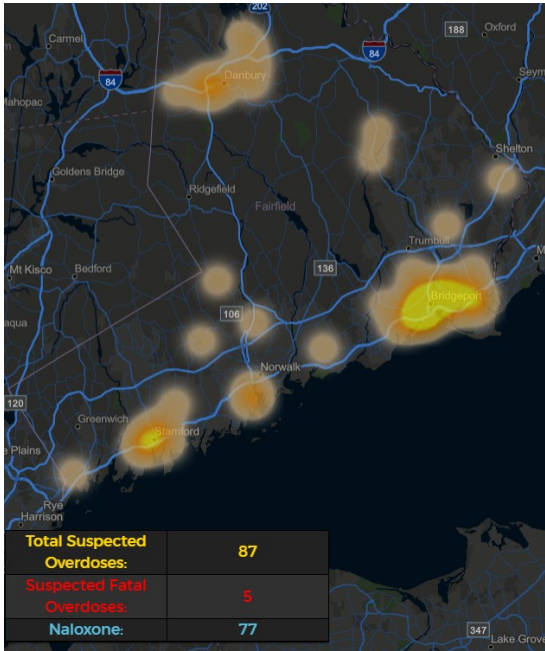


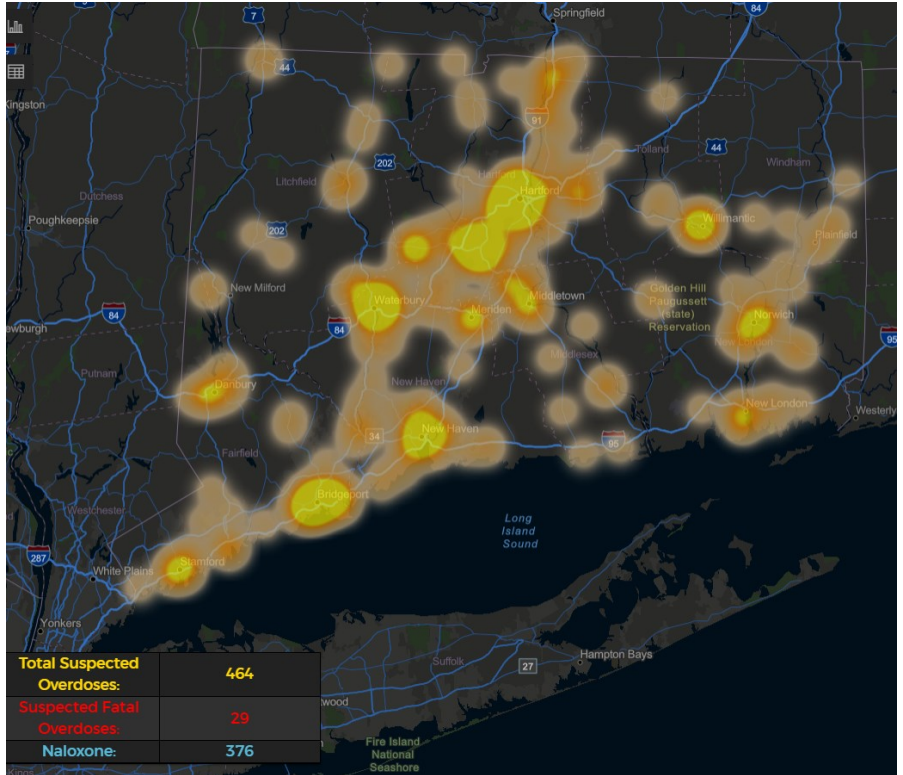
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Connecticut Opioid Heat Maps

In the month of July the State of Connecticut saw increased activity in Hartford, New Haven and Fairfield counties. The heatmaps depicted at right, and below show cumulative data for the month of July 2021.



Above is Fairfield County Heat Map, for July 2021



Above is a Heat Map of the entire State for July 2021.

SWORD Spotlight

Kudos to American, Hunters and ASM, for achieving commendable rates of reporting overdoses in the month of July.

Your continued diligence is appreciated. Consistent and committed reporting translates into real outcomes as local public health entities and their community partners look to ODMAP for real time data relating to opioid overdoses.



