

Opioid Epidemic in Pierce County

Oral Health Symposium
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Agenda

- Why should we care?
- What are the facts?
- What does the data say?
- What is public health doing?
- What is Pierce County doing?
- What can you do?

Why should we care?



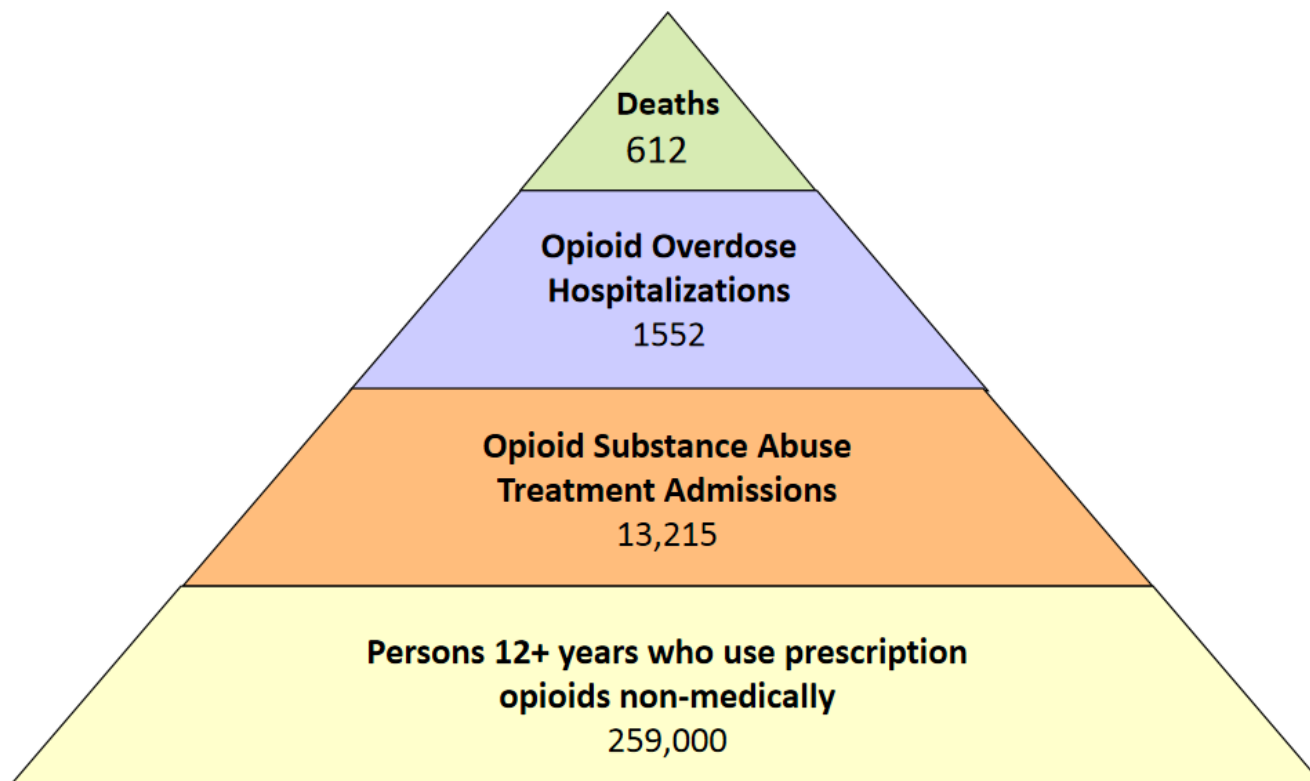
What are the facts?

- Drug overdose is leading cause of accidental deaths nationally, with 52,404 in 2015.
- Opioid addiction drives the epidemic:
 - 20,101 prescription pain reliever deaths.
 - 12,990 heroin deaths.
- State: 700 opioid related overdose deaths in 2016, similar to 2014 and 2015.
- Pierce County: From 2004 to 2014, 704 opioid-related deaths.

