

2024 Year-End Overdose Brief



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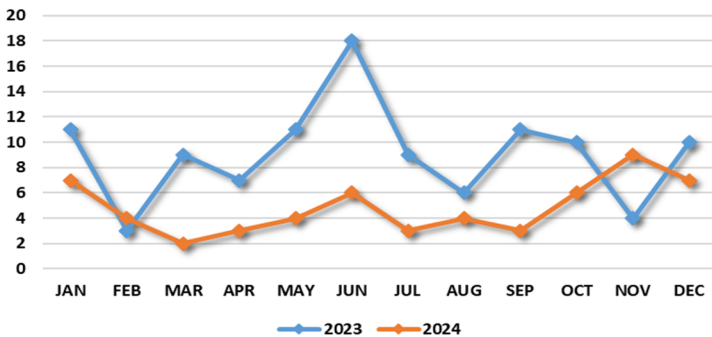
Executive Summary

Overdose events in the city of Attleboro dropped to a historic ten-year low in 2024 with only fifty-eight reports of overdose incidents. It was the fifth consecutive year with a decline in reported overdoses, which resulted in a 47% decline when compared to the prior calendar year of 2023. Just as important is the 58% decline in overdose events noted during 2024 when compared to the prior ten-year average (2014-2023).

The number of suspected narcotic-related deaths also declined during 2024 with six such deaths last year, a considerable decline from the eleven such suspected deaths in 2023. The prior ten-year average for such narcotic-related deaths in the city between 2014 and 2023 is fifteen.

During 2024, the number of reported female victims in particular declined by 55% when compared to the previous year, while the number of male victims declined by 42%. Also of note during 2024 is that the 25-to-34 victim age range decreased by 72% when compared to 2023 and by 83% when compared to the prior ten-year average. Where this specific age range has typically accounted for at least one-third of all overdose victims in the city within the last ten years, in 2024 this age range only accounted for 14% of the victim population.

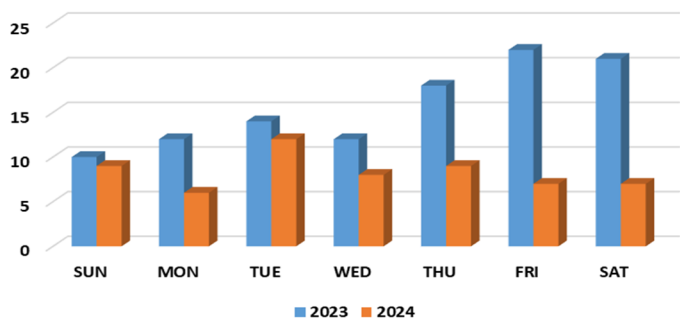
Overdose Events by Month



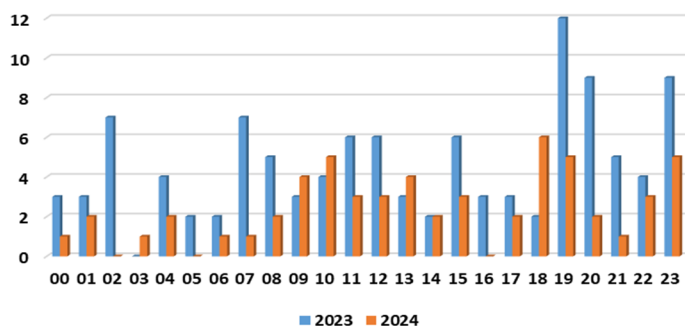
2024 Year-End Principal Points

- 58 OD events reported in 2024, 51 fewer than 2023 (-47% decline from last year / -58% decline from 10 year average).
- At least 50% of overdoses in 2024 involved heroin / fentanyl, although this percentage is likely higher due to counterfeit pills and reluctant victim-reporting. This percentage during 2023 was noted to be 49% and in 2022 was at 56%.
- There were six narcotic-suspected deaths in 2024, a decrease (-5) from the eleven suspected deaths reported during 2023.
- Overdose events significantly declined during every month in 2024 except for November when such events doubled.
- Approximately 38% of victims overdosed in a public setting last year, an increase from the 27% reported in 2022 and 2023.
- There were thirteen repeat victims in 2024 who accounted for 28% of all overdoses citywide. In 2023, the number of repeat victims (n=9) was fewer and accounted for 17% of all of the reported overdoses citywide that year.
- There were forty-six addresses where overdoses occurred in 2024, and eleven of those addresses experienced repeat service calls for overdoses last year. Forty percent of overdoses during 2024 occurred at one of these 11 locations, which is an increase for repeat locations from 2023 (35%).

