

**Data Brief: Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid-related2 Overdose Deaths Among Massachusetts Residents – Demographic Data Highlights**

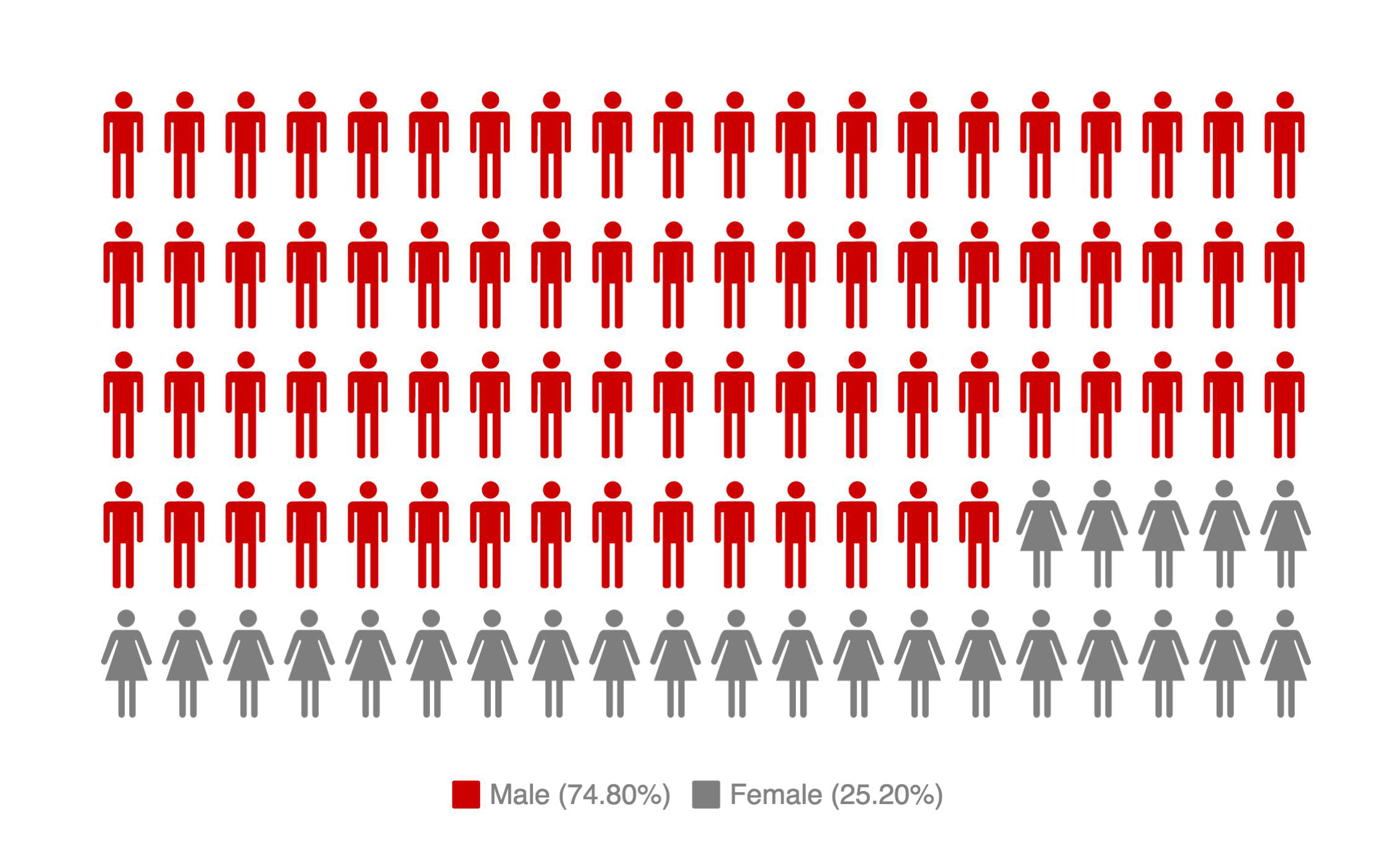
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This data brief highlights demographic data from confirmed overdose deaths from January 2016 to June 2016.

**Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid-related Deaths by Gender:**

**January 2016-June 2016**

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| **Unintentional/Undetermined Opioid Deaths by Gender:**  **January 2016-June 2016** | |
| Male | 365 |
| Female | 123 |
| **Total** | **488** |

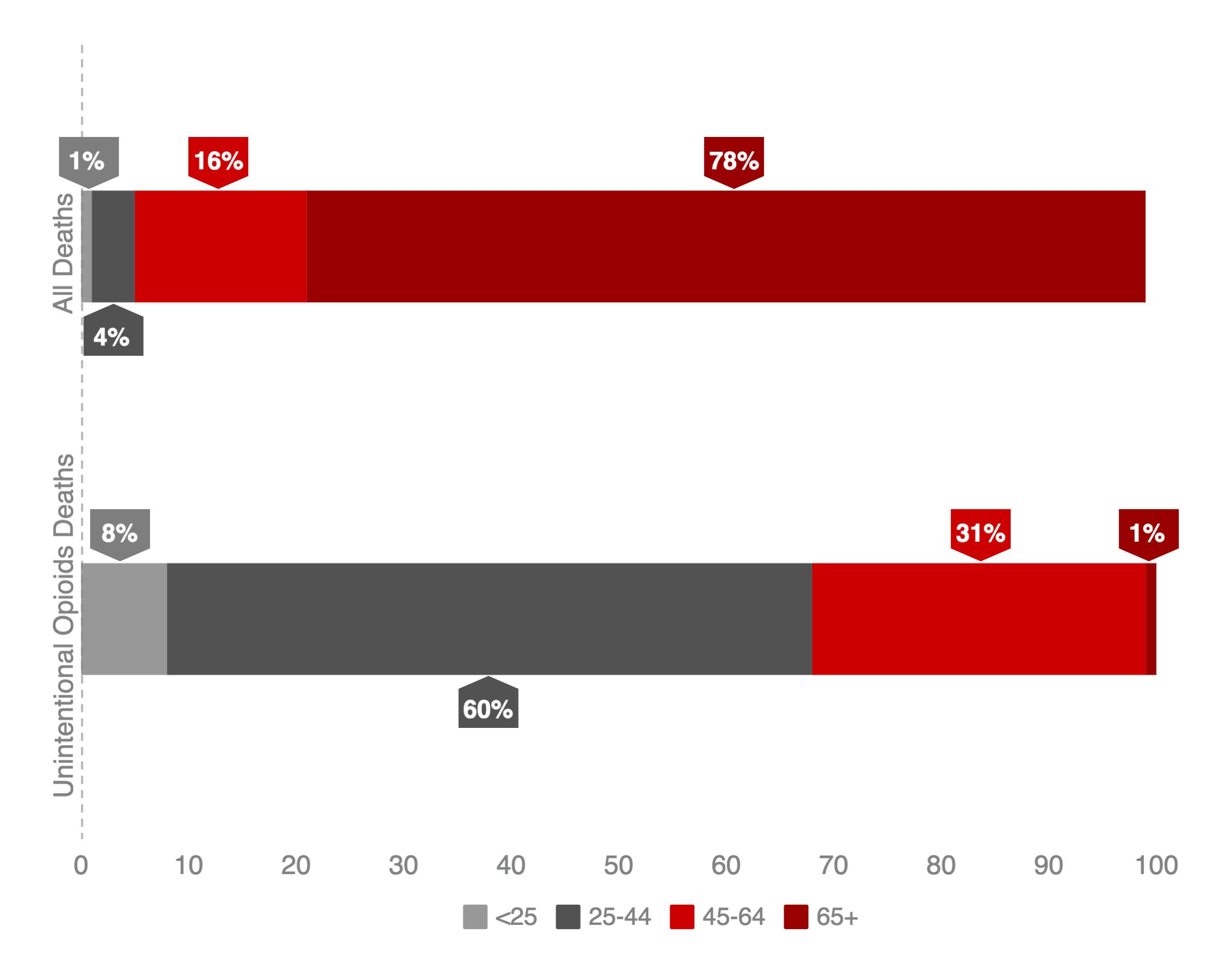


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2 Opioids include heroin, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.

**Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Age: January 2016-June 2016**

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|  | **Deaths by Age: January 2016-June 2016** | | | | | | | | |
|  | **0-14** | **15-24** | **25-34** | **35-44** | **45-54** | **55-64** | **65+** | **Unknown** | **Total** |
| All Deaths | 166 | 209 | 569 | 645 | 1,459 | 2,916 | 21,074 | 4 | **27,042** |
| Confirmed Unintentional / Undetermined1 Opioid Deaths | 0 | 41 | 165 | 126 | 103 | 50 | 3 | 0 | **488** |

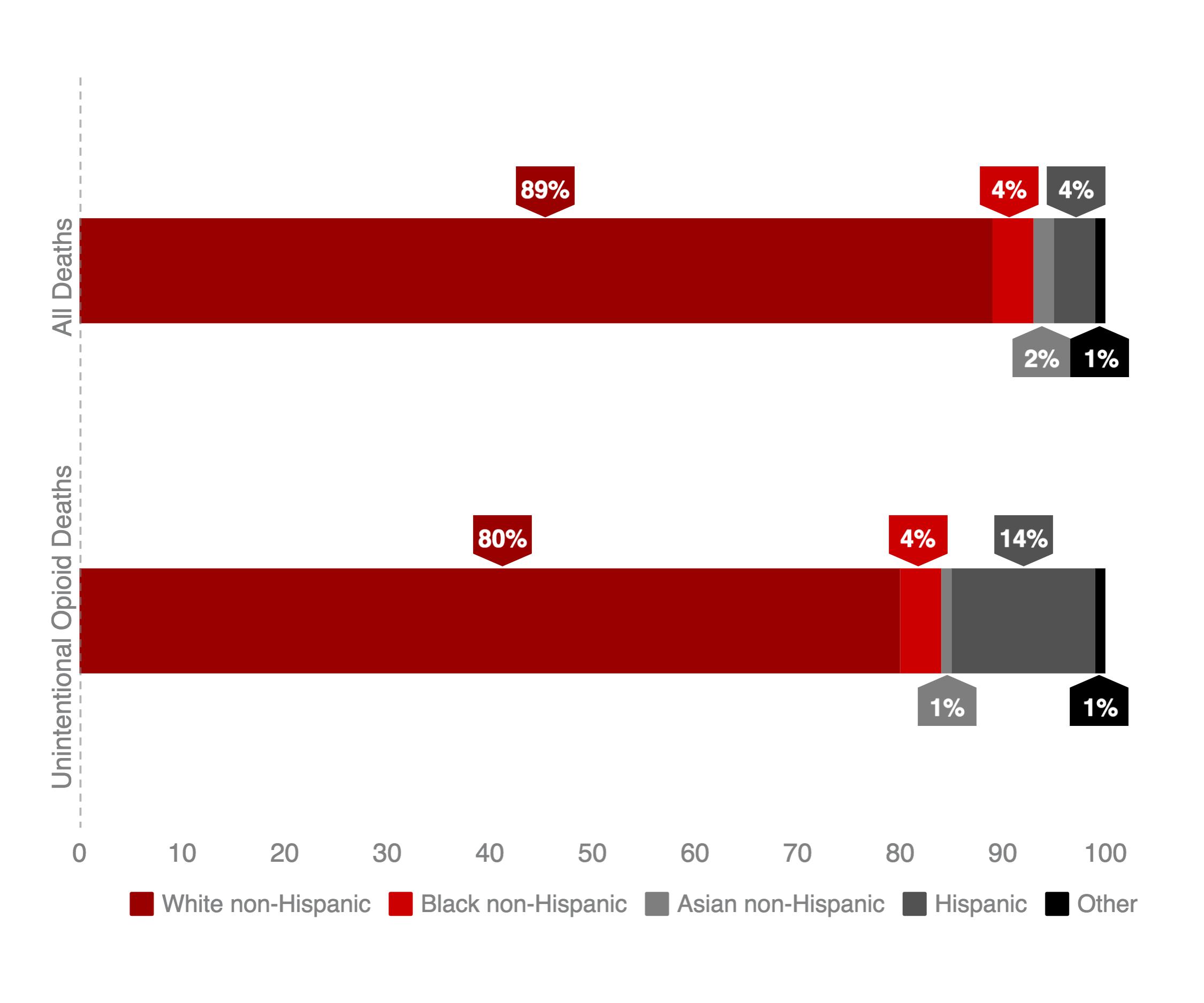


Note: Due to rounding, percentages under “All Deaths” do not add up to 100%.

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**Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Race: January 2016-June 2016**

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|  | **White non-Hispanic** | **Black non-Hispanic** | **Asian non-Hispanic** | **Hispanic** | **Other/**  **Unknown** | **Total** |
| All Deaths | 24,163 | 1,156 | 483 | 961 | 279 | **27,042** |
| Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid Deaths | 391 | 19 | 4 | 67 | 7 | **488** |



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**Technical Notes**

2016 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of deaths have yet to be assigned final cause-of-death codes. The information presented in this report only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 06/30/2016.

**Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH**