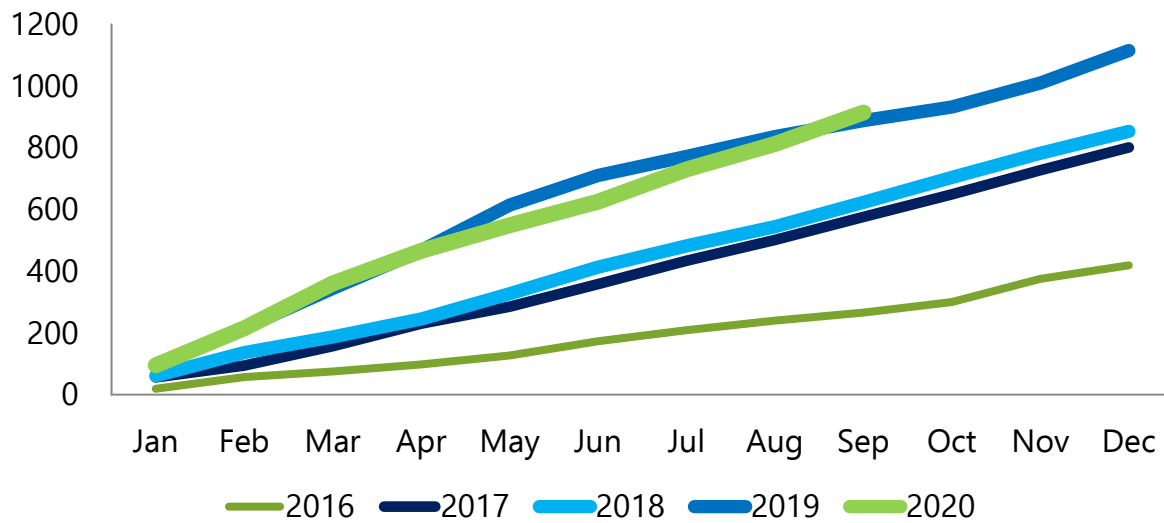


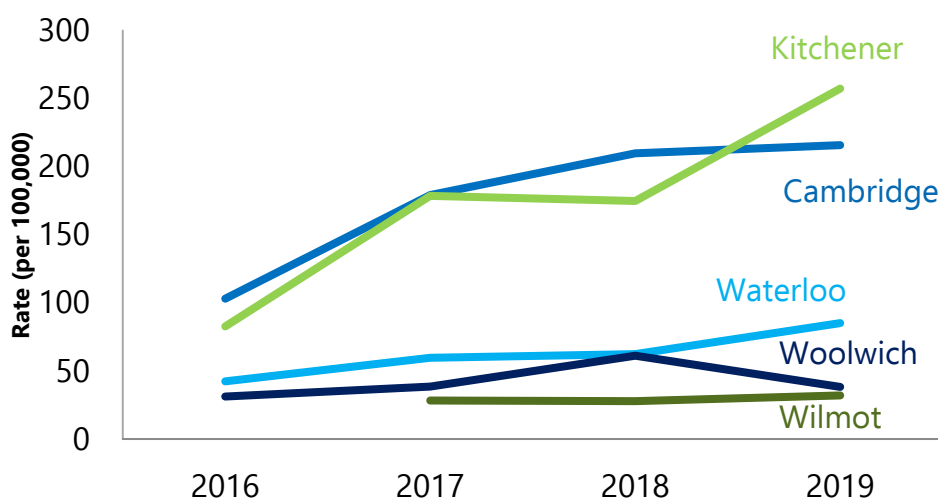
The opioid crisis is a national, provincial and local issue. The burden of opioid use is felt throughout our community, by its residents, first responders and service providers. In Waterloo Region, local statistics on opioid overdose highlight the severity of the issue.

