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From Prediction to Prevention.

ILLINOIS OVERDOSE DEATHS: PROGRESS & PREVENTION

Statewide trends and a closer look at St. Clair County.

ILLINOIS STATEWIDE
2024 (Preliminary)

2,419 Illinois residents died of drug overdose in 2024 (preliminary).

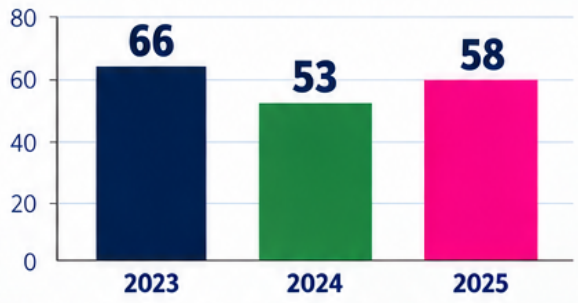
30% decline in all-drug overdose deaths compared with 2023.

76% of Illinois overdose deaths in 2024 involved opioids.

35.6% decrease in opioid overdose deaths in 2024.

35.2% decrease in synthetic opioid deaths (including fentanyl analogs) in 2024.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
OVERDOSE DEATHS



According to Partnership for Drug-Free Communities, figures supplied by St. Clair County Coroner's Office.

Statewide progress does not mean every county improves every year.

While Illinois has seen a decline in overdose deaths, St. Clair County experienced a slight increase from 2024 to 2025.

PROGRESS SAVES LIVES.

Continued prevention, treatment, and community support can reduce overdose deaths across Illinois and in St. Clair County.

FROM RESPONSE TO PREVENTION

Everyone can help reduce overdose deaths. Here are key ways to make a difference:

Naloxone Access

Keep naloxone available and know how to use it. It can reverse an overdose and save a life.

Treatment & Recovery Connection

Support access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services.

Awareness of Polysubstance Risk

Many overdose deaths involve more than one substance. Increased awareness can reduce risk.

Early Recognition of Risk

Look for changes in behavior, increased tolerance, or signs of substance use and seek help early.

Address Social Determinants of Health

Stable housing, food security, mental health support, and connected communities can reduce overdose risk.

SOURCES: Illinois Department of Public Health. Statewide Semiannual Overdose Report (Dec. 2025). dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/opioids/idph-data-dashboard/semiannual-overdose-report-122025.pdf; Partnership for Drug-Free Communities, St. Clair County Overdose Deaths (coroner-provided data), partnershipdrugfree.org/resources/.

Illinois 2024 statewide data preliminary; local 2025 figures from separate source. Do not compare statewide and county totals as matching reporting periods.