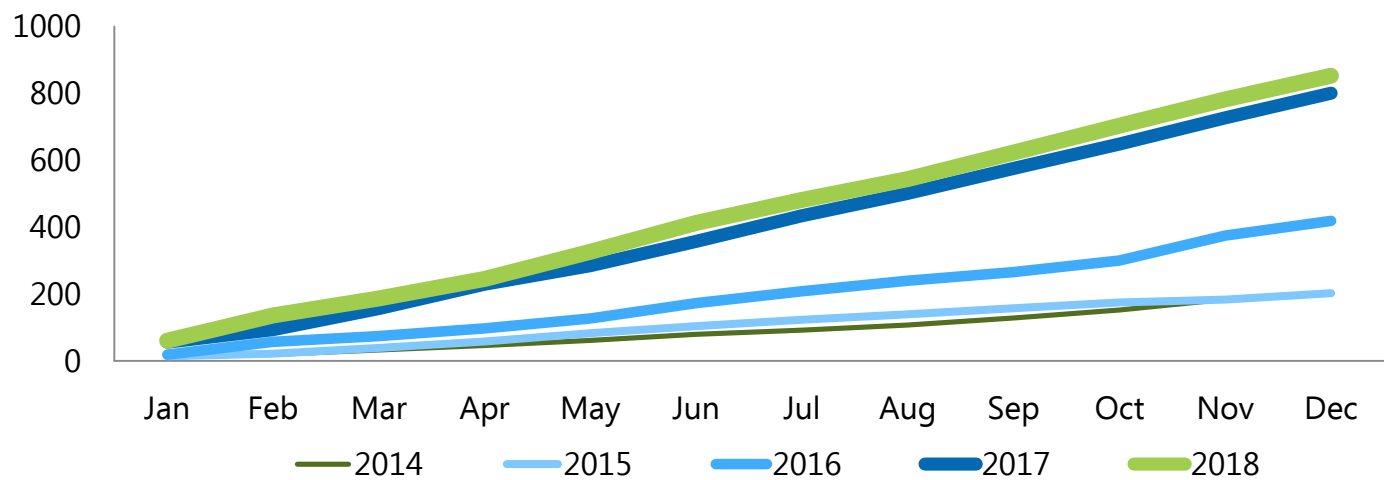


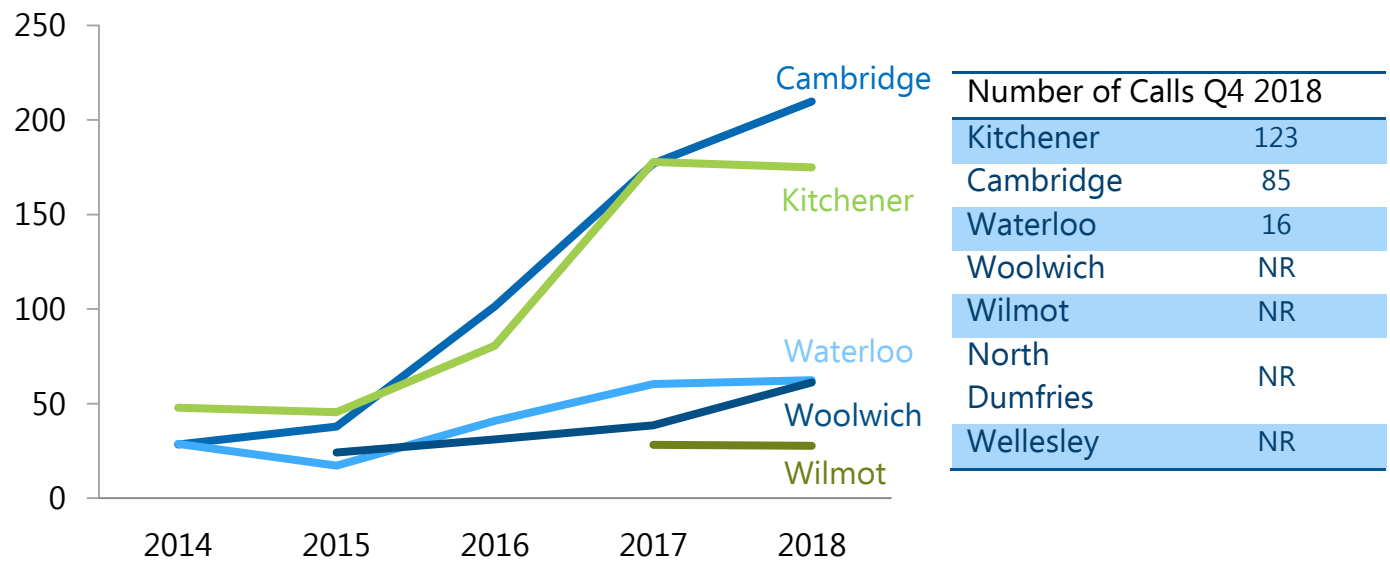
The opioid crisis is a national, provincial and local issue. The burden of opioid use is felt throughout our community, by its residents, first responders and service providers. In Waterloo Region, local statistics on opioid overdose highlight the severity of the issue.