## Opioid Overdose Paramedic Service Calls

Calls by Month and Year (January 2016 - September 2020)



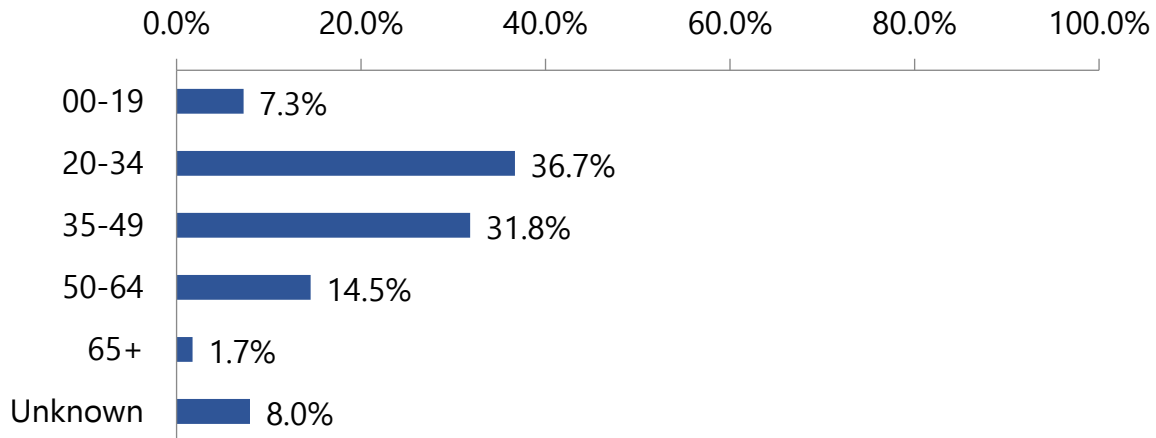
Calls and Rates (per 100,000) by Municipality (2016-2019)\*



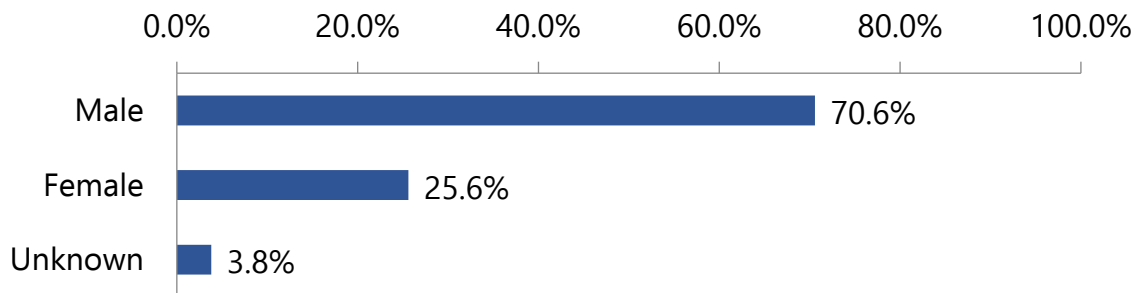
Number of Calls Jan-Sep 2020	
Kitchener	486
Cambridge	300
Waterloo	89
Woolwich	19
Wilmot	9
North	NR
Dumfries	
Wellesley	NR

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

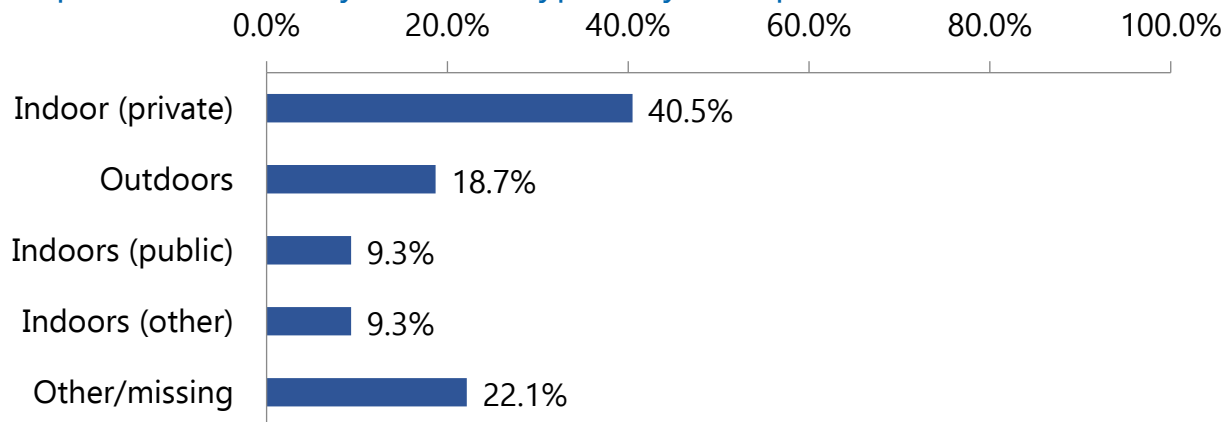
### Proportion of Calls by Age Group (July to September 2020)