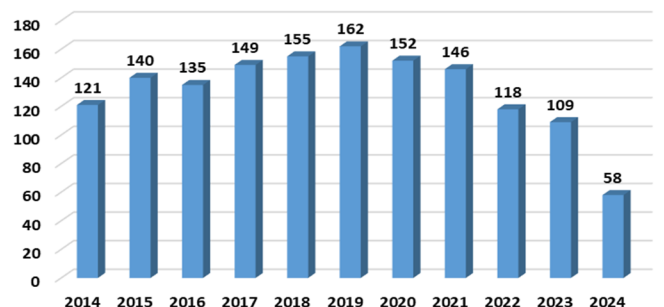
Overdose Events by Day



Overdose Events by Hour



Overdose Events by Year

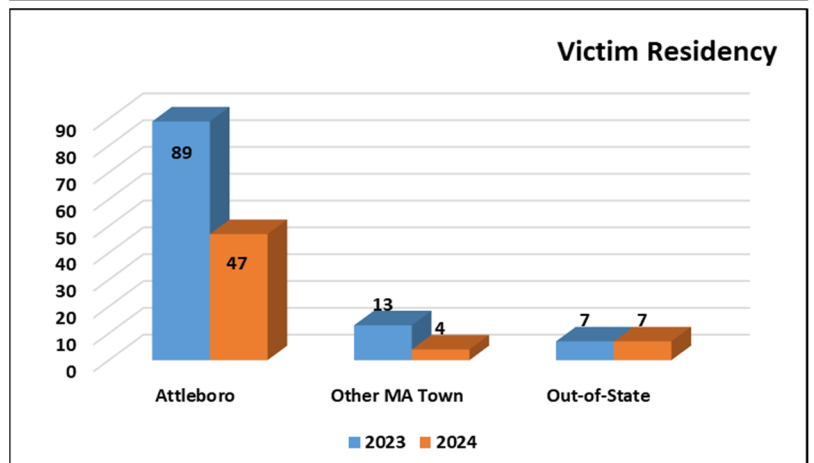
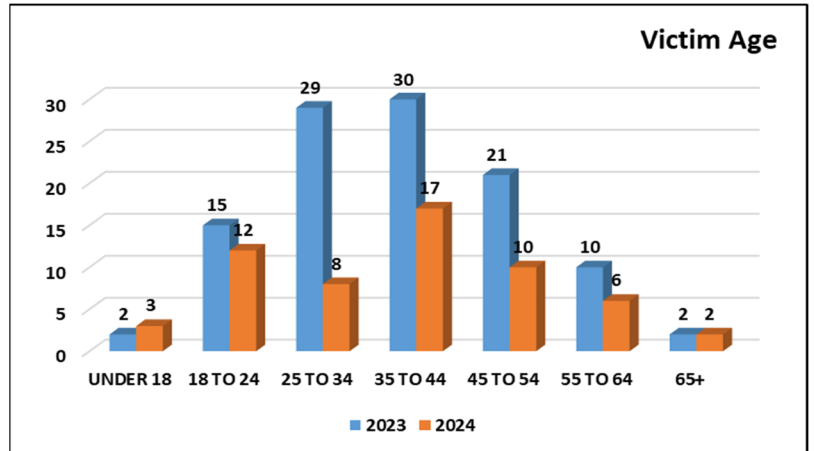
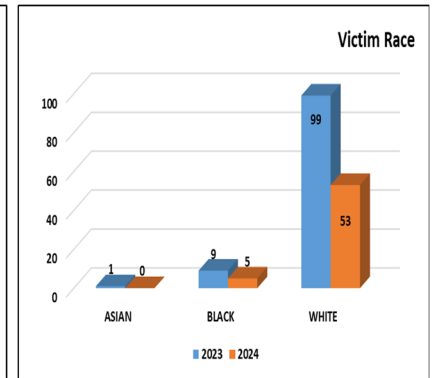
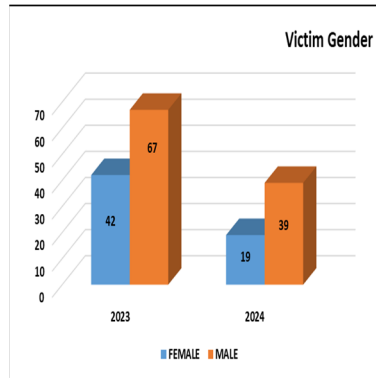