Opioid Overdose Paramedic Service Calls

Calls by Month and Year in Waterloo Region (2014-2018)

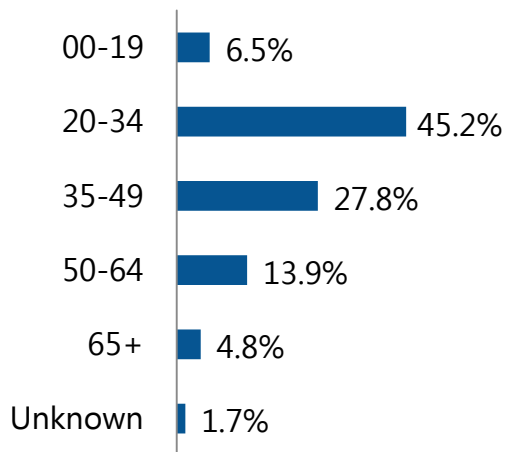


Calls and Rates (per 100,000) by Municipality (2014-2018, Q4 2018)*

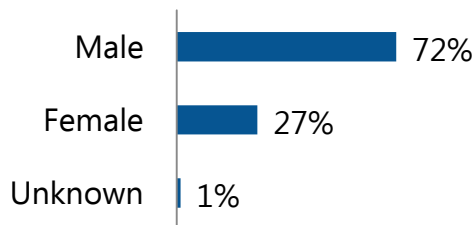


* Rates of paramedic services opioid overdose calls based on numbers 5 or less have been suppressed for privacy and confidentiality reasons (rates for all years for Wellesley and North Dumfries are suppressed).

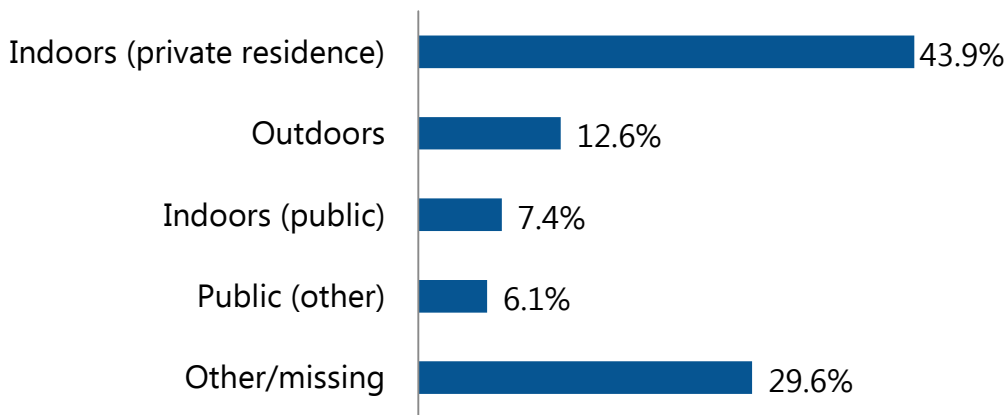
Proportion of Calls by Age Group (Q4 2018)



Proportion of Calls by Sex (Q4 2018)

