

Building Jay County's Future

Substance Use Disorder

Summary

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a behavioral health disorder that affects millions in the United States, involving heavy use of alcohol and other drugs. SUD is widespread throughout the United States, and Jay County is not immune to the problem.

A team is moving forward, however, to address the issue. Jay County organizations are collaborating with partners in Blackford County in the Consortium for Opioids Response and Engagement-East Central Indiana, better known as CORE-ECI. The goal of CORE-ECI is to reduce drug use, abuse, and mortality with technical assistance from Purdue University and IU Health.

Drug Overdoses in The United States

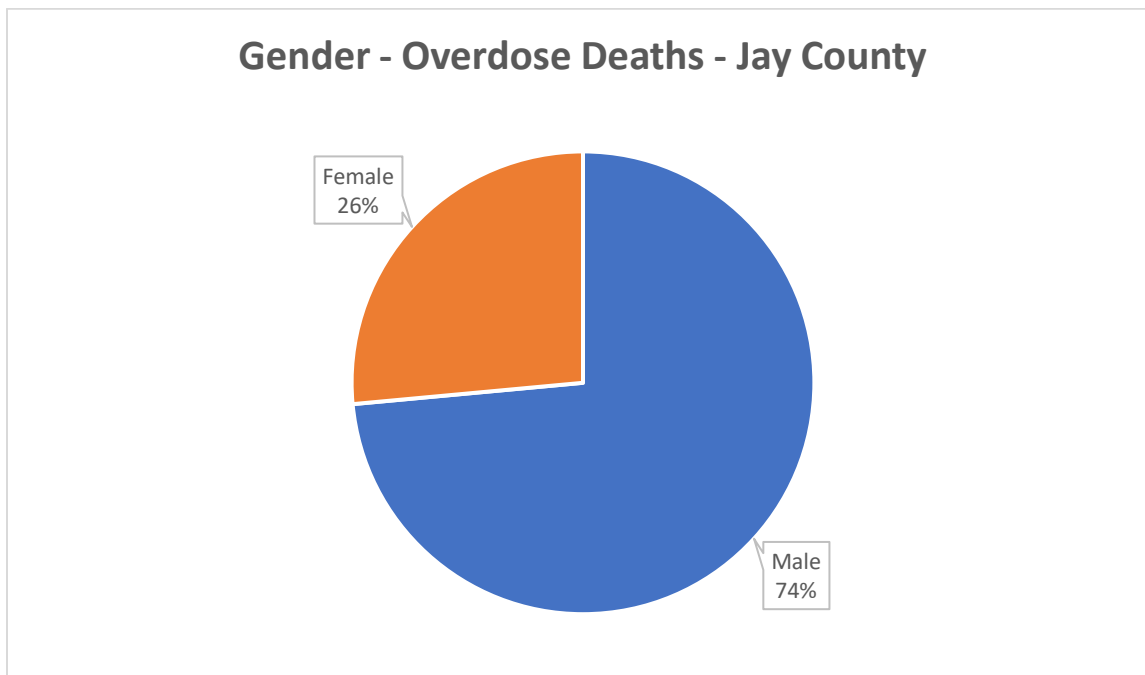
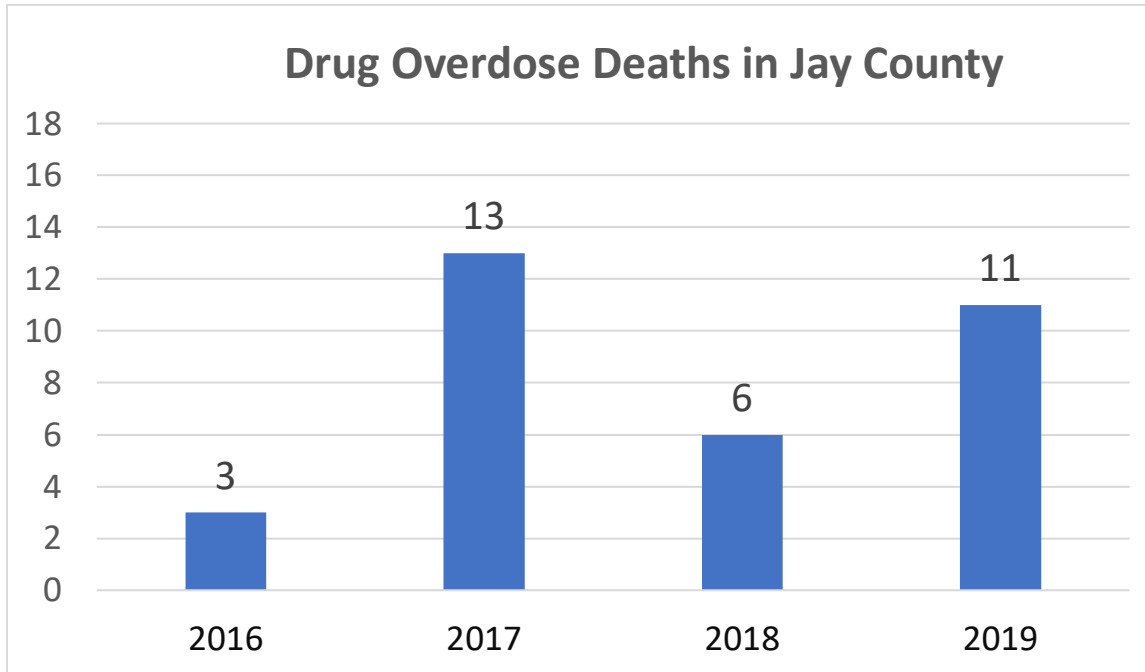
The United States has struggled for years with the problem of drug addiction and related drug overdose deaths. Early data suggest that the pandemic has only exacerbated the problem. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug-overdose deaths in 2021 topped 100,000 for the first time in history. More than 107,000 people in the U.S. died from drug overdoses last year, a 15% increase from 2020. The U.S. has recorded more than one million overdose deaths since 2000, and more than half of those came in the past seven years.¹