### Proportion of Calls by Sex (July to September 2020)

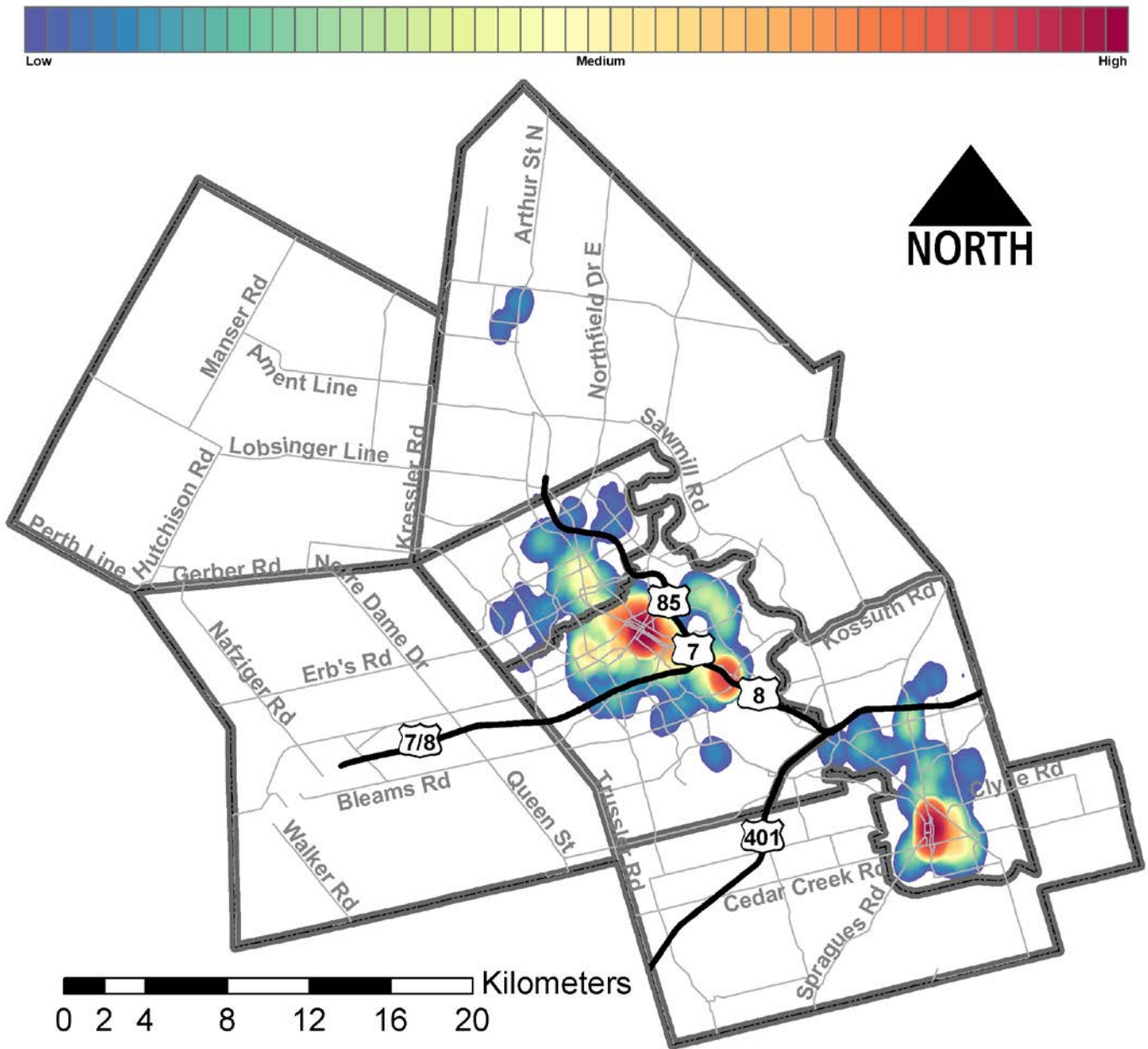


### Proportion of Calls by Location Type (July to September 2020)

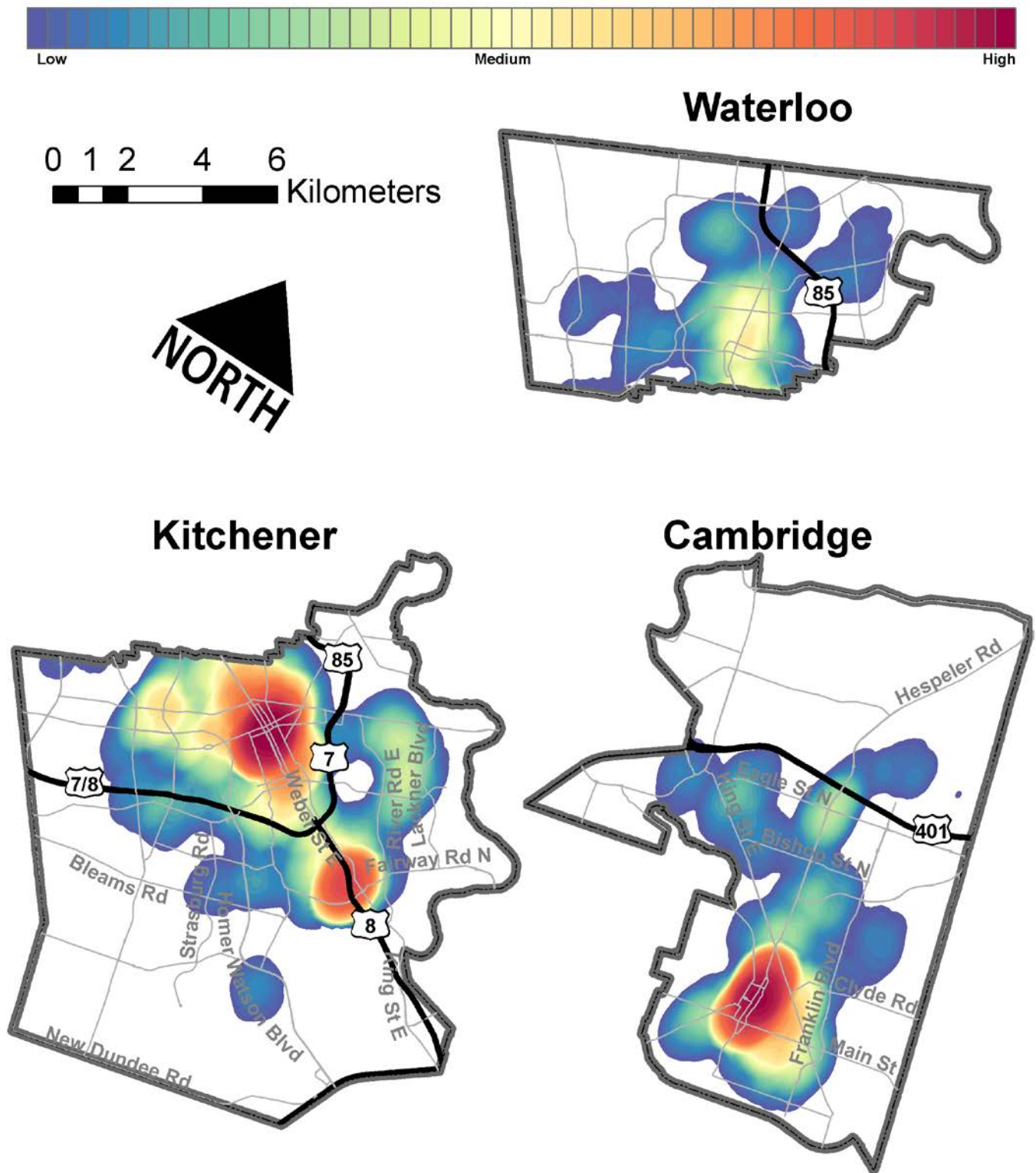


\*Indoors (private residence) includes apartments, houses, condos, townhouses; indoors (public) includes airports, restaurants, commercial/retail buildings, recreational buildings and other public buildings; indoors (other) includes hotels, hospitals, correctional facilities, schools/colleges/universities, 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 (Oct 2019 – Sept 2020)