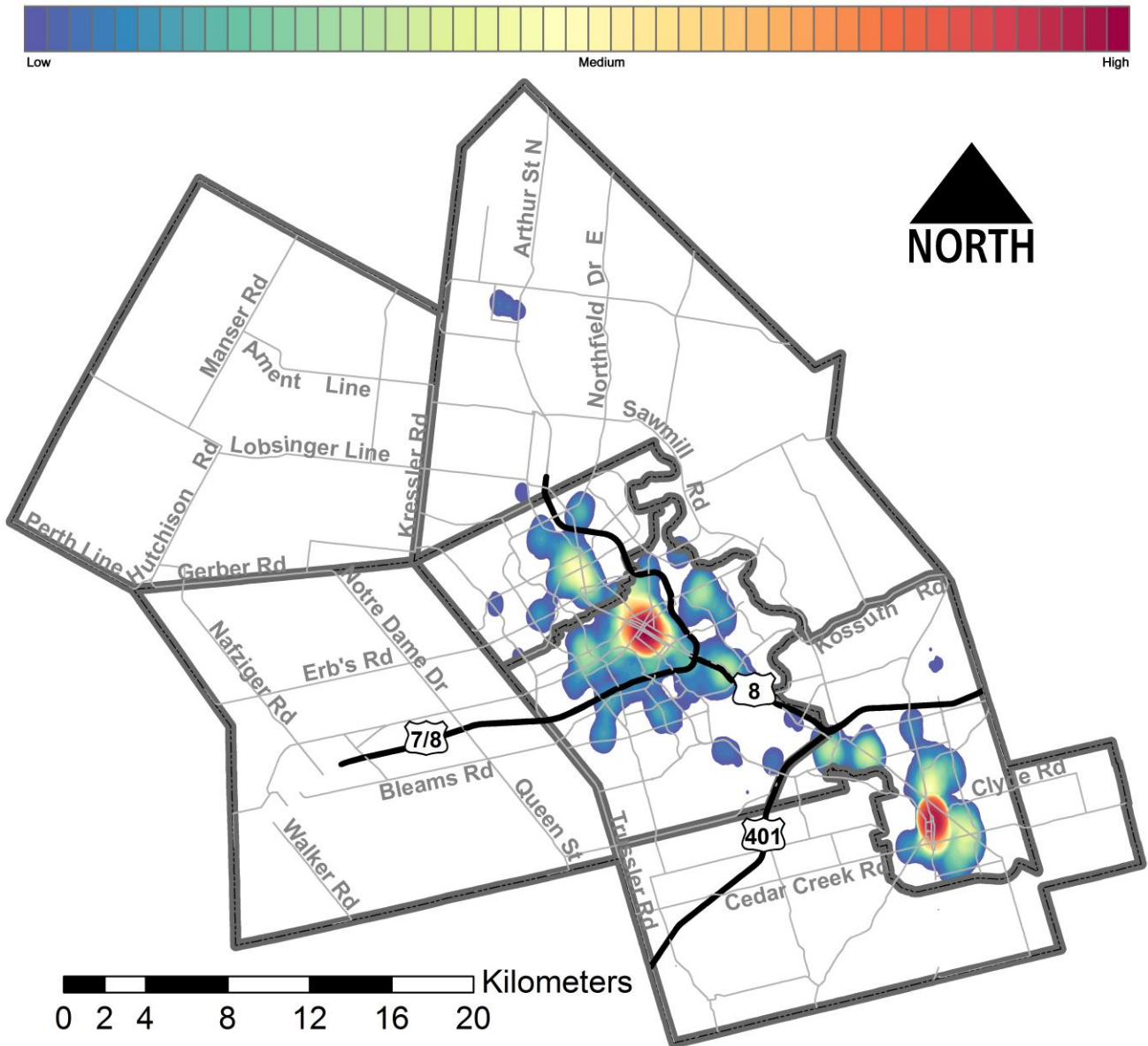


Proportion of Calls by Location Type (Q4 2018)

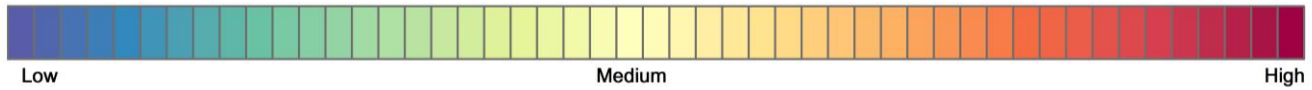


*Indoors (private residence) includes apartments, houses, condos, townhouses, farms; indoors (public) includes airports, restaurants, commercial/retail buildings, recreational buildings and other public buildings; indoors (other) includes hotels, correctional facilities, schools/colleges/universities, nursing homes and retirement homes. Note that a large percentage of location types are missing or not specified and the information should be interpreted with caution. Shelters are not identified as a specific location in Paramedic Services data and are therefore captured in the missing/other category.

