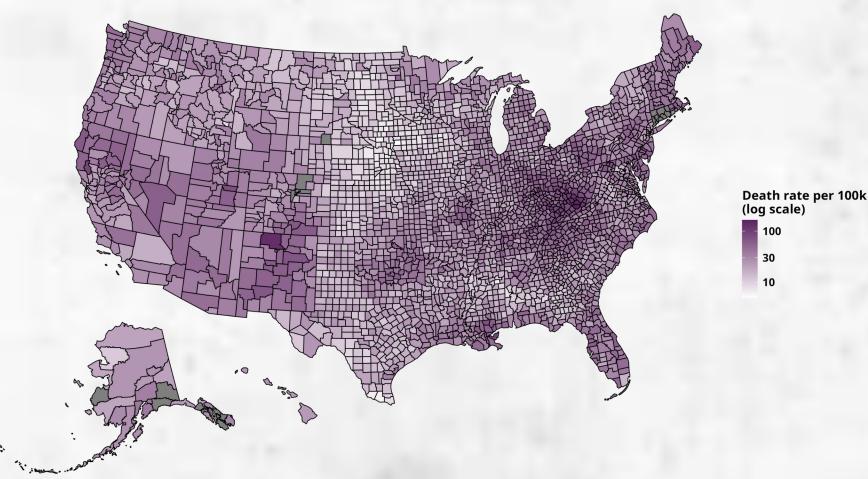


WASTED? LIKE LIFE AFTER DRUGS

THE DRUGS EPIDEMIC

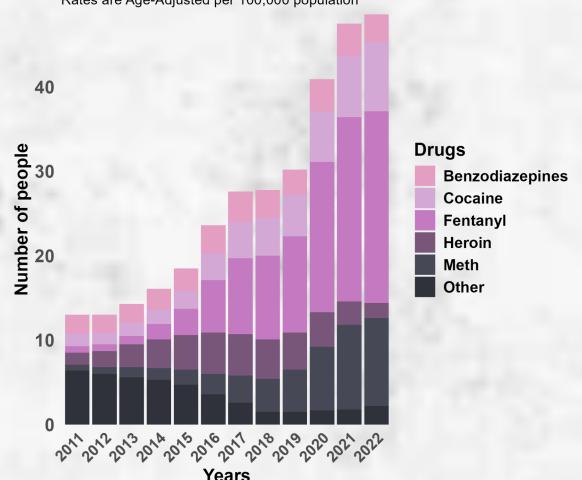
Death rate by county (2021)



"The Drugs Epidemic" is a headline that became ubiquitous in recent years. Even the U.S. government has labeled the issue of drug consumption that. As seen in the above graph, the problem is truly nationwide; overdoses were most severe in the Rio Arriba county in New Mexico and Central East and least acute in the centre.

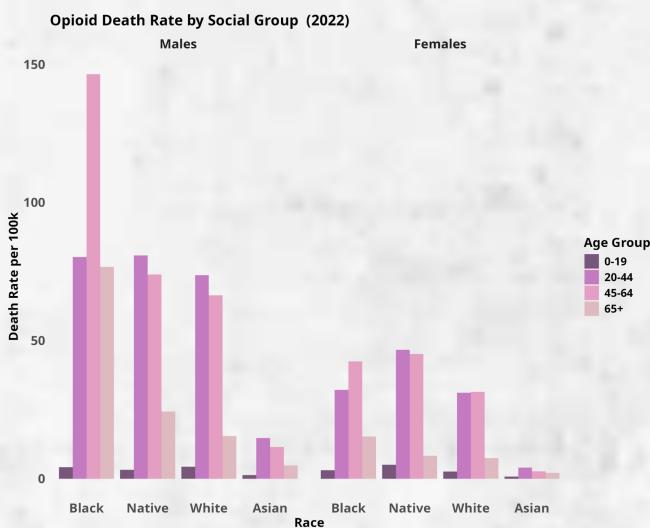
WHO KILLS THE MOST?

Rate of National Drug Overdose Deaths
Rates are Age-Adjusted per 100,000 population



Fentanyl - that is a name that took the world by storm. As seen, in the early 2010's, its usage was scarce; nevertheless, it swiftly became the No. 1 killer amongst drugs - accounting for almost half of the overdoses. Moreover, the total number of drug-related poisoning deaths steadily grows year by year.

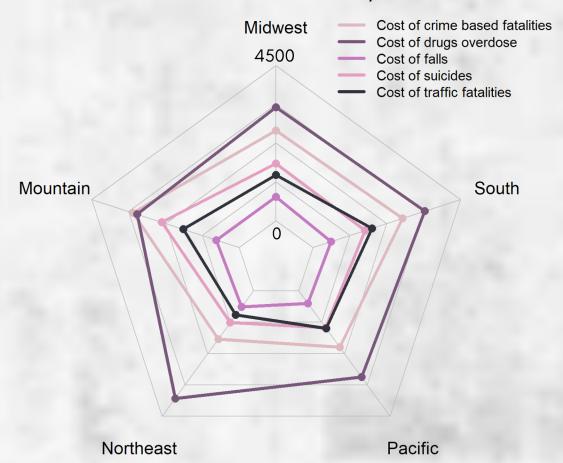
MOST DEADLY AMONGST WHO?



Knowing that opioids, including fentanyl, are the most socially-detrimental drug group, we should inquire: who is the most affected? Men, especially black middle-aged men, die disproportionately from drug overdoses compared to women. Young adults and middle-aged persons abuse drugs in higher rates than their counterparts. Among all races, drug use is least common with the Asians and most common with the Blacks.

MONEY DOWN THE PIPE

Costs of fatalities per capita in USD by region (2022)
Each level increases by \$1125



The dire social effects of drugs are undeniable, but what about the economic downsides? As presented, regardless of the region, drug-related deaths account for more government funds than falls, traffic fatalities and suicides. In all regions, except the Mountains, drugs also cost the taxpayers more than crime-related fatalities; whereas, in the Mountains the costs of both are similar.

