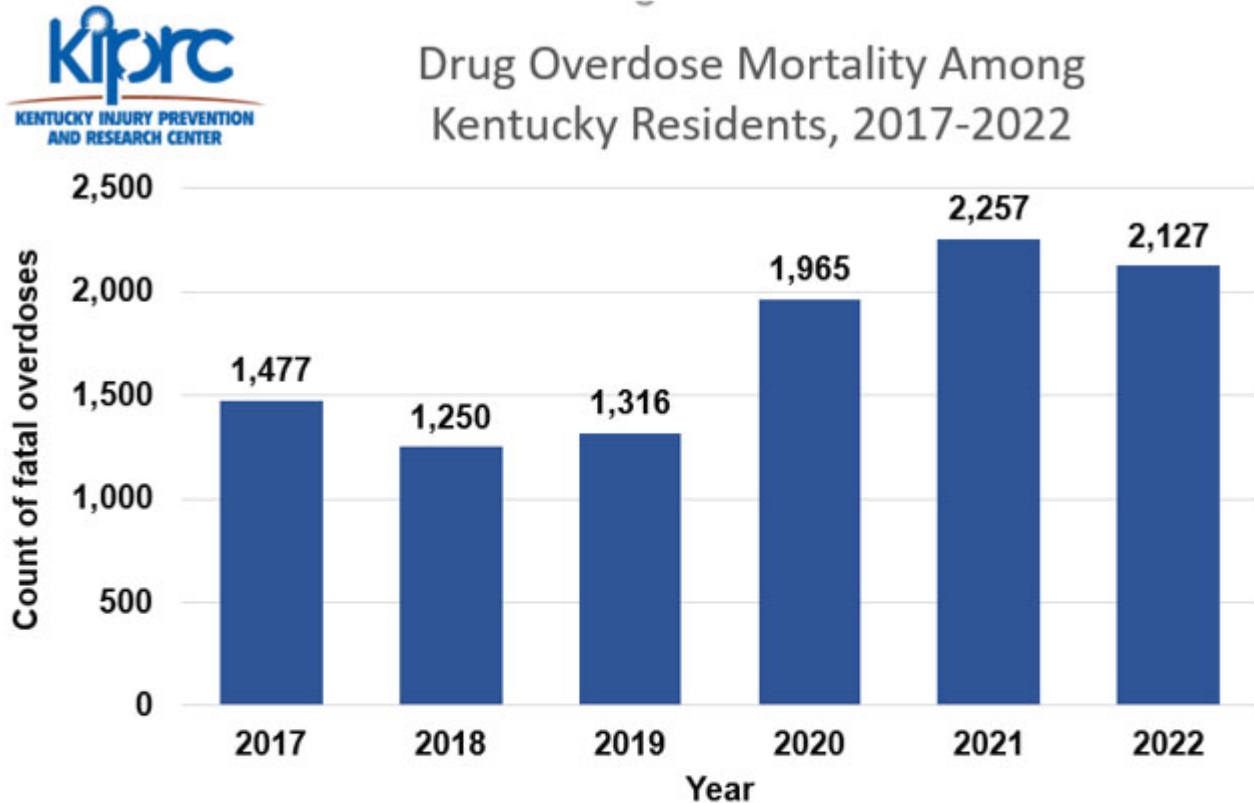


The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) conducts ongoing surveillance of drug overdose mortality and morbidity in Kentucky. Below are preliminary findings and interpretations on drug overdose mortality among Kentucky residents in 2022.



Produced by the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center from data extracted on April 7, 2023, from the Death Certificate Database at the Office of Vital Statistics, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Data are provisional and subject to change.

Key Interpretations:

1. In 2022, 2,127 Kentucky residents died from drug overdose. This is a 5% decrease over 2021 numbers.
2. The annual number of drug overdose deaths for Kentucky residents has declined for the first time since 2018.

The full 2022 Drug Overdose Mortality Report will be published in the next few weeks.