

Current Situation in Louisville-Overdose

¹Drug Overdose occurs when a drug is eaten, inhaled, injected and/or absorbed through the skin in excessive amounts and injures the body and results in death.

Between January 2013 and September 2014, 261 Louisville residents have lost their lives as a result of a drug overdose.² Demographic information illustrates that 87% of overdose deaths were Caucasian, 11% as African American and the remaining 2% as Asian.

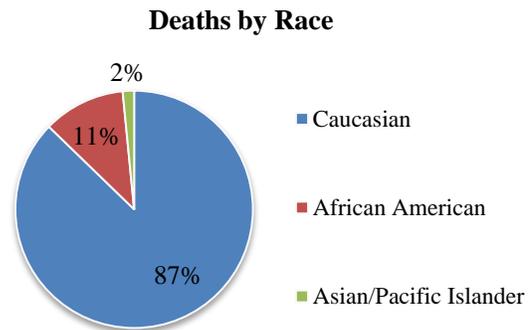


Figure 1: Overdose Deaths by Race

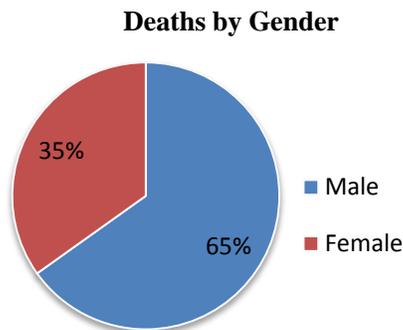


Figure 2: Overdose Deaths by Gender

The data shows that 65% of these deaths were male and 35% were female. Data illustrates that 33% were between the ages of 25 to 34 years of age, 23% were between the ages of 45 to 54 years and 21% were between the ages of 35 to 44 years.

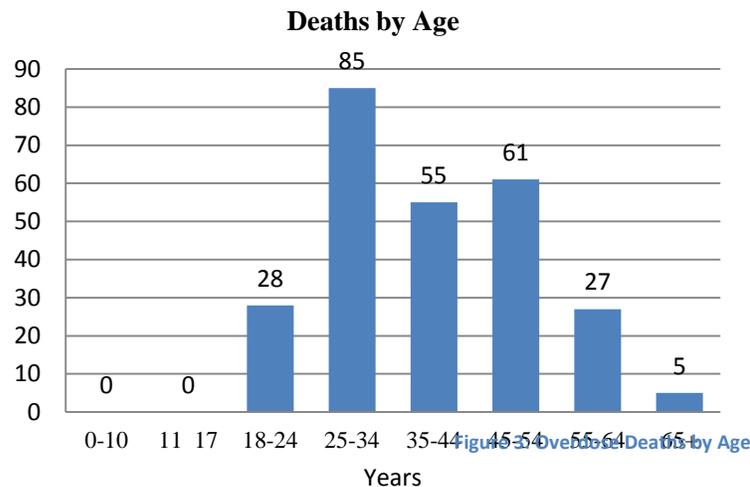


Figure 3: Overdose Deaths by Age

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¹ Center for Disease Control and Prevention- <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationsafety/overdose/facts.html>

² All overdose data gathered from Louisville Metro Coroner's Office; data subject to change based on investigative findings and subsequent reclassification of crimes

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Overdose deaths like suicide deaths, occur all across the city, however, data from both the Coroner’s Office and LMPD illustrate that certain areas of the city are impacted at higher rates. Figure 12 represents the number of overdoses based on the zip code of the victim’s residence³.

This illustration represents zip codes that have experienced ten or more drug overdose deaths between January 2013 and September 2014. This data illustrates that out of the 39 zip codes that make up Louisville Metro, 10 zip codes account for 56% of overdose deaths. Zip code 40214 has the highest number of overdose victims and zip code 40216 has two deaths less than the highest. When compared to police patrol divisions, the zip codes with the highest number fall into the following divisions: 3, 4, 6, and 7; which is represented in the map below.

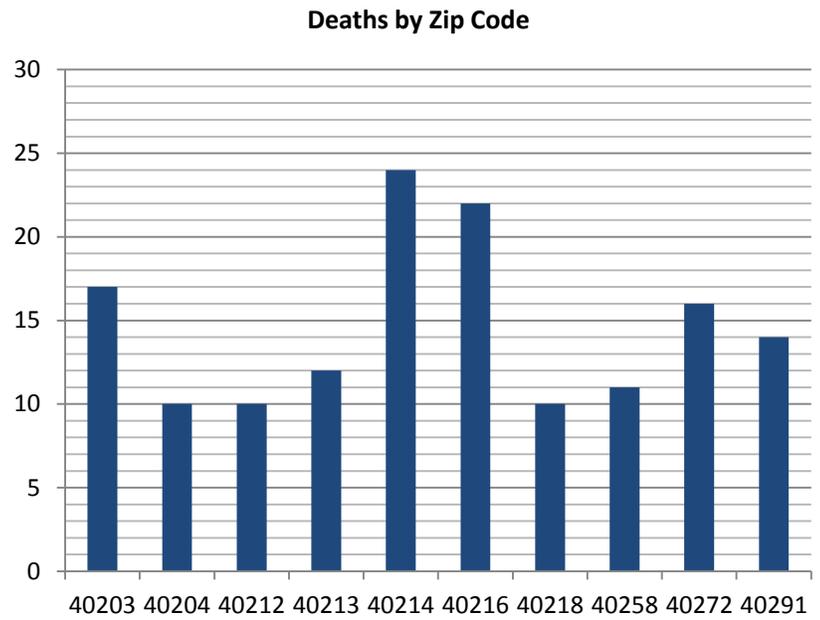


Figure 4: Overdose Deaths by Zip Code

Given this current situation of overdoses in Louisville, we have decided that emphasis be placed on programs, services, resources and/or initiatives that impact the following groups:

- Caucasians
- Males
- Residents between the ages of 25 years and 34 years of age
- Patrol Divisions 3, 4, 6, and 7

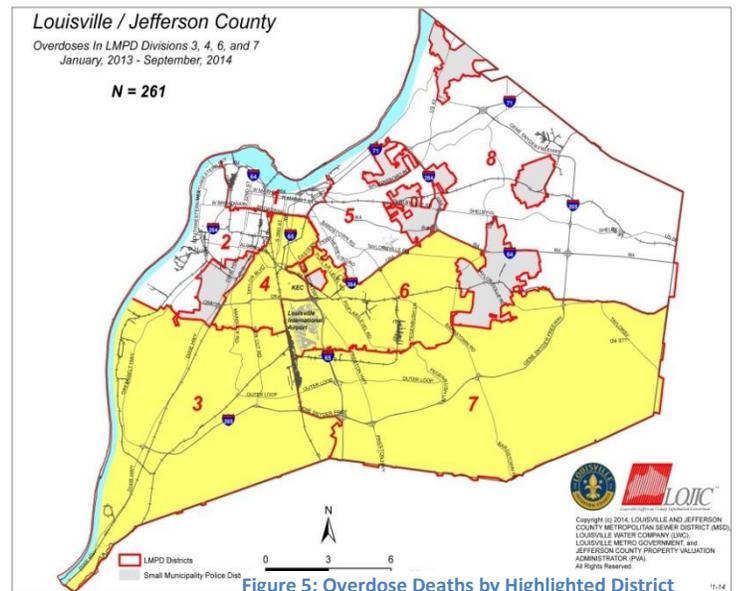


Figure 5: Overdose Deaths by Highlighted District

³ See footnote 11