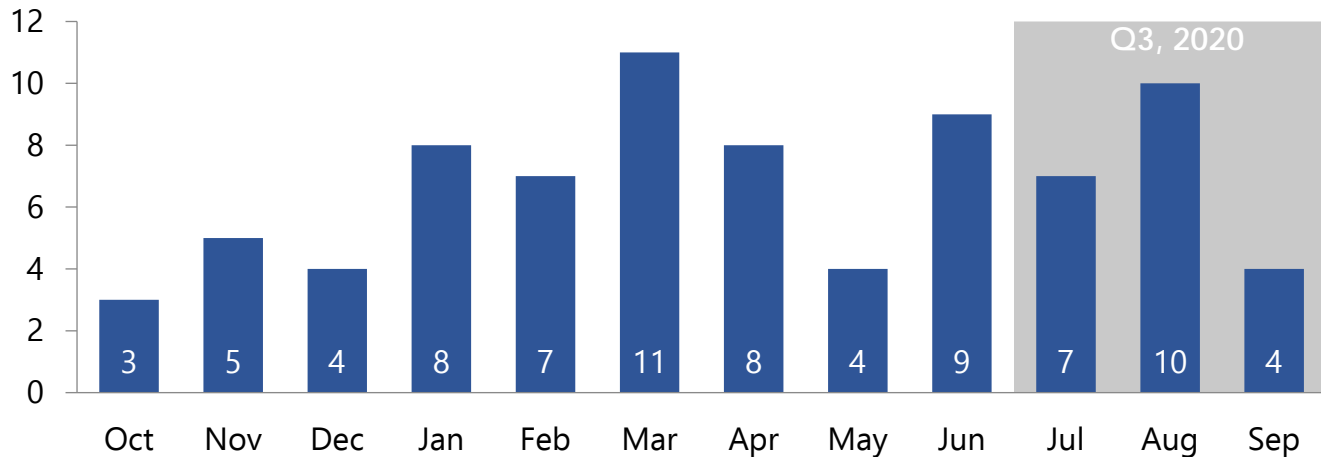
### Heat Map of Total Number of Opioid Overdose Calls (Oct 2019 – Sept 2020) for the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener, and Waterloo



## Opioid Overdose Deaths

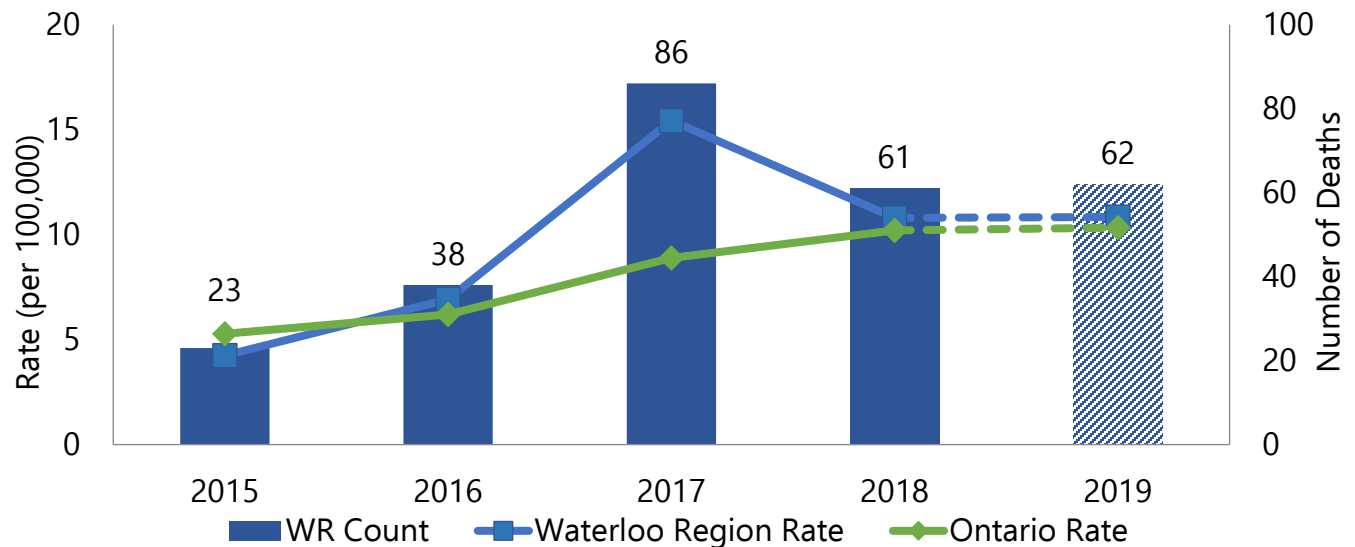
This section includes data on counts and rates of unintentional overdose deaths in Waterloo Region. Due to the delay in death data being released from the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario, suspected overdose deaths from the Waterloo Region Police Services are presented to provide more timely data.

