



MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

PREVENTION • HARM REDUCTION • TREATMENT • RECOVERY • PUBLIC SAFETY



Inaugural Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council

Members

- Maryland's Office of Overdose Response
- Department of Health
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Labor
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Education
- Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Department of Juvenile Services
- Department of Emergency Management
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Aging
- Department of Disabilities
- Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy
- Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
- Office of the Public Defender
- Maryland Judiciary
- Maryland State Police

Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council

Duties

- Facilitating data sharing among member agencies.
- Identify emerging challenges related to the provision of substance use disorder services and develop recommendations to address those challenges.
- Promote equity in the provision of substance use disorder services.
- Share data related to equity among all relevant agencies.
- Coordinate the implementation of recommendations of Maryland's Commission on Health Equity related to overdose mortality and the Racial Disparities in Overdose Taskforce.
- Submit a report to the Governor annually by November 1.

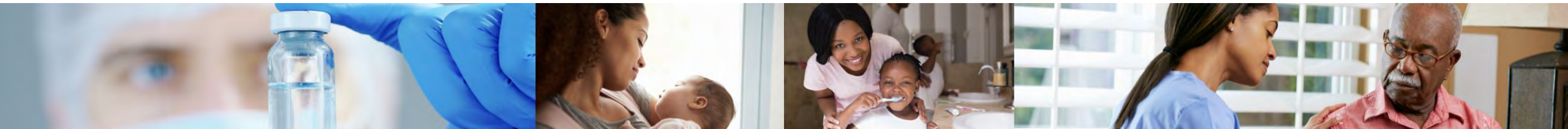


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Overdose Trends in Maryland

Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller

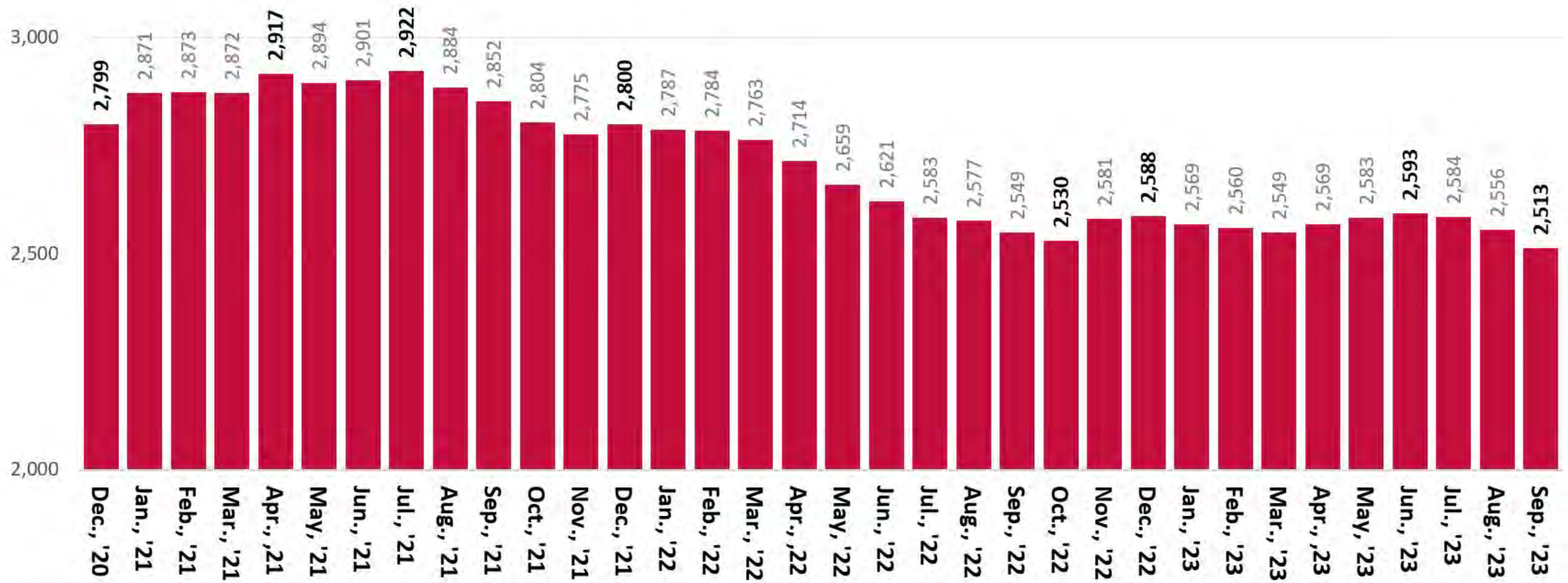
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Overdose Trends

