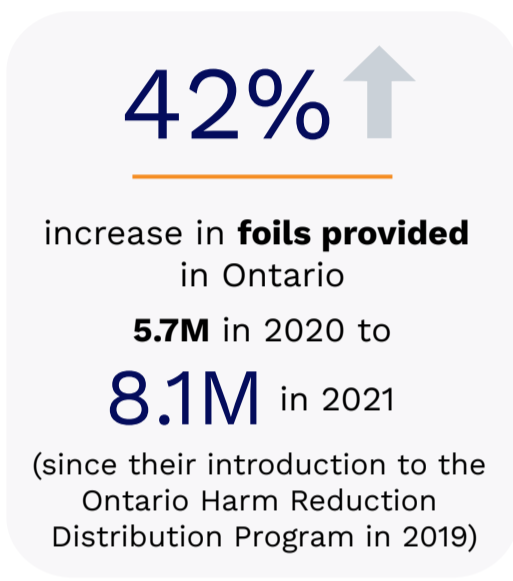
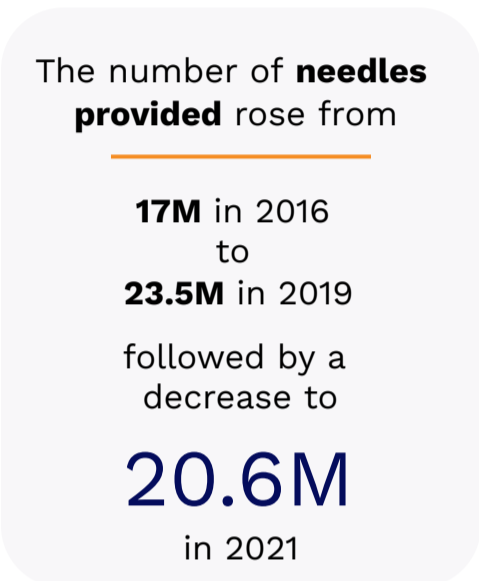
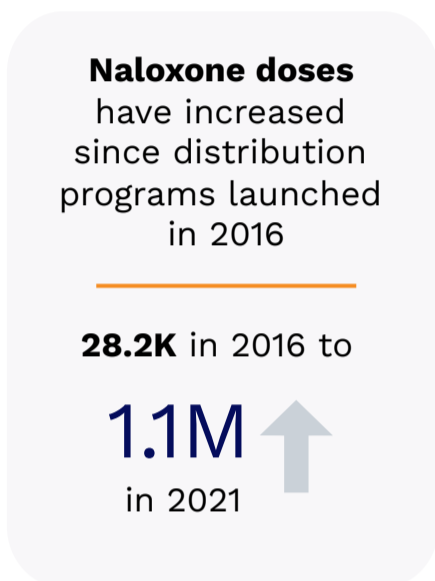
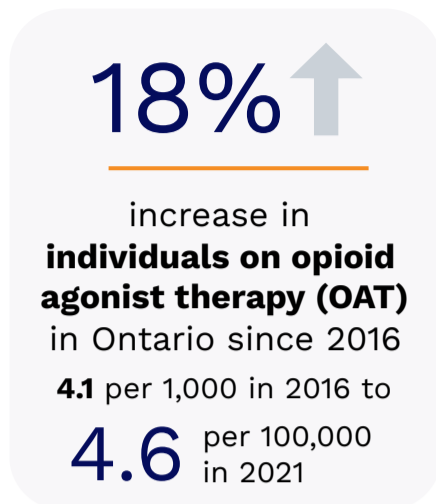
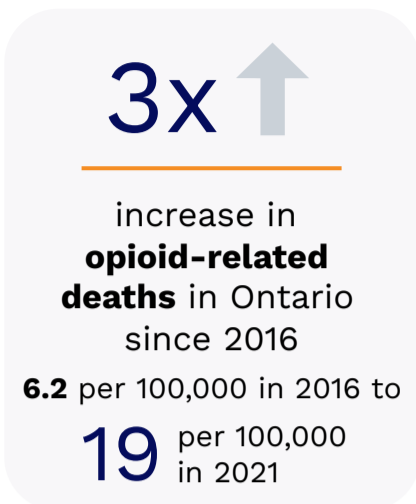
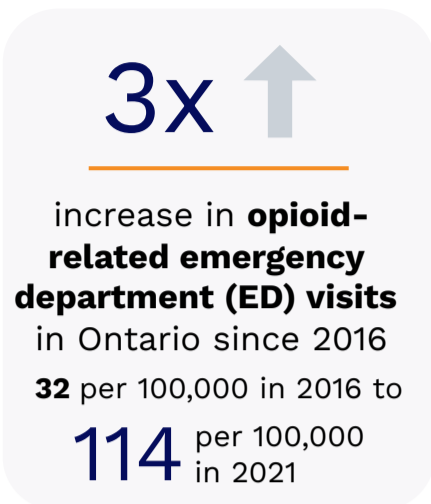


