



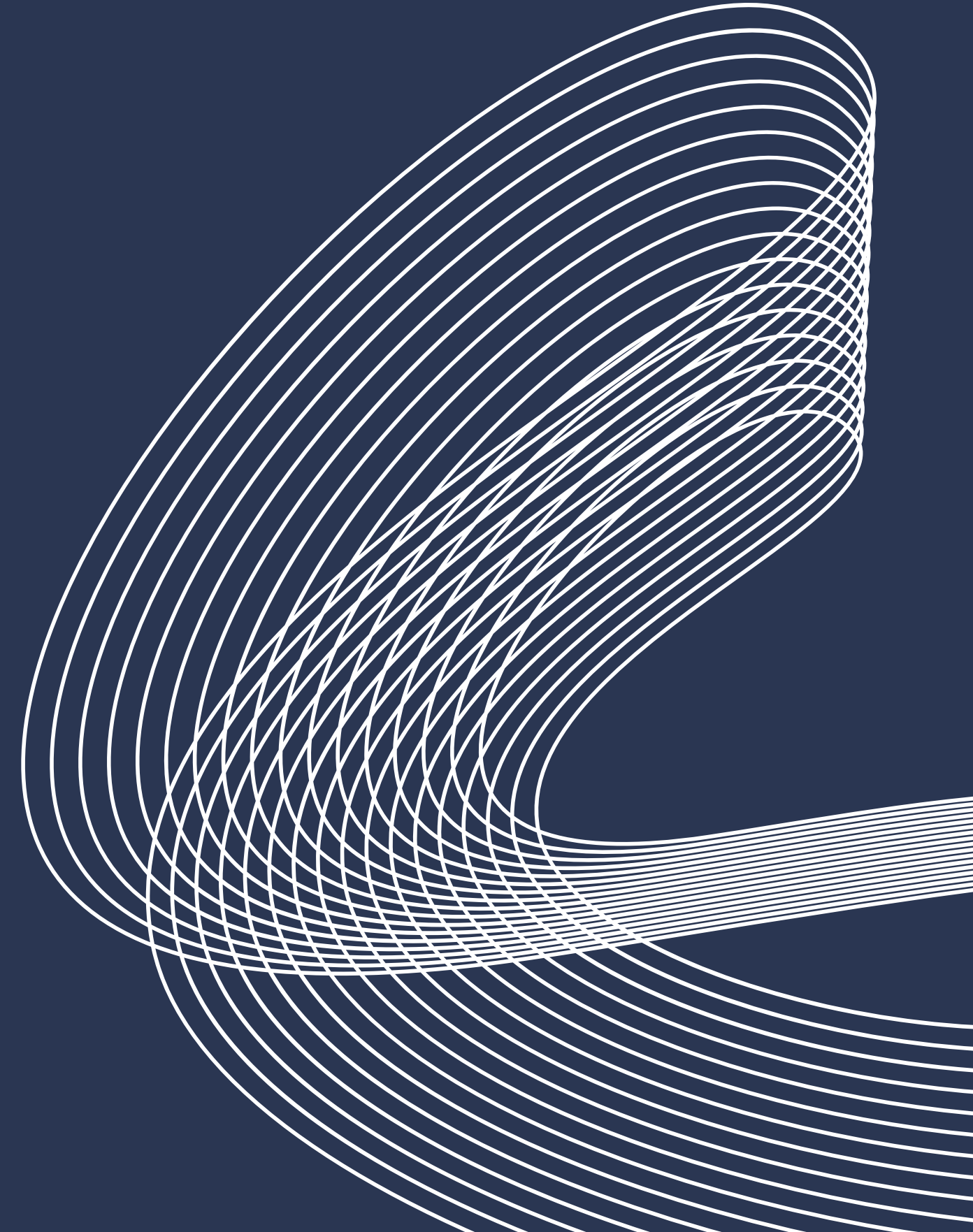
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REPORT ON 2022 FATAL OVERDOSE DATA