Fatal Overdoses – All Substances

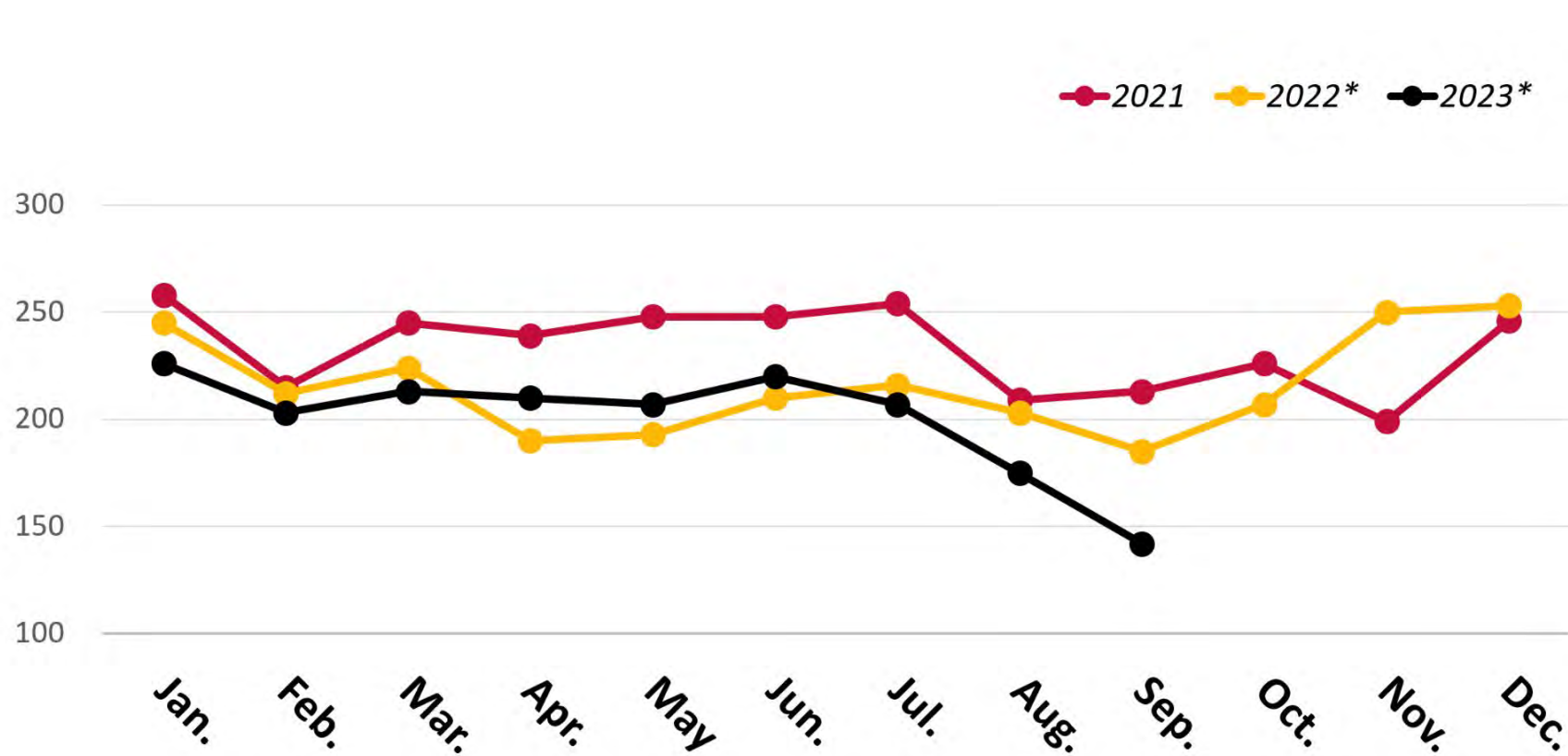
Rolling 12-Months



12 Months Ending in...

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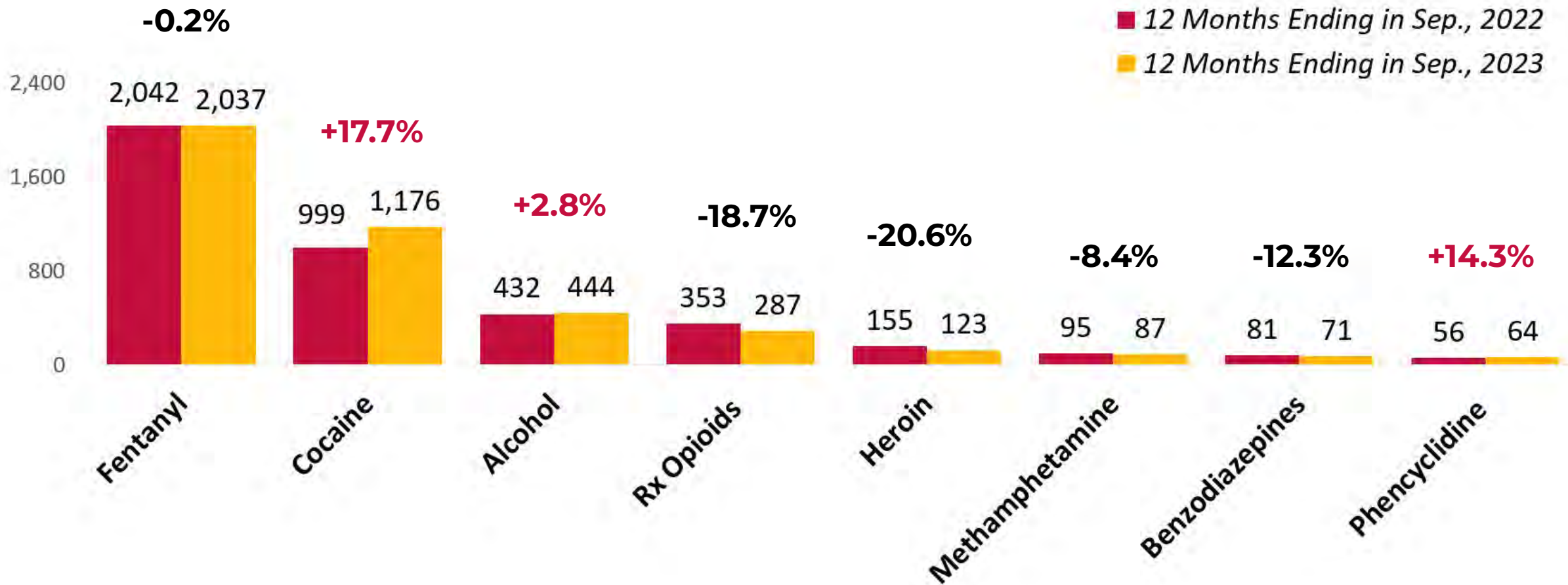
By Month (2021 – 2023)



