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County Opioid Abuse Suppression Taskforce

TODAY'S UPDATE: FACING DOWN FENTANYL

- **Scott Gilman, Behavioral Health Director**
Dan Hicks, VCBH-SUS Prevention Manager
- **Dr. Uldine Castel, Acting Public Health Officer**
- **Dr. Christopher Young, Chief Medical Examiner**
- **Jim Fryhoff, Ventura County Sheriff**
- **Erik Nasarenko, District Attorney**
- **Wrap Up: UNITED in Facing Down Fentanyl**

COUNTY COLLABORATION LED BY VCBH

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Ventura County Behavioral Health
VCSO, DA, MEO, PH-EMS, VCMC-AM

OPIOID AND ILLICIT DRUG WORKGROUP

Gold Coast HCP, VCOE, Hospital Council, Nonprofits, Families with Lived Experience,
Healthcare Providers, Local Colleges and Universities, Prevention Contractors,
School Districts, DEA, Community Groups, Municipalities,
Service Clubs and Coalitions

COUNTY OPIOID ABUSE SUPPRESSION TASKFORCE

- **2018:** In cooperation with the County's *Opioid and Illicit Drug Workgroup*, VCBH was awarded a competitive grant under Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program; U.S. Dept. of Justice.
- **2020:** Continuing after funding sunset, coordinates local opioid crisis countermeasures; led by HCA's Behavioral Health, Public Health, EMS, with Medical Examiner, Sheriff, and District Attorney.
- **2021:** Opioid Data Dashboard enhanced to better track nature and extent of crisis locally; now integrates data from multiple agencies to inform prevention, intervention and interdiction efforts.
- **Ongoing:**
 - Convenes to share information and coordinate efforts to achieve **collective impact**.
 - Provides community with important indicators and resources: www.coastventuracounty.org

Opioid & Illicit Drug Workgroup

MISSION

Save and improve lives by measurably reducing opioid and illegal drug use across Ventura County

PRIMARY GOAL

Decrease fatal overdoses by at least 50% in Ventura County

REDUCING DEMAND

Protect Youth & Family

- Raise youth awareness of substance use risks
- Support school-based initiatives

Inform the Community

- Increase knowledge of opioid dangers
- Promote secure medication and safe Rx disposal
- Improve treatment opportunities and access

Prevent Overdose

- Increase availability of OD prevention with Naloxone kits
- Disseminate NO OD information; bring people closer to care



