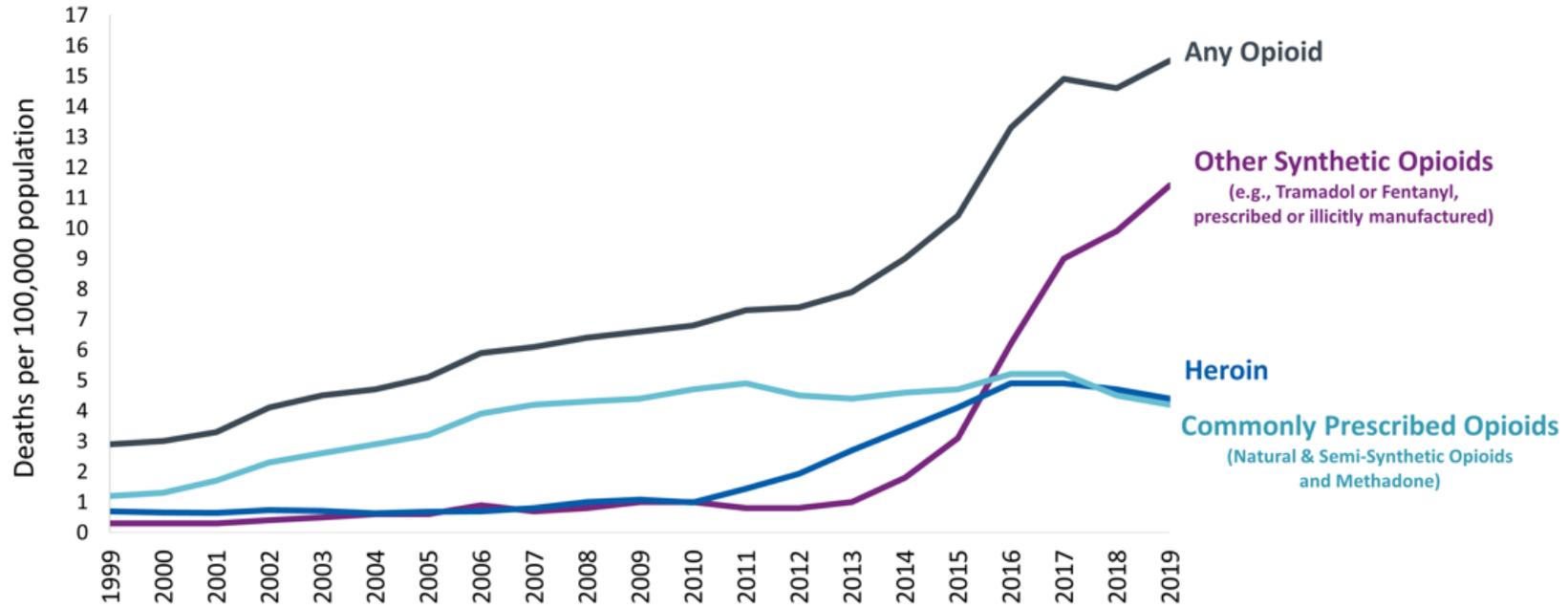


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Three Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



Wave 1: Rise in Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 1999

Wave 2: Rise in Heroin Overdose Deaths Started in 2010

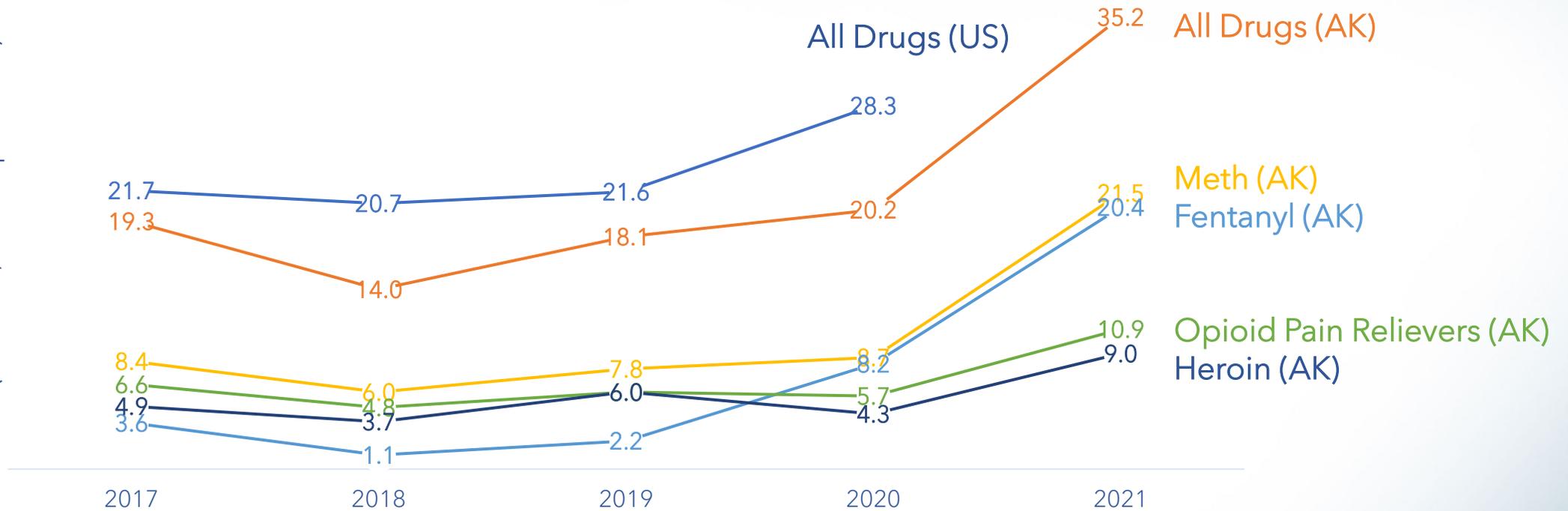
Wave 3: Rise in Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 2013