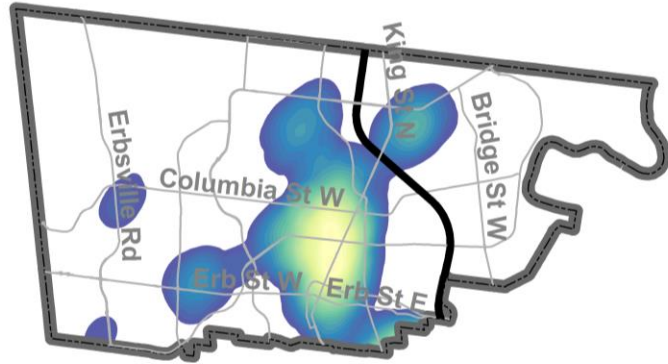
Heat Map of Total Number of Opioid Overdose Calls (January – December, 2018)



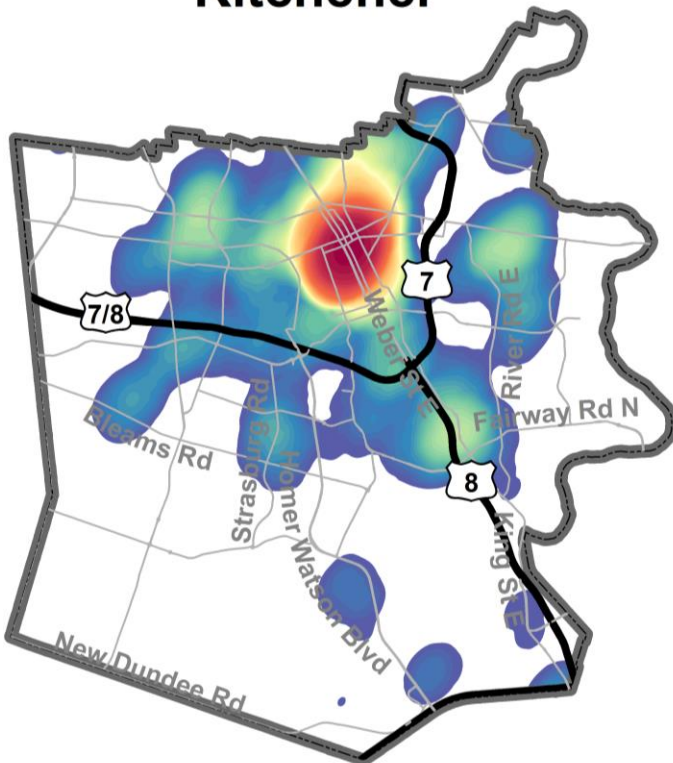
Heat Map of Total Number of Opioid Overdose Calls (January – December, 2018) in the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener, and Waterloo



