



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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Call to Order, Introductions, Review and Approve Minutes



Our Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Minutes
- II. Programmatic and Budgetary Updates
- III. Updates from Chair
 - End-of-year Summary to Governor
 - Supplantation Guidance
 - Purdue Settlement
- IV. Review of Jan-Jun 2025 Fatal Overdose Data
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Plan for the Year and Next Steps
- VII. Upcoming Committee Membership Openings
- VIII. 2026 Annual Calendar
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Task Force Updates
- XI. Adjourn



Budgetary and Programmatic Updates



Status Update: State Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026



Pillar/Priority	SFY23 Allocations	SFY23 Spent	SFY24 Allocations	SFY24 Spent	SFY25 Allocations	SFY25 Spent	SFY26 Allocations
Racial Equity	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$350,000
Emerging Issues/Municipal Fund	\$500,000	\$149,702	\$500,000	\$33,100	\$1,000,000	\$385,084	\$1,000,000
Administration and Evaluation	\$750,000	\$179,896	\$1,100,00	\$471,904	\$1,250,000	\$820,554	\$1,600,000
Data	\$620,000	\$207,906	\$0	\$270,970	\$600,000	\$507,762	\$1,500,000
Social Determinants of Health	\$4,830,000	\$933,043	\$2,620,000	\$2,365,138	\$2,250,000	\$1,939,454	\$2,100,000
Prevention	\$4,000,000	\$1,824,097	\$1,950,000	\$2,176,205	\$2,400,000	\$1,655,901	\$2,700,000
Harm Reduction and Rescue	\$4,500,000	\$713,996	\$2,650,000	\$2,498,871	\$3,300,000	\$3,433,436	\$5,475,000
Treatment	\$2,800,000	\$1,133	\$1,150,000	\$1,645,794	\$4,150,000	\$1,016,165	\$2,425,000
Recovery	\$2,000,000	\$152,422	\$0	\$1,004,782	\$3,000,000	\$1,555,800	\$3,550,000
Grand Total	\$20,000,000	\$4,162,193	\$10,270,000	\$10,466,764	\$18,450,000	\$11,314,156	\$20,700,000

Accumulated allocations less accumulated spent gives the unspent balance (carryforward) which is added to the current fiscal year's allocations to form the annual budget.

Programmatic Planning and Updates

Social Determinants of Health

- EOHHS is partnered with RI Department of Corrections through an MOU to provide \$125,000 in funding to ensure individuals released from the department of corrections have identification, birth certificates, and care packages (gift cards, bus passes, and recovery house essentials).
- EOHHS has extended its contract with Westbay Community Action to deploy a mobile wound care outreach team that consists of trained nursing and case management staff. This team provides wound care services associated with drug use. Outreach is provided in encampments, drop-in centers, and community events.

Rhode Island Foundation

- Rhode Island Foundation has partnered with EOHHS for a third round of funding to 19 nonprofits on the front lines of addressing the state's opioid crisis. This round totals \$2.5 million in grants that are divided among four main categories: \$625,000 for **Trauma Supports** to provide mental health counseling for first responders; \$850,000 for **Individual, Family, and Community Recovery Supports and Capital** to aid affected communities and promote holistic recovery programs; \$700,000 for **Youth Community-Based Prevention** to support trauma-informed prevention services and leadership development for young people; and \$300,000 for **Emerging Issues**, targeting marginalized groups and emerging overdose-related concerns.

Programmatic Planning and Updates

Municipal Incentive Funds

- EOHHS has awarded the City of Providence \$200,000 to increase alignment, data sharing and expand programming in Kennedy Plaza. EOHHS has tentatively awarded funding to a municipality seeking to improve coordination of their overdose response efforts. This contract should be completed by March 1st. EOHHS will be launching the second round of funding opportunities to municipalities by the end of March.

