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Press Release

The Franklin County Coroner's Office is releasing its preliminary overdose death statistics for the first six months of 2020.

From January 1 to June 30, 2020 the Franklin County Coroner's Office saw 437 people die of overdoses. This is approximately an increase of 73.4% from the same period last year.

Fentanyl related overdose fatalities accounted for 85.5% of all overdose deaths in 2020 compared to 79% in 2019.

Heroin-related deaths accounted for 5% of all overdose deaths in 2019, while in 2020 it accounted for 2.5%

Cocaine and methamphetamine overdose deaths:

- Cocaine: 46.9%, no real change from 2019.
- Methamphetamines: 14.1%, an increase from the 10% in 2019

Looking at combinations as percentages of all overdose deaths:

- Fentanyl + cocaine: 2019 = 37.3% 2020 = 40.5%
- Fentanyl + cocaine + meth: 2019 = 3.17% 2020 = 5.5%



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Looking at race and ethnicity, 27.4%% of those who died of overdose deaths were African American in 2020, similar to 2019 – 28.1%. The percentage of Hispanics who died of overdose deaths remained at about 3% in 2020 as compared to 2019.

The number of males dying of overdoses continues to be higher than that of females. For the first half of 2020 we saw 71% of males dying and 29% of females. This is a slight shift of about 2% less females in 2020.

The top five zip codes with the highest number of overdose deaths for this period were: 43223, 43207, 43204, 43232 and 43211.

The age range with the highest numbers of overdose fatalities remains: 25 – 44.

Please see attachment for full statistics.



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Time Period Comparison January-June 2019 vs. 2020

Toxicology: (Any Drug Positive)

	2019	% Comp	2020	% Comp
Fentanyl	201	79.76%	374	85.58%
Cocaine	116	46.03%	205	46.91%
Methamphetamine	25	9.92%	62	14.19%
Fent+Coc	94	37.30%	177	40.5%
Fent+COC+METHAM	8	3.17%	24	5.5%

Gender: (Any Drug Positive)

	2019	% Comp	2020	% Comp
Male	173	68.65%	311	71.17%
Female	79	31.35%	126	28.83%
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Race: (Any Drug Positive)

	2019	% Comp	2020	% Comp
Af. American	71	28.17%	120	27.46%
Asian Indian	1	0.40%	0	0.00%
Chinese	1	0.40%	0	0.00%
Hispanic	8	3.17%	13	2.97%
Other	4	1.59%	8	1.83%
White	167	66.27%	296	67.73%
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Source: JusticeTrax
1/1/2019-6/30/2019
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Age Range: (Any Drug Positive)

	2019	% Comp	2020	% Comp
0-19	3	1.19%	5	1.14%
20-24	14	5.56%	20	4.58%
25-34	65	25.79%	119	27.23%
35-44	66	26.19%	111	25.40%
45-54	53	21.03%	97	22.20%
55-64	44	17.46%	70	16.02%
65+	7	2.78%	15	3.43%
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Additional Statistics: January – June 2020

Marital:

Never Married: 56.78%
 Divorced: 22.07%
 Married: 14.71%
 Other: 6.44%

Fentanyl by Race: (n=374)

White: 68.18%
 African American: 26.47%
 Hispanic: 3.48%
 Other: 1.88%

Cocaine by Race: (n=205)

White: 62.44%
 African American: 34.15%
 Hispanic: 1.95%
 Other: 1.47%



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Methamphetamine by Race: (n=62)

White: 80.65%

African American: 16.13%

Hispanic: 1.61%

Other: 1.61%

Fentanyl by Age Range: (n=374)

25-34: 30.48%

35-44: 26.47%

45-54: 20.59%

55-64: 14.71%

20-24: 5.35%

65+: 1.34%

0-19: 1.07%

Cocaine by Age Range: (n=205)

25-34: 25.85%

45-54: 24.88%

35-44: 22.93%

55-64: 19.02%

65+: 3.41%

20-24: 3.41%

0-19: 0.49%

Methamphetamine by Age Range: (n=62)

35-44: 35.48%

25-34: 29.03%

45-54: 20.97%

55-64: 9.68%

20-24: 3.23%

0-19: 1.61%

65+: 0.00%



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Top Zip Codes:

2019	n	% Comp	2020	n	% Comp
43211	27	10.71%	43223	41	9.38%
43207	22	8.73%	43207	33	7.55%
43229	20	7.94%	43204	31	7.09%
43204	18	7.14%	43232	27	6.18%
43224	15	5.95%	43211	25	5.72%
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