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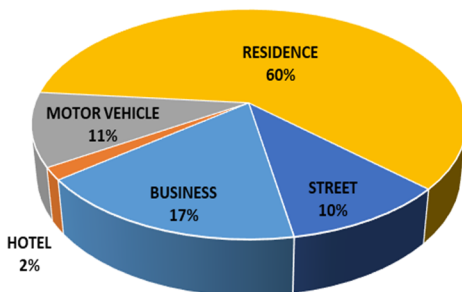
2024 Victim Demographics

- 67% of victims in 2024 were male, which was slightly higher than in 2023 (61%) and 2022 (63%)
- The number of non-white victims declined in 2024 but still accounted for 9% of victims. They also accounted for 9% of victims in 2023, but only 5% of victims in 2022. Victims of Hispanic descent accounted for 3.5% of the victim population, which is a decrease from the 8% reported in 2023.
- The 35 - 44 age group contained the most affected ages in 2024, accounting for 29% of victims. The 18 – 24 age group, which saw significant decline in 2023, was the second highest age category in 2024.
- All persons under the age of 18 who overdosed in 2024 reportedly did so while consuming marijuana.
- Attleboro residents made up the bulk of victims (81%), a similar trend which was noted in recent years – 2023 (82%); 2022 (88%) and 2021 (80%).
- Just two victims who overdosed in 2024 also overdosed the prior year in 2023; compared to recent years such as 2020, 2021 and 2022 when repeat victim numbers were higher (n=13).
- There were six suspected narcotic-related deaths during 2024*, which is five fewer deaths than during 2023. Five of the victims were non-Hispanic, white parties (4 Male / 1 Female) between the ages of 35 and 70.
- Narcan administration by AFD personnel and private citizens (as noted in AFD / police department records) was noted in 47% of incidents, a substantial decrease from the 69% noted in reports from 2023.

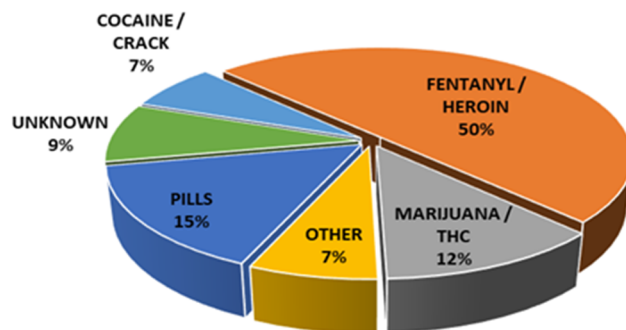
*The number of deaths may change based on future information from the Massachusetts Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.



