



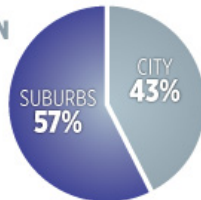
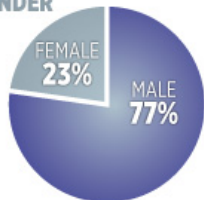
Graphic: Reversing Drug Overdoses

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Overdose Reversals by Camden County Police

Police in Camden County were the first in the region to begin carrying the overdose-reversal medication Narcan after New Jersey and then Pennsylvania lifted legal restrictions last year. **Narcan — a non-addictive medication** that works only when an overdose is caused by an opioid such as heroin or Oxycontin — is administered when someone is found unconscious and barely breathing.

Between late May and the end of the year, police throughout Camden County administered Narcan **115 times**. The vast majority of cases, including those in the city of Camden, involved suburban residents. Police reported that the medication, which works immediately by blocking the opioid receptors in the brain, reversed all but four of the overdoses. Without it, however, some victims might have been taken to emergency rooms, helped by friends, or revived on their own. It is **impossible to know** how many actually would have died.

BY LOCATION**BY GENDER**

SOURCE: Camden County Police Department

BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

AGENCY	TOTAL	AGENCY	TOTAL
Camden County	49	Voorhees	2
Gloucester Township	13	Waterford	2
Pine Hill	13	Winslow	2
Barrington	4	Audubon	1
Bellmawr	4	Berlin Borough	1
Cherry Hill	4	Clementon	1
Brooklawn	3	Hi-Nella	1
Lindenwold	3	Oaklyn	1
Magnolia	3	Pennsauken	1
Stratford	3	Runnemede	1
Mt. Ephraim	2	Somerdale	1

TOTAL 115

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