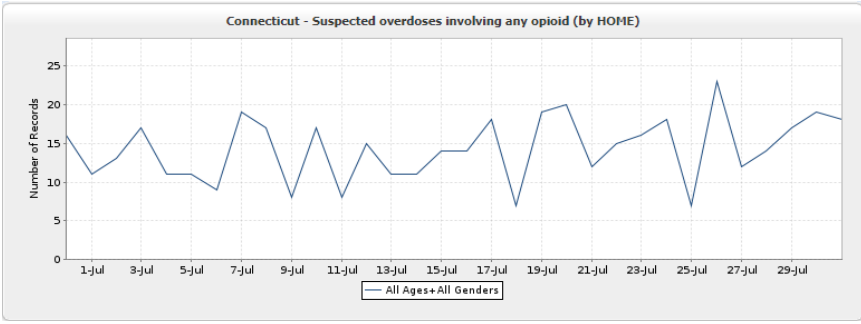
NORA: Naloxone + Overdose

Response App

NORA is a free app from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. NORA is designed to help prevent, treat, and allow for the reporting of overdoses. The app also provides information on opioids, recognizing symptoms of suspected opioid overdose, and provides instructions on administering naloxone when needed. Viewers can learn about trainings on naloxone use in Connecticut as well as how to obtain it in their communities. Additional pages provide access how to prevent an overdose, disposal of medication, and links to treatment, and recovery services.

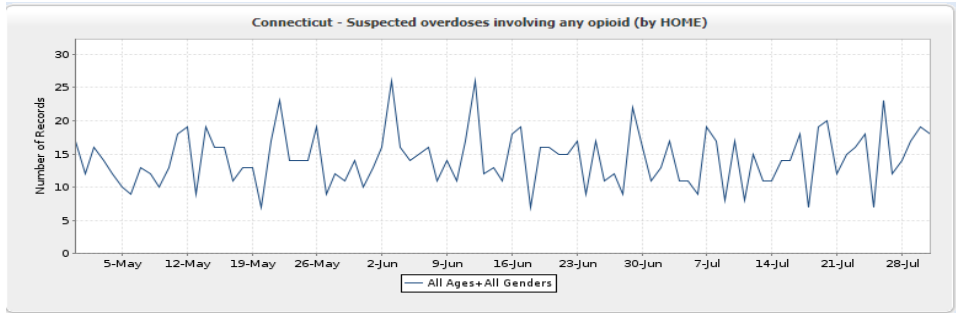


[NORA - Naloxone + Overdose Response App \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/nora)



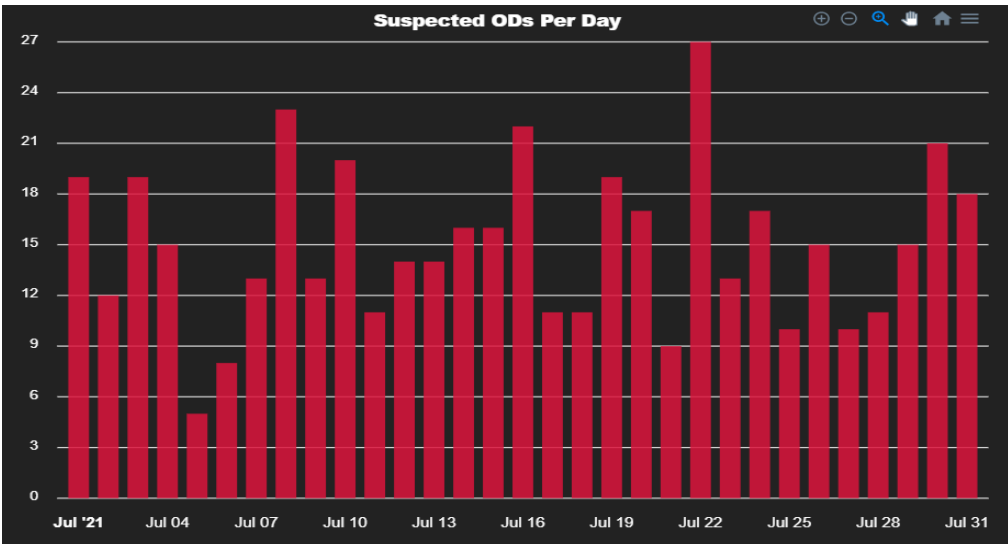
Left: < Total count of emergency department visits related to suspected overdoses with any opioid*. This data shows counts for **July 2021** for the state of Connecticut.

