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Call 2-1-1. Available **24/7,**
365 days a year in CT.

HEROIN IN SOUTHWESTERN CT



Heroin

Heroin is an opioid drug made from morphine, which is a natural substance taken from the seed pod of various opium poppy plants.

With 9 in 10 heroin-involved deaths include fentanyl and over 1 in 10 (12%) fentanyl-involved deaths including heroin, **most of the heroin consumed in CT contains fentanyl.**

Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid. It is up to **50x** stronger than heroin and **100x** stronger than morphine. It is responsible for **63% of all drug-related ER visits** in CT. Of the deaths involving heroin in CT, **93% also involved fentanyl.**



In 2021, **26** people **died** in SW CT from an overdose only involving heroin, **a decrease of 47%** from the previous year.



In SW CT, **adults 45 to 64** are the most at risk for a heroin overdose.

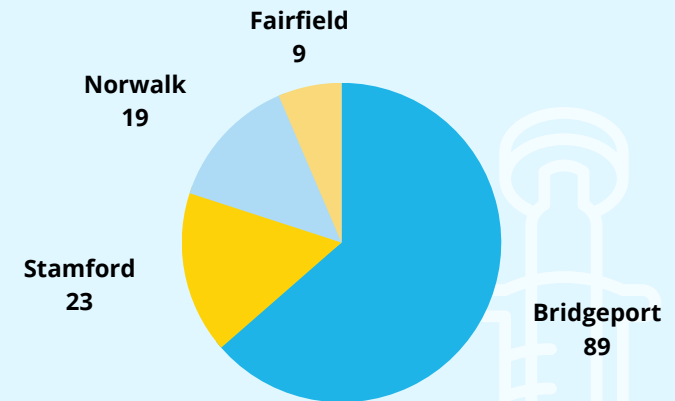


There has been a **significant decrease** in overdose deaths only involving heroin in CT from 2019-2022.

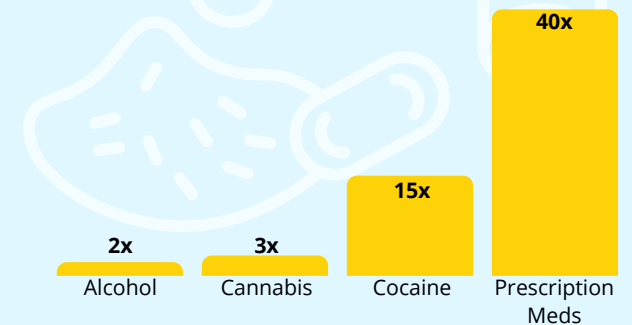


SW CT experienced a **10% increase of drug overdose deaths** in a year from 136 in 2020 to 150 in 2021.

SW CT TOWNS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBERS OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IN 2021



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SW CT YOUTH



Most middle school and high school aged youth reported they feel it is **difficult to obtain illicit substances like heroin.**



A small group of students who reported having tried illicit substances were **12 years or younger.**



Youth who **seek substances often do so over social media.** They unknowingly obtain counterfeit drugs, often laced with fentanyl.

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POLYSUBSTANCE USE, ARE YOU FAMILIAR?

■ A new and emerging trend - combining or mixing of multiple substances.

■ Common poly-substances include:

- Heroin
- Fentanyl
- Cannabis
- Alcohol
- Cocaine
- Xylazine

■ Polysubstance use is not always intentional! Many individuals are seeking to obtain a specific drug and do not realize they are using a mix of dangerous substances.

For More Info

Find resources and more <https://www.thehubct.org/illicitdrugs> or scan the QR code below.



Naloxone is an opioid antagonist used to reverse and block the effects of opioids, including heroin.

The hub **trained 295** individuals to administer Naloxone.

The hub **distributed 1,862 Naloxone kits** in SW CT.