



Governor's 2022 Budget Recommendations: Healing Communities and Addressing the Opioid Epidemic

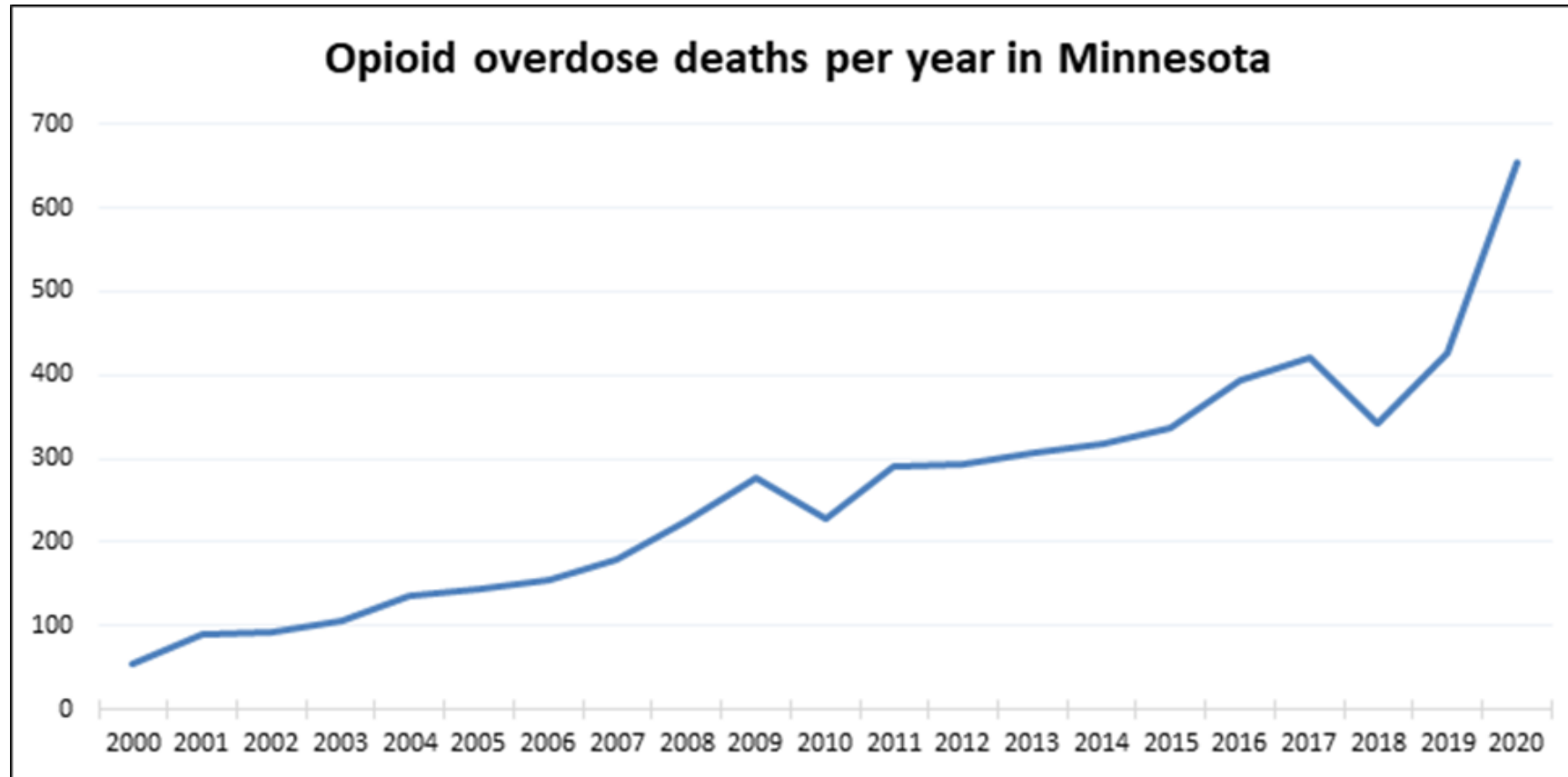
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Opioid Crisis Background

- In the late 1990s, pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that people would not become addicted to opioid pain relievers; providers began to prescribe them at greater rates.
- Increased prescriptions of opioid medications led to widespread misuse of both prescription and non-prescription opioids before it was affirmed that these medications could be highly addictive.
- In 2017, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the opiate crisis to be a public health emergency.

