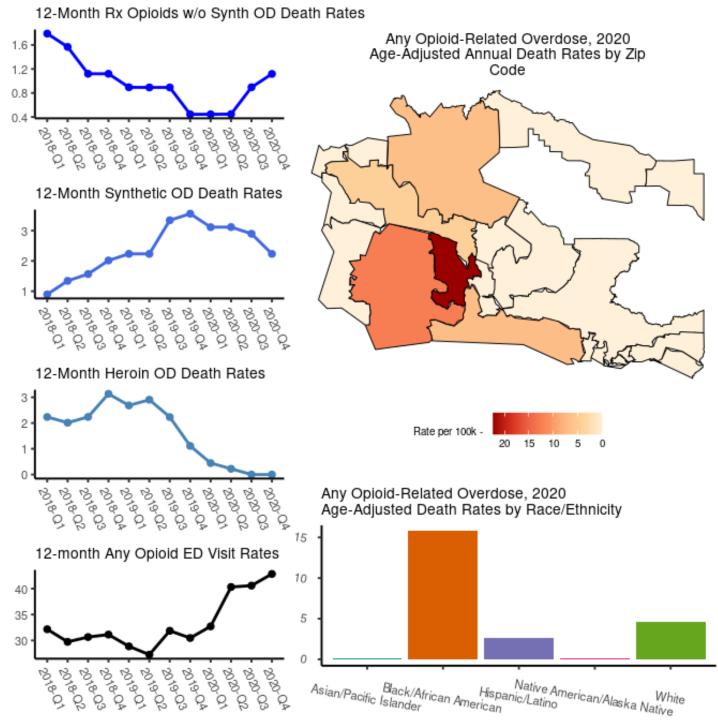


## Santa Barbara Opioid Overdose Snapshot: 2018-Q1 through 2020-Q4

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Santa Barbara experienced 16 any opioid-related overdose deaths in 2020, the most recent calendar year of data available\* and the annual crude mortality rate for 2020 was 3.57 per 100k residents (preliminary data-rates/counts may change). This represents a 52% decrease from 2018. The following charts present 12-month moving averages for selected opioid indicators (prescription-, heroin-, and synthetic opioid-related overdose deaths, and ED visits related to any opioid). The map displays the annual zip code level age-adjusted rates for all opioid-related overdoses. Synthetic opioid overdose deaths may be largely represented by fentanyl.



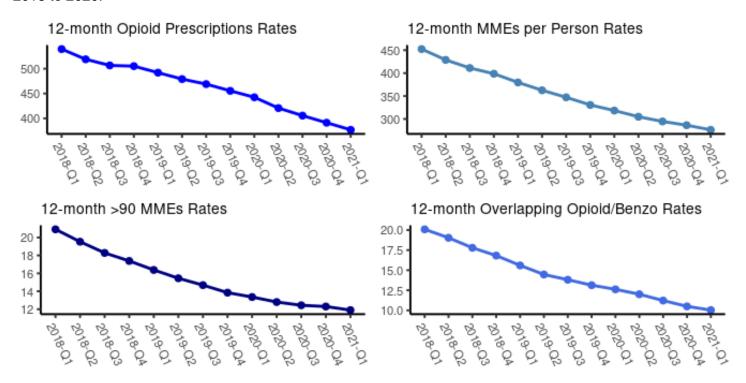
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12-month rates are based on moving averages; OD = Related Overdose
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## **Prescribing**

There were 175,297 prescriptions for opioids (excluding buprenorphine) in Santa Barbara in 2020. The annual crude opioid prescribing rate for 2020 was 391.19 per 1,000 residents. This represents a 23% decrease in prescribing from 2018. The following charts present 12-month moving averages for crude opioid prescribing rates, the crude rate of MMEs (morphine milligram equivalents) per person, the crude high dosage rate (i.e. greater than 90 Daily MMEs in the quarter), and the crude opioid/benzodiazepine overlap crude rate from 2018 to 2020.



## **Treatment**

Buprenorphine prescriptions in the county are used to gauge the expansion of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The annual crude buprenorphine prescribing rate for 2020 was 15.78 per 1,000 residents. This represents a 25% decrease in buprenorphine prescribing from 2018.