### Suspected Overdose Deaths (October 2019 – September 2020) – Waterloo Region Police Services\*



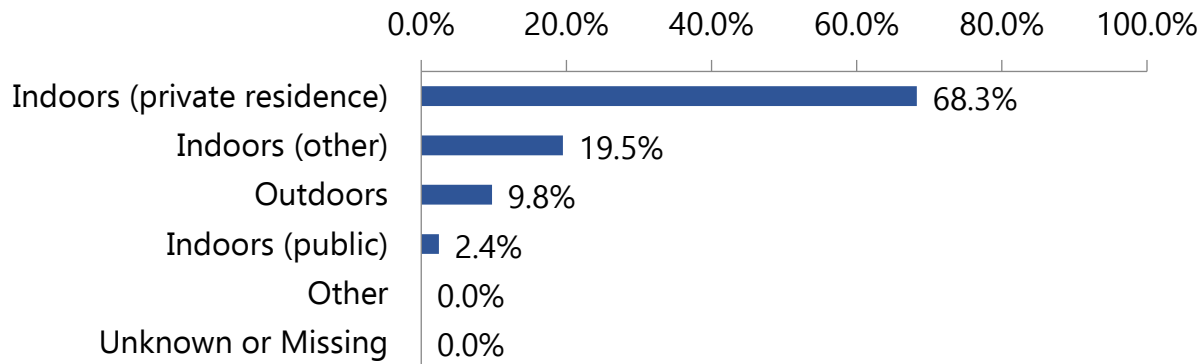
\*WRPS overdose deaths are suspected and not confirmed by the Office of the Chief Coroner; counts represent all drug overdoses and are not limited to opioids.

### Confirmed Death Rate, Waterloo Region and Ontario (2015-2019) – Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario\*



\*Confirmed death data for all of 2019 is preliminary and subject to change.

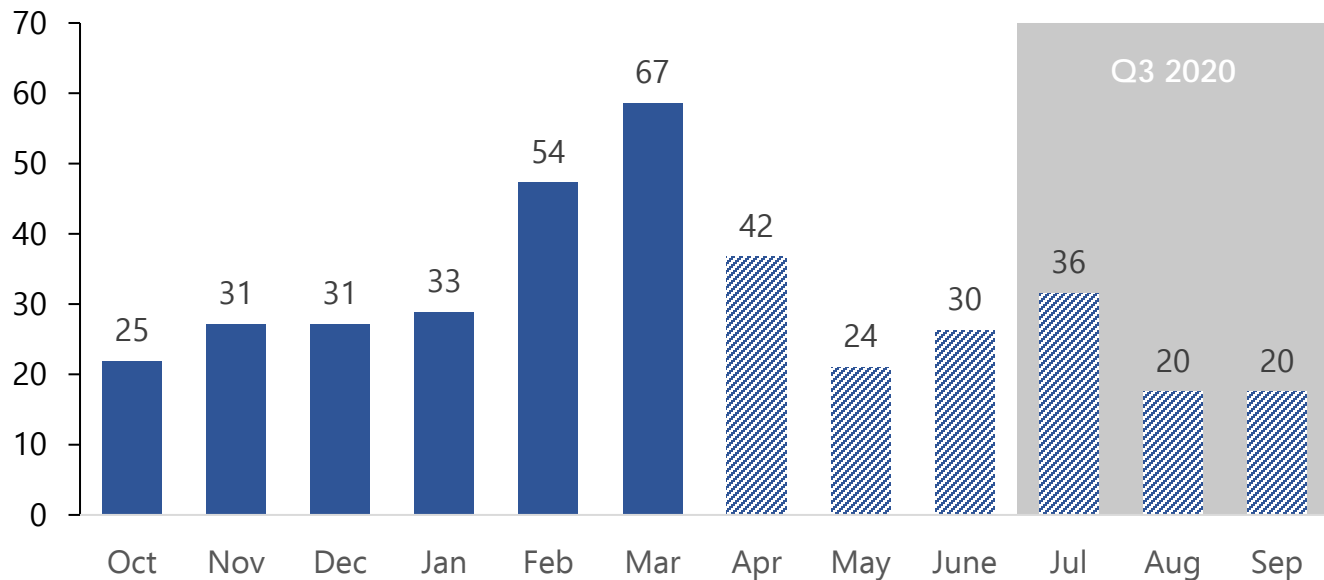
### Confirmed Opioid Deaths by Location of Death\*, January – June 2020 – Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario



