

State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) Variables

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SUDORS is an enhanced surveillance system collecting 600 variables about the circumstances of overdose fatalities. The Maryland SUDORS program works closely with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Vital Statistics Administration, and multiple law enforcement agencies in Maryland to access, review, and systematically document information about overdose death. SUDORS variables and data can inform drug overdose prevention and response planning and strategies. To view Maryland 2020 fatal overdose data, visit the CDC SUDORS Dashboard at: www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/fatal/dashboard/index.html

Demographics of Victim

- Sex
- Age
- Race and ethnicity
- Marital status
- Relationship status
- County of residence
- Education
- Homeless
- Housing instability
- Industry
- Usual occupation
- Current or former military personnel

Injury and Death

- Manner of death
- County of injury
- EMS at scene
- In custody deaths
- Recent release deaths
- Alcohol use suspected
- Victim seen in emergency department or hospital
- Victim admitted to inpatient care
- Underlying cause of death ICD10 code
- Location where injured
- Injured at work

Toxicology

- Testing and results for:
 - Alcohol
 - Amphetamines
 - Barbiturates
 - Benzodiazepines
 - Cocaine
 - Heroin
 - Illicitly manufactured fentanyl
 - Marijuana
 - Muscle relaxants
 - Opiates
 - Other substances
 - Prescription opioids
 - Stimulants
- Substances found vs. substances contributing to death

Circumstances

- Alcohol problem*
- Mental health problem*
- Current depressed mood
- Type of mental health diagnosis
- Substance use problem*
- Mental health and/or substance use treatment
- Non-adherence to treatment
- Eviction/loss of home*
- Living transition
- School problem*
- Family relationship problem*
- Disaster exposure*
- History of traumatic brain injury
- History of abuse/neglect as a child
- Perpetrator or victim of violence within last month
- Victim and/or household known to local authorities

*Indicates crisis information collected. Crisis is defined as "a current/acute event (within two weeks of death) that is indicated in one of the source reports to have contributed to the death."

Overdose

- Previous drug overdose
- History of opioid/heroin use
- Recent return to use of opioids
- Prescription information
- Treatment for substance use
- Route of drug administration
- Recent emergency department visit
- Potential bystander present
- Naloxone administered and by whom
- First-Responder intervention(s)
- Involved in the criminal justice system
- Evidence of rapid overdose
- Medical conditions:
 - Asthma
 - Back pain
 - COPD
 - Heart disease
 - Hepatitis C
 - History of major injury
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Migraine
 - Other pain
 - Sleep Apnea