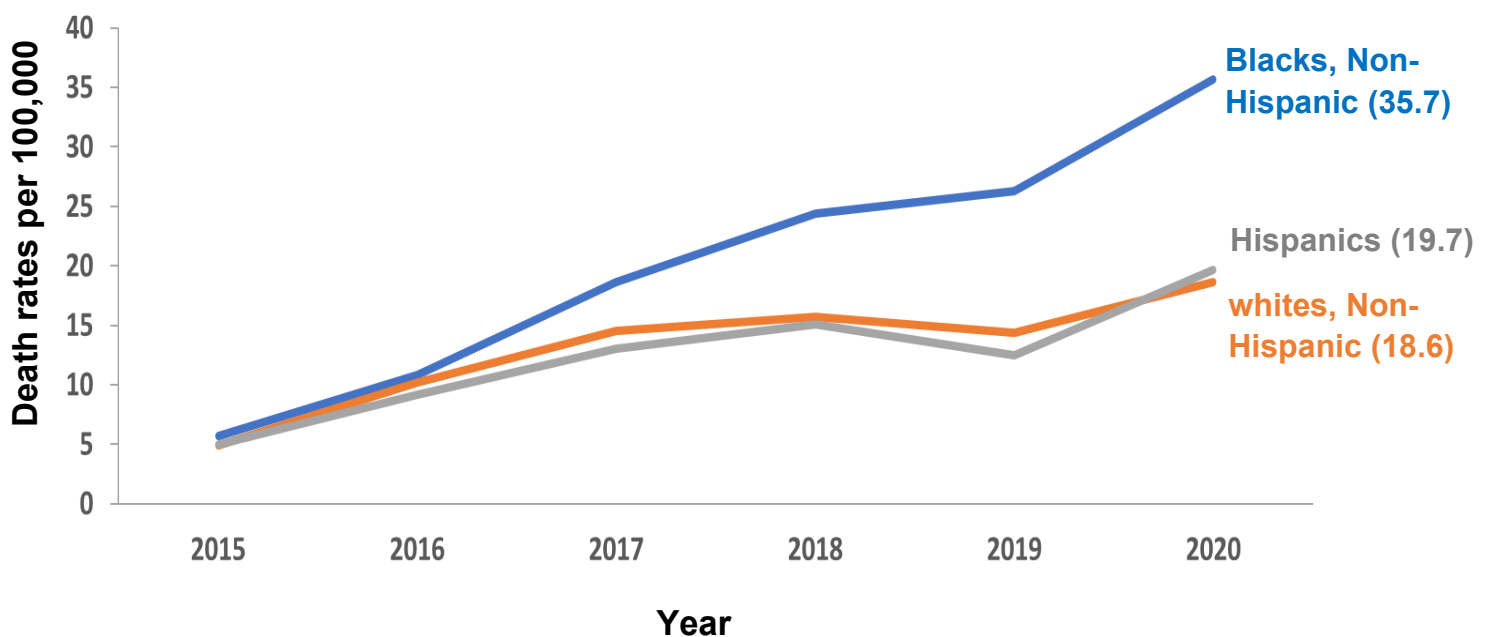


Rise in overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids, especially among Black residents.

In 2020, there were 2,759 deaths due to drug poisonings in Michigan. Of these deaths, 69.8% involved **synthetic opioids other than methadone**.

Synthetic opioids other than methadone includes illicit fentanyl and legal opioids available by prescription.

Drug Poisoning Deaths Involving Synthetic Opioids Other than Methadone, by Ethnicity, Michigan, 2015-2020.



From 2015-2020:

- Non-Hispanic Black residents had a 6.2-fold increase in mortality due to synthetic opioids other than methadone.
- Both non-Hispanic white residents and Hispanic residents had almost a four-fold increase.
- Nationally, Hispanic people (11.8-fold) and non-Hispanic Black people (11.3-fold) had higher increases compared to non-Hispanic white people (4.9-fold).
- Illicitly manufactured fentanyl continued to be widely available across the U.S.¹

Reference: 1. 2020 National Drug Threat Assessment, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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