

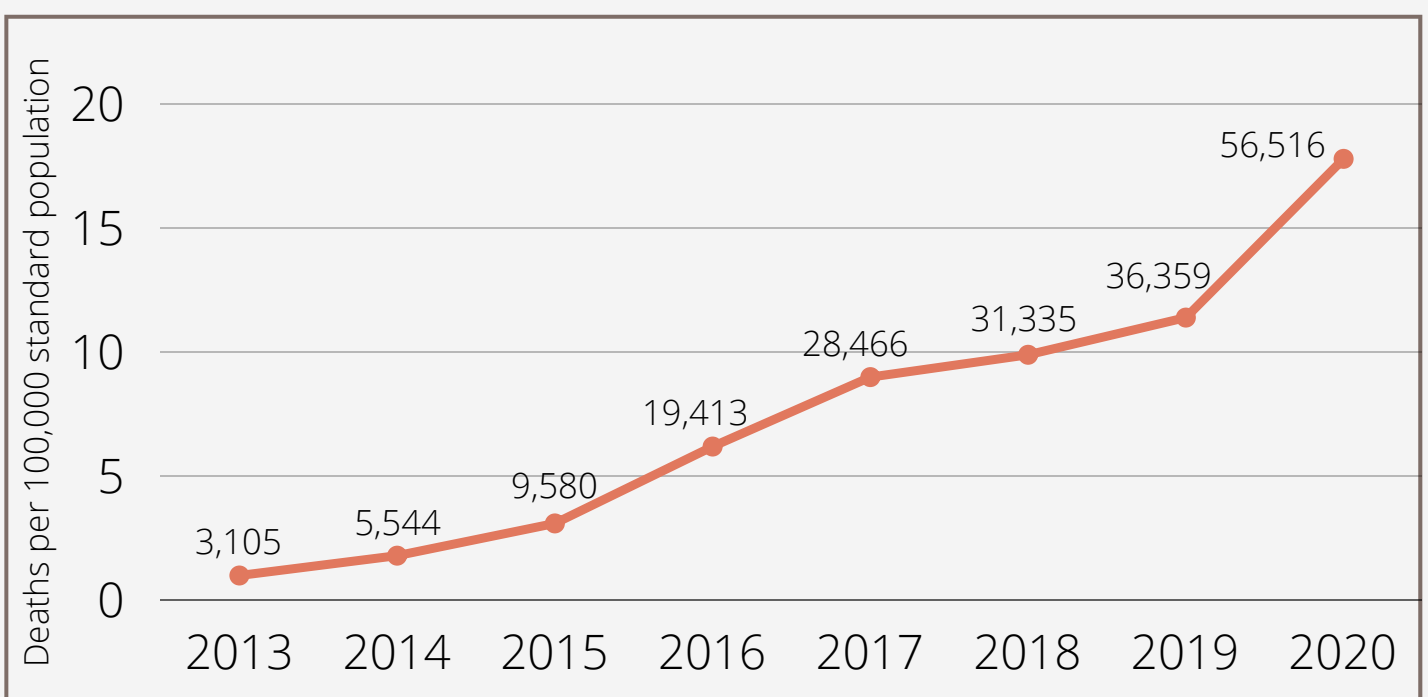
# THE SYNTHETIC OPIOID EPIDEMIC

SYNTHETIC OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF DRUG-RELATED DEATHS OUT OF ALL ILLICIT DRUGS IN THE U.S. THE GRAPHS BELOW SHOWCASE THE GROWING EPIDEMIC NATIONALLY COMPARED TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## What are synthetic opioids?

Synthetic opioids are man-made and are not derived from plant material. Fentanyl is the most prevalent and significant synthetic opioid. Others include fentanyl analogs and tramadol.

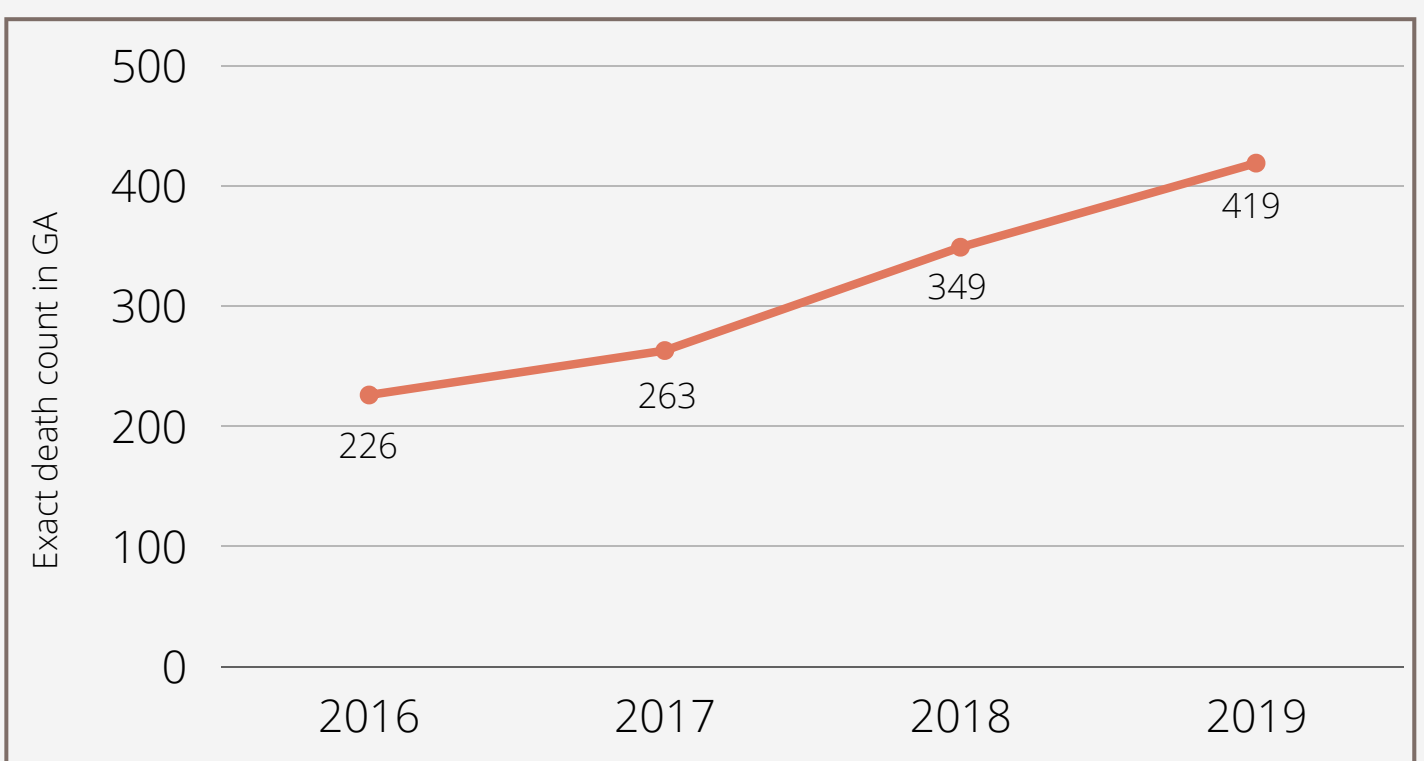
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The rate of drug overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) increased 56% from 2019 to 2020.

Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl accounted for nearly 73% of all opioid-involved deaths in 2019.

## Age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone: Georgia, 2016-2019



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