Opioid Deaths

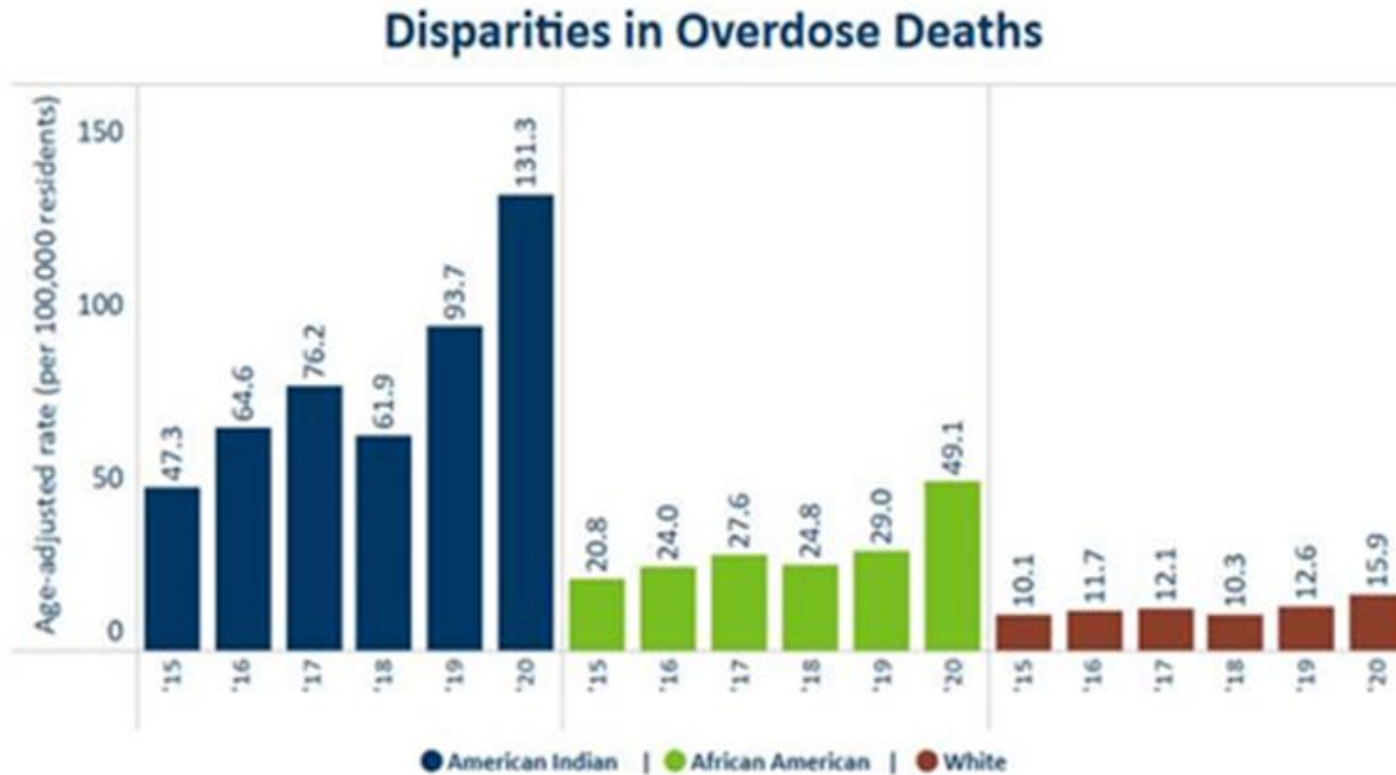


2020 Minnesota Data on Opioid Deaths

In 2020:

- 131 per 100,000 American Indians experienced opioid overdose deaths
- 49 per 100,000 African American residents experienced opioid overdose deaths
- 16 per 100,000 white residents experienced opioid overdose deaths

Minnesota Disparities in Overdose Deaths



Governor's Proposal to Address the Opioid Epidemic

- Expands membership of Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) to include a representative from each federally recognized American Indian tribe **and two members representing urban American Indian populations. 50 percent of the council must represent people who have lived experience with opiate use disorder.**
- Requires that at least 40 percent of the OERAC grants are awarded to projects that have culturally responsive components.
- Continues existing funding for traditional healing grants **and overdose prevention grants** in the base, starting in FY 2025, which are currently set to expire.
- **Establishes onetime funding for culturally responsive grants for disproportionately impacted communities to prevent and address opiate use disorder through housing, education, and aftercare.**
- Adds a reporting structure to measure how settlement dollars are used, including measuring outcomes through impact evaluations.

Thank You!