PRESENTED TO
Opioid Task Force

PRESENTED BY
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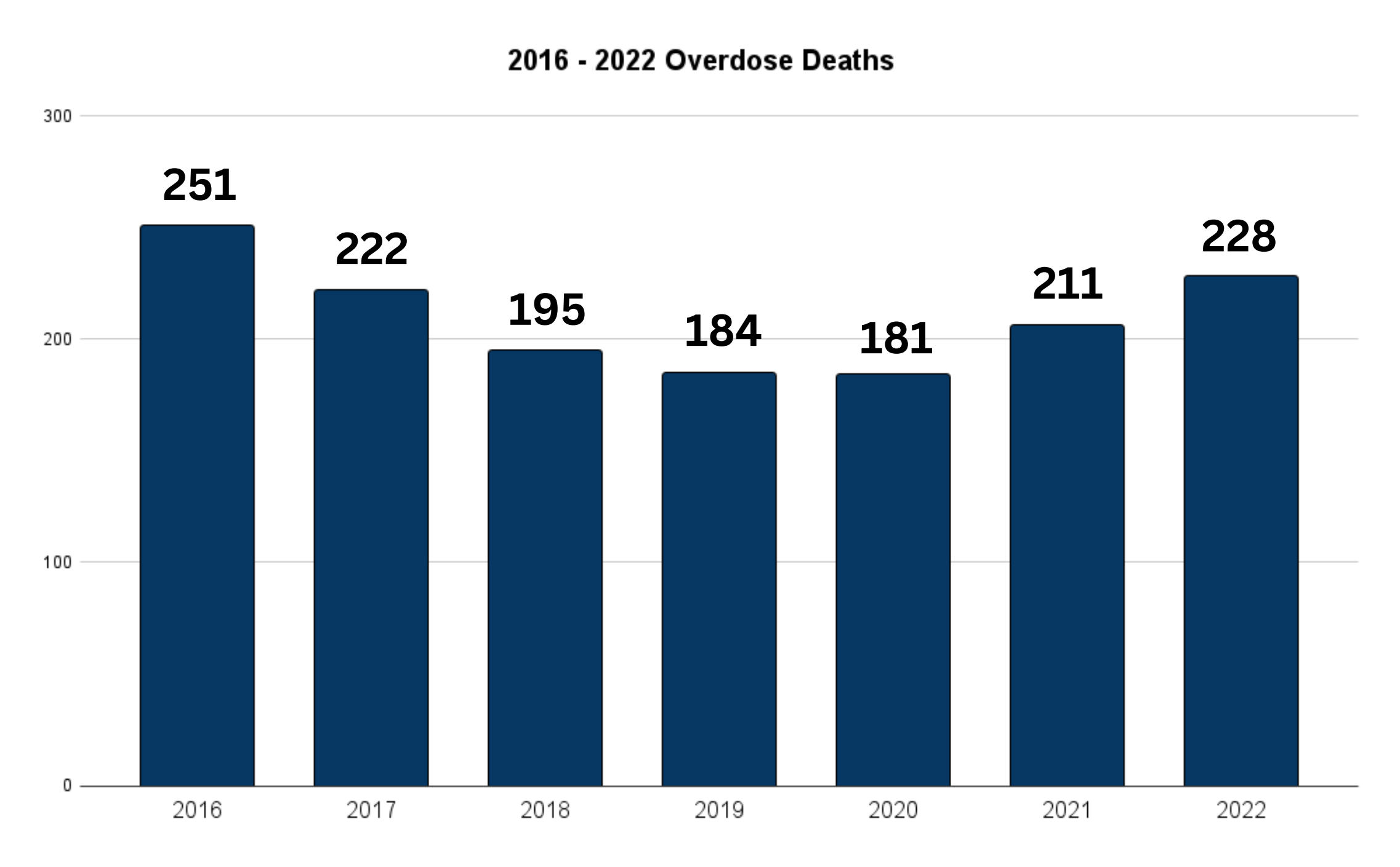


OPIOID TASK FORCE: BACKGROUND

A brief overview of the Opioid Task Force's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic across Middlesex County

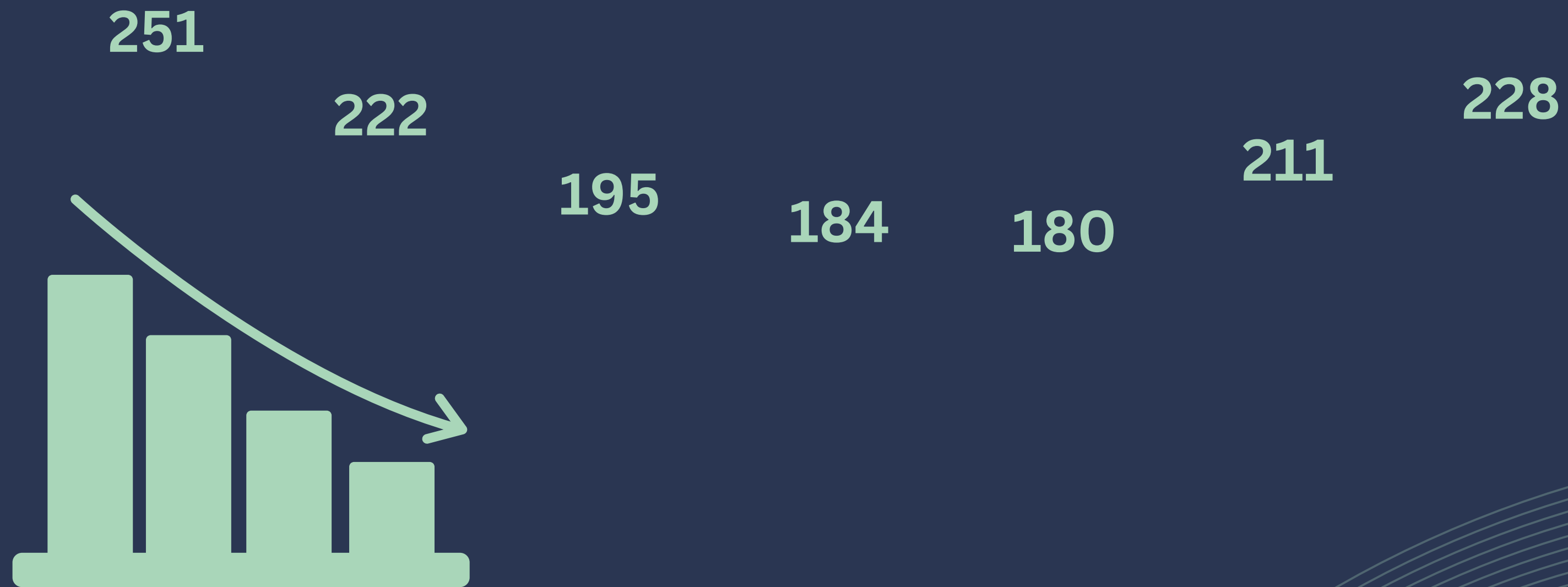


MIDDLESEX COUNTY FATAL OVERDOSES, 2016-2022



- 2016 - 251 OD deaths
- 2017 - 222 OD deaths
- 2018 - 195 OD deaths
- 2019 - 184 OD deaths
- 2020 - 181 OD deaths
- 2021 - 211 OD deaths
- 2022 - 228 OD deaths

