

# Westmoreland County Office of the Coroner



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# DRUG AND ALCOHOL OVERDOSES - 2002 TO 2015

2015 OVERDOSE DEATHS CONFIRMED: 117

AS OF: JANUARY 26, 2016

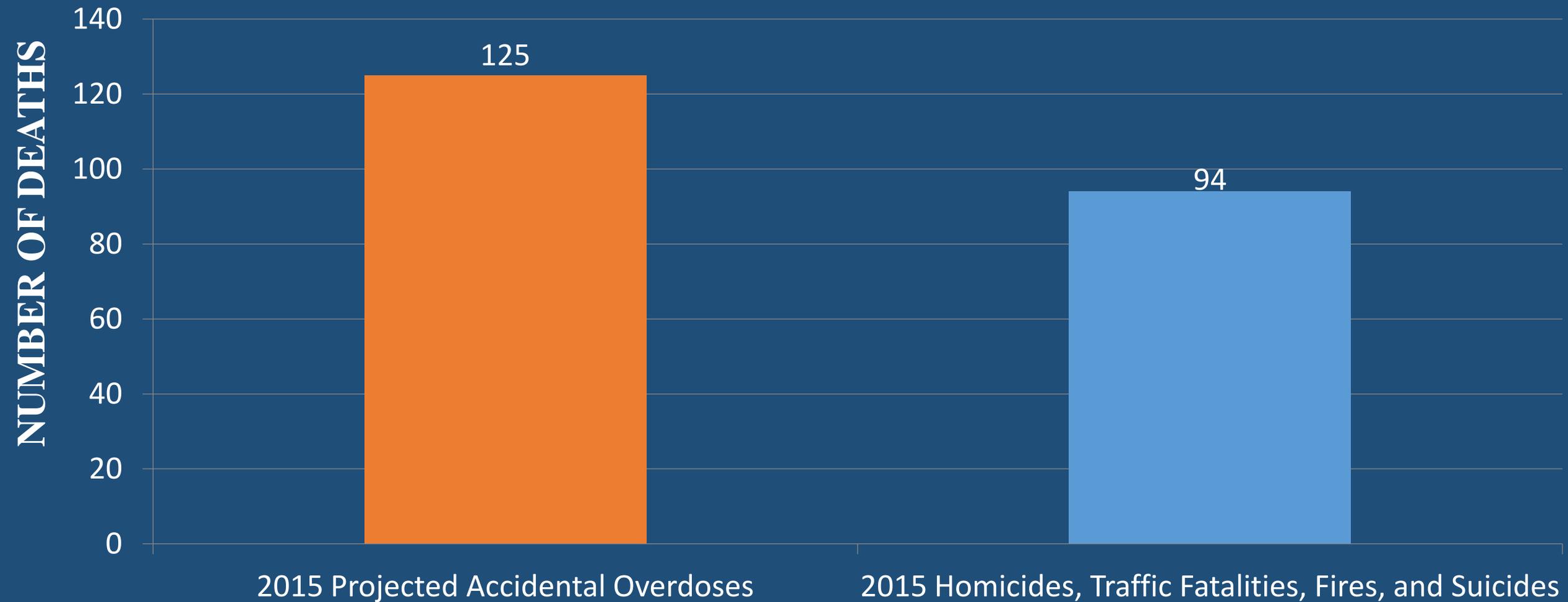
NUMBER OF DEATHS



- “2015 Pending” are additional suspected overdose deaths awaiting to be confirmed by toxicology, autopsy, and further investigation.