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.



Alaska's Overdose Death Rate Increased **74%** Last Year

Drug Overdose Death Rates
(Per 100,000 Population)



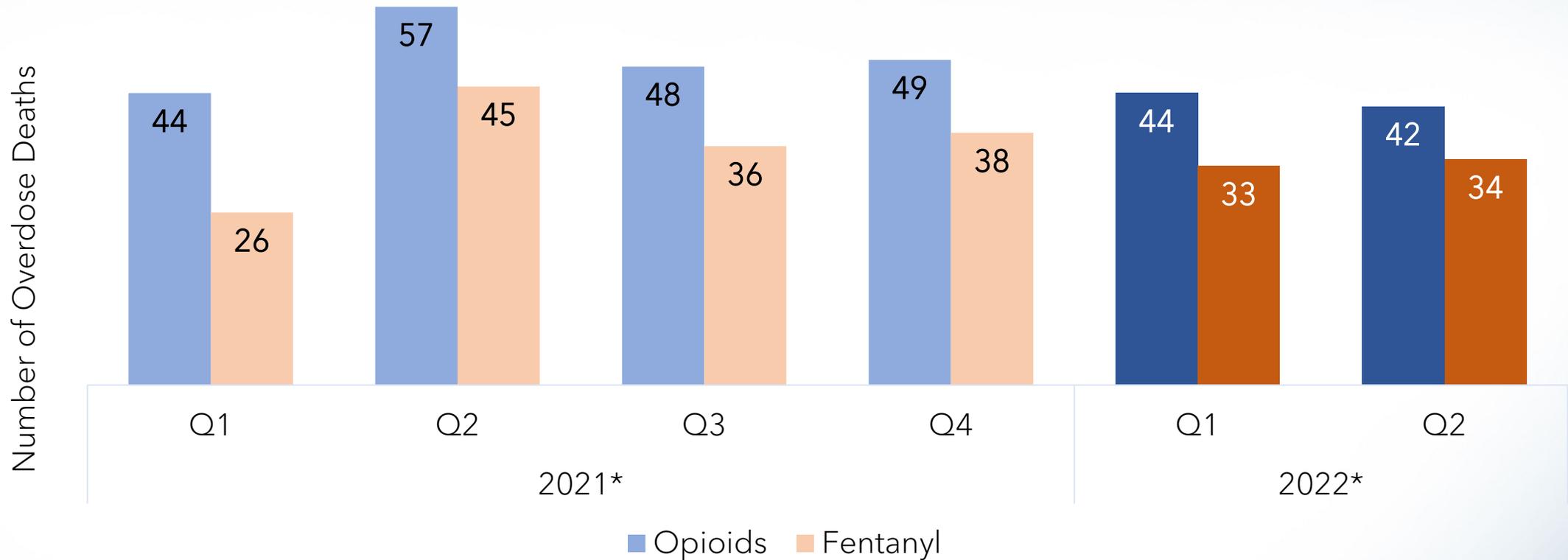
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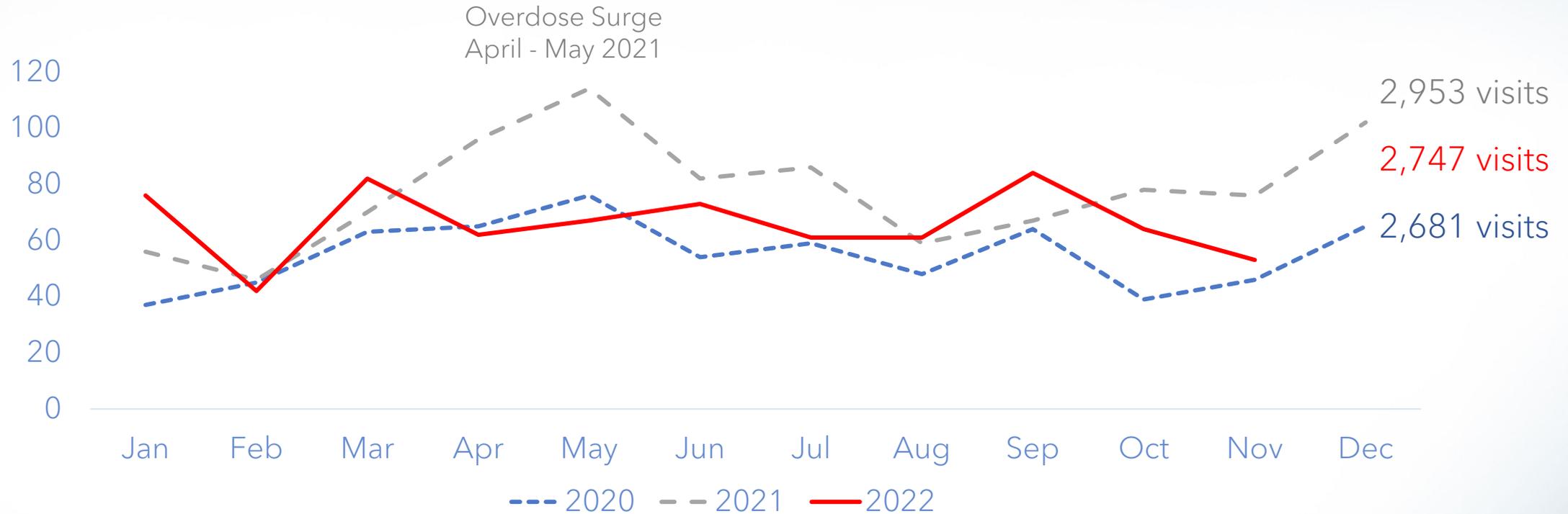
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Opioid-Related Emergency Dept Visits Remain Stable