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FATAL OVERDOSES, 2016-2022



2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION WITHIN MIDDLESEX



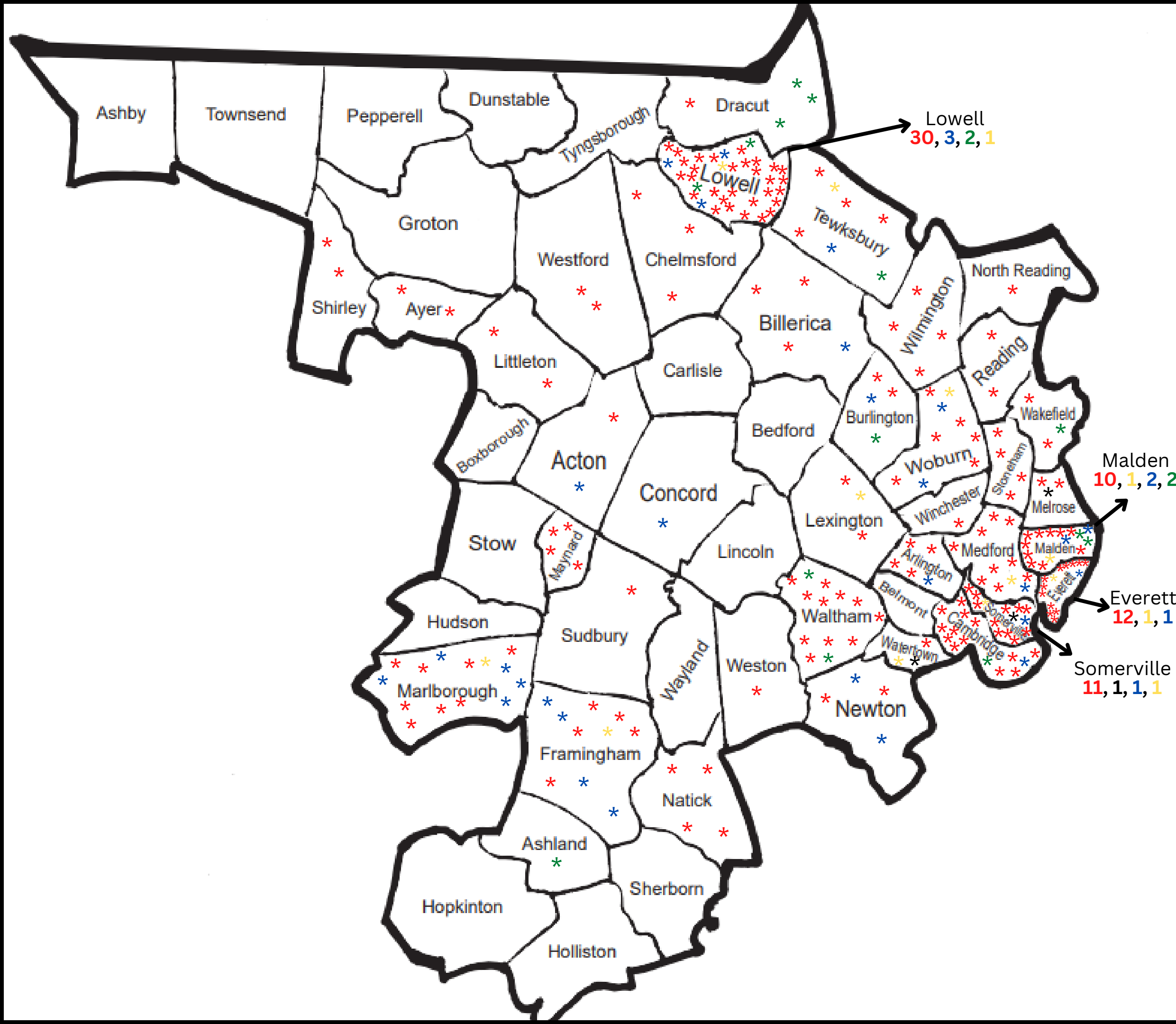


Middlesex County

2022 Drug-Related Deaths

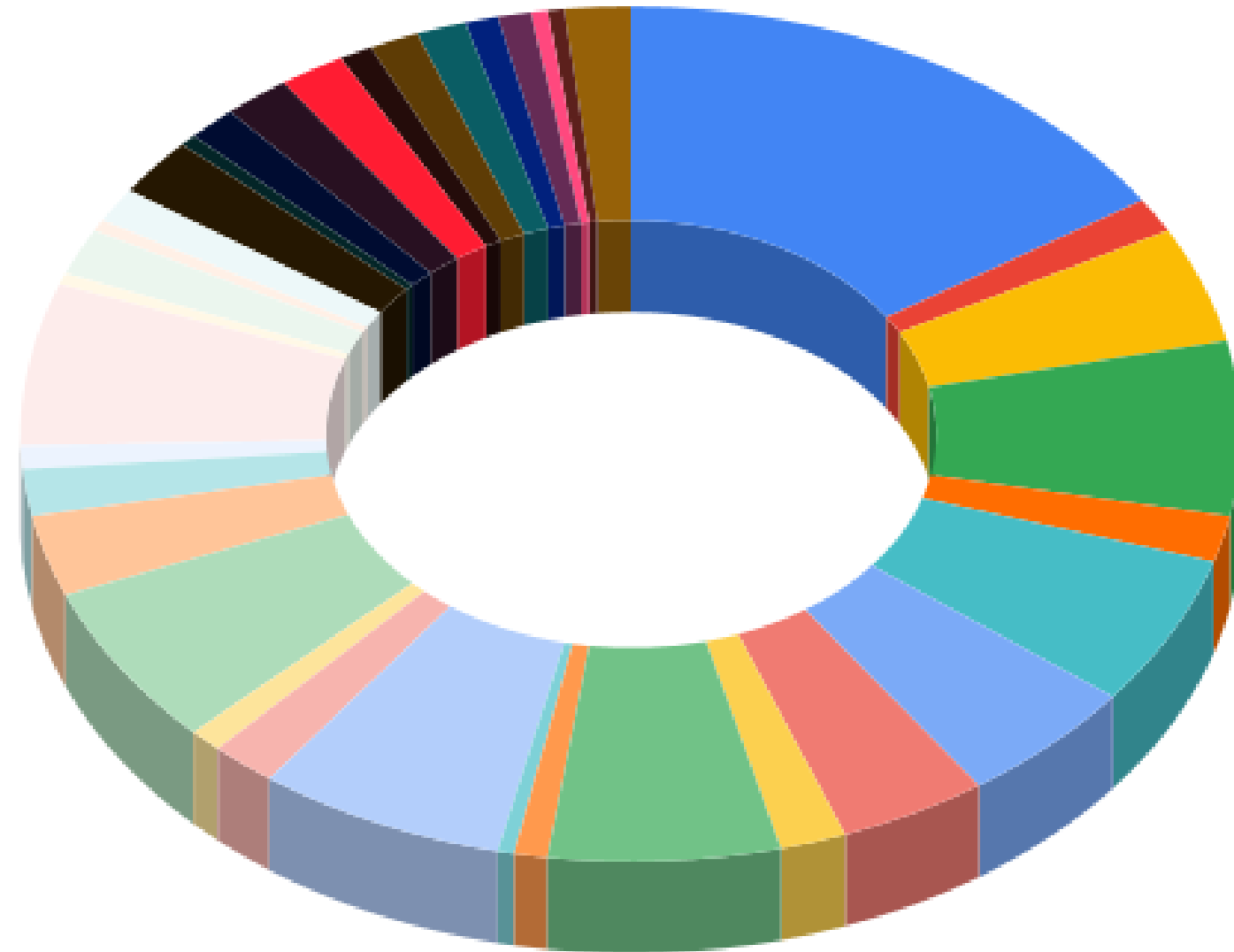