Opioid overdose death rates by county residence, 2012-2016

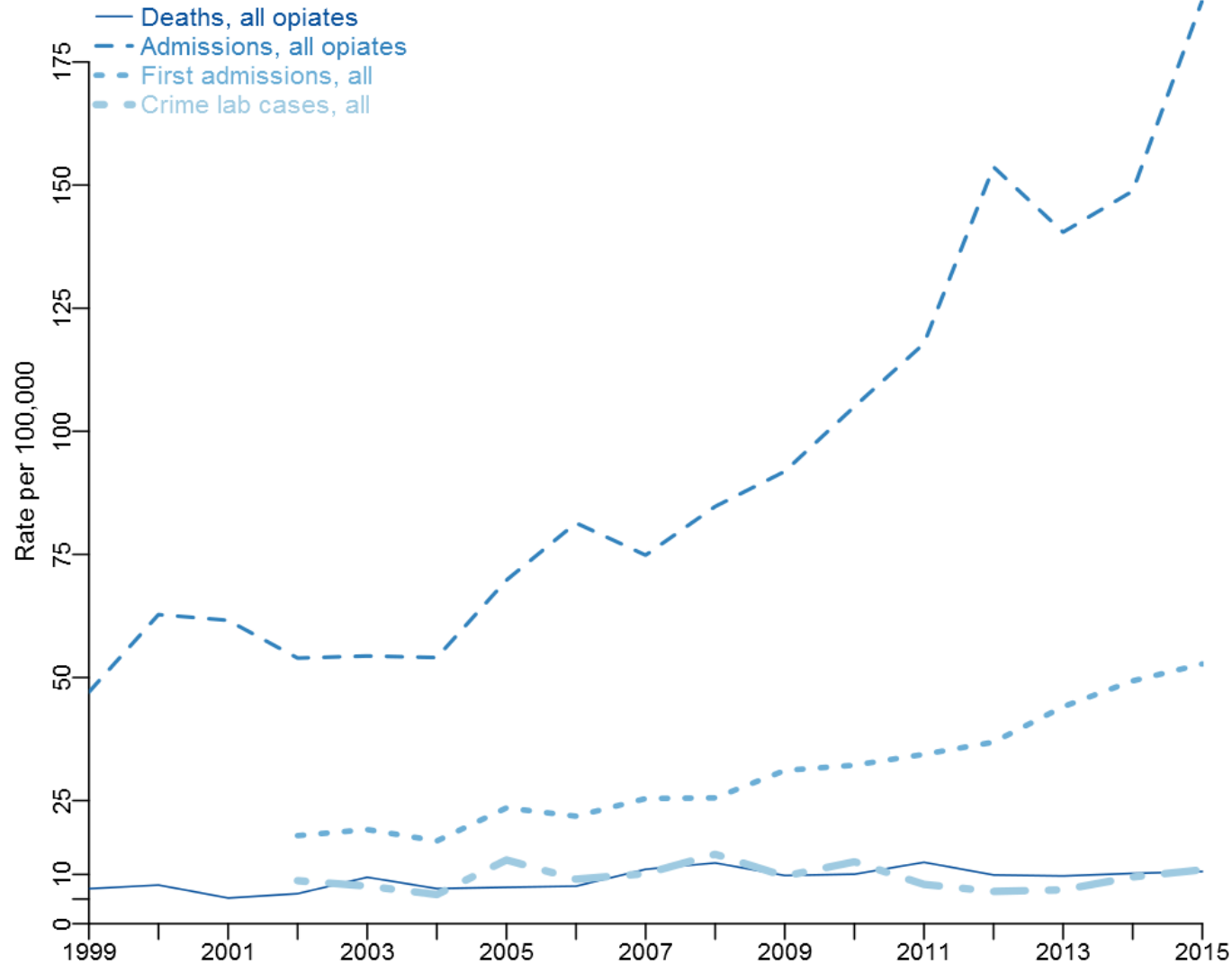
County	Number of Deaths	Rate per 100,000 population
Clallam	54	16.5
Snohomish	488	12.4
Pierce	423	9.9
King	995	9
Kitsap	104	7.8
Thurston	106	7.7
WA State	3,467	9.6

