<u>1</u>). The preliminary age-standardised rate in 2021 was 11 deaths per 100,000 people and it was not statistically different from that in 2020 (12 deaths per 100,000 people) (Table 1). Estimates for 2020 and 2021 are subject to revision and may increase.

### Sex

In 2021, males accounted for 58% (29 deaths) of drug-induced deaths.

The rate of drug-induced deaths was also higher among males than females (13 versus 9.0 deaths per 100,000 people, respectively). Analyses did not indicate a statistically significant change between 2020 and 2021 in the preliminary rates for males or females (Table 1).

#### Age

In 2021, drug-induced deaths were most common among the 35-44 age group (30%, 15 deaths). The rate was also highest in this age group (22 deaths per 100,000 people).

Analyses did not indicate a statistically significant change in the preliminary estimated rates between 2020 and 2021 for any of the age groups (Table 2).

## Remoteness Area of Usual Residence

Over 99.8% of the population in the Australian Capital Territory resided in major city areas and the remaining resided in inner regional areas in 2021. For this reason, data on deaths by remoteness area are not presented.

### Intent of Drug Overdose Deaths

In 2021, 96% (48 deaths) of drug-induced deaths were due to <u>overdose</u>. Over three-fifths (62.5%, 30 deaths) of overdose deaths in 2021 were deemed unintentional; 37.5% (18 deaths) were deemed intentional. This profile has been broadly consistent over time.

# Place of Occurrence

In 2021, the location of the incident underlying death was coded as home for the majority (84%, 42 deaths) of drug-induced deaths.

85+		

Note: Deaths where conditions related to alcohol or tobacco comprised the underlying cause of death are not captured here. Causes of death data for 2020 and 2021 are preliminary and thus are subject to further revision. 95% confidence intervals for the crude rate and average percent change are shown in brackets. Please refer to our methods

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## Tabl5(B) Age-standardised rate per 100,000 peopl5(bi overdose deaths in th Australian Capital Territory in 2020 and 2021, and averagpercent chang(APC) for difference betweh2021 and 2020 (95% conintervals), by intent

Intent	Rate in 2020 (95% Cl)	Rate in 2021 (95% Cl)	APC (95% CI)
Unintentional	5.3 (3.4, 7.9)	6.6 (4.4, 9.4)	25 (-27, 114)
Intentional	4.7 (2.9, 7.1)	3.8 (2.2, 5.9)	-20 (-57, 49)

Note: Deaths where conditions related to alcohol or tobacco comprised the underlying cause of death are not captured here. Causes of death data for 2020 and 2021 are preliminary and thus are subject to further revision. 95% confidence intervals for the age-standardised rate and average percent change are shown in brackets. Please refer to our methods

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Drug	Rate in 2020 (95% Cl)	Rate in 2021 (95% Cl)	APC (95% Cl)
Opioids	6.6 (4.4, 9.4)	6.1 (4, 8.8)	-7.9 (-45, 55)
Antiehpileptic, sedativehypnotic & antiparkinsonism drugs	6.8 (4.6, 9.6)	5.9 (3.9, 8.6)	-13 (-48, 45)
Antidepressants	4.2 (2.5, 6.6)	3.9 (2.3, 6.2)	-7.9 (-52, 76)
Amphetamine-type stimulants	3.4 (1.9, 5.5)	2.7 (1.4, 4.7)	-21 (-63, 68)
Antipsychotics & neuroleptics	2.8 (1.5, 4.9)	2.6 (1.3, 4.5)	-9.2 (-59, 103)
Alcohol	2.7 (1.4, 4.8)		
Cannabinoids			
Cocaine			
Non-opioid analgehsics			

Note: Deaths where conditions related to alcohol or tobacco comprised the underlying cause of death are not captured here. Causes of death data for 2020 and 2021 are preliminary and thus are subject to further revision. 95% confidence intervals for the age-standardised rate and average percent change (APC) are shown in brackets. Please refer to our methods document o

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