Right: > Total count of emergency department visits related to suspected overdoses with any opioid*. This data shows total counts for the **previous 90 days** for the state of Connecticut.



Data, above, represents the total count of emergency department visits (Syndromic Surveillance) related to prescription and illicit opioid drug overdoses. Data reflects overdoses based on town/city resident. It does not include non-resident overdoses. Data subject to change.

*Suspected overdoses involving any opioid include prescription and illicit opioids.



< Left: This graph represents EMS reported opioid overdoses by incident day during July, 2021.

SWORD Statewide Reporting July 2021

In the month of July 2021, there were 464 calls to the CT Poison Control Center (CPCC) for SWORD. Of these calls, 435 were non-fatal and 29 resulted in fatalities. There were 376 total naloxone administrations: 201 non-fatal multiple doses of naloxone administered, 163 non-fatal single dose naloxone, and 67 non-fatal with no naloxone administered. There were seven (4) non-fatal with “unknown” naloxone administered. Of the 29 fatalities, nine (9) received multiple doses of naloxone, three (3) received single dose, and sixteen (16) with no naloxone administered. The gender breakdown for the state is: Male (339), Female (118), and (7) unknown.

The 464 cases involved suspected overdoses from all of our counties: Fairfield (87), Hartford (177), Litchfield (17), Middlesex (23), New Haven (99), New London (37), Tolland (5), and Windham (19). The age breakdown of the patients is as follows: 0 to 18 years of age (7); 19 to 24 years of age (24); 25 to 34 years of age (101); 35 to 44 years of age (133); 45 to 54 years of age (86); 55 to 64 years of age (75); 65 years of age and older (23); age unknown (15).

*Numbers subject to change

***TIP: Store the CPCC number in your cell for ease of use! 1-800-222-1222**

Data a Deeper Dive

Overdoses: Time of Day

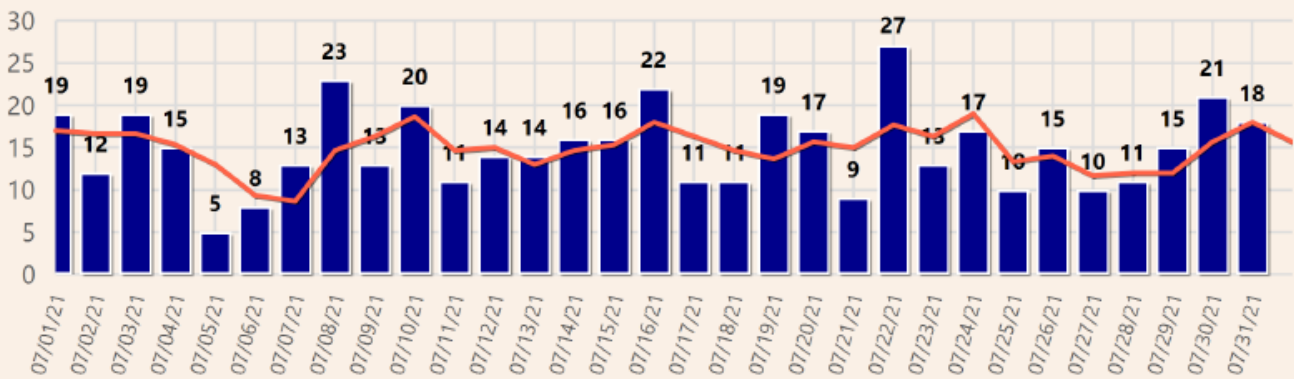
We track suspected opioid overdoses by day of the week and hour of the day. For the second year in a row the most overdoses in any eight hour block was Friday night between 1:00 and 9:00 P.M. The most overdoses in any one hour block occurred on Friday afternoon between 3 and 4 P.M. and Thursday night

