

# FRASER HEALTH OVERDOSE RESPONSE PUBLIC REPORT – JUNE 2021

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### OVERDOSES ATTENDED BY BC AMBULANCE

BC Emergency Health Services responded to 814 overdoses across Fraser Health in June 2021 and 775 in May 2021. June 2021 had the highest monthly count on record for the region. Based on the first six months of 2021, the rate of overdose events have increased by 29% compared to 2020, with many Fraser Health communities seeing marked increases (Table 2).

**Table 2: Suspected overdose events attended by BC Ambulance Service within Fraser Health, January 2020 to June 2021**

Community**	2021*			2020		Rate change 2021* vs. 2020
	Jun (Avg. past 12 months~)	Jan-Jun	Rate per 100,000 Jan-Jun	Jan-Dec	Rate per 100,000 Jan-Dec	
Abbotsford	98 (87.9)	552	803	868	639	26
Agassiz / Harrison	0 (<5)	31	638	37	385	66
Burnaby	43 (49.3)	281	248	534	238	4
Chilliwack	72 (52.1)	341	742	486	538	38
City of Langley	36 (22.9)	155	1,159	216	827	40
Coquitlam	55 (33.6)	220	324	329	247	31
Delta	11 (15.3)	90	178	167	167	7
Hope	6 (<5)	29	720	37	461	56
Maple Ridge	40 (38.8)	243	598	376	473	26
Mission	35 (22.3)	144	696	216	528	32
New Westminster	45 (42.4)	275	752	376	523	44
Pitt Meadows	6 (<5)	25	267	20	110	144
Port Coquitlam	36 (19.4)	138	487	180	323	51
Port Moody / Anmore / Belcarra	5 (<5)	19	109	40	117	-7
South Surrey / White Rock	17 (14.7)	98	200	137	142	40
Surrey	272 (216.5)	1,403	629	2,148	491	28
Township of Langley	37 (26.9)	175	296	275	238	24
<b>Fraser Health</b>	<b>814 (657.4)</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>29</b>

Data source: Patient Care Record data from BC Emergency Health Services to June 30, 2021. Restricted to those 13 years of age or older. Preliminary data, numbers subject to change. Numbers for the most recent month are likely an underestimate and will increase as entry of BC Ambulance Patient Care Form is completed. Numbers may change with data quality and analysis refinements and are not directly comparable to numbers reported previously. Suspected overdose events include those associated with opioids or other recreational drugs.

\*\*Community assigned based on location where the paramedics attended to the suspected overdose event.

\*Rate annualized based on available months for 2021.

~Average of past 12 months, including the most recent month.

Counts under five are reported as <5 as they are potentially identifiable.