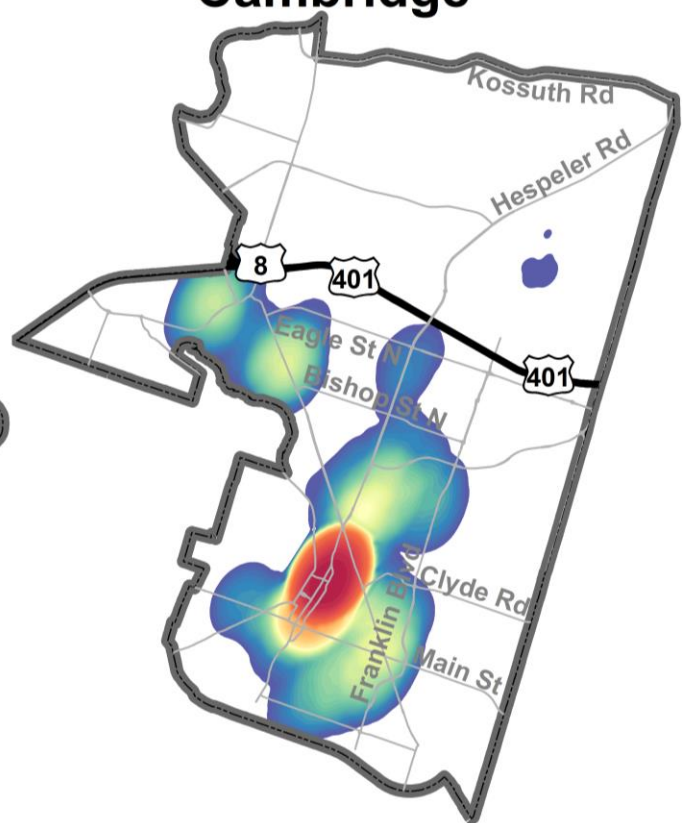
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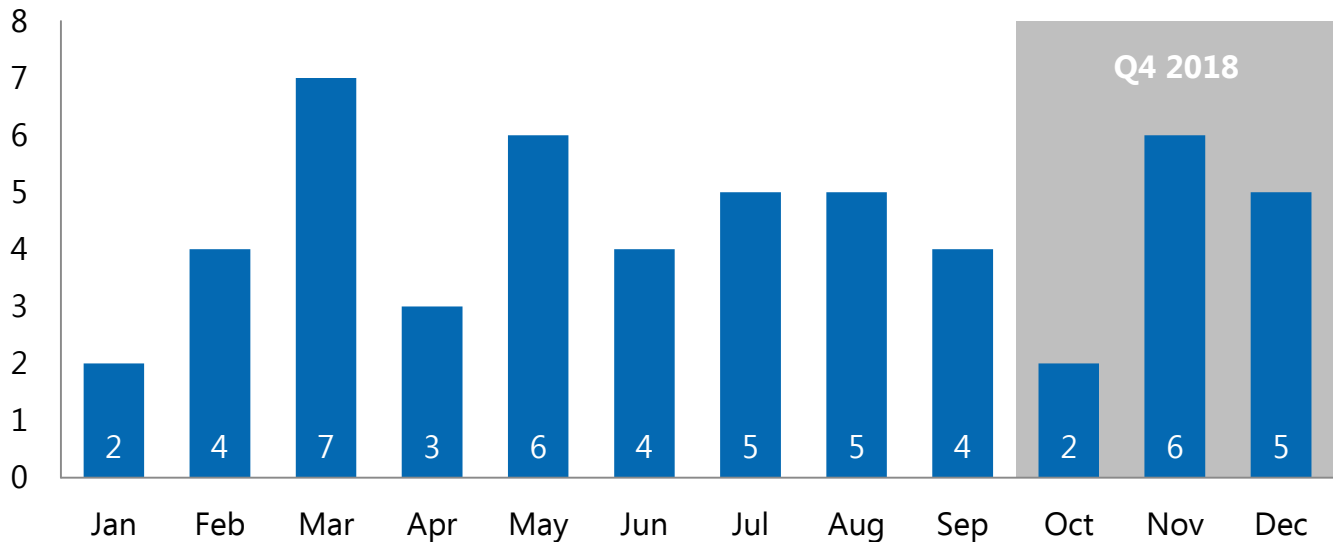
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Opioid Overdose Deaths