Month	2021	2022*	2023*
Jan.	258	245	226
Feb.	215	212	203
Mar.	245	224	213
Apr.	239	190	210
May	248	193	207
Jun.	248	210	220
Jul.	254	216	207
Aug.	209	203	175
Sep.	213	185	142
Oct.	226	207	—
Nov.	199	250	—
Dec.	246	253	—

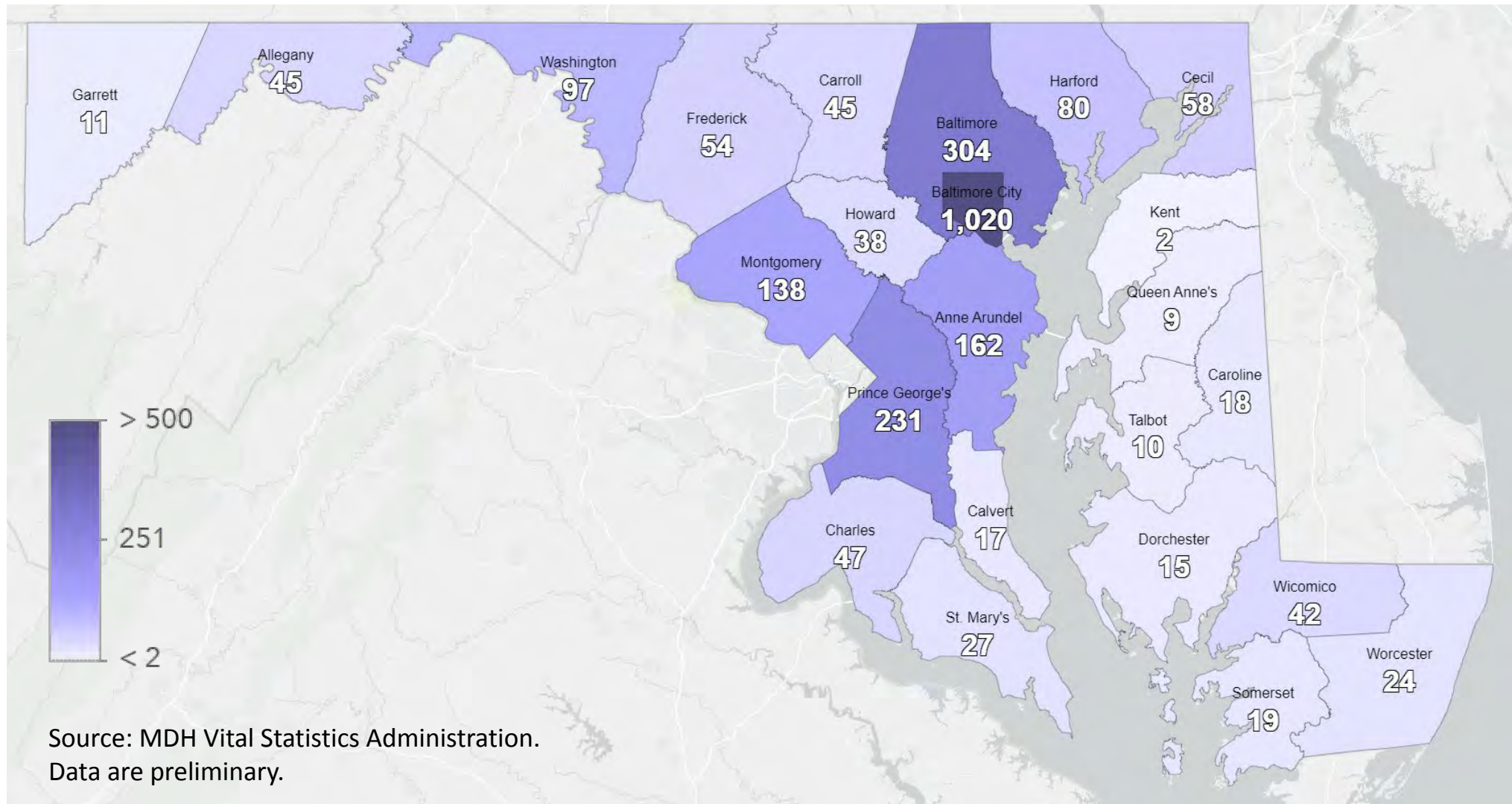
Fatal Overdoses by Substance

12 Months Ending in September (2022 vs. 2023)



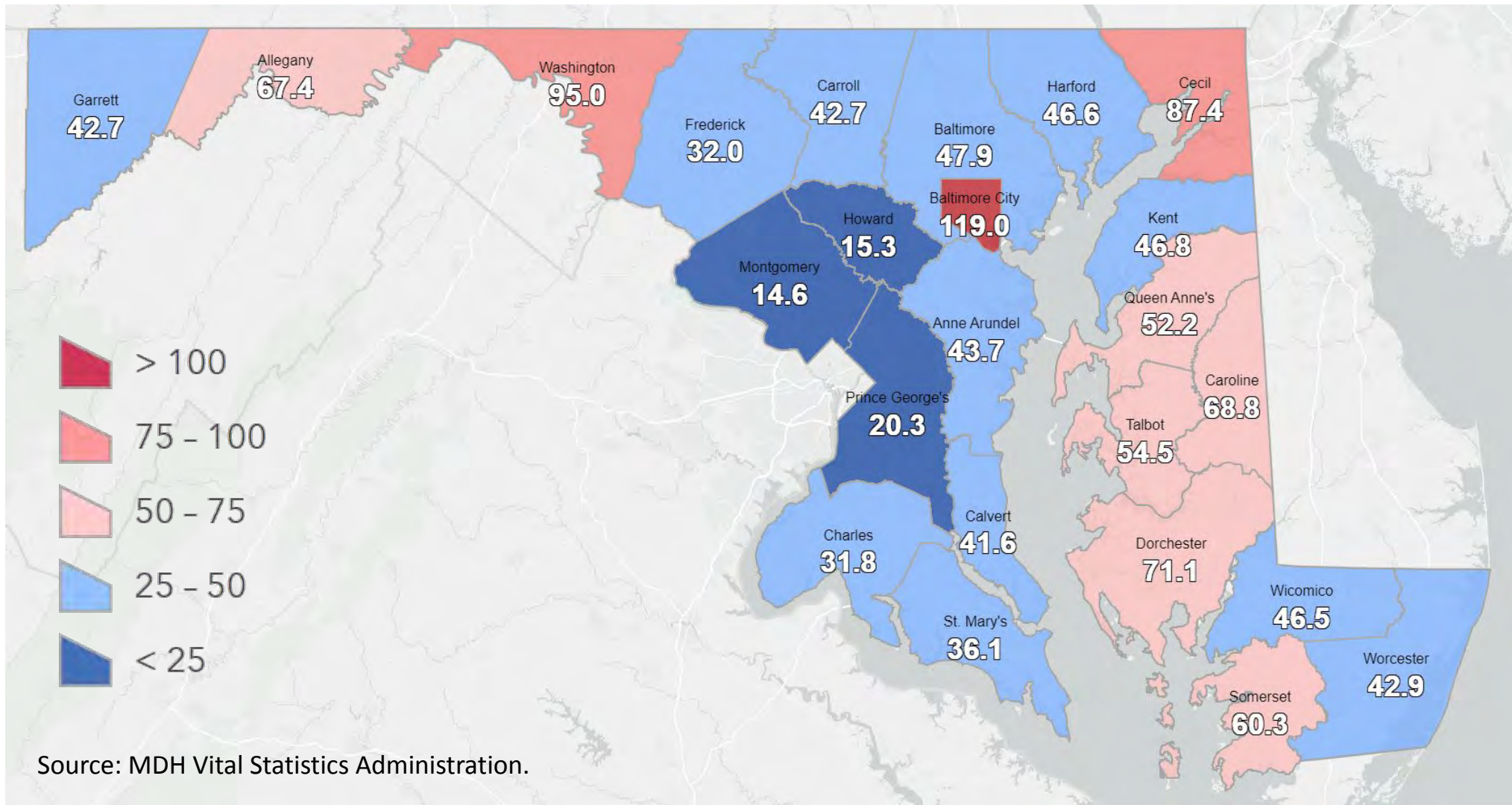
Overdose Deaths by Jurisdiction

