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Opioid Response Update for Saint Paul City Council



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Presenters

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Agenda

- Opioid Crises Overview
- Current Overdose Data
- Settlement Funds
- Other Related Programming
- Plans for the Future

Opioid Crisis in Ramsey County



- National public health crisis
- Drug Overdose is the leading cause of accidental deaths in the county

2024 Provisional National Overdose Death Data

 For immediate release: May 14, 2025

Today's provisional [data](#) release from CDC's National Vital Statistics System [shows](#) a remarkable nearly 27% decrease in predicted drug overdose deaths in 2024 compared to 2023 on average, this decline suggests more than 81 lives saved every day.

Opioid overdose deaths in Minnesota drop by 24%, study finds

By Mike Manzoni | Published March 25, 2025 9:22pm CDT | Opioid Epidemic | FOX 9 | 



Opioid fatal and non-fatal overdose in Ramsey County

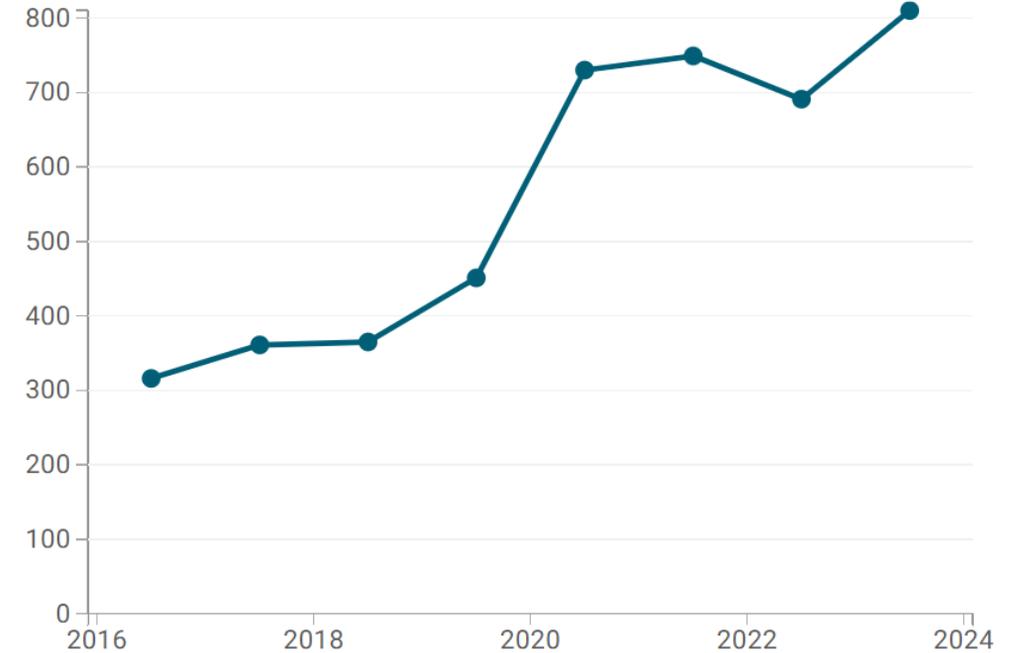
Opioid-involved deaths by year

This data includes all opioid-involved overdose deaths among residents of Ramsey County.



Opioid nonfatal emergency/hospital visits by year

Opioid non-fatal emergency/hospital visits among residents of Ramsey County



HEALTH

Overlooked: Who suffers the most from the opioid epidemic in Minnesota?

A lack of public health data has masked huge racial disparities in overdose deaths from fentanyl and other opioids. Sahan Journal examined more than 240,000 death records to get a clear and startling picture of the epidemic's toll.



by **Sheila Mulrooney Eldred** and **Cynthia Tu**

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Opioid Settlement Funds

- Minnesota is part of a multistate lawsuit against multiple opioid distributors and a manufacturer.
- Funds distributed to counties and cities over a certain population.
- Settlements resolve investigations and lawsuits against these companies for their role in the crises.

City or County	Round 1	Round 2 (Approximate)
Maplewood City	\$ 387,155	\$ 315,126
North Saint Paul City	\$ 118,895	\$ 96,775
Roseville City	\$ 355,524	\$ 289,380
Saint Paul City	\$ 7,737,572	\$ 6,298,017
Ramsey County	\$ 14,676,308	\$ 11,945,819



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- Funding for community organizations
- Naloxone
 - Community distribution
 - Training
- Enhanced pre-trial case management for treatment court

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Other Opioid and Substance Use-Related Grant Funding

Previous: \$412,627
(through June 30, 2024)

- Awarded by DHS for the Expansion and Enhancement of a Continuum of Care for Opioid-related Substance Use Disorders Grant Program Funds. (Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council – OERAC)

Current: \$499,975 per year
(September 30, 2023 –
September 30, 2028)

- Awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based treatment and housing referrals for justice-involved and unsheltered community members with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and co-occurring mental health conditions.

**Current: \$1.2 million (November
2023 – June 30, 2026)**

- Awarded by DHS for Ramsey County Harm Reduction and Treatment Connection (HRTC) aimed at providing harm reduction services and treatment referrals to justice involved individuals and people experiencing homelessness through Ramsey County correctional facilities, the Syringe Exchange and Mobile Medical Unit. (Opioid Epidemic Response Services – OERS)



Syringe Service Program

- Anonymous syringe exchange and disposal
- Naloxone distribution
- Naloxone training for individuals and community organizations
- Fentanyl and Xylazine testing strips
- Wound care
- Harm reduction education
- HIV and Hepatitis C testing
- Connection to community resources

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What's next?

Settlement Council Composition

Community members in our county

Professional experts across a wide range of sectors

People with lived expertise



- Staffing
- Strategic Planning
- Opioid Advisory Council
- Community Grants
- Support internal programs





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