- **HEROIN**
- **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**
- **CRACK / COCAINE**
- **FENTANYL**
- **OTHER / PENDING**

Through 12/30/2022



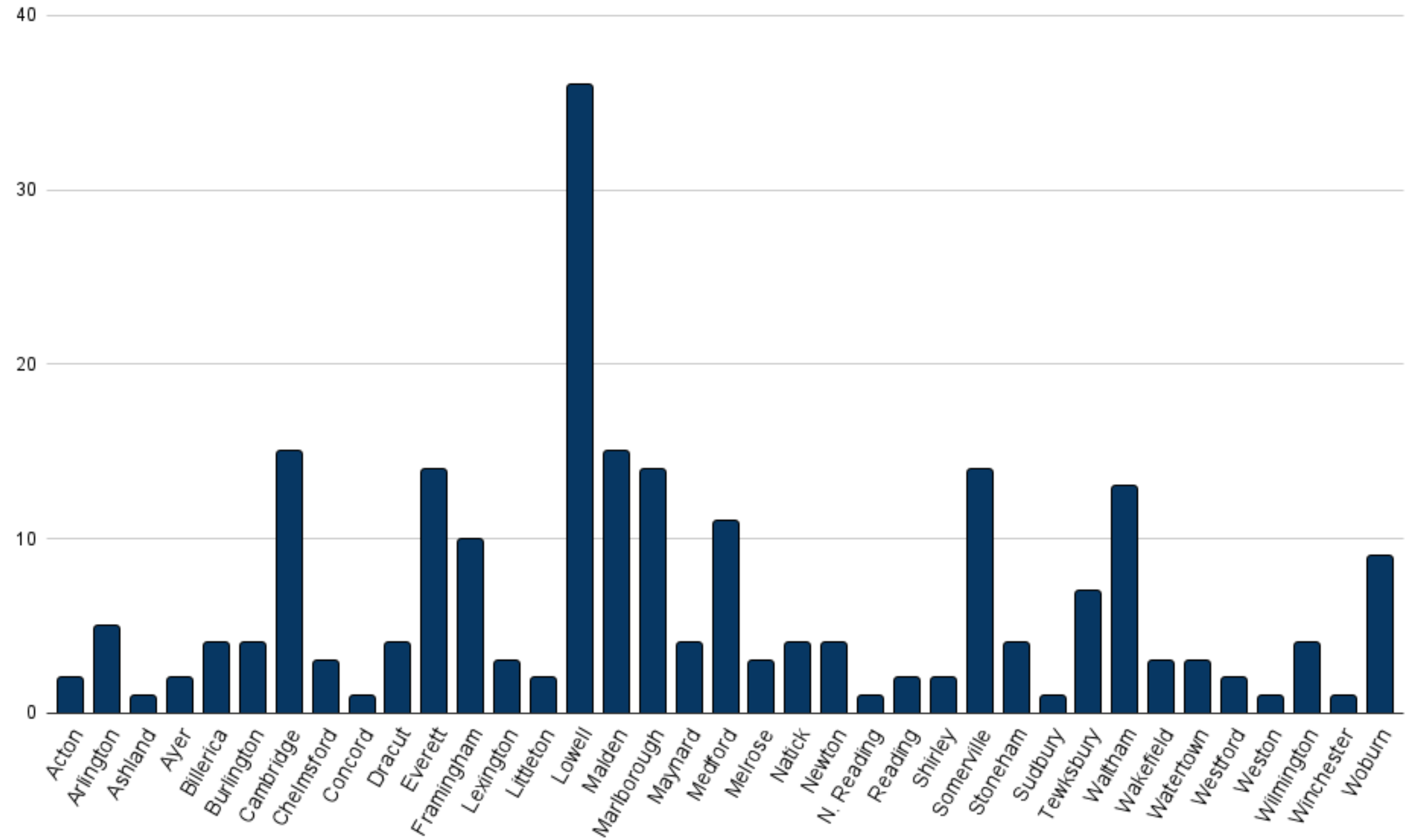
2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - BY CITY & TOWN

