

OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE

and the Métis Nation of Alberta
from 2013-2017



Accidental opioid poisoning deaths occur at a higher rate among Métis Albertans than non-Métis Albertans.

Métis males aged 30-44 represented the highest proportion of opioid poisoning deaths.



Among **Métis Albertans**, **75%** of opioid poisoning deaths occurred in the **Edmonton Zone**.

Opioid dispensation rates were **consistently** higher among Métis Albertans compared to non-Métis Albertans.

Rates of emergency department visits and hospitalizations related to substances of misuse for Métis Albertans were consistently higher in Métis Albertans than in non-Métis Albertans.

TAKE HOME NALOXONE KITS

The MNA offers training in and distribution of naloxone, a lifesaving medicine that can temporarily reverse opioid overdose.

AS OF MARCH 2019

- Over 1070 individuals trained to use/administer naloxone.
- Over 1180 naloxone kits distributed in 50+ communities across Alberta.

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MISUSEHealth surveillance data provides evidence of how health concerns impact unique populations. The unique health needs and experiences of Métis people have been underrepresented in most widely available Indigenous health surveillance research, which often combines the experiences of Métis, First Nations, and Inuit peoples. This research provides Métis-specific incidence and prevalence data on opioid and substance misuse; helping us understand the unique ways Métis Albertans experience substance misuse.

The data shows Métis Albertans experience higher rates of opioid-related toxicity deaths when compared to the non-Métis population of Alberta. The results of this research inform health priorities and programs at the Métis Nation of Alberta.

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