

Stevens County Substance Use and Overdose Profile

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Drug Overdose Deaths

Stevens County Drug Overdose Death by Year

Drug overdose deaths have remained stable among Stevens County residents since 2017.

Year	Yearly Deaths
2011	0
2012	0
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
2016	2
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0

Source: Minnesota death certificates

Stevens County Overdose Death by Year

In 2021, no drugs identified below were involved in the greatest number of overdose deaths among Stevens County residents.

Substance	Number of Deaths
Opioids*	0
Benzodiazepines	0
Cocaine	0
Psychostimulants (includes meth)	0

Source: Minnesota death certificates

Note: Opioids include prescription opioids, heroin, and synthetic opioids. Overdose deaths may involve more than one drug. As a result, the number of deaths associated with each drug type

may total more than the number of overdose deaths. They also include unintentional overdoses, suicide, and homicide.

Nonfatal Overdose

Stevens County ER Visits for Nonfatal Opioid Overdose by Year

Emergency room visits for nonfatal opioid overdoses have decreased among Stevens County residents. Opioid overdoses can sometimes be reversed by administering naloxone.

Year	Number of ER Visits
2016	2
2017	1
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	1

Source: Minnesota Hospital Discharge Data

Stevens County ER Visits for Nonfatal Overdose by Opioid

Emergency room visits for nonfatal overdose among Stevens County residents have increased for opioids excluding heroin from 2020 to 2021.

Year	Opioids (excluding heroin)	Heroin	Stimulants	Cocaine
2016	2	0	0	0
2017	1	0	2	0
2018	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0
2021	1	0	0	0

Source: Minnesota Hospital Discharge Data

Note: Opioids excluding heroin includes commonly prescribed opioids and synthetic opioids.

Stevens County ER Visits for Opioid Overdose by Age Group

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In 2021, ages 55-64 years had the greatest number of ER visits for opioid-involved overdose among Stevens County residents.

Age	Number of ER Visits
1-14 years	0
15-24 years	0
25-34 years	0
35-44 years	0
45-54 years	0
55-64 years	1
65+ years	0

Source: Minnesota Hospital Discharge Data

Stevens County ER Visits for Opioid Overdose by Gender

Females had more ER visits for opioid-involved overdoses among Stevens County residents in 2021.

Gender	Percentage of ER Visits	Number of ER Visits
Males	0%	0
Females	100%	1

Source: Minnesota Hospital Discharge Data

Opioid Prescriptions Dispensed

Stevens County Number of Opioids Prescribed by Year

The total number of opioid prescriptions has been decreasing among Stevens County residents since 2016 with a slight increase in 2021.

Year	Number of Opioids Prescribed
2016	5,169
2017	4,559
2018	4,020
2019	3,511
2020	3,246
2021	3,308

Source: Minnesota Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program

Stevens County Opioid Prescription Rate by Year

In Stevens County, the opioids prescription rate has also been decreasing since 2016 and is lower than the statewide average.

Year	Minnesota Opioid Prescription Rate	Stevens County Opioid Prescription Rate
2016	615.6	528.3
2017	550.1	471.4
2018	482.0	412.2
2019	438.4	358.1
2020	397.7	332.4
2021	386.9	341.0

Source: Minnesota Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program

Note: The prescription rate is measured as the number of prescriptions dispensed based on patient county divided by the total number of people living in a county to create a rate per 1,000 people.

Stevens County Health Care Visits for Opioid Dependence

The rate of health care visits for opioid dependence among Stevens County residents has been unreported since 2016.

Year	Minnesota Health Care Visits	Stevens County Health Care Visits
2016	2.3	*
2017	2.6	*
2018	2.6	*
2019	2.4	*

Source: Minnesota Hospital Discharge Data

Note: The opioid dependence rate is measured as the number of opioid dependence visits based on patient county divided by the total number of people living in a county to create a rate per 1,000 people. Rates are only calculated for counties and years with 20 or greater visits. Missing values indicate years where the number of visits was less than 20.

Use and Misuse Among Youth

Stevens County Opioid Use by Grade Level

The percentage of students attending schools in Stevens County that in the past 12 months used prescription pain medications without a prescription or differently than how a doctor intended has increased among 8th and 9th graders.

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Year	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 11
2013	1.1%	0.0%	*
2016	1.3%	3.9%	3.9%
2019	*	3.6%	*
2022	3.0%	7.0%	3.0%

Source: Minnesota Student Survey

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Stevens County Substance Use Disorder Treatment by Year and Substance Type

Among people from Stevens County that were admitted to substance use disorder treatment anywhere in Minnesota in 2020, alcohol was the primary substance used at admission followed by methamphetamines.

Year	Alcohol	Methamphetamine	Opioids	Crack/Cocaine
2010	38	11	6	*
2011	42	5	5	*
2012	31	10	*	*
2013	32	21	*	*
2014	12	22	*	*
2015	21	13	*	*
2016	22	14	8	*
2017	16	10	*	*
2018	22	15	0	0
2019	33	16	*	0
2020	30	18	*	0

Source: Substance Use in Minnesota

Note: Opioids includes heroin and other opiates.

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