Harm Reduction

- EOHHS continues to provide funding to Project Weber/RENEW to operate the country's first state-regulated Overdose Prevention Center. The center opened in January 2025, in Providence and as of November 2025, there have been 6,619 visits, 653 of which were unique, 159 overdose interventions, ~90 non-fatal opioid overdoses, over 4,000 referrals to treatment, peer supports, case management services and other resources, and 0 fatal overdoses.
- RIDOH has partnered with Rhode Island Hospital to provide support for their Addiction Care Today (ACT) program. This post-overdose engagement program offers same-day walk-in or scheduled appointments for individuals seeking support and/or treatment services for any substance use disorder. Since February 2025, there have been more than 1,000 visits to the clinic, From May 2025 to September 2025, 98 unique patients had an initial evaluation with a clinic counselor, 58% were prescribed MOUD, and 33 were given take-home naloxone.

Programmatic Planning and Updates

Treatment

- Family Services of RI and Tides Family Services have been awarded “start-up” opioid settlement funds in response to a BHDDH request for proposal. These organizations will complete two residential youth SUD inpatient treatment facilities. One agency will open a SUD facility with 10 male beds, and the second organization will open a facility with 8 female beds.
- BHDDH has awarded ~\$200,000 in funding to RI Public Health Institute for stimulant use treatment to develop and implement an evidence-based stimulant use disorder program to at risk populations.

Recovery

- BHDDH was awarded contracts to 17 organizations for recovery housing that will increase the number of recovery house beds by 218 individuals.
- EOHHS and RIDOH have awarded Amos House ~\$397K for a restorative oral healthcare pilot aimed to increase oral health rehabilitation services for people in recovery who (1) do not have dental insurance or who (2) do not have full coverage as an existing Medicaid beneficiary.
- BHDDH has awarded \$297,000 to RICAREs to develop and implement an internship program that will provide newly trained peers with the necessary hours and skills to become Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS).

Updates from the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Chair

Brandon DL Marshall, PhD



End of Year Summary and Supplantation Guidance

End-of-Year Summary Letter

At the request of the OSAC committee, an end-of-year letter was sent to the Governor, Attorney General, and state health leadership. The letter included:

1. A summary of activities over the prior calendar year.
2. A note that supplantation is not an approved use of opioid settlement funds.
3. A highlight that "any changes to the previously approved allocations by strategy/pillar should be reviewed, discussed, and voted on by OSAC members through the established, transparent process".

Approved Supplantation Policy

The Rhode Island Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) supports the use of funds to create, maintain, expand, or enhance effective programming that addresses the state's overdose crisis. The committee does not endorse supplantation as an approved purpose, which is defined as the deliberate replacement of—or reduction in—existing federal or state resources with opioid settlement funds.

Supplantation

In October, the committee unanimously approved guidance regarding supplantation of opioid settlement funds, with a recommendation to add reference to the settlement agreement and clarify it should not conflict with terms of the agreement:

"This guidance specifically addresses 'supplantation' i.e., the inappropriate replacement of—or reduction in—existing federal or state resources with opioid settlement funds. The guidance herein should not replace nor conflict with—but rather is designed to complement—the terms of the MOU. The MOU can be found [here](#) and a full list of the settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and distributors (including a detailed overview of allowable uses) can be found on the EOHHS Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee [page](#)."

Purdue Settlement Update

Purdue Settlement Update

Settlement negotiations are ongoing. Currently, the payment is expected in the third or fourth quarter of this calendar year. What we know so far:

1. The state will receive a single lump sum.
2. The total amount received by the state will be 80% of \$27 million (approximately \$21.6 million).
3. This body will be responsible for allocating the Purdue settlement funding to specific pillars/strategies, and deciding on a spending strategy.