12 Months Ending in September, 2023



Source: MDH Vital Statistics Administration.
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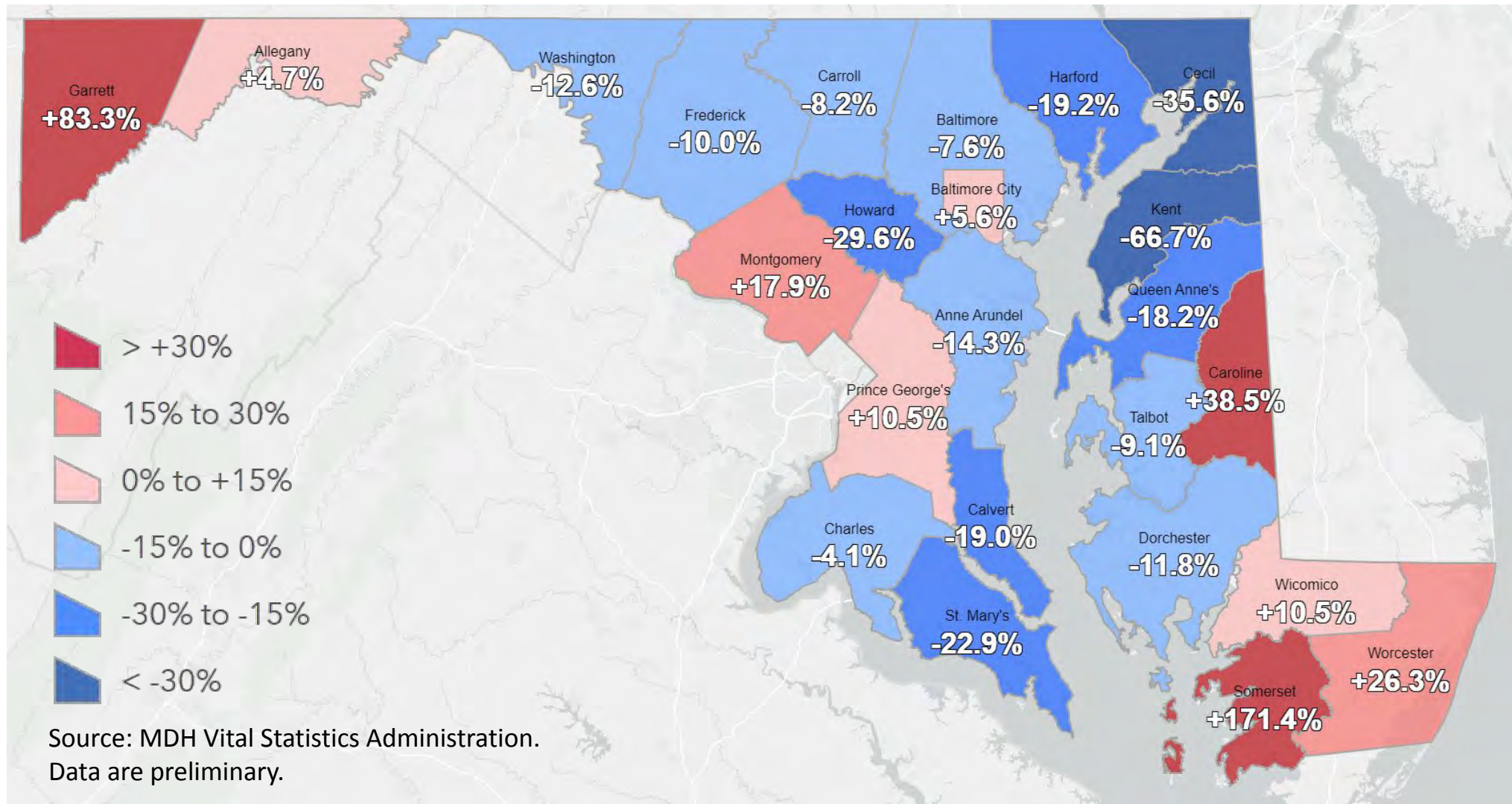
Overdose Mortality Rate by Jurisdiction 2019-2021 (per 100,000 population)



Source: MDH Vital Statistics Administration.

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Overdose Trends

Neighboring States

Fatal Overdoses 2021 vs. 2022*

State	2021	2022	% Change
DC	427	458	+7.3%
VA	2,626	2,619	-0.3%
PA	5,168	5,144	-0.5%
DE	513	499	-2.7%
NJ	3,056	2,892	-5.4%
MD	2,800	2,588	-7.6%
WV	1,501	1,376	-8.3%

Various sources. Data may be preliminary.

Overdose Mortality Rate (per 100,000 population)

State	2021
WV	87.0
DC	86.9
DE	53.4
MD	44.3
PA	42.3
NJ	33.3
VA	29.4

Source: SUDORS.

Overdose Trends by Demographic Group

Overdose Fatality Rates by Demographic Group

2021 (per 100,000 population)

