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Bulletin #10

Key Messages

1. The way deaths data are presented on AODstats has changed and you will now see 'induced' and 'related' categories presented for drugs on the site. More information on the calculation and definition of these terms is available on page 2 of this bulletin and within our methods document.
2. Alcohol induced and alcohol related deaths were more than double among males compared with females in both 2021 and 2022.

Deaths

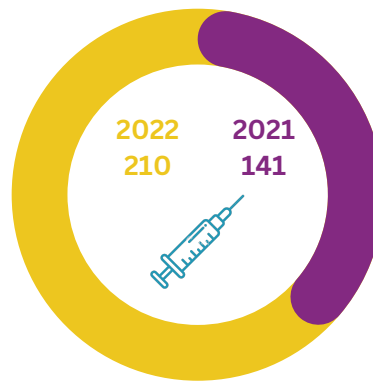
Alcohol Induced



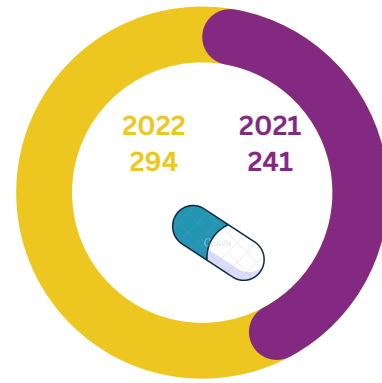
Alcohol Related



Heroin Induced



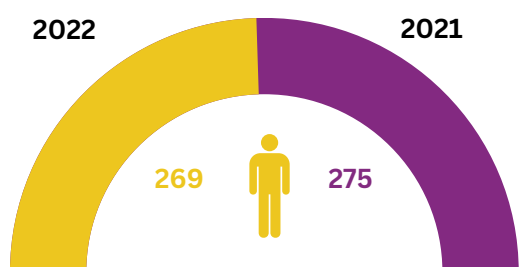
Benzodiazepine Induced



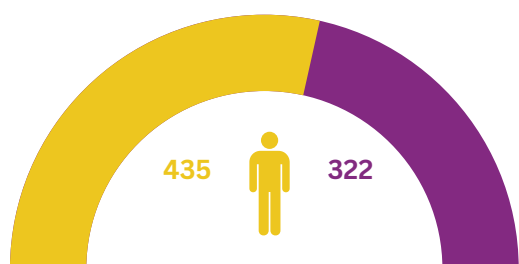
For alcohol induced*, alcohol related*, heroin induced* and benzodiazepine induced* deaths there were increases in 2022 compared with 2021 as displayed in the graphs above.

*See definition

Alcohol Induced

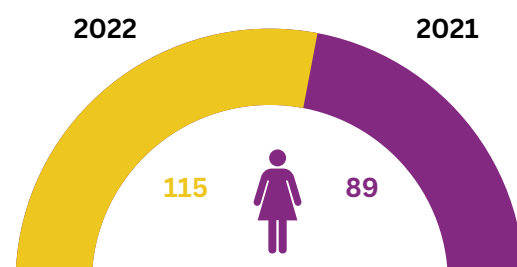


Alcohol Related

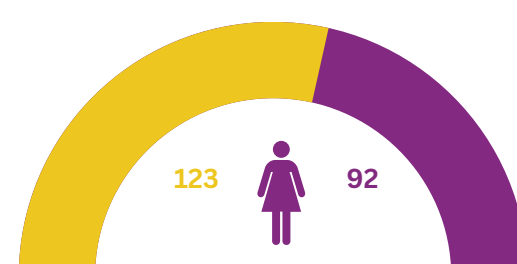


In 2022 there was a **decrease** in the number of male alcohol induced deaths (269 vs 275) and an **increase** in female (115 vs 89)