# DRUG AND ALCOHOL OVERDOSES COMPARISON TO OTHER TYPES OF DEATHS – 2015

2015 PROJECTED ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSES: 125

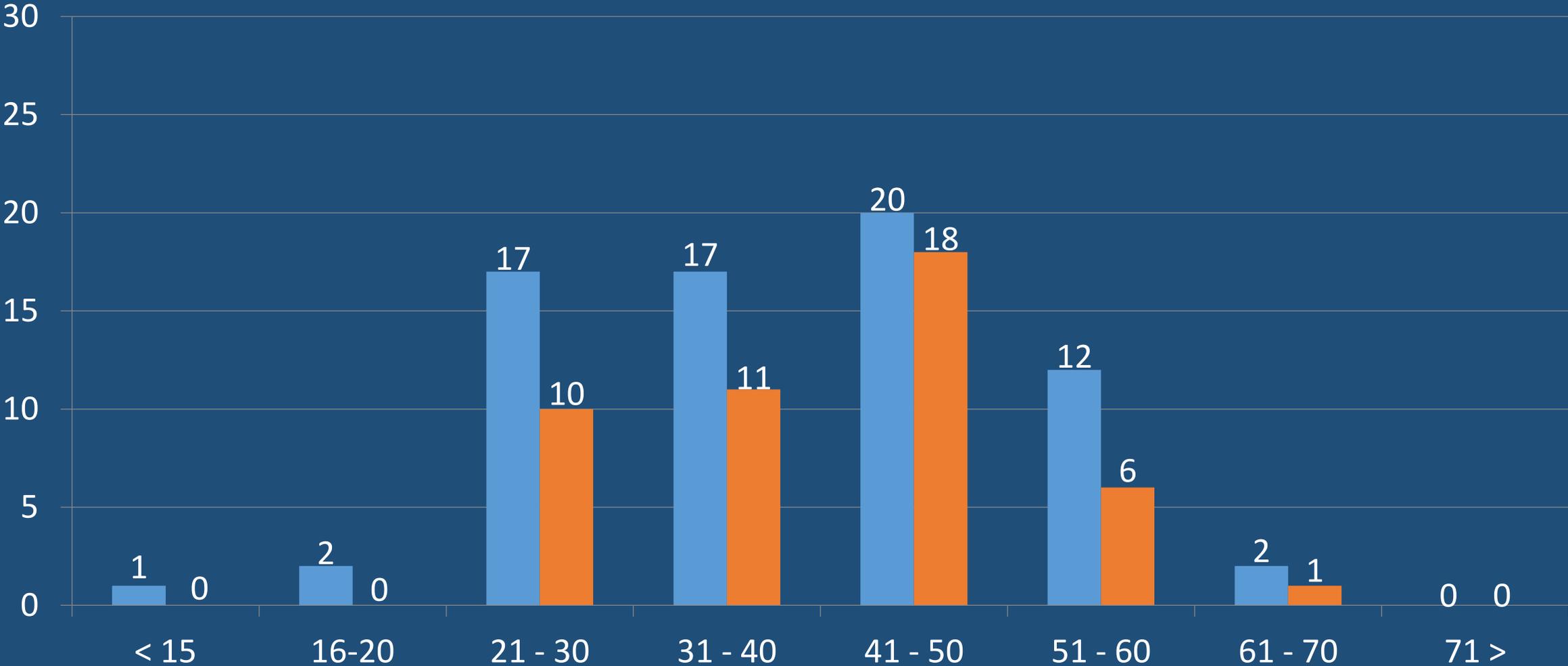


# DRUG AND ALCOHOL OVERDOSES BY AGE AND GENDER - 2015

2015 OVERDOSE DEATHS CONFIRMED: 117

Male Female

NUMBER OF DEATHS

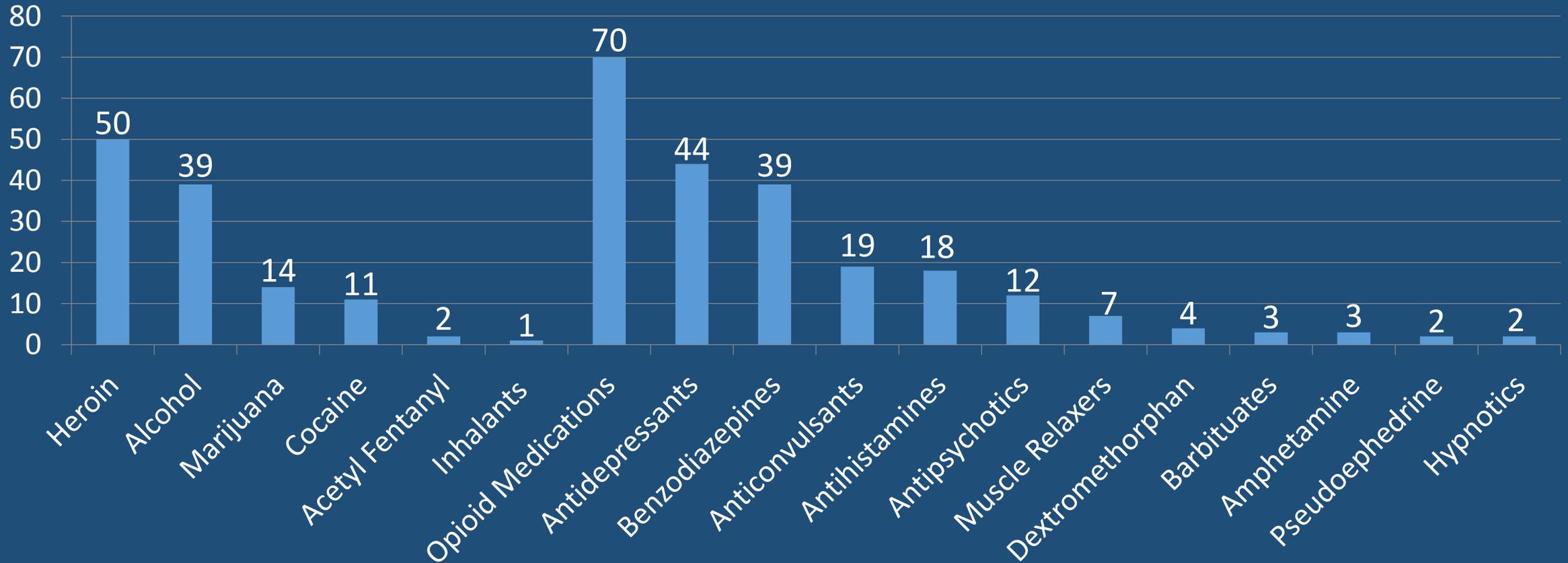


AGE

# DRUG AND ALCOHOL OVERDOSES BY SUBSTANCE - 2015

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NUMBER OF DEATHS



**PLEASE NOTE:** As of January 25, 2016, in (105) of the (117) drug overdose deaths investigated by the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office, the cause of death was the result of a combination of multiple drugs found in the decedent's toxicology, referred to as "Acute Combined Drug Toxicity". The above chart indicates that the drug listed was contributory in the death, either alone, or in combination with another drug(s).

For example, marijuana was present in (14) of the (117) overdose deaths. However, no deaths were the result of marijuana alone, but were due to the combination with other substances across the chart.

# Information Sharing

- \* Local Police
- \* Attorney General
- \* PSP Vice Unit
- \* PaCIC
- \* Overdose Free PA (Pitt)
- \* FBI
- \* DEA – 360 Strategy & Investigation Plan for Narcotic OD's
  - \* Heroin OD December 15, 2015 (cell phone & stamp bags)
  - \* 3,000 bricks and \$200,000
- \* County Detectives
- \* County Chiefs of Police Assoc.
- \* PA Counterdrug Task Force
- \* Western PA Fusion Center
- \* Westmoreland County DOTF
- \* DDAP – Drug Death Reports

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