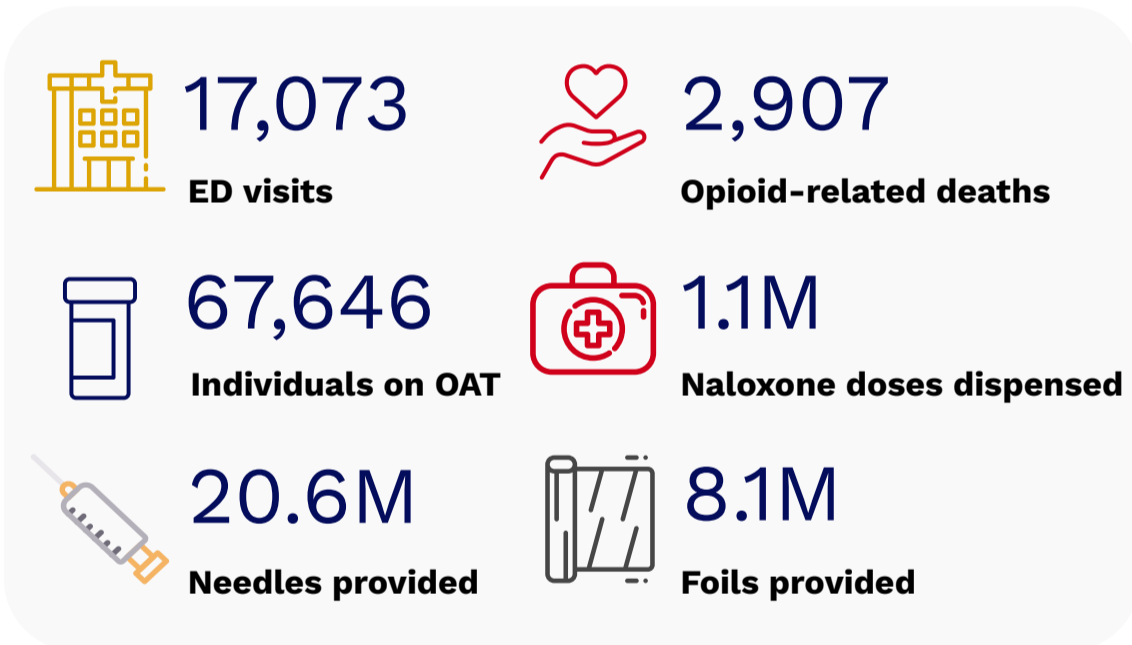
Understanding regional changes in harm reduction services in Ontario over the COVID-19 pandemic

This project compiled available evidence from the [ODPRN Ontario Opioid Indicator Tool](#) and the [PHO Interactive Opioid Tool](#) into regional snapshots to display trends related to harm reduction service delivery and opioid harms.

Changes in opioid-related morbidity and mortality from 2016 to 2021



2021 by the numbers in Ontario



Geographic variation

Public health unit regions between 2020 and 2021:

	Increased (≥10%)	Remained similar	Decreased (≤-10%)
ED visits	29 regions	5 regions	0 regions
Opioid-related deaths	23 regions	8 regions	3 regions
Individuals on OAT	2 regions	32 regions	0 regions
Naloxone doses	27 regions	4 regions	3 regions
Foils provided	30 regions	2 regions	2 regions
Needles provided	8 regions	11 regions	15 regions



The accessibility and need for harm reduction services varies between regions in Ontario, reinforcing the need to invest in locally-driven responses that meet the needs of specific regions.

For more information

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