

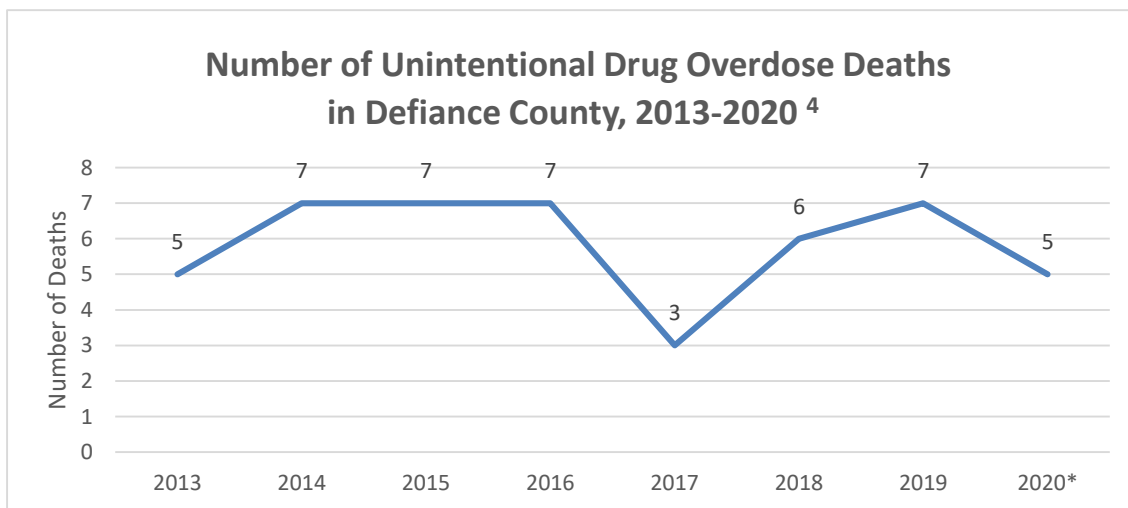
Figure 1. *The 4th quarter data in 2020 was collected using ESSENCE. Use caution when comparing data from the two different databases.

Drug Overdose Emergency Department Visits

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of the community concerning drug overdoses (OD). Figure 1 displays the estimated number of emergency department (ED) visits coded as a drug overdose from Defiance County residents. In the fourth quarter of 2020, there were 18 ED visits coded as a drug overdose. Fifty-Five percent of the drug overdose ED visits were male.

In the 4th Quarter, there were 10 EMS runs where Defiance Fire and Rescue responded and administered naloxone².

Reported drug overdoses are non-specific: any drug or multiple drugs may be involved. It is difficult to know the true number of opioid-related poisonings because some individuals refuse to be transported to an emergency department during an overdose, therefore, these data are estimates.



Between 2013-2020, the average number of unintentional drug overdose deaths was six deaths a year. In 2020, there was 1 suicide death compared to 5 deaths in 2019.

*2020 is preliminary data

Sources:

1. ED visits coded as drug overdoses are derived from data in the EpiCenter and represent only those reported in the system. These data are provisional and subject to change when additional data are reported. Overdoses are selected based on codes at diagnosis. Data reported as of 10/6/2020. 2. ESSENCE, 1/29/2021 3. Defiance Fire and Rescue 4. Ohio Department of Health data warehouse