Overdose Deaths by Cities and Towns



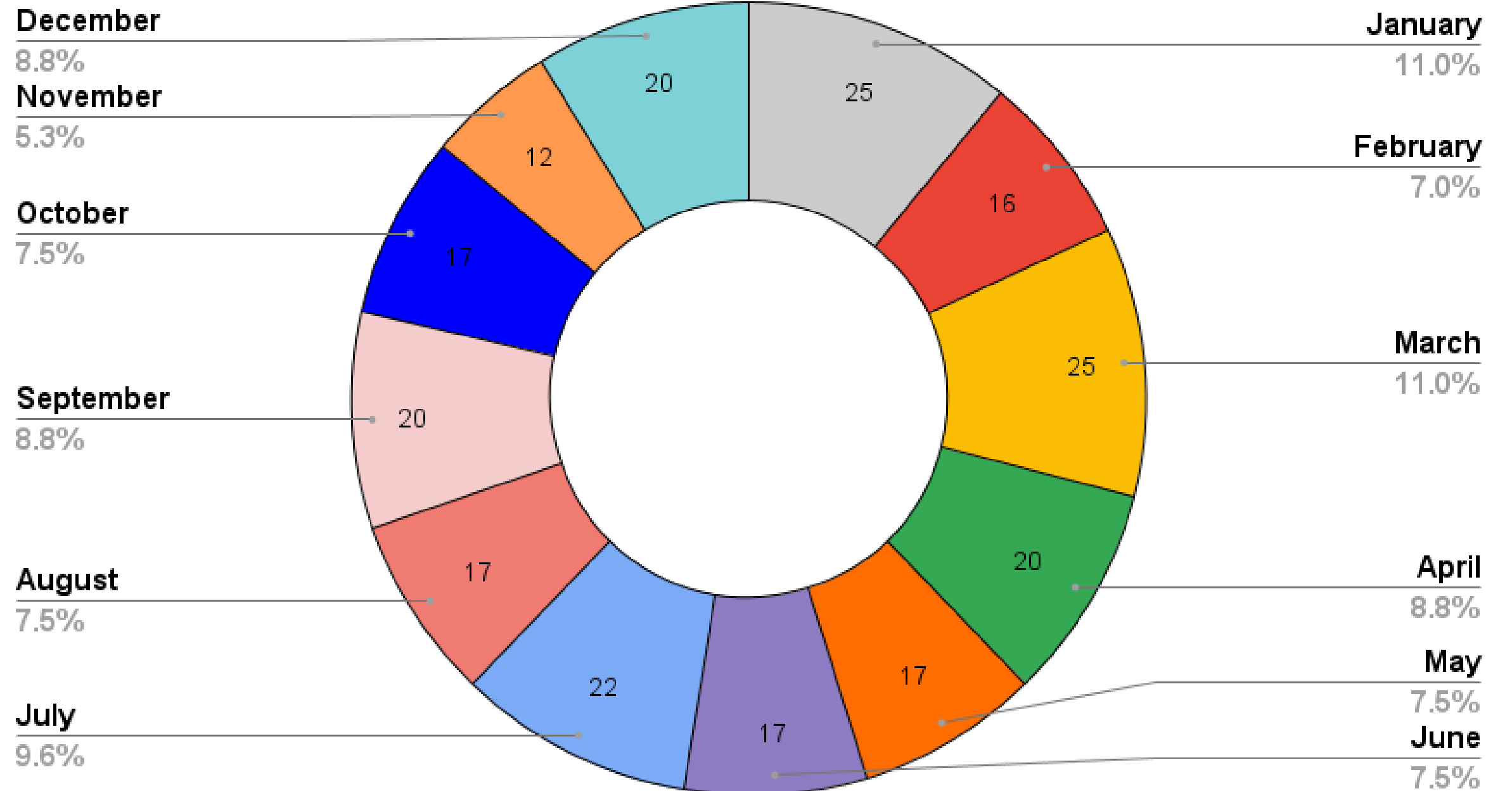
- Lowell ● Lexington ● Framingham ● Cambridge ● Maynard ● Waltham ● Medford
- Woburn ● Bellerica ● Somerville ● Ayer ● Ashland ● Malden ● Wilmington ● Littleton
- Marlborough ● Tewksbury ● Newton ● Acton ● Everett ● Weston ● Stoneham
- North Reading ● Wakefield ● Arlington ● Sudbury ● Melrose ● Dracut ● Natick ● Shirley
- Chelmsford ● Watertown ● Westford ● Reading ● Concord ● Winchester ● Burlington