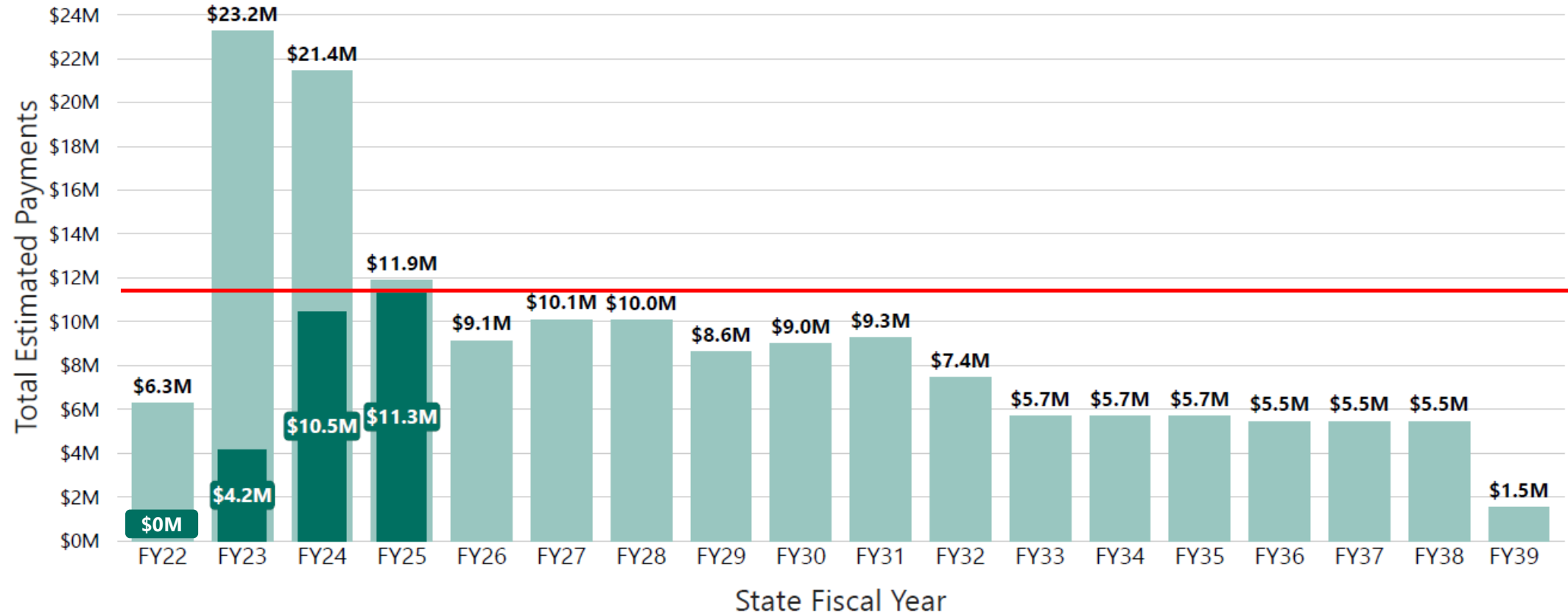
Purdue Settlement Update

- Determine if and how the funds could be managed as an investment, and if so, the and strategy of investment (e.g., fixed term annuity, interest-bearing account, endowment, etc.).
- If feasible, multiple options will be presented to the committee at an upcoming meeting this year.
- Any investment strategy would require approval by OSAC members, with public comment.

Expected Settlement Dollars through FY39

Estimated Opioid Payments by Fiscal Year

● Total Amount Spent ● Estimated Payment Amount



Note: Some incoming settlements and Mallinckrodt payments without a confirmed payment date are not included in the above amounts.

Public Comment





Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths in Rhode Island, January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