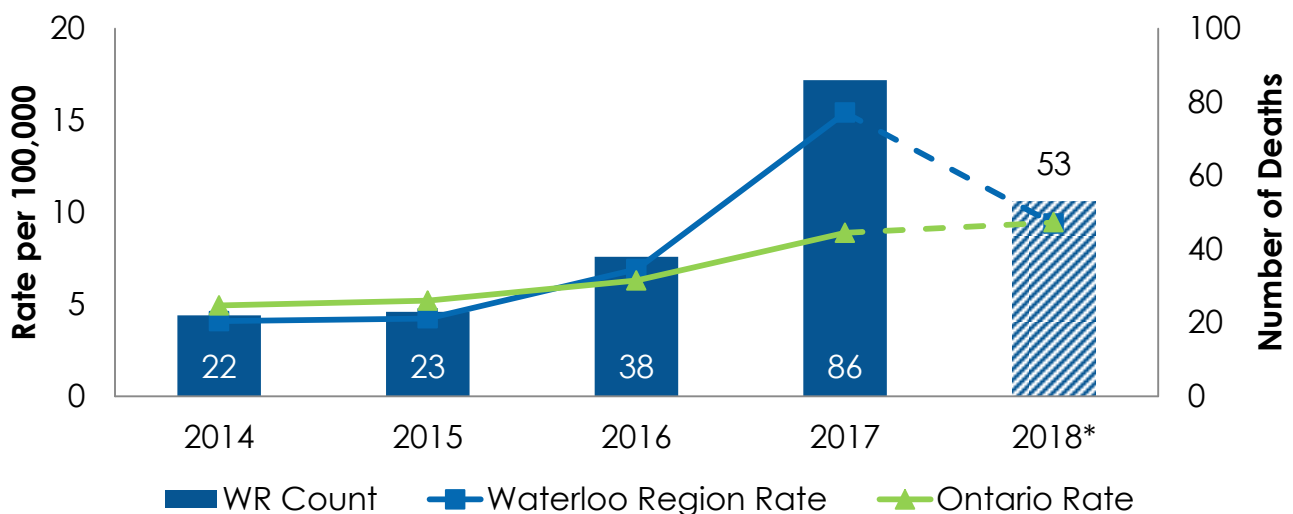
This section includes data on counts and rates of unintentional overdose deaths in Waterloo Region. Due to the delay in death data being released from the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario, suspected overdose deaths from the Waterloo Region Police Services are presented for the most recent year to provide more timely data.

Suspected Overdose Deaths (2018) – Waterloo Region Police Services*



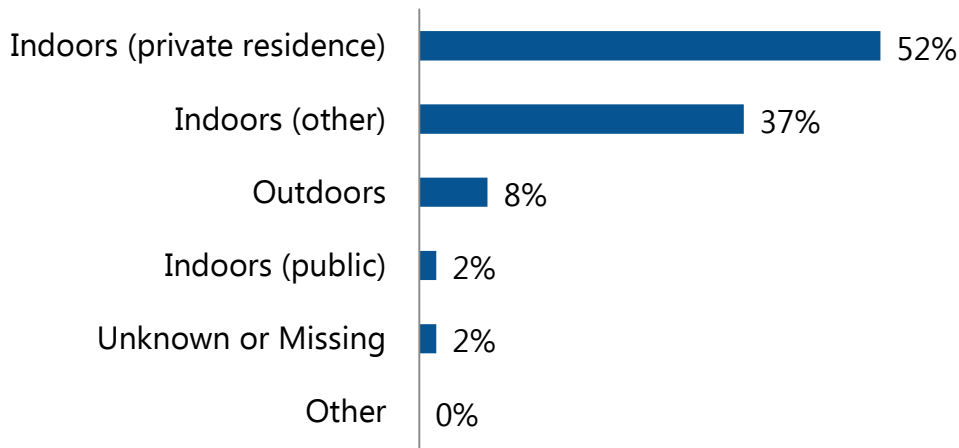
*WRPS overdose deaths are suspected and not confirmed by the Office of the Chief Coroner; counts represent all drug overdoses and are not limited to opioids.

Confirmed Death Rate, Waterloo Region and Ontario (2014-2018) – Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario*



