

Opioid epidemic in the United States

Drug overdoses killed more than 72,000 U.S. citizens in 2017, a record number showing a rise of around 10 percent. The toll is higher than the peak year deaths from HIV, car crashes or gun fatalities

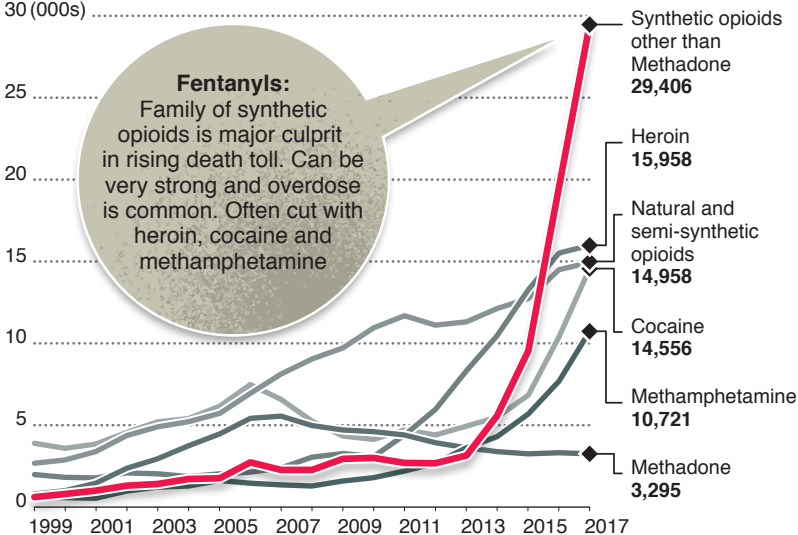
Time of Death
2330

Cause of Death
Overdose: Fentanyl
unknowingly taken
with other drugs

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DRUGS INVOLVED IN U.S. OVERDOSE DEATHS, 1999-2017

30 (000s)



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