Much of the increase can be traced to fentanyl, a powerful synthetic drug. At the same time, there are a rising number of fatalities linked to methamphetamines and cocaine.

¹ *Drug-Overdose Deaths Reached a Record in 2021, Fueled by Fentanyl*, Wall Street Journal, May 11, 2022

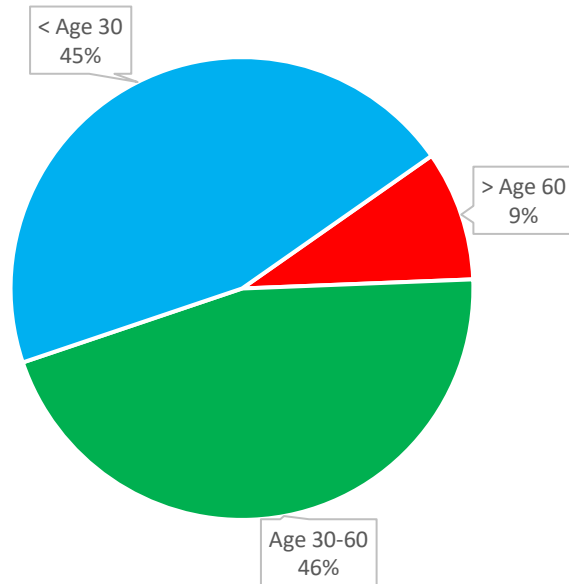
Drug Overdose Data in Jay County

Jay County has not been immune to substance use disorder. In the four years 2016-19, 33 County residents died from a drug overdose², as shown below:

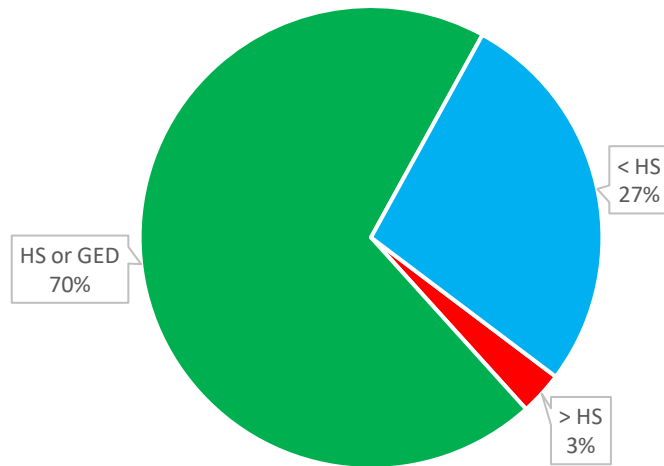


² This information provided by Jay County Coroner Michael Brewster.

Age - Overdose Deaths - Jay County



Education - Overdose Deaths - Jay County



A System for Dealing with Substance Use Disorder

Jay County has begun to deal with substance use disorder through the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition (JCDPC).

The purpose of JCDPC is to:

- Promote community-wide awareness and information sharing regarding substance use,
- Utilize education, enforcement, treatment, prevention,
- Coordinate and facilitate collaboration with community partners

JCDPC seeks to support, advocate, and promote the county, state, and national efforts to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth and adults in Jay County, Indiana. Their initiatives include evidenced-based prevention programming, community collaboration, proactive training efforts, and a Quick Response Team that includes Peer Recovery Coaches.

Goals and Metrics

The strategic goals, and the metrics used to measure completion of those goals, have not yet been developed. The Portland Foundation will monitor the work of the CORE-ECI group and their process moves forward and will publicize the goals and measurements when they are available.

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