2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - BY CITY & TOWN



2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - BY TIME OF YEAR

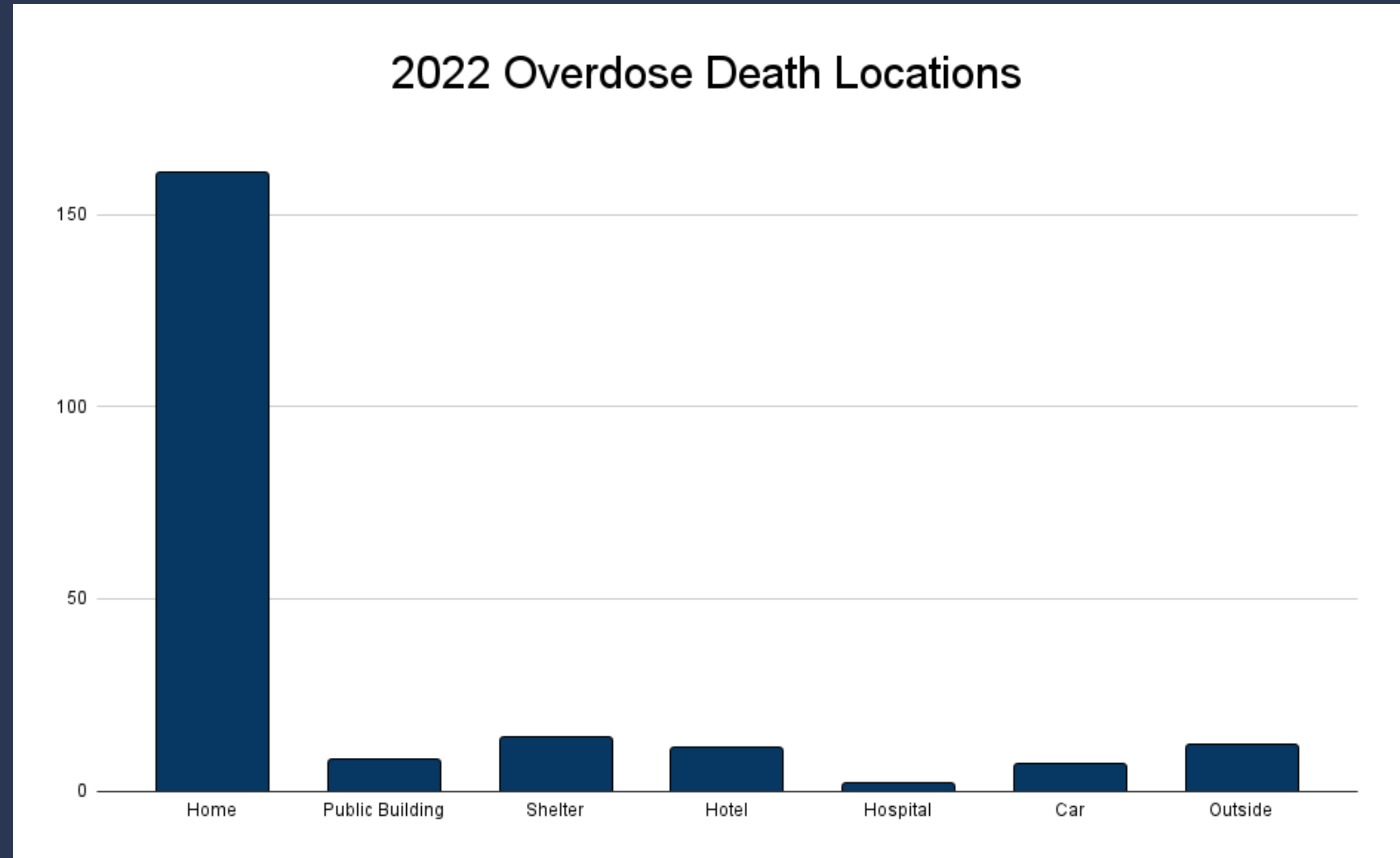
2022 Overdoses by Month



2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - PHYSICAL LOCATION

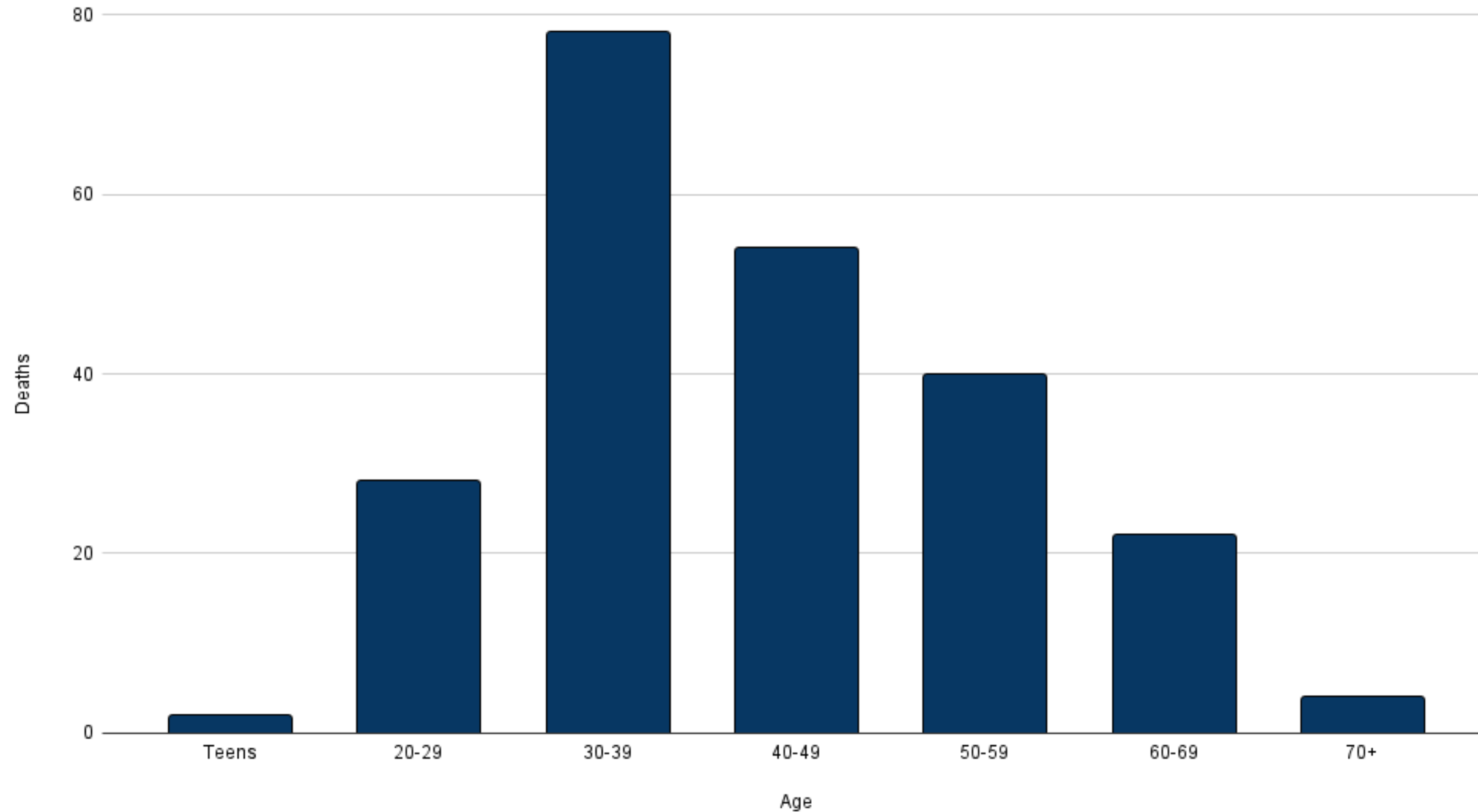
Vast majority of individuals who died by overdose in 2022 appear to have used and died at home