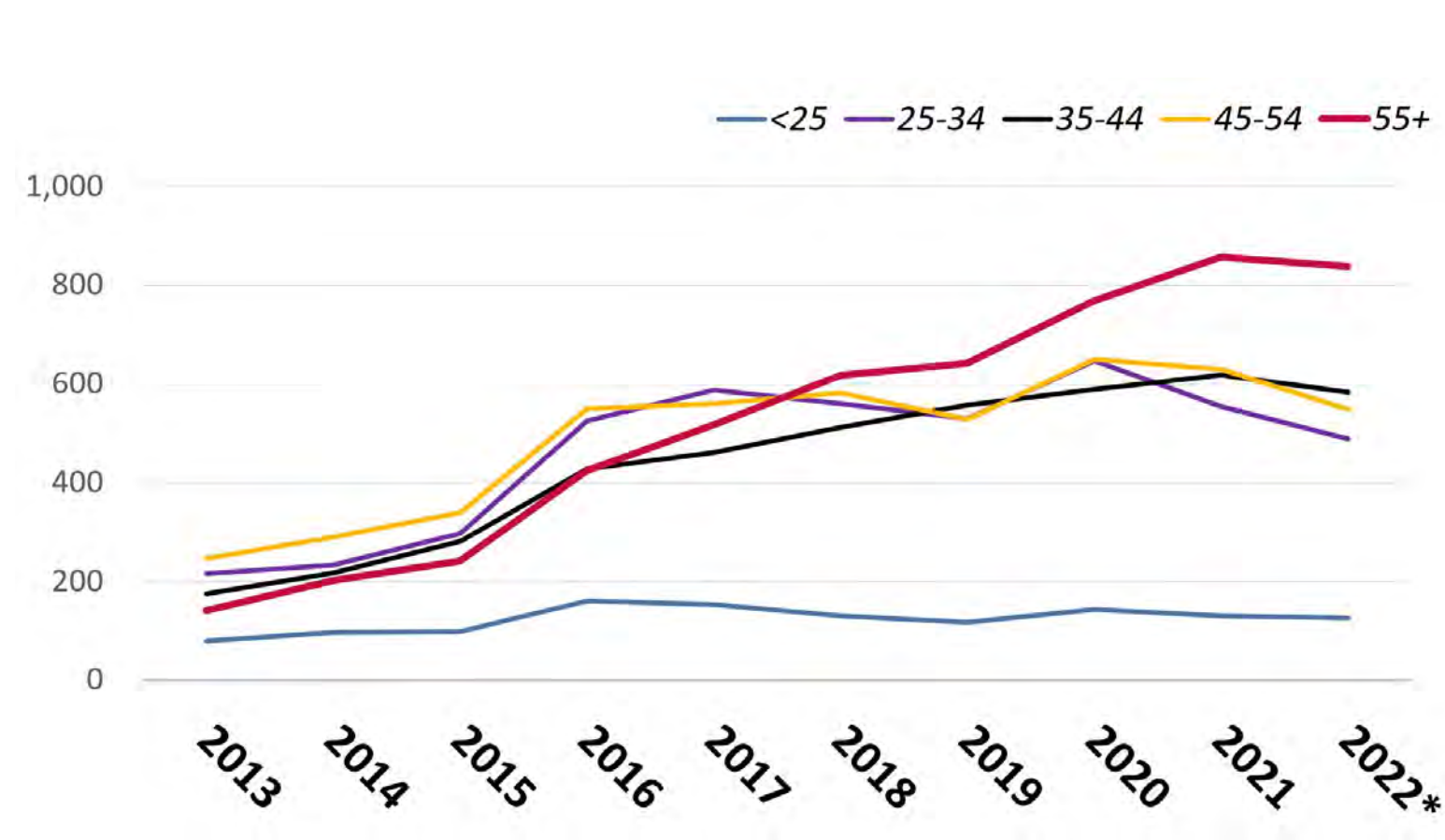
Age	>25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+
	6.9	67.5	74.9	80.7	46.8

Race/Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic
	47.2	64.3	18.1

Gender	Male	Female
	67.6	24.3

Fatal Overdoses by Age

2013 – 2022*



Year	<25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+
2013	79	216	175	246	141
2014	97	234	217	290	203
2015	99	297	281	339	241
2016	161	525	428	550	424
2017	154	588	461	560	517
2018	131	561	513	582	618
2019	118	530	557	529	643
2020	143	647	589	651	769
2021	131	555	619	630	857
2022*	126	489	584	549	838

Source: MDH Vital Statistics Administration.

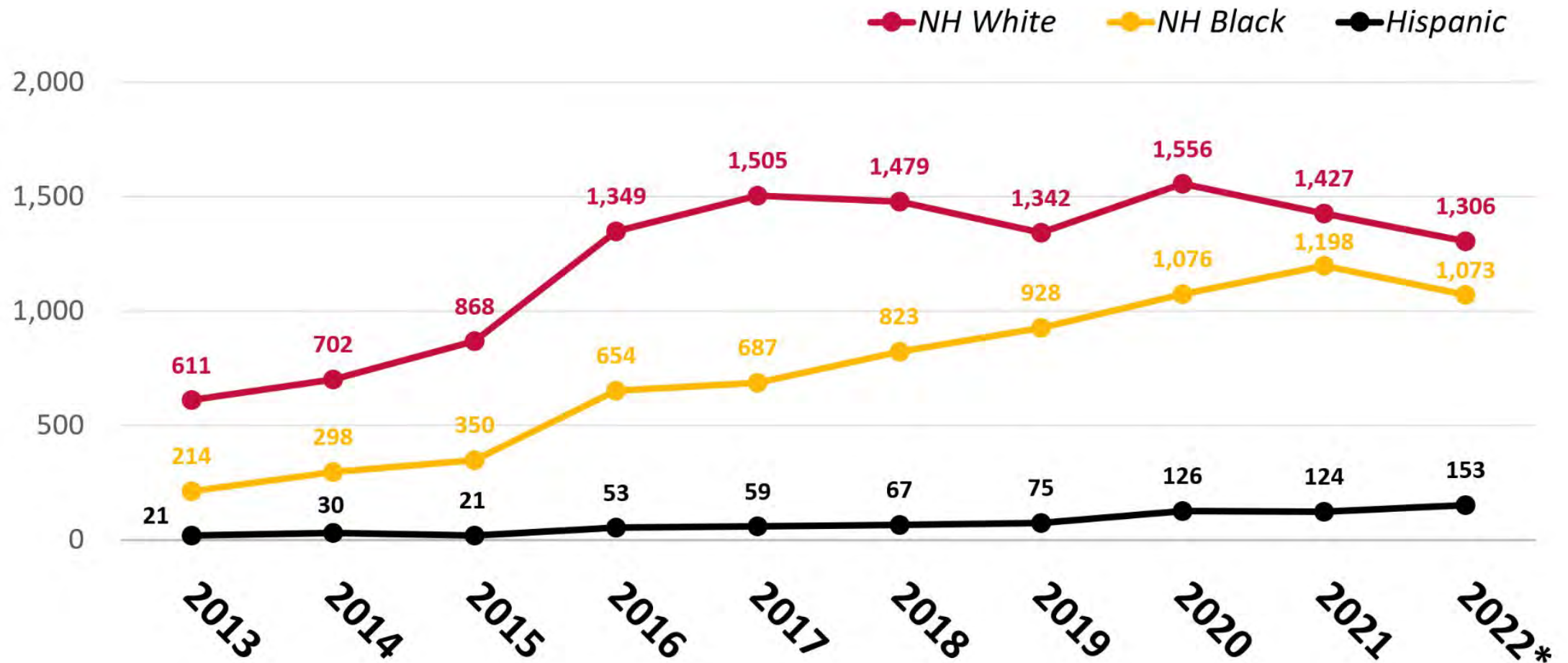
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Fatal Overdoses by Race & Ethnicity