COAST DATA DASHBOARD



853

Accidental Opioid-related Deaths
2016–2022



1,897

Lives Saved with Naloxone
2014–2022



4,742

Times Naloxone Used by First
Responders 2012–2022



421,649

Prescriptions for Opioids
2021

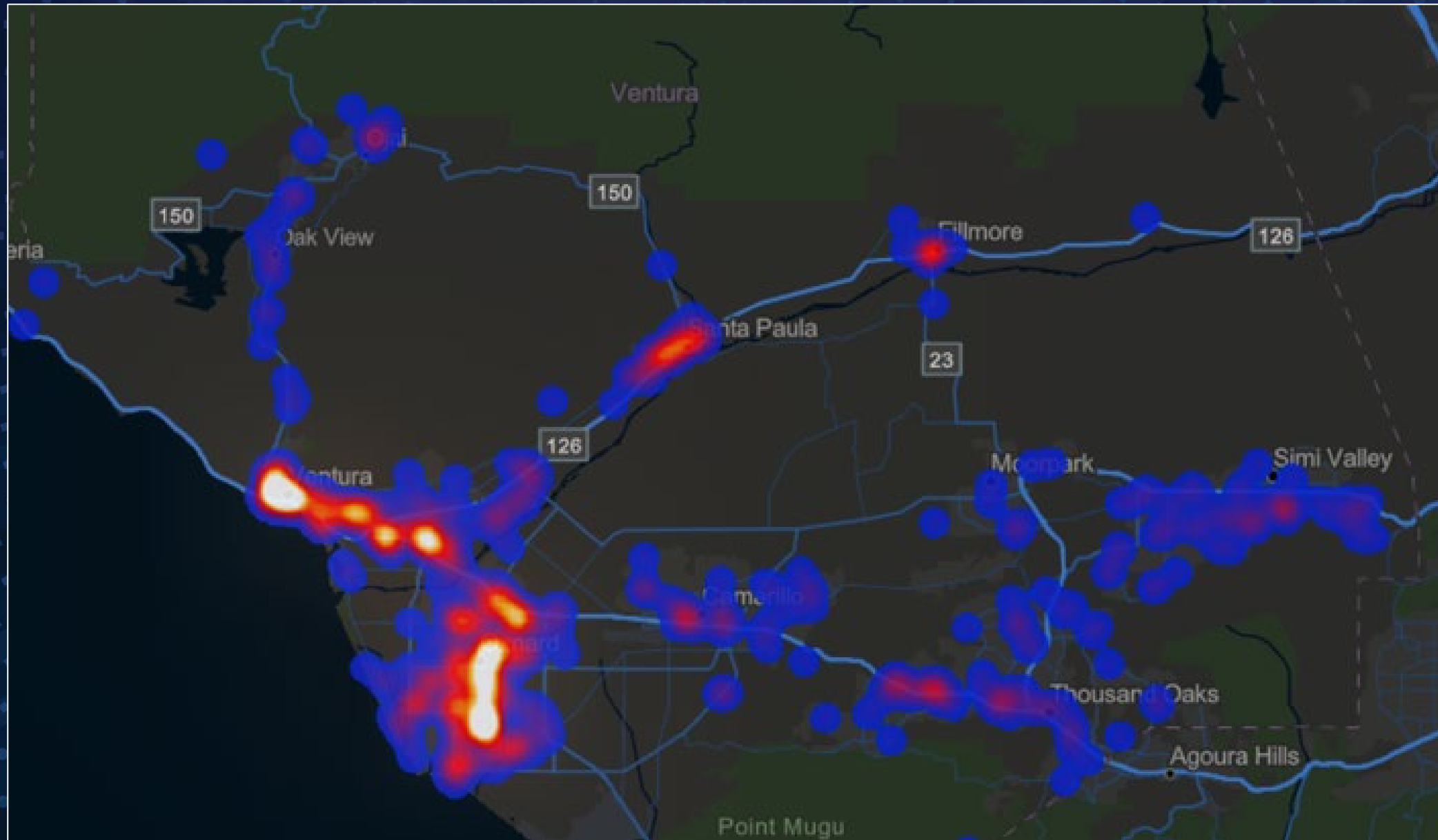


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Average Number of Opioid Pills
Dispensed per Resident – 2021