\*Detailed death information from the Office of the Chief Coroner is only available for a portion of confirmed deaths and this varies from quarter to quarter. 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, hospitals, correctional facilities, schools/colleges/universities, nursing homes, retirement homes and shelters.

### Opioid-Related Emergency Department Visits

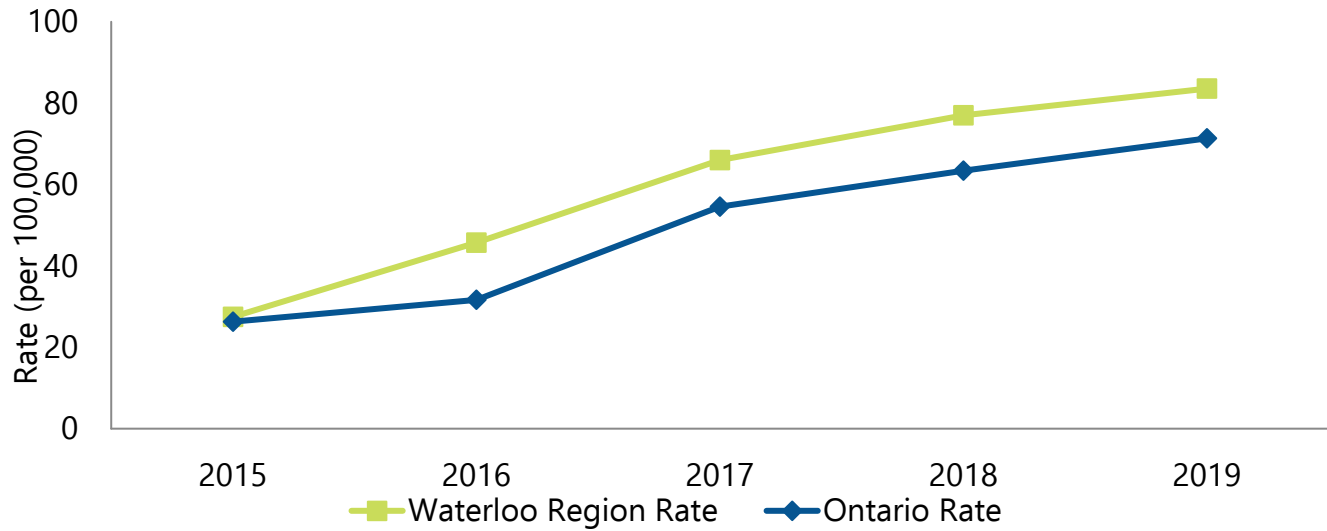
#### Count of Emergency Department Visits in Waterloo Region (October 2019 to September 2020)\*



\*Emergency Department visit data comes from the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Data for April 2020 to September 2020 is preliminary and subject to change.



## Rate of Emergency Department Visits (per 100,000), Waterloo Region and Ontario (2015-2019)



\*Emergency Department visit data comes from the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

**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](http://www.waterlooregiondrugstrategy.ca)