

OVERDOSE CRISIS IS WORSENING

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Escambia EMS ran **10,529 opiate overdose calls from 2021 to 2023**, far more than neighboring counties. The demographics & neighborhoods affected were widespread.

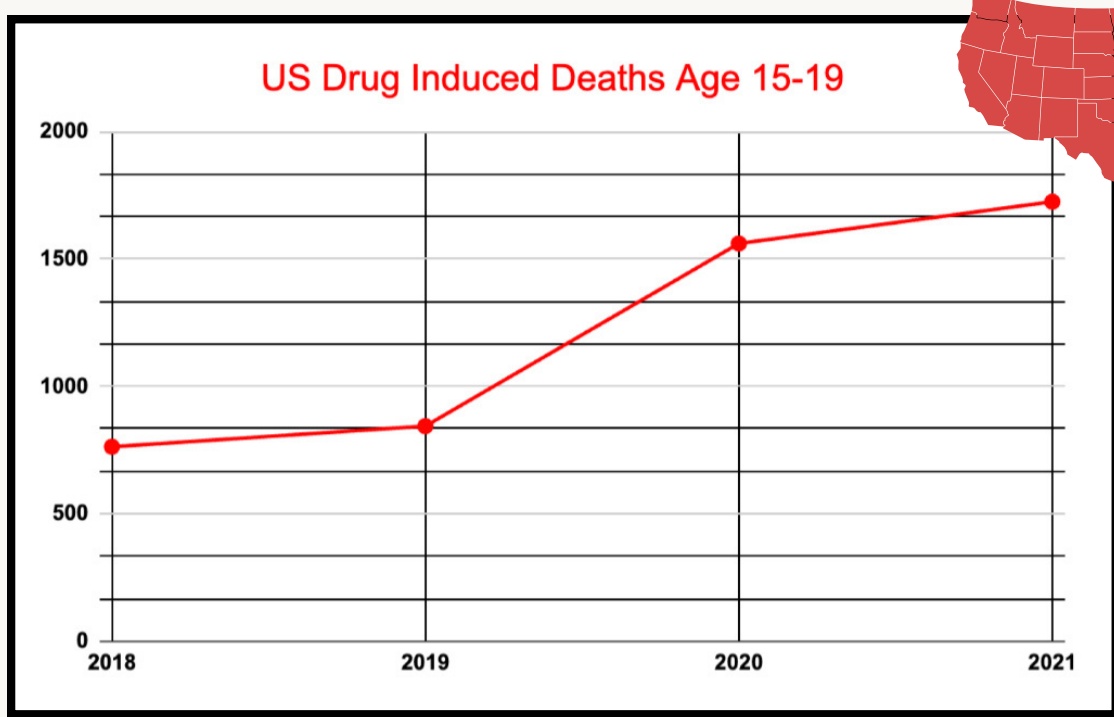
In **2023**, Escambia County EMS had over **3,913 opioid overdose calls**, a **19% increase** from the year prior. As of Feb. 19th, EMS has already received **257 overdose calls** since the start of **2024**.



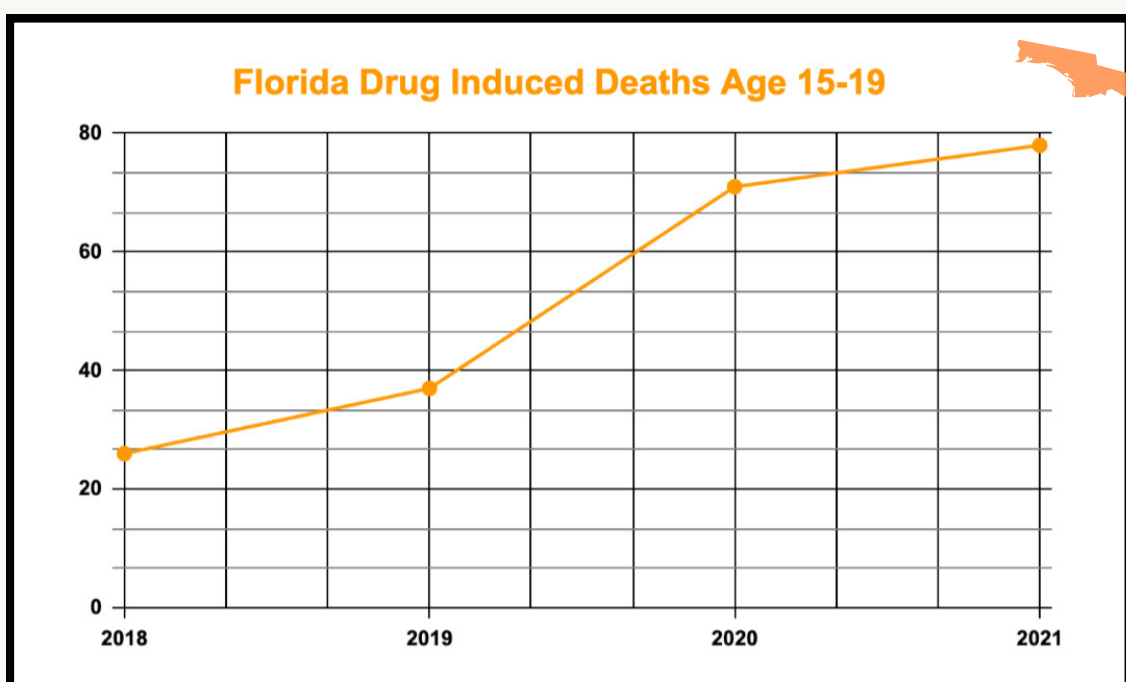
EMS Chief David Torsell states, "Addiction has **no biases**. It impacts all ethnicities, all populations, and all age groups. It affects **every single community** in Escambia County, from north to south, from the key to Gulf Breeze to Pensacola Beach."

Additionally, "the **biggest gaps** in programs involve a lack of space for the **treatment of minors** and women."

Between 2018–2021, overdose deaths **DOUBLED** in teens aged 15–19, reporting the largest increase by age in the nation.



In the state of Florida, overdose deaths **TRIPLED** in teens aged 15–19.



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