Of reports that included more specific information, many located in bed, bathroom, in basement bedrooms, or on a couch in a living room



2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS - AGE BREAKDOWN

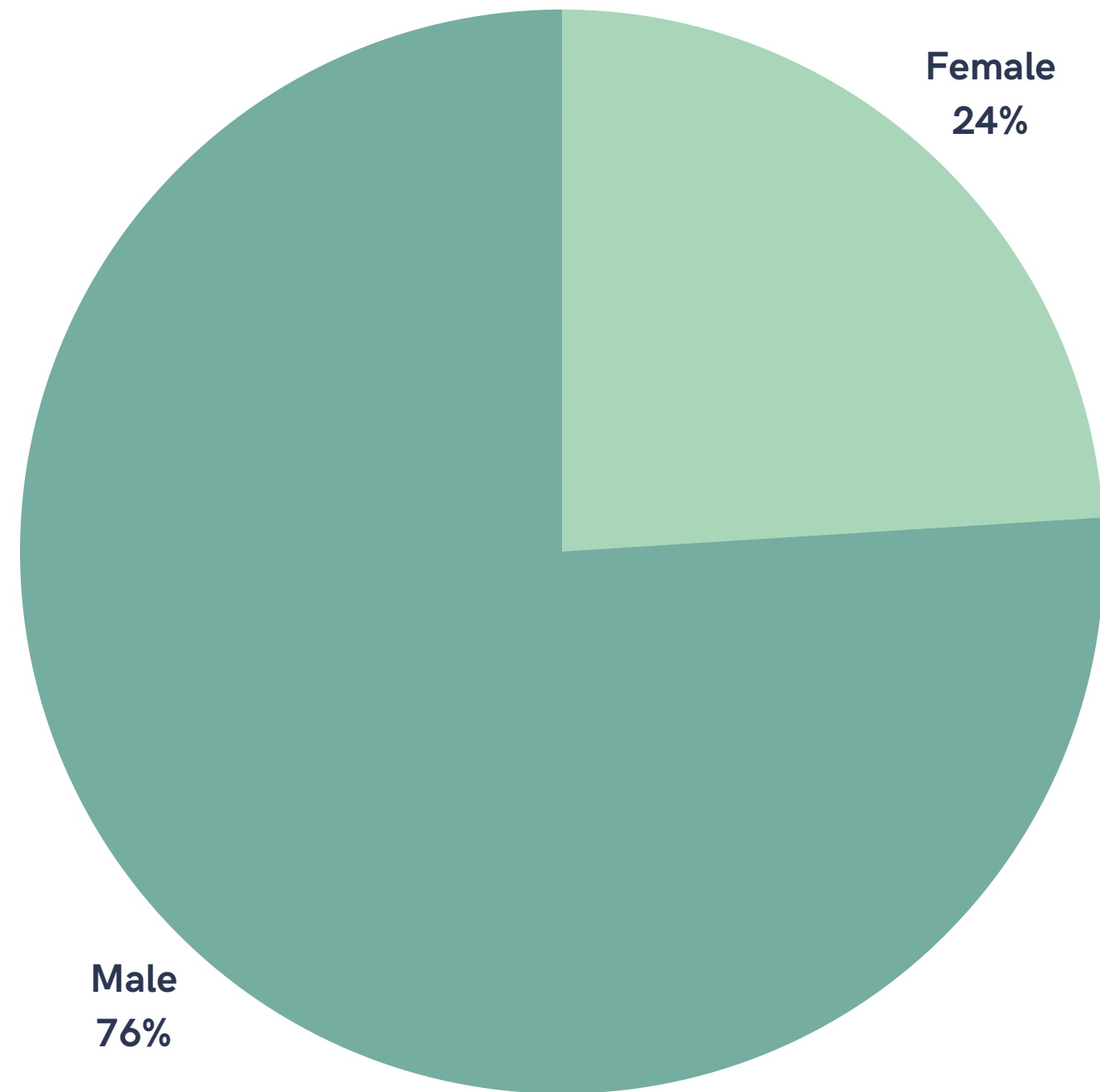
2022 Overdose Deaths By Age



42 Average Age

Those older than 50 who died by overdose in 2022 made up 28.9% of total overdose deaths