between 8:00 and 9:00 PM. This information is important for local health and harm reduction agencies to plan prevention activities and the availability of staff such as recovery coaches who can meet with overdose patients in the ED to help them navigate avenues to recovery or safer use. Below is the chart for June 1, 2020-May 31, 2021.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12:00 AM	28	16	27	24	27	27	35
1:00 AM	28	15	23	23	24	20	30
2:00 AM	16	10	12	18	16	22	21
3:00 AM	11	12	11	9	14	18	22
4:00 AM	17	10	10	12	13	5	12
5:00 AM	12	10	14	14	14	14	13
6:00 AM	9	8	13	11	10	13	14
7:00 AM	22	15	14	10	11	21	13
8:00 AM	8	21	11	20	21	15	12
9:00 AM	19	9	24	21	23	20	23
10:00 AM	21	19	19	23	19	25	28
11:00 AM	34	22	28	31	30	32	23
12:00 PM	39	30	36	30	23	26	35
1:00 PM	33	37	31	43	42	43	37
2:00 PM	44	34	35	40	36	47	35
3:00 PM	44	33	31	35	41	70	41
4:00 PM	44	43	45	42	35	42	30
5:00 PM	39	42	51	49	48	46	46
6:00 PM	26	50	43	44	46	54	41
7:00 PM	35	42	41	44	47	49	42
8:00 PM	48	33	39	41	69	48	41
9:00 PM	41	34	32	57	49	43	37
10:00 PM	31	36	24	40	43	35	40
11:00 PM	27	30	40	39	22	33	36

ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - In the Last Month

■ Entries Per Day — 3-Day Moving Avg



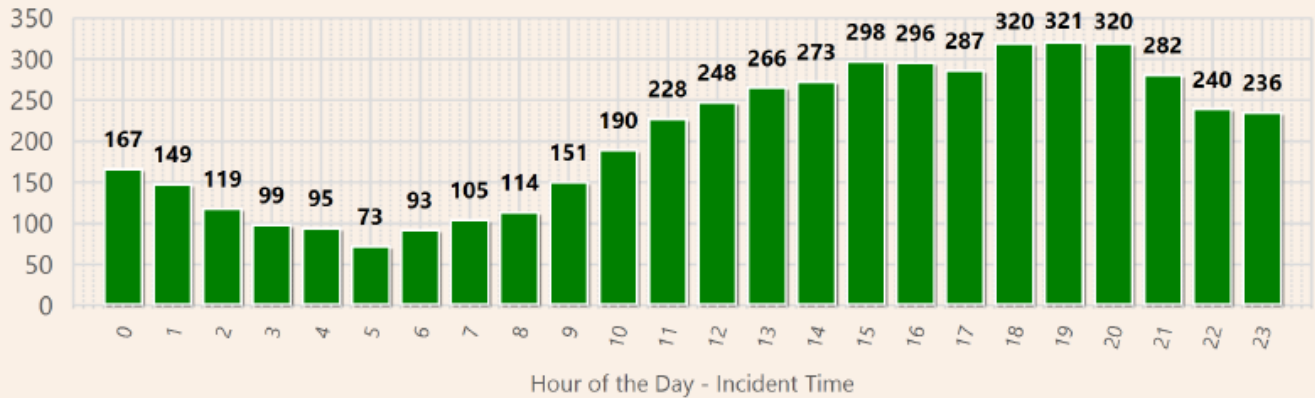
These counts represent the number of overdoses reported to ODMAP and are not official counts.

ODMAP Suspected OD Submissions by day.

This graph shows total suspected overdoses called in each day during the time period. The red line running horizontally shows a 3-day moving average of call-ins.

ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - All Data Submitted

■ Per Hour of the Day



Cumulative (June—July, 2021) Overdoses by the Hour of the Day

This graph shows the hour of the day suspected overdose incidents have occurred statewide since the SWORD program began on June 1, 2019.

Note: All data in this newsletter come from reports made by CT EMS and can be viewed in ODMAP Level 2

Ask Yourself This Question:

Am I speaking to the Connecticut Poison Control Center?