January 14, 2026

Governor's Overdose Task Force Meeting



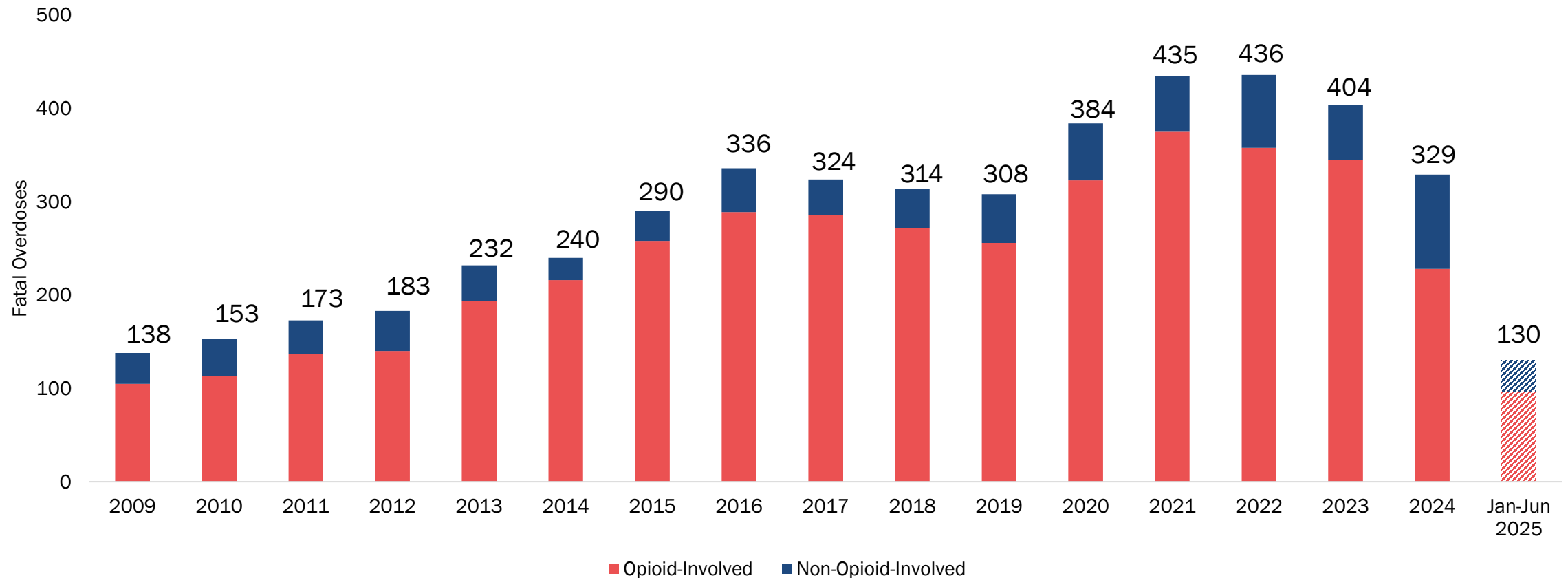
How Does RIDOH Report on Fatal Drug Overdoses?

- The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) reports on drug overdose deaths using data from the Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME).
- The cause and manner of an individual's death are based on clinical judgment, experience, and consideration of the following:
 - Autopsy results
 - Toxicology testing
 - Scene investigation
 - Medical history
- RIDOH reports on drug overdose deaths whereby the manner of death is recorded as “Accident” and does not include manners such as suicides, homicides, or undetermined deaths.



Fatal Overdoses in Rhode Island by Year

January 2009 – June 2025



Source: Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME), Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Data updated as of November 25, 2025. Prepared by Heidi Weidele.

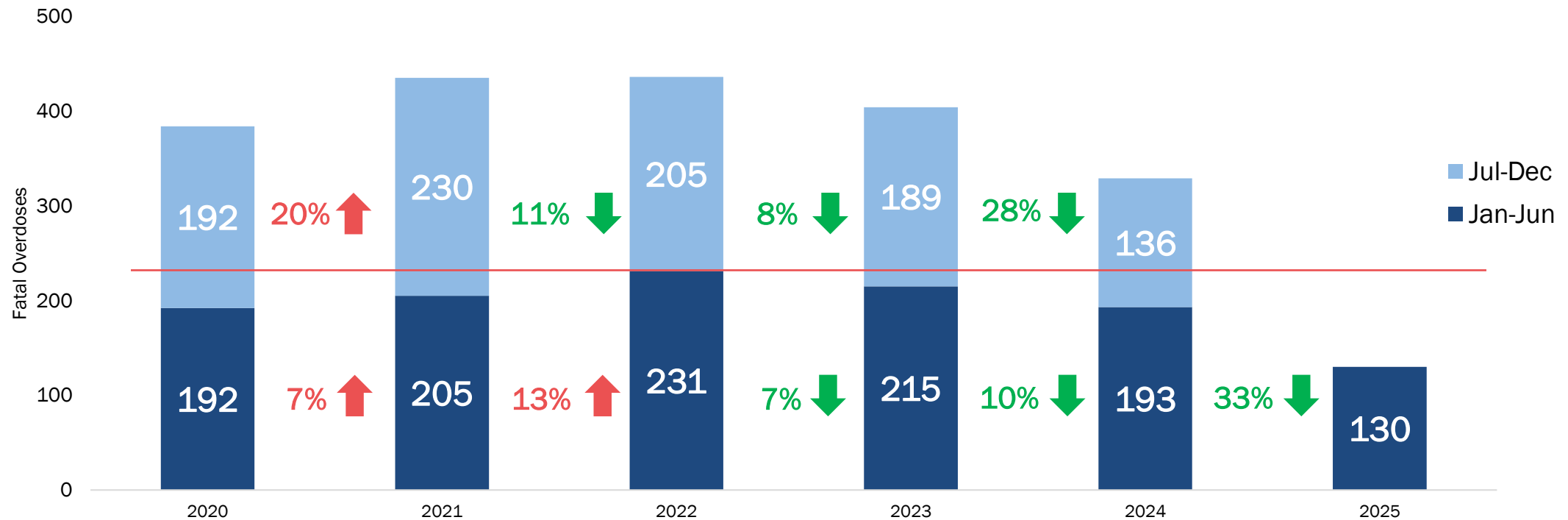
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Fatal Overdoses in Rhode Island by Year

