

# Overdose Crisis: Ohio Cities Among Worst in Nation

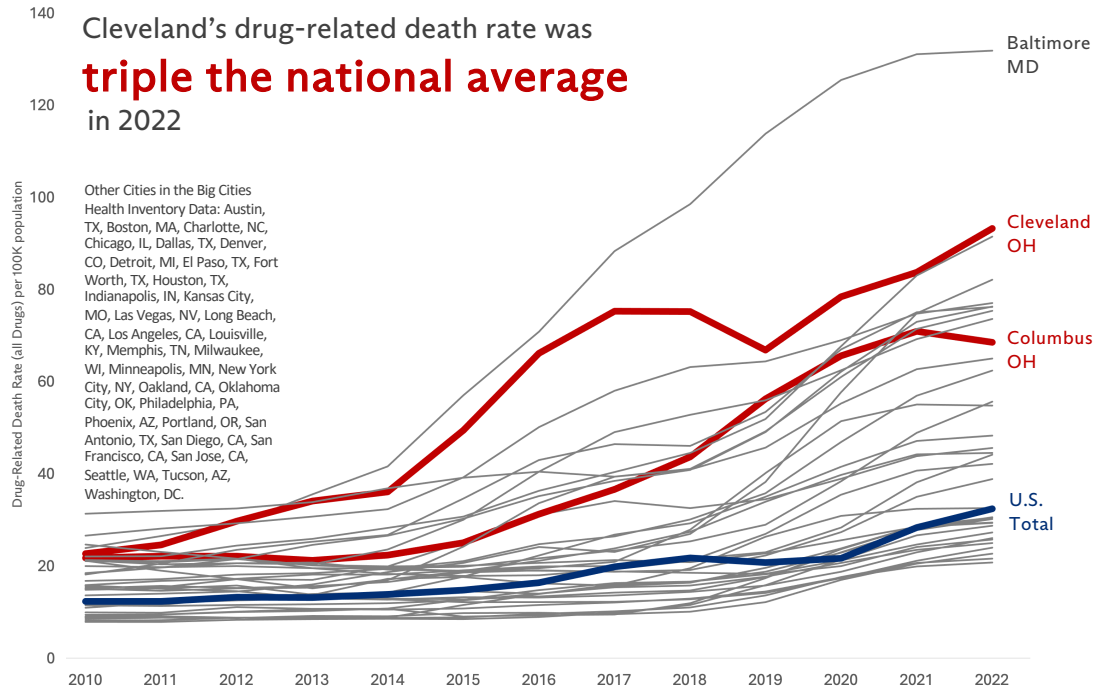


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The U.S. overdose crisis has shaken the nation, with drug overdose now being the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18-45 and ~70% of these deaths caused by opioids.<sup>1</sup> Data for major U.S. cities from 2010 to 2022 reveal that Ohio's two largest cities, Cleveland and Columbus, ranked second and ninth, respectively, in drug-related overdose death rate (all drug types). Cleveland's drug-related death rate has ranked second among these cities since exhibiting a rate that was approximately three times the national average in 2022 (93.2 deaths per 100,000 population). Columbus reported 68.5 deaths per 100,000 population in 2022.



## Concentration of Opioid-related Deaths: Ohio Cities 2021 National Rankings



While major U.S. cities exhibit the highest number of deaths due to their population size, smaller Ohio cities reveal an alarming trend by exhibiting some of the highest rates of opioid overdose deaths in the country.

1. Center for Disease Control, "Drug Overdose Deaths," 2023.

Data Sources: Top Figure - [The Big Cities Health Inventory Data Platform](#);

Bottom Figure - [City Health Dashboard](#)

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