

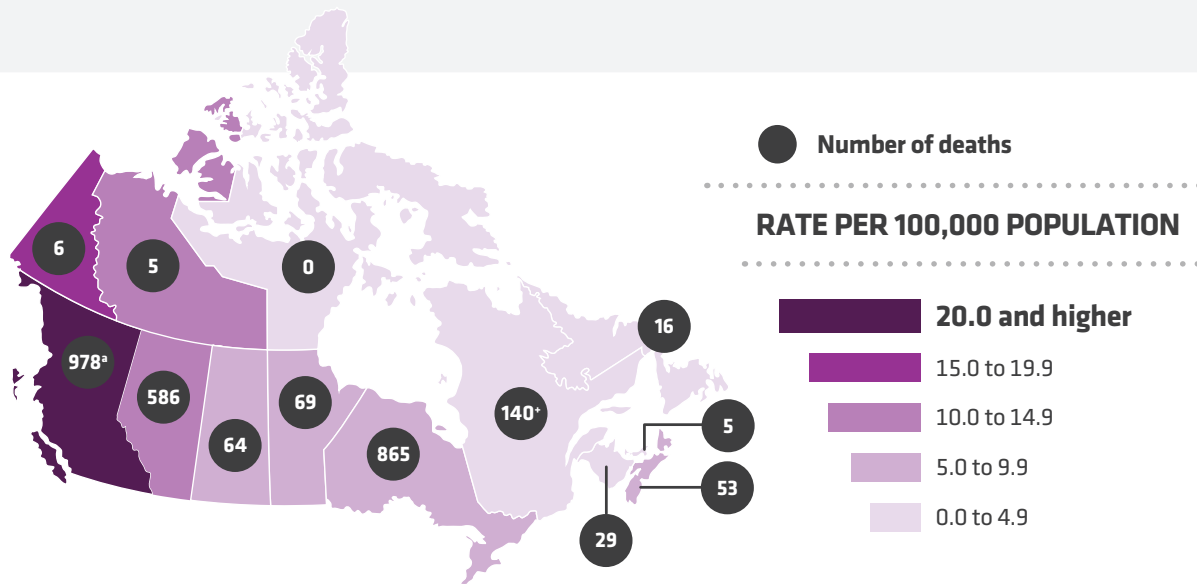
# APPARENT OPIOID-RELATED DEATHS IN CANADA IN 2016\*

As of August 29, 2017

NATIONAL

The opioid epidemic in Canada is a national public health crisis; however, it hasn't affected all provinces and territories equally.

**2,816** apparent opioid-related deaths  
Death rate of 7.8 per 100,000 population



TYPE

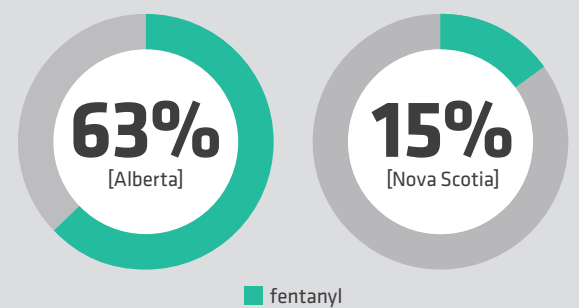
## FENTANYL

**x2** The number of deaths involving fentanyl more than doubled between the beginning of 2016 and the beginning of 2017.

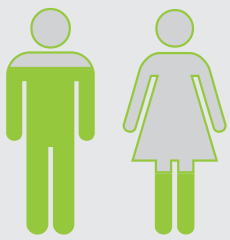
WHILE



In 2016, the percentage of deaths involving fentanyl varies notably across provinces and territories, for example:



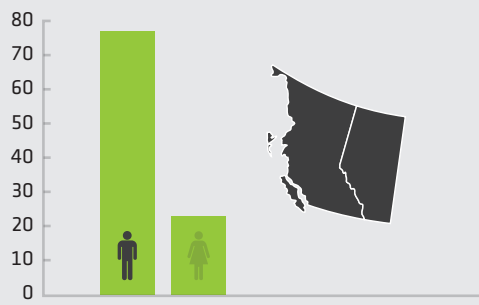
SEX



**73%** of apparent opioid-related deaths occurred among men

**27%** were among women

WHILE



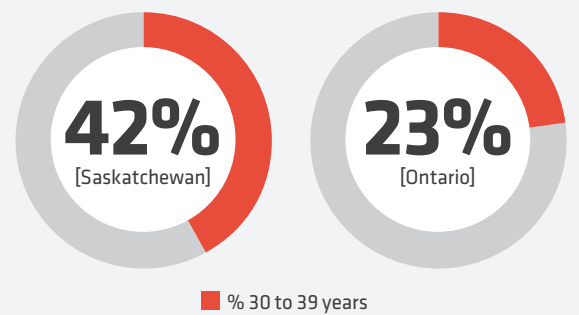
AGE

**28%** of apparent opioid-related deaths in 2016 occurred among individuals in the 30 to 39 year age group.

WHILE



The percentage of apparent opioid-related deaths in the 30 to 39 year age group varies across provinces and territories, for example:



## YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE

KNOW THE SIGNS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

- > Blue lips or nails
- > Dizziness and confusion
- > Can't be woken up
- > Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- > Slow, weak or no breathing
- > Drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

SUSPECT AN OVERDOSE?

- 1** CALL 911
- 2** Administer naloxone if you have it
- 3** Stay with the person until help arrives

\* This report is based on data submitted to the Public Health Agency of Canada on or before August 29, 2017. New or revised data submitted after this date will be reflected in future updates. Data released by provinces and territories after this date may differ from the data provided here. As some data are based on ongoing investigations by coroners and medical examiners, they are considered preliminary and subject to change.

<sup>a</sup> British Columbia reports unintentional deaths related to all illicit drugs including, but not limited to, opioids.

<sup>b</sup> Not including PEI.

\* Expected to rise.

TOGETHER WE CAN #STOPOVERDOSES

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