issues, and recovery).



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