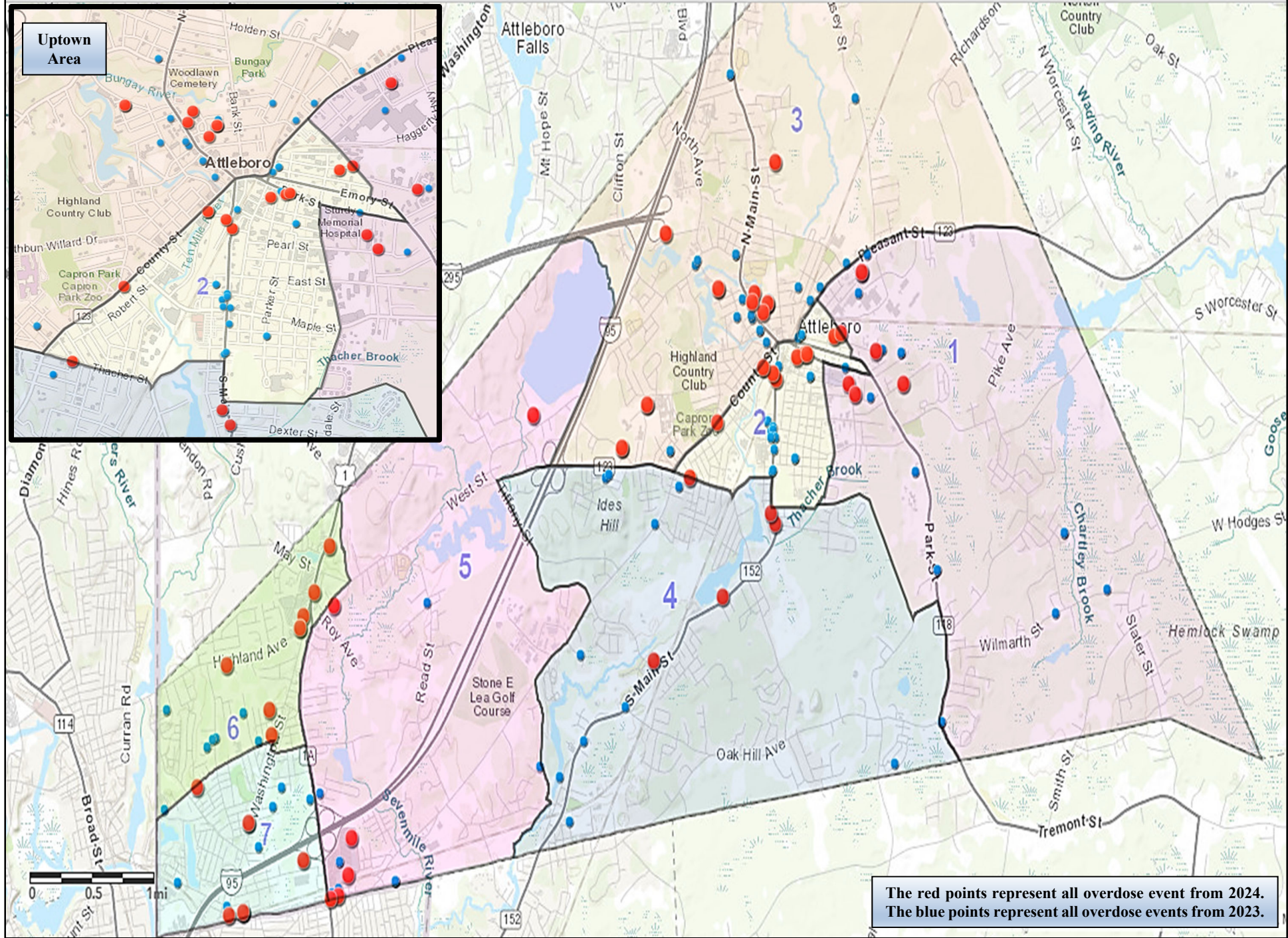
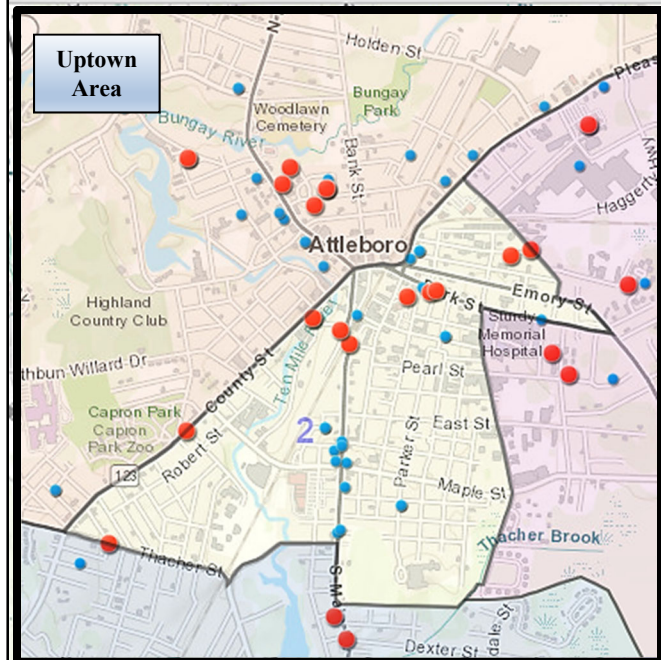
Overdose Locations in 2024



Suspected Drug Type



The information contained within this brief should be considered preliminary and is solely intended to identify any trends and patterns in the city of Attleboro. The number of overdoses reported includes only those incidents that were reported to the Police Department and to which APD responded. These numbers may not represent all overdoses and should not be considered a final or comprehensive count of overdoses events.



The red points represent all overdose event from 2024.
 The blue points represent all overdose events from 2023.

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