Opioid-related disease burden in Washington



1. Opioids involved in an unintentional overdose death listed as underlying cause of death. Washington State death certificate data, 2014.
2. Washington Hospital Discharge Data, Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) and Oregon State Hospital Discharge Data , 2014.
3. Treatment and Assessment Report Generation Tool, 2014
4. National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013-2014

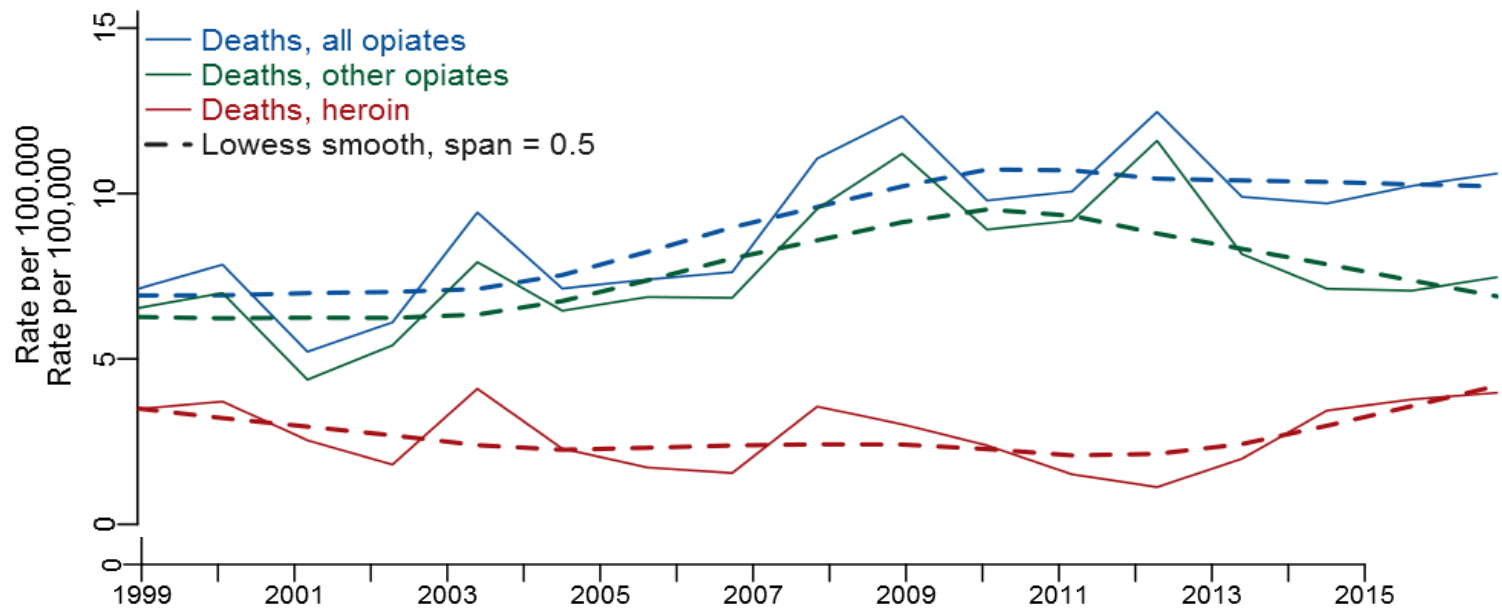
Pierce County opioid data trends



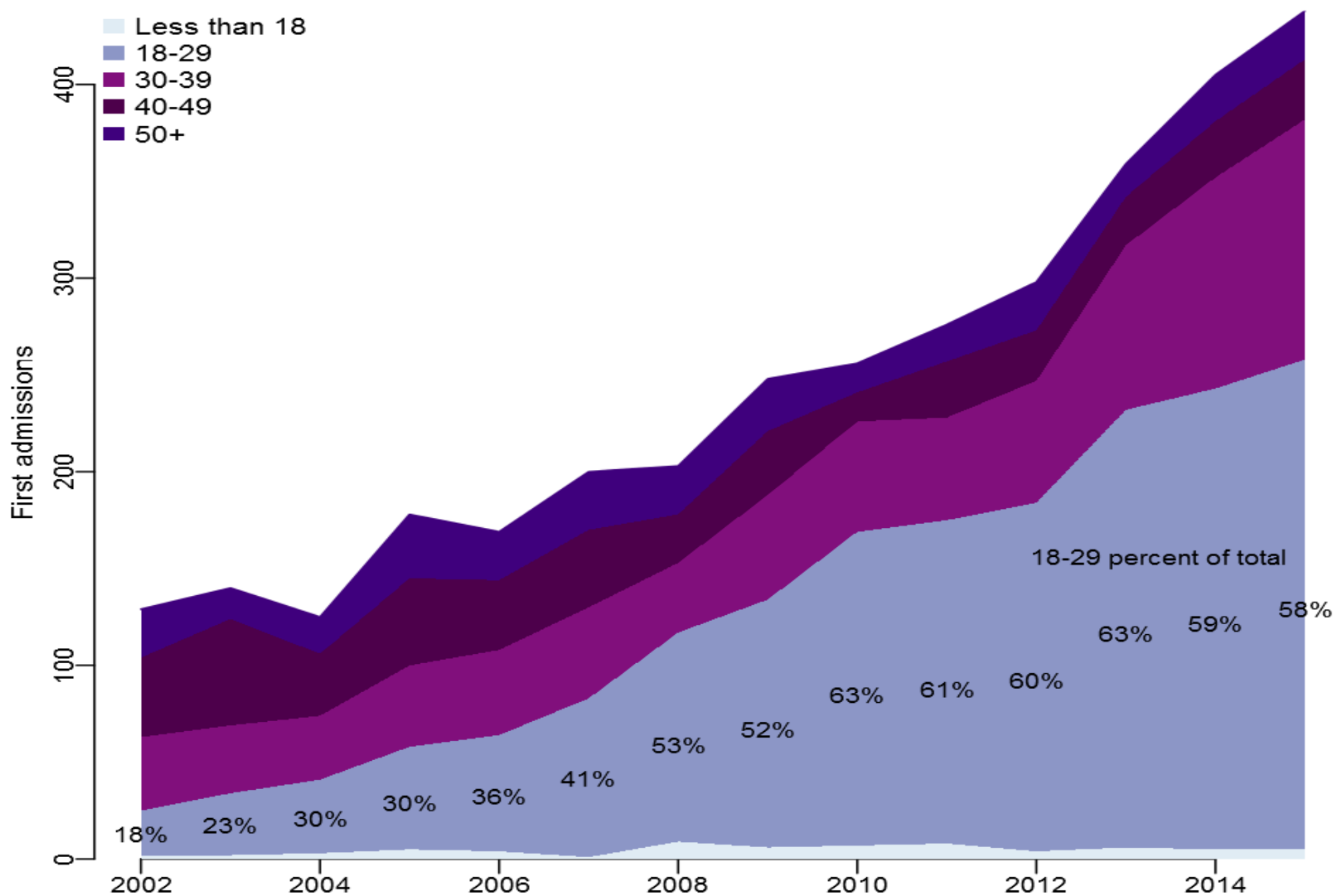
Pierce County opioid death, treatment admission, and crime lab case rates.