The displayed timeframe includes the COVID-19 pandemic, during which time period ED volume fluctuated greatly. We recommend considering trends in both absolute numbers and rates when assessing activity during this time.

Not all emergency departments participate in syndromic surveillance, and some have onboarded at different times.

Source: Alaska Syndromic Surveillance System



Substance Use Resources

Access to Treatment

- Call 211 or 1-800-478-2221
- Call or text 988
- www.TreatmentConnection.com
- 1-800-662-HELP, SAMHSA help line
- www.findtreatment.gov

The dashboard is typically updated the first week of every month

Last updated September 21, 2022

170

Opioid Overdose Deaths
June 2021 - May 2022

59

Opioid-Related ED Visits
August 2022

231

All Drug-Related ED Visits
August 2022



Click on the icons above to navigate through the data and learn more about each measure.

For this dashboard tool, monthly data are presented for the most recent 12-month period only. Epidemiological methods will be necessary to evaluate data in further detail to accurately assess trends. The data are preliminary and subject to change without notice.



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- **Janssen – Settled (~\$10M)**

Distributors – *Alleging failure to report suspicious orders and prevent diversion*

- State v. McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen – 2018 **Settled (~\$48M)**

Pharmacies – *Alleging failure to report suspicious orders and prevent diversion*

- State v. Walgreen, Walmart, Albertsons, Safeway, Carr-Gottstein, Kroger – 2022 **For Walmart, multi-State Settlement Proposed (~\$8.5M); for Walgreens, multi-state settlement proposed (~\$11M)**
- **CVS – Multi-State Settlement Proposed (~\$10M)**



Settlement Exhibit E, Schedule A Core Strategies

Upstream/ Primary Prevention

- Evidence-Based Prevention Programs in Schools
- Provider Education and Outreach on Best Prescribing Practices
- Community Drug Disposal Programs
- Media Campaigns to Prevent Opioid Use Disorder

Treatment

- Targeted Screening
- Targeted Distribution of Medications for Addiction Treatment and Integration Across Continuum of Care
- Workforce Education on Medications for Addiction Treatment
- Wrap Around Services for People w/Opioid Use Disorder
- Services for Babies w/Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Caregiver
- Treatment for Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders Twelve-Months Postpartum
- Pre-Arrest Diversion and Post-Overdose Response Training for First Responders

Harm Reduction

- Targeted Naloxone Distribution
- Naloxone Training
- Syringe Exchange and Wrap Around Services Including Linkage to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
- Access to Sterile Syringes and Linkage to Care and Treatment of Infectious Diseases

Recovery

- Recovery Services Including Wraparound and Housing for Opioid Use Disorder and Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

THANK YOU