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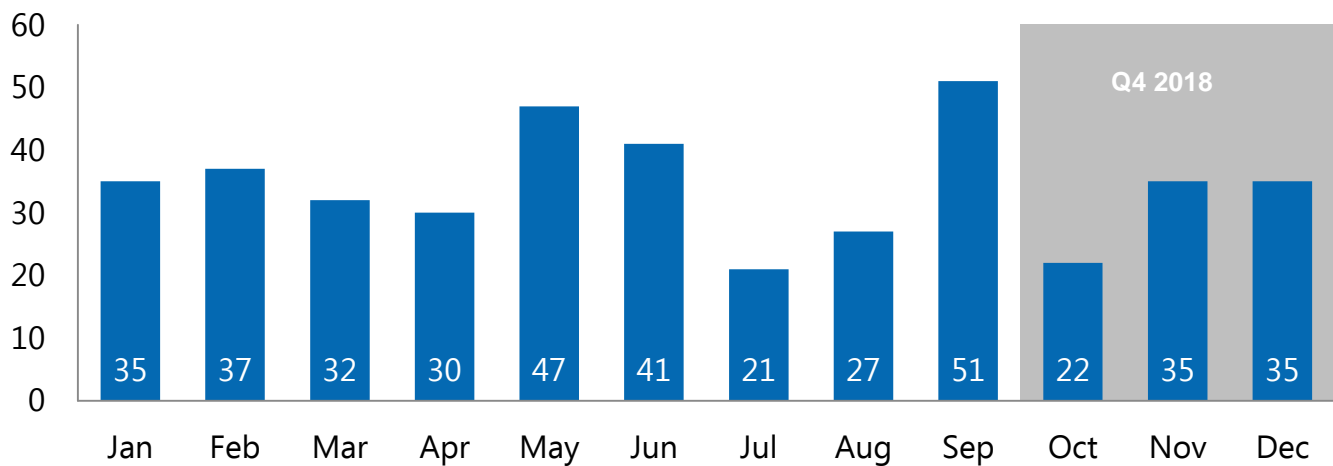
Confirmed Opioid Deaths by Location of Death*, Q1-Q4 2018 – Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario



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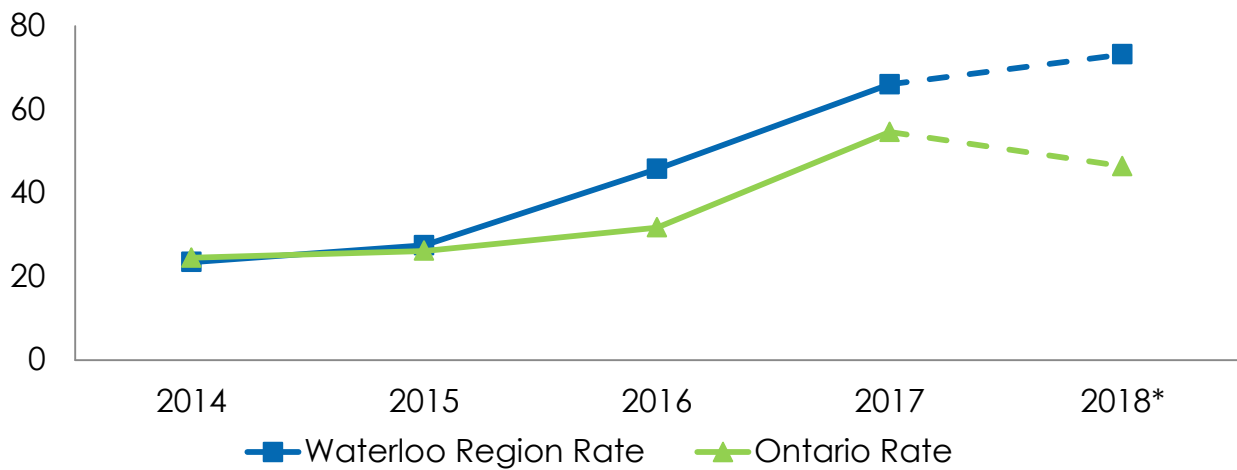
Opioid-Related Emergency Department Visits

Count of Emergency Department Visits in Waterloo Region (2018)*



*Emergency Department visit data comes from the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS). Data for October to December, 2018 is preliminary and subject to change.

Rate of Emergency Department Visits (per 100,000) Waterloo Region and Ontario (2014-2018)



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Know the signs of an opioid overdose. Signs include: soft or no breath or snoring; pinpoint pupils; blue lips, nails or skin; cold and clammy skin; limp body; no response to shouting

Carry naloxone and don't use alone

An overdose is a medical emergency. Call 911 and wait for help.

For information about harm reduction and treatment services and supports, visit

www.waterlooregiondrugstrategy.ca