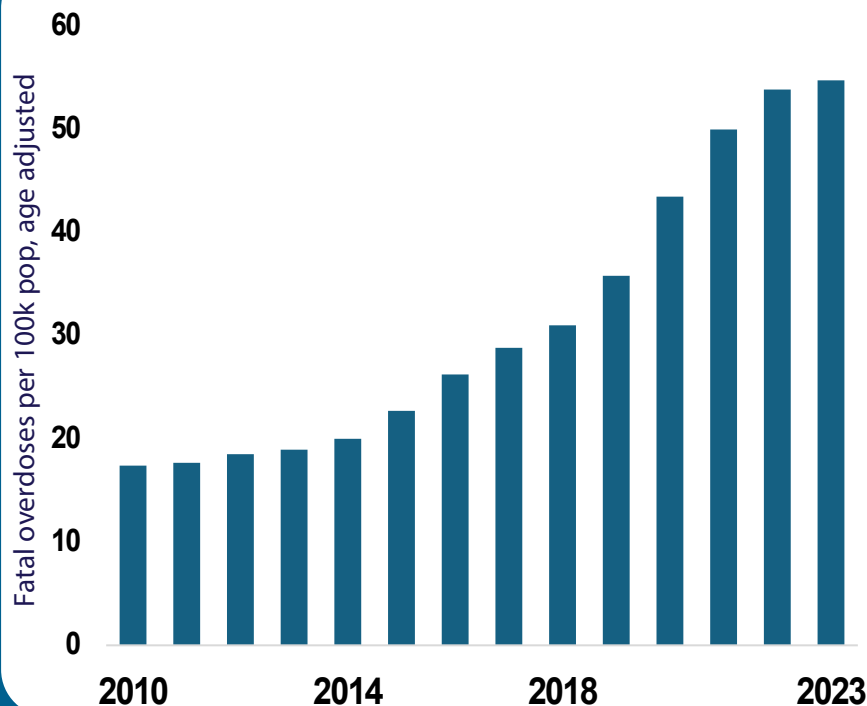


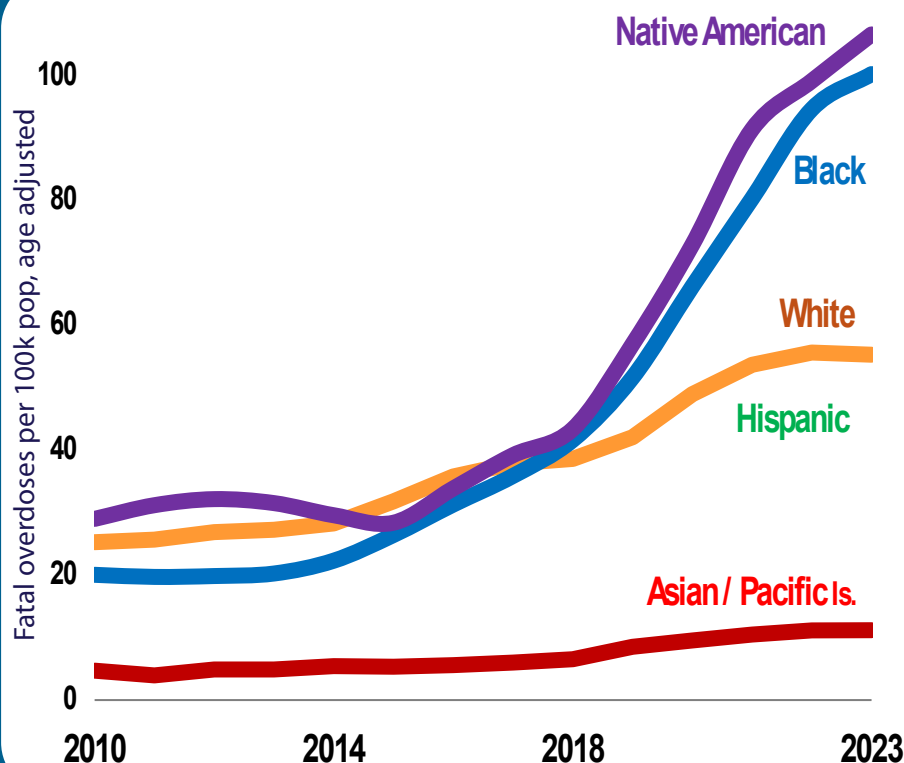
# The Urban Overdose Crisis Eased in 2023 — But Not for Black & Native American Communities

New data from the Big Cities Health Inventory, an open-source platform providing health metrics for the 35 large U.S. cities that comprise the Big Cities Health Coalition.



**IN 2023, IN BIG CITIES, FATAL OVERDOSES REMAINED AT A HISTORIC HIGH BUT LEVELED OFF**

The fatal overdose rate in the 35 cities was 55 per 100k population in 2023, which was similar to 2022. But higher than the national average of 33 per 100k population.



**THE OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC IS CONTINUING TO DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT RACIALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES**

Since 2016, overdoses among Native American and Black residents rose much faster than other sub-groups. By 2023, overdoses claimed nearly twice as many Native American and Black lives compared to white non-Hispanic lives.

For more data on health in big cities, visit [BigCitiesHealthData.org](https://BigCitiesHealthData.org). Nashville, TN was recently added to the data platform. Trends in synthetic opioids (fentanyl) and stimulants can be found [here](#).



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