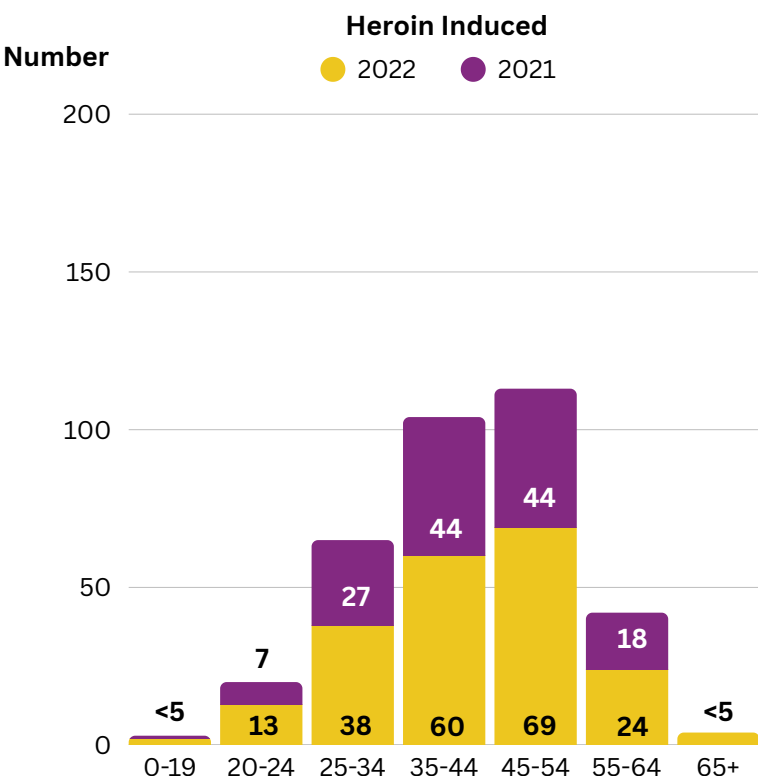
Alcohol Induced



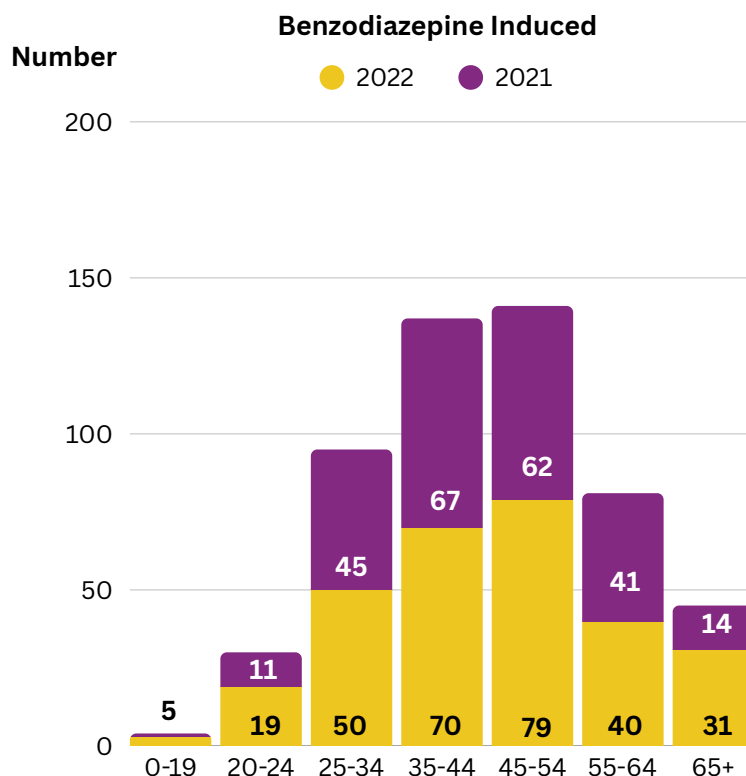
Alcohol Related



In 2022 there was an **increase** in the number of alcohol related deaths for males and females (435 vs 322 and 123 vs 92).



In **2022** there was an **increase** in the number of heroin induced deaths across every age group.



In **2022** there was an **increase** in the number of benzodiazepine induced deaths across every age group, except for those aged 55-64 years.

Definitions

Deaths reported on AODstats are presented by the reference year (calendar year). Further details on the reference year can be found in the [methods document](#). Data may not match that published elsewhere by registration/death year. Causes of death data for more recent years (2020 onwards) are preliminary and subject to a revision process. Alcohol/Drug-induced deaths will differ with future revisions.

Data Analysis

Fatalities involving alcohol or drugs were extracted from the Cause of Death (COD) Unit Record File (URF), where ICD-10 codes in the underlying cause of death (UCOD) and/or the multiple cause of death (MCOD) fields were used to determine the alcohol or drug related harms. Data presented is based upon residential location.

Drug Categories

These are determined using ICD-10 codes in the underlying cause of death (UCOD) and/or the multiple cause of death (MCOD) levels. Further details on the ICD-10 code used can be found in the [methods document](#).

Alcohol Induced – causes of death attributable to alcohol induced mortality. Alcohol induced causes exclude accidents, homicides and other causes indirectly related to alcohol use. Also excluded are newborn deaths associated with maternal alcohol use.

Alcohol Related – Alcohol related to causes that contributed to death and may or may not have been related to the underlying cause (e.g. a person with alcohol dependence syndrome (F10.2, alcohol code) who died after sustaining a head injury (S06, injury code) from falling down the stairs (W10, external cause code)

Heroin Induced – cause of death attributable to heroin.

Benzodiazepine Induced – cause of death attributable to benzodiazepines.

For more information about Deaths or any of the other datasets on AODStats please visit us [here](#).