2022 Overdose Deaths by Gender



Based on the reports, the majority of overdoses were among men

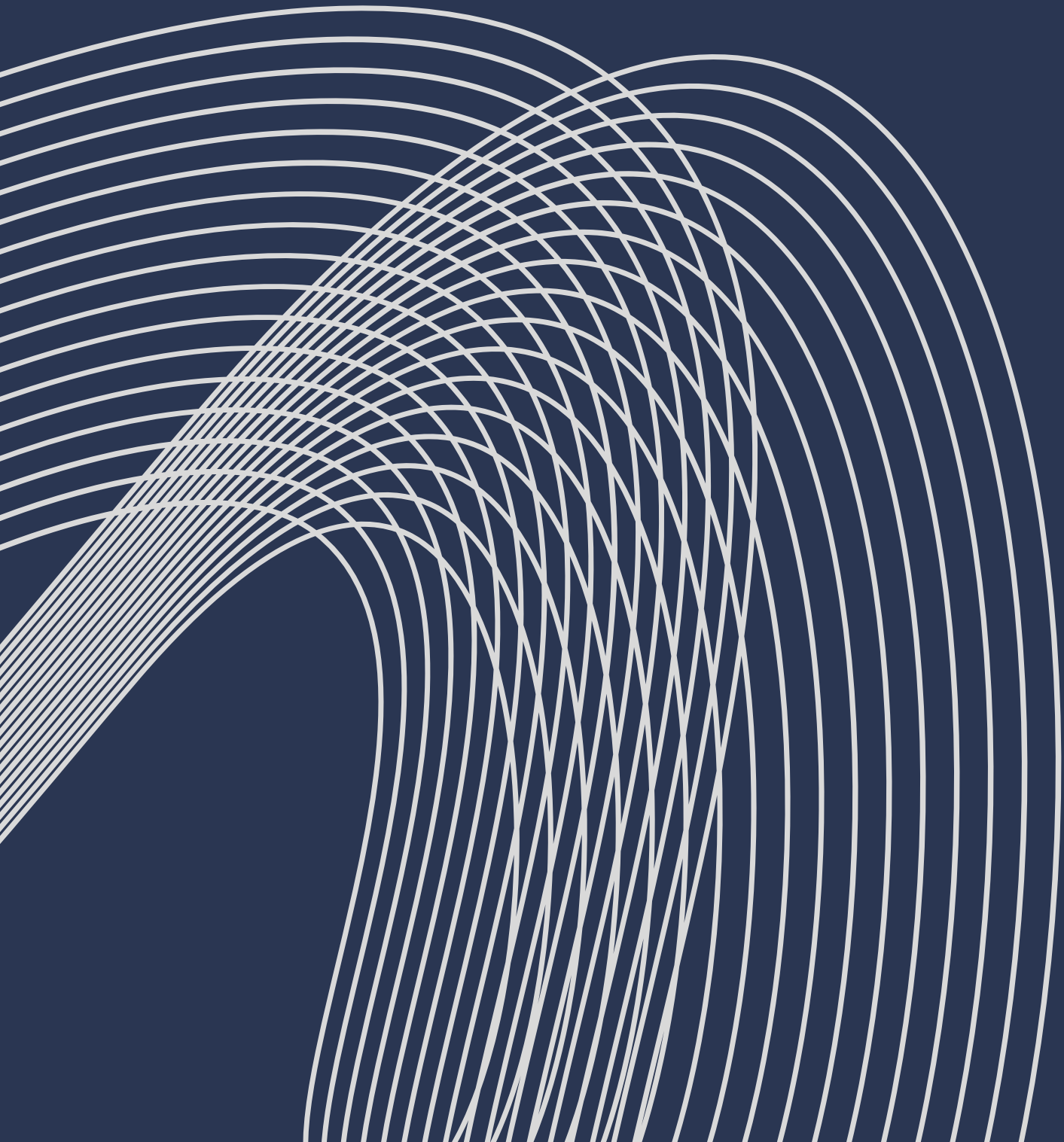


COMMON THREADS AND RISK FACTORS:

- **Social isolation at home – found by friend or family member or located after a well-being check**
 - **Long history of addiction or substance use disorder**
 - **Extended period of sobriety followed by relapse - including after a medical procedure**
 - **Indicia of suicide based on surrounding circumstances**
 - **Polysubstance use**
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2023 OVERDOSE DEATHS - JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 30

- **19 overdose deaths**
- **In the following cities and towns:**
 - **1 person in Acton, 1 in Bedford, 2 people in Cambridge, 1 in Concord, 1 in Framingham, 1 in Hudson, 3 in Lowell, 2 in Malden, 2 in Medford, 4 in Somerville, 1 in Woburn**
- **To extent we know the substance:**
 - **Pills, crack cocaine, fentanyl, and fentanyl/heroin**



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