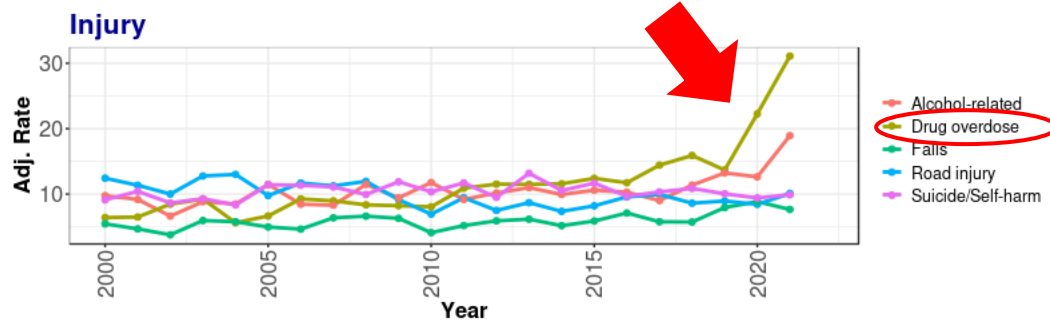
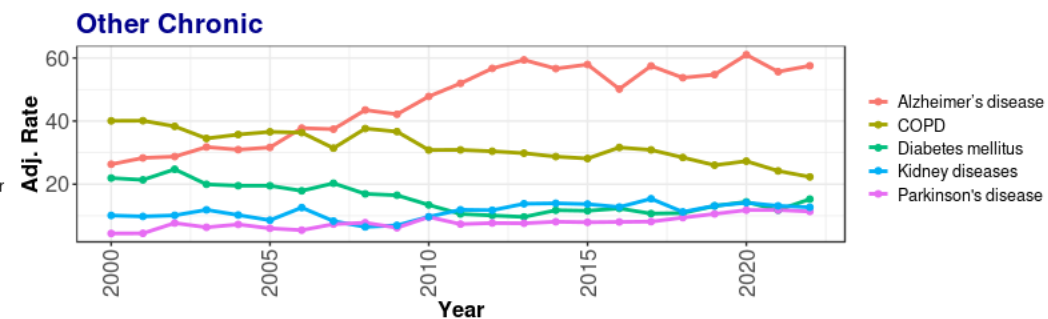
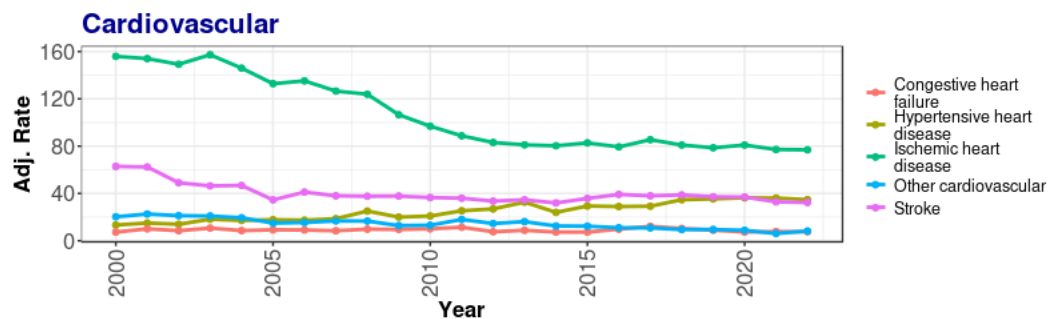
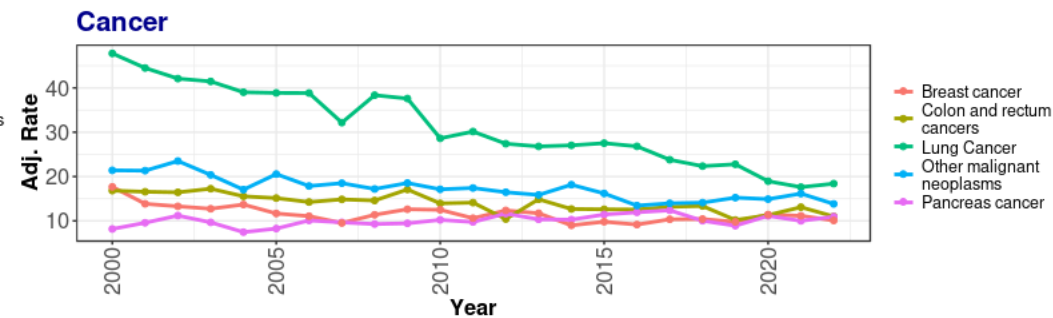
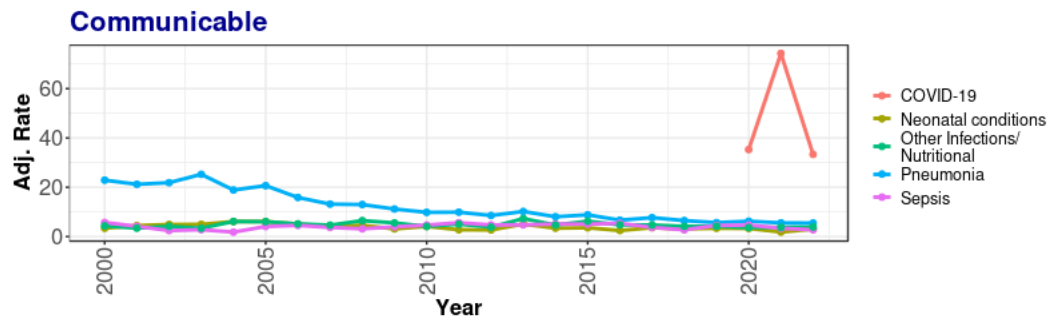
An influx of illegal
fentanyl has magnified
a public health crisis
throughout our
community.

