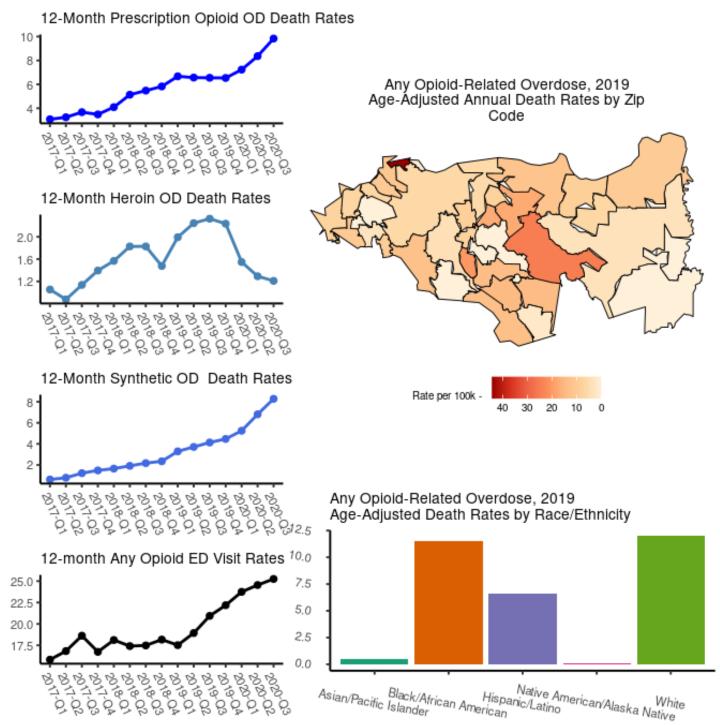


# Contra Costa Opioid Overdose Snapshot: 2017-Q1 through 2020-Q3

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Contra Costa experienced 91 any opioid-related overdose deaths in 2019, the most recent calendar year of data available and the annual crude mortality rate for 2019 was 7.83 per 100k residents. This represents a 73% increase from 2017. The following charts present 12-month moving averages for selected opioid indicators (prescription-, heroin-, and synthetic opioid-related overdose deaths, and ED visits related to any opioid) and include trend data for 2020\*. The map displays the annual zip code level age-adjusted rates for all opioid-related overdoses. Synthetic opioid overdose deaths may be largely represented by fentanyl.



Footnotes: \*Trend data for most recent year may be preliminary and may not be available for all data sources. 12-month rates are based on moving averages; OD = Related Overdose Report produced by the California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard - https://cdph.ca.gov/opioiddasboard/

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## Prescribing

There were 565,236 prescriptions for opioids (excluding buprenorphine) in Contra Costa in 2019. The annual crude opioid prescribing rate for 2019 was 490.01 per 1,000 residents. This represents a 20% decrease in prescribing from 2017. The following charts present 12-month moving averages for crude opioid prescribing rates, the crude rate of MMEs (morphine milligram equivalents) per person, the crude high dosage rate (i.e. greater than 90 Daily MMEs in the quarter), and the crude opioid/benzodiazepine overlap crude rate from 2017 to 2019 and include trend data for 2020\*.

#### Treatment

Buprenorphine prescriptions in the county are used to gauge the expansion of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The annual crude buprenorphine prescribing rate for 2019 was 21.38 per 1,000 residents. This represents a 1% increase in buprenorphine prescribing from 2017.