2013 – 2022*

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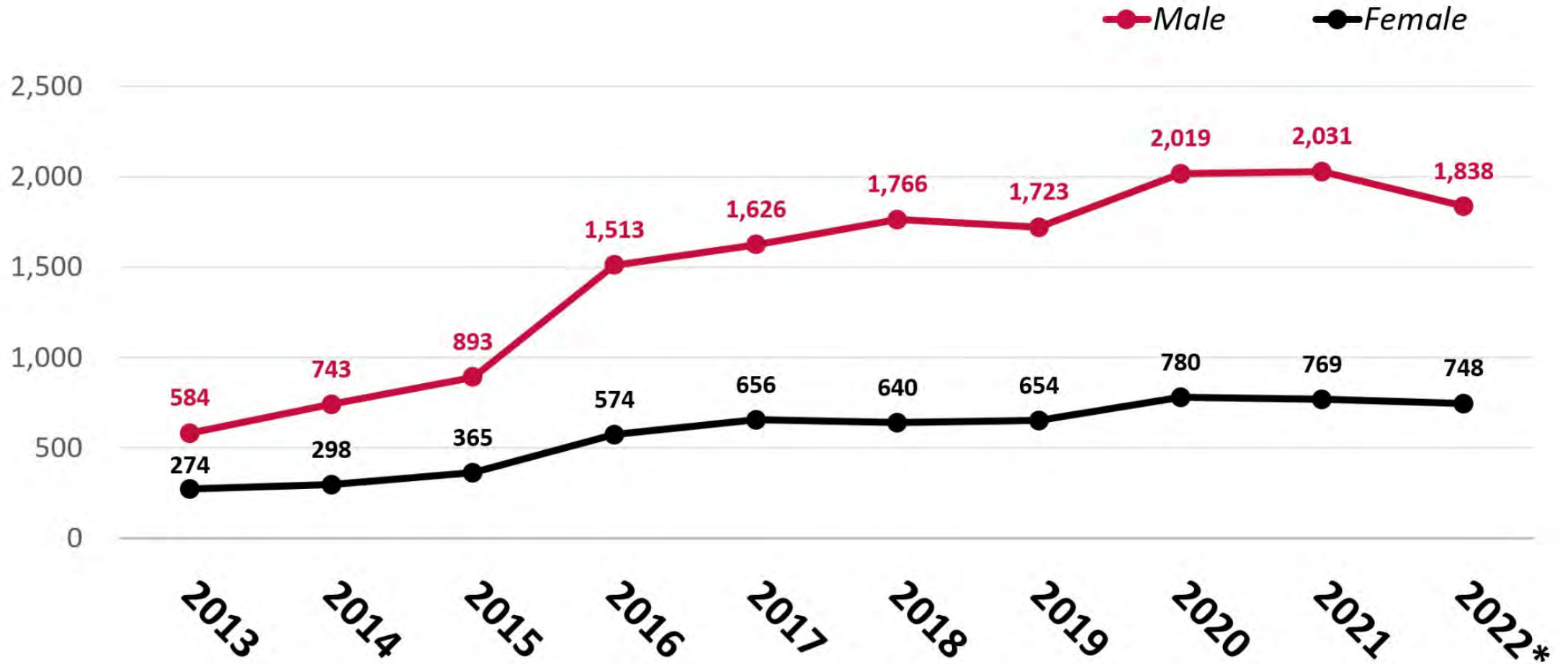
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Fatal Overdoses by Gender

