National Overdose Deaths
Number of Deaths from Prescription Opioid Pain Relievers

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder
National Overdose Deaths
Number of Deaths from Benzodiazepines

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder
National Overdose Deaths
Number of Deaths from Cocaine

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder
National Overdose Deaths
Number of Deaths from Heroin

- Total
- Female
- Male

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder
The figures above are bar charts showing the number of U.S. overdose deaths involving prescription drugs, opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, cocaine, or heroin from 2001 to 2014. The charts are overlayed by line graphs showing the number of deaths by males and females. The highest rise was seen for deaths involving heroin with a 6-fold increase from 2001 to 2014. This was followed by deaths involving benzodiazepines with a 5-fold increase and deaths involving prescription opioid pain relievers showing a 3.4-fold increase. Cocaine deaths increased by 42 percent over the same period.