

# Georgia Opioid Fact Sheet

## General Information

Like most of the country, Georgia has experienced a rise in use and deaths related to opioid drugs. Opioids are a large class of drugs with ranging impact on physical and mental health. Opioid use in Georgia has increased overall, but particularly, this state, like much of the country, has seen an increase in use and deaths attributable to misuse of prescription opioid painkillers. The data contained within this report can provide a brief snapshot of the state of Georgia's opioid problem.

## Youth Rates

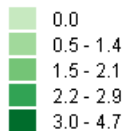
### YRBSS<sup>1</sup>

- Data from 2013 demonstrates that 17.7% of Georgia high school students reported taking prescription painkillers without a doctor's prescription.
- This data also shows that non-Hispanic white students (18.5%) and Hispanic students (18.7%) in Georgia, have the highest rates of misuse of prescription drugs.

### GSHS 2.0<sup>2</sup>

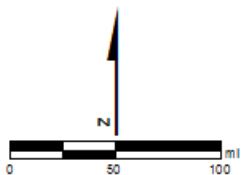
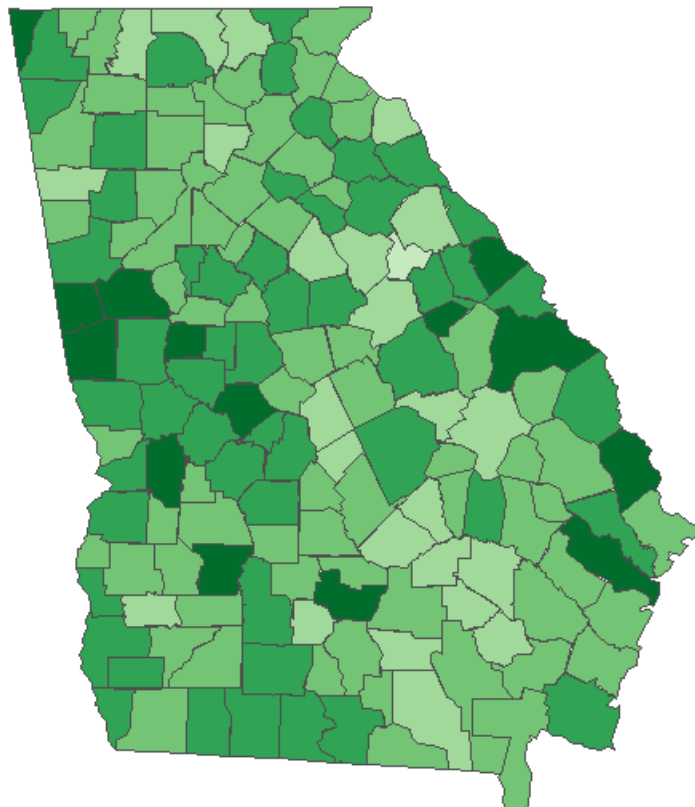
#### Painkiller Use Without a Prescription in the Last 30 Days - GSHS 2.0 2015 (Middle and High School)

##### Percent



##### Legend

— County



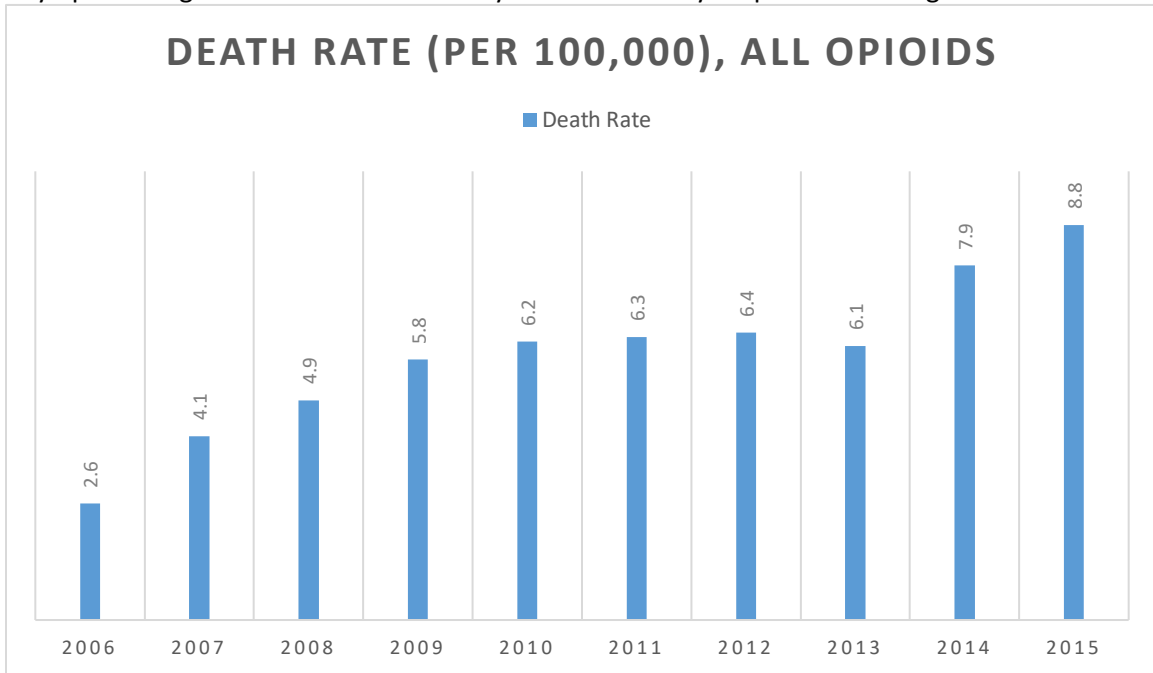
<sup>1</sup> <https://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Default.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/GSHS-II/Pages/GSHS-Results.aspx>