2013 – 2022*

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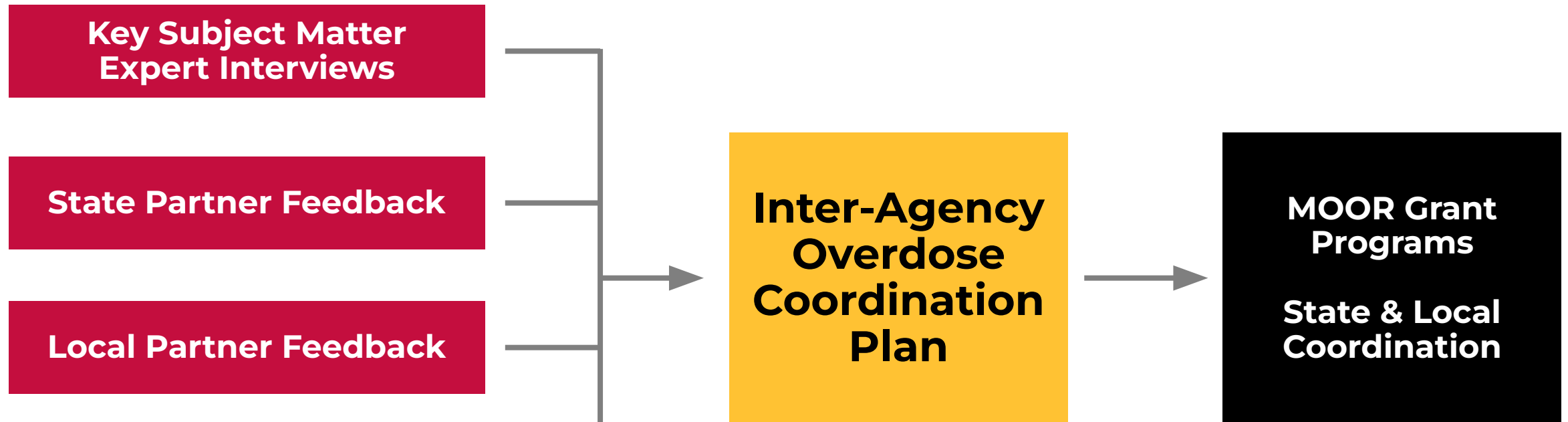
Inter-Agency Overdose Coordination Plan

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

Duties

- Facilitate statewide coordination of overdose prevention and response efforts across Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions and State agencies
- Support local jurisdictions through grant funds to Overdose Prevention Teams
- Coordinate the interagency process to develop the Governor's policy agenda affecting overdose prevention and response
- Conduct and coordinate public outreach on behalf of the Governor
- Assist in the identification of funding opportunities for State and local agencies and community organizations
- Coordinate and consult on matters relating to overdose prevention and response initiatives across State government
- Provide recommendations to enhance intergovernmental overdose prevention and response efforts
- Coordinate and facilitate data sharing among State and local sources
- Submit an interagency coordination plan to the Governor annually.

Inter-Agency Overdose Coordination Plan



Community Overdose Action

Town Hall Series

Community Feedback

Town Hall Feedback – Prevention

- More investment in evidence-based youth prevention efforts.
- More support for children who have parents or loved ones with substance use disorders.
- More support for community-based prevention campaigns.
- More awareness efforts about Maryland’s Good Samaritan Law and the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988.
- Greater engagement is needed with Maryland’s faith-based communities.
- Greater education is needed for the general public for recognizing overdoses, responding to overdoses, and administering naloxone.

Town Hall Feedback – Harm Reduction

- Decriminalize drug paraphernalia.
- Support for overdose prevention sites.
- The price of over-the-counter naloxone is too high.
- Greater wound care capacity, especially among treatment providers.
- Address the presence of xylazine in the supply of illicit opioids.
- Great support for peer recovery services.
- Allow peers to be reimbursed to transportation using personal vehicles.

Town Hall Feedback – Treatment

- Transportation is a barrier for accessing treatment, especially in rural areas.
- More capacity for individuals with co-occurring mental and behavioral health needs.
- Maryland lacks capacity for youth substance use treatment services.
- Lack of broadband access in rural areas limits the effectiveness of telemedicine.
- Stigma surrounding substance use prevents people from seeking help.
- Mental health and crisis services need faster response times.
- More treatment options are needed for individuals with children.
- Maryland should expand access to 24-hour crisis services in rural areas.

Town Hall Feedback – Recovery

- Maryland needs greater access to recovery programs (especially in rural areas), more recovery programs should accept insurance.
- Regulations and stigma make it difficult to establish recovery residences.
- Maryland should increase funding for recovery services to reimburse for longer stays.
- More transitional supports, care coordination, and wraparound services.
- Individuals in recovery need more support to address fundamental needs, including housing, employment, education, and food assistance.
- Greater support is needed to support behavioral health workforce staffing.

Town Hall Feedback – Public Safety

- Greater treatment capacity is needed within detention facilities.
- More care coordination is needed for individuals leaving incarceration.
- Greater coordination is needed across the criminal justice system, from law enforcement to the judiciary.
- People who use drugs are less likely to utilize safe stations located at police departments.
- Arguments for and against stricter punishments for drug dealers.
- Promote alternatives to incarceration

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