January 2020 – June 2025

From January 2025 to June 2025, the number of fatal overdoses occurring in Rhode Island **decreased by 33%** compared to the first six months of 2024. **Opioid-involved** fatal overdoses **decreased by 29%**.



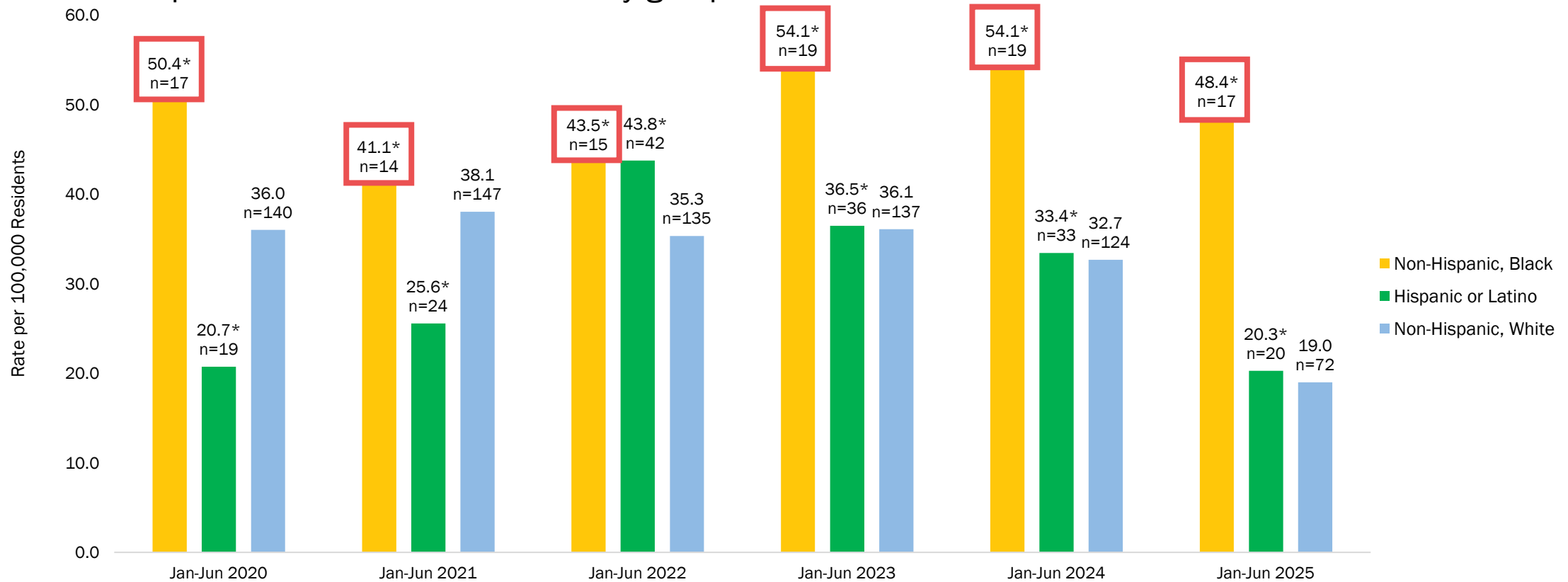
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Overdose Rate by Race and Ethnicity Among Rhode Island Residents, January 2020 – June 2025

From January 2025 to June 2025, **non-Hispanic, Black Rhode Islanders** continued to have the highest rate of fatal overdose compared to other race and ethnicity groups.