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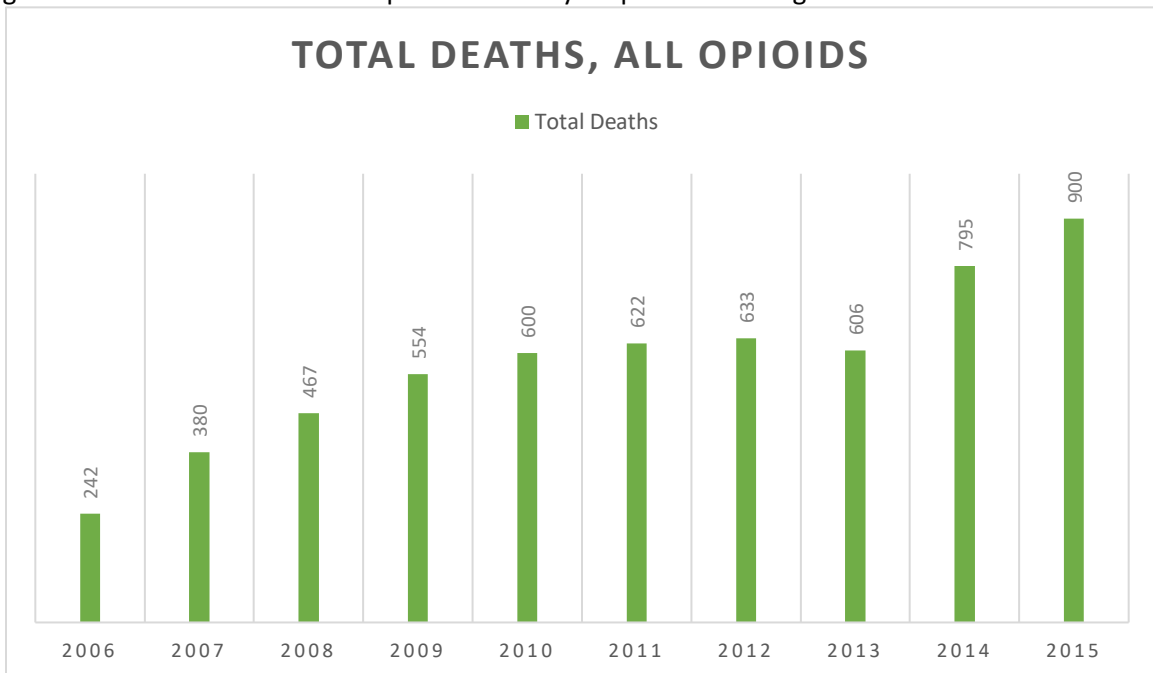
## Death Rates (DPH OASIS)

Death rates by opioid drug overdose has consistently risen over a 10 year period in Georgia.



## Total Deaths (DPH OASIS)

Opioid drug overdose deaths more than tripled over a 10 year period in Georgia.



From 2014 – 2015 Georgia had a 64.7% increase in deaths by synthetic opioids (tramadol and fentanyl) and a 37.5% increase in Heroin deaths.<sup>3</sup>

In 2006 Opioid drug overdose deaths were 31.5% of all overdose deaths. Opioids now account for 68.8% of drug overdose deaths in Georgia (2015).

<sup>3</sup> CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2014 -2015.

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