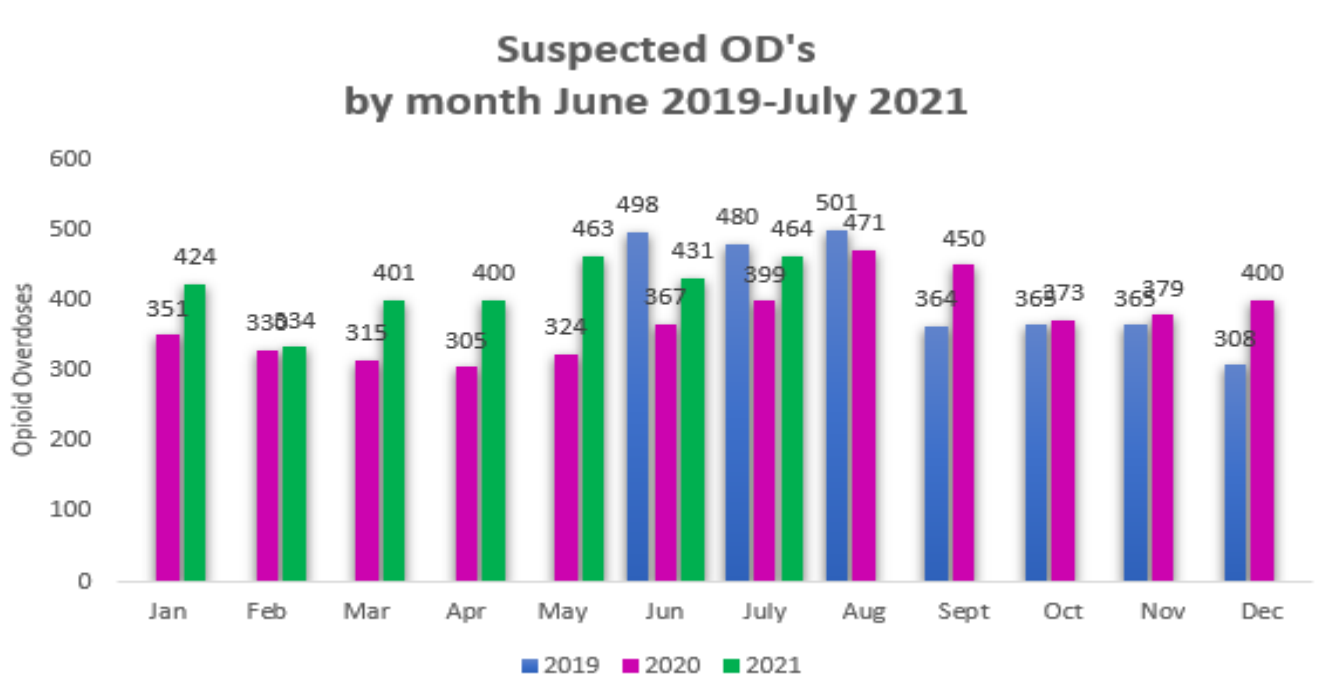
It is preferred EMS utilize the main Poison Control phone number when reporting SWORD calls. That number is 1-800-222-1222. However, as many of you with out-of-state cell phones have realized that number will direct you to the Poison Control Center for the state that phone's area code matches. Those centers will transfer you to Connecticut's center when you explain why you are calling. However, you can also utilize the Connecticut local Poison Control number which is 860-679-3456.

The Connecticut Poison Control website also advises that EMS can call them for the following: Overdoses, unintentional poisonings, pill identification, treatment advice, symptoms to watch for, when to use charcoal, advice on when to transport, antidote information and coordination, hazardous materials, reporting a poisoning, protection the public health and information on trends of abuse. CPCC also offers two three hour



continuing education sessions for EMS, which can be requested at no-charge.

[Emergency Medical Services](https://www.ems.uconn.edu/emergency-medical-services) | [Connecticut Poison Control Center \(uconn.edu\)](https://www.poison.uconn.edu)



Left: > This graph shows the total suspected overdoses (fatal and non-fatal) called into CPCC by month since June 2019
(These numbers were transcribed from the ODMAP database system 8/17/2021)

The Statewide Reporting Directive began across the State on June 1, 2019

Glassine Bags

Glassine heroine bags of Black Jack, Emerald City, Stranger Danger, and Cut of Stock have been observed at various sites throughout Connecticut



Second Annual SWORD Report

The second annual SWORD report will be released later this summer, covering the time period June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. Comparing data from year one to year two may help us identify trends so we can better understand the evolving nature of the opioid overdose epidemic.

Do you need help accessing ODMAP Level 1 (Spike Alert Level) or Level 2 (Map Level)?

[Click here to contact the ODMAP Helpdesk](#), or call (301) 489-1744



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Thank you for your participation!