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Note: Data reflect accidental drug overdose deaths and do not include suicides, homicides, or undetermined deaths. Population denominator based on CDC WONDER single-race population estimates for each year accessed April 16, 2024; 2023 estimate applied for 2024 and 2025 rates. Data limited to accidental drug overdose deaths occurring in Rhode Island among Rhode Island residents. Due to RIDOH's Small Numbers Reporting Policy, fatal overdoses among decedents of unknown or additional race and ethnicity are not shown. All other racial and ethnic groups include people who identify as non-Hispanic ethnicity or have unknown ethnicity. Counts less than five are suppressed. *Please use caution when interpreting rates marked by an asterisk.



RIDOH Opioid and Stimulant Use Data Hub

For more information, visit RIDOH's Opioid and Stimulant Use Data Hub at health.ri.gov/od-datahub.

- Fatal Overdoses
- Non-Fatal Overdoses
- Overdose Heat Maps
- Naloxone Distribution
- Data for Download
- Data Requests



Fatal Overdoses



Non-Fatal
Overdoses



Overdose Spike
Alert System



Controlled
Substance
Prescribing



Harm Reduction
Supply Distribution



Naloxone
Distribution



Non-Fatal Overdose
Toxicology



Data Linkage
StoryMap

For more data, local resources, and free naloxone, visit PreventOverdoseRI.org.

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Additional Resources

- RIDOH offers free educational brochures, posters, and fact sheets for community outreach. Order them on [RIDOH's Addiction and Overdose Publications webpage](#).
- If you would like to receive RIDOH Overdose Spike Alert emails, please use [this link to subscribe](#).
- The **Governor's Overdose Task Force** relies on the support, engagement, and feedback from its various work groups: Prevention, Rescue, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Recovery, First Responder, Racial Equity, Perinatal Substance Use, and Family Task Force. [The work groups meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis and are always welcoming new volunteers](#).
- To receive the Governor's Overdose Task Force monthly newsletter, please use [this link to subscribe](#).
- The **Rhode Island Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team** develops recommendations for State and local partners to prevent fatal overdoses throughout the state. [Access OFR reports here](#).



ANNUAL PLANNING AND UPDATES



What to expect in 2026

- Continued discussion of Purdue settlement
- Upcoming committee membership openings & vote on new members
- Updates on federal changes to substance use policies & funding (particularly Medicaid)
- Review recommendations from Overdose Task Force
- Vote in August on FY28 allocations

Upcoming Membership Transitions

- 1 Community Representative
- 1 Expert Representative

OSAC Voting Process for Membership

Open Committee Seats

- 1 Community Committee Member
- 1 Expert Committee Member

Process Timeline

- Application Release: February
- Applications shared with Committee to Review: March
- Committee Votes: March meeting

Criteria

- Demographics (age, race/ethnicity, gender)
- Type of Representative/Organizational
- Diversity of perspective (to what extent would the applicant diversify the committee)
- Depth of experience & expertise (lived, academic, and clinical)

Public Comment



- **January 14th – Overdose Data Review**
 - Non-Fatal Overdose Spike Alert – Essence System
 - Accidental Fatal Overdose Data – First 6 Months of 2025
 - Updates from the Overdose Data Council – Scorecard Review
- **February 11th – Women's History Month**
 - Strategic Plan++or “Roadmap” Refinement Review
 - Black History Month Special Guests

Next Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting



DATE:	Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
LOCATION:	Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence RI, Room 2A

All OSAC meeting agendas will be posted to the [Open Meetings section of the Rhode Island Secretary of State website](#) at least two business days before each meeting.

For questions, please email Ohhs.OpioidSettlement@ohhs.ri.gov.

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THANK YOU

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