Prescription-type opioids and heroin death

Police evidence trends




First time treatment admissions



2016 Healthy Youth Survey:

Lifetime use of heroin or painkillers “to get high”

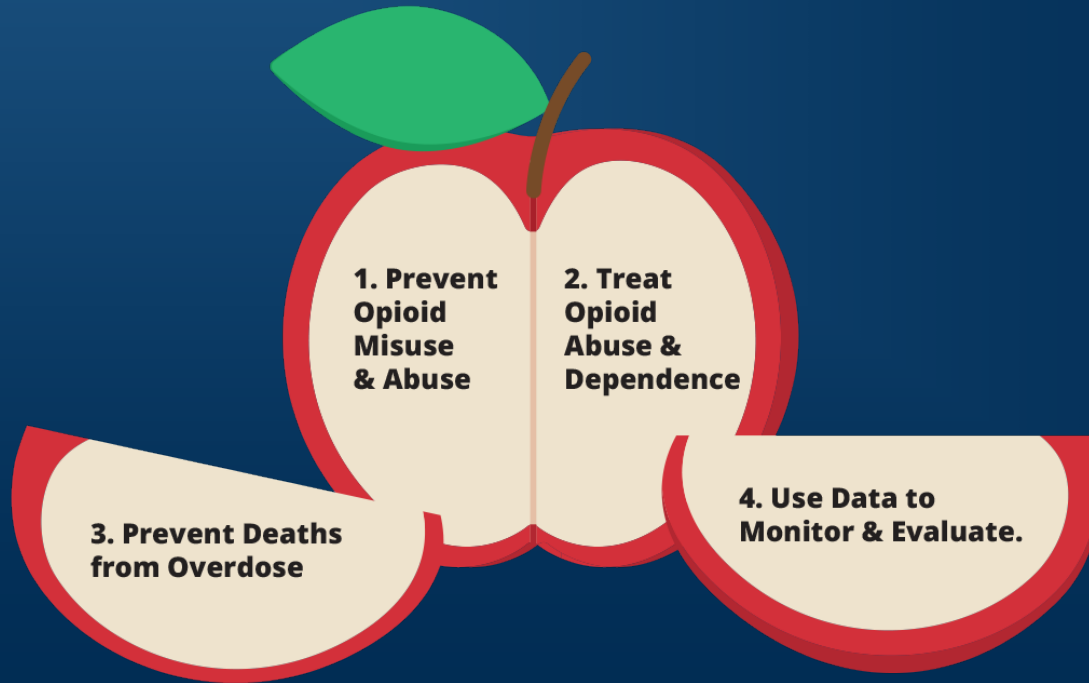
- **96% of Pierce County 10th graders report using neither.**
 - **4% report current painkiller only.**
 - **3.5% have tried heroin.**
 - **1 in 3 students who report painkiller use in past month report having ever used heroin.**
 - **In 2014 it was 1 in 5 students reporting painkiller use.**
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What is Public Health doing?

- **Reduction of infectious disease.**
 - Needle exchange.
 - HIV/Hepatitis C testing.
- **Getting people in treatment.**
 - Methadone Treatment Program.
- **Medication disposal system.**
 - Safe and convenient disposal of unused drugs.
- **Education & Prevention.**
 - Youth tobacco, e-cigarette, alcohol and marijuana.
 - Infectious disease trends and surveillance.
 - Support Naloxone distribution.

What is Pierce County doing?

- Supporting Washington State Interagency Opioid Plan.



What is Pierce County doing ?

Pierce County Accountable Community of Health (PCACH).

- **PCACH one of nine Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) in Washington.**
 - Efforts to improve health care, lower costs and align payments systems to support patient-centered practices.
 - Leverage local resources and partnerships.
- **Four projects:**
 - Bi-Directional Integration.
 - Community-based Care Coordination.
 - Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.
 - Addressing the Opioid Use Crisis.

What is Pierce County doing ?

Pierce County Opioid Task Force Efforts.

- **County and City officials take lead in local efforts.**
 - Set tone in local conversation on opioids.
 - Foster regional cooperation.
 - Educate and advocate to state and federal partners.
 - Convene community leadership.
- **2018 Pierce County Opioid Summit—Feb. 2, 2018**

What can you do.

- **Decrease Stigma.**
- **If you or some one you know needs treatment
Get Treatment.**
- **Advocate for local and state policies and resources to
support education and treatment.**
- **Safely dispose unused drugs.**
- **Lock up your prescription pain medications.**
- **Stay informed-www.tpchd.org & www.stopoverdose.org**

Questions?

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