COAST DATA MAPPING



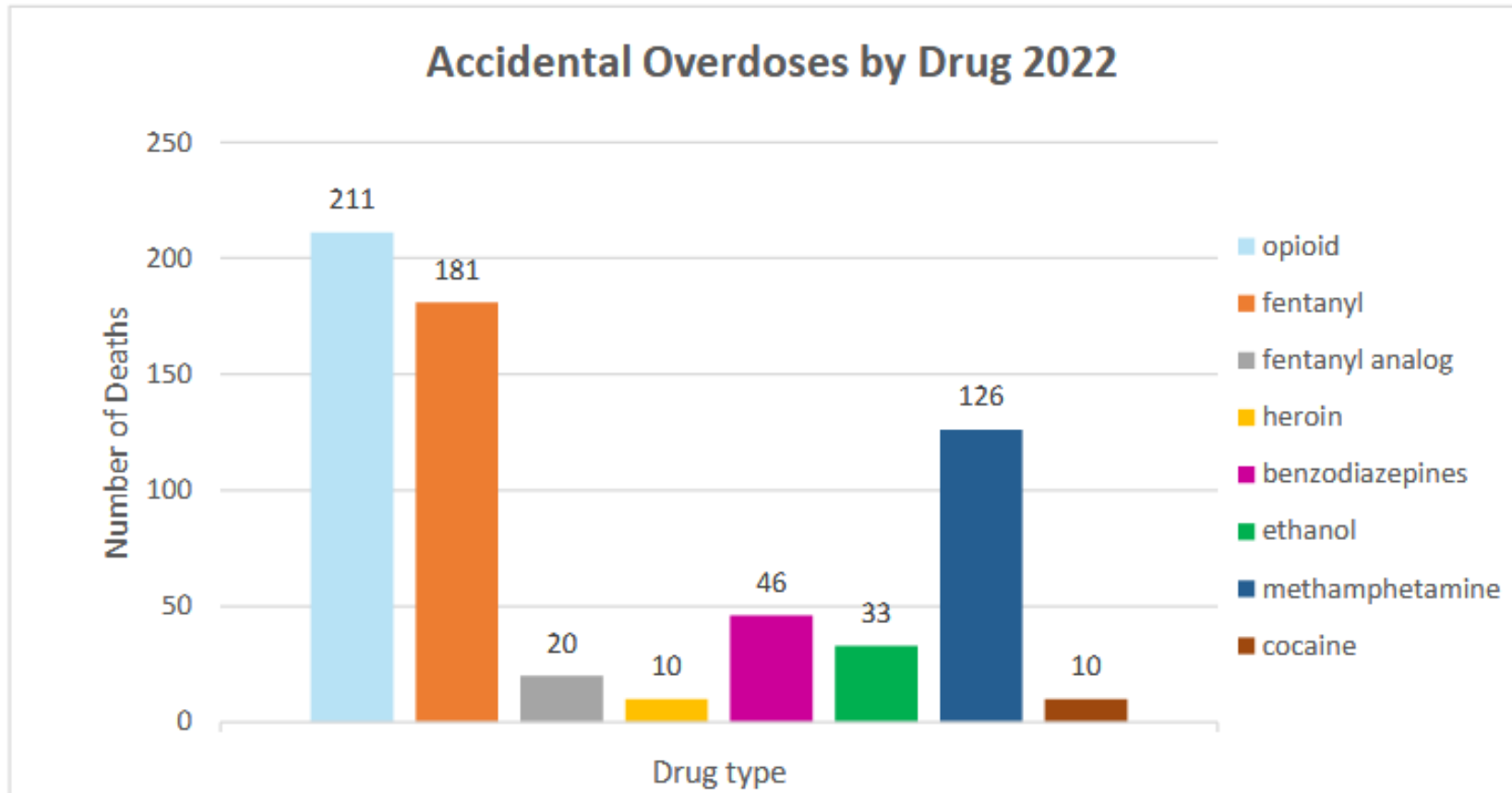
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH- VENTURA COUNTY 2000-2022

Trends In Top Public Health Conditions (by Broad Condition Groups) in Ventura County, 2000-2022



Source: The California Community Burden of Disease Engine (CCB)

VENTURA COUNTY 2022- OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS – MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE

Expanded Overdose Prevention response

- Now with 49 partner agencies, 64 distribution sites, 425 prevention educators
- Reaching unsheltered, family members, leaving hospitals and incarceration
- Over 9,400 kits distributed, 2,589 documented OD reversals: Lives Saved

May 9, 2023– Fentanyl Awareness Day features

- VC Office of Education, VCBH, VCSO collaboration; *Real Talk: Fake Pills-100% Danger* Informative video lesson– more than 1,300 downloads by schools & parents
- The *Prescribers Care* discussion series, with fentanyl-informed strategies for MDs and other health professionals; including MAT basics and tools for providers.

Media and awareness campaigns; using traditional, digital, and location-based ads

- *Speak Up on Fentanyl!* supports outreach, community forums, and online learning
- See full range of media at landing page: www.FentanylVenturaCounty.org

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