

How Harm Reduction Education Fights an Epidemic

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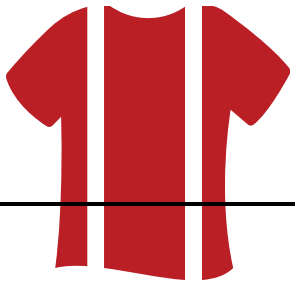
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Health, Outreach, Prevention and Education (HOPE) Services

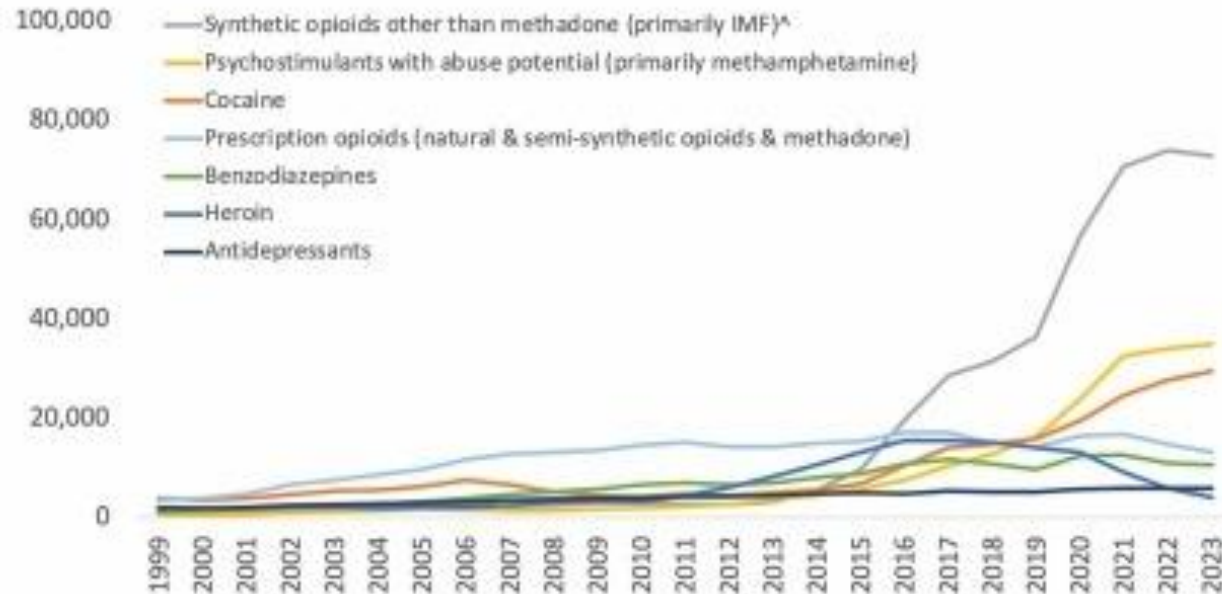
HOPE Services utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to promote health and wellness as well as the prevention of suicide, sexual violence, and substance misuse/overdose. Our initiatives guide and support the Shocker community in addressing these common wellness concerns through education, action and collaboration with on and off campus partners. HOPE Services empowers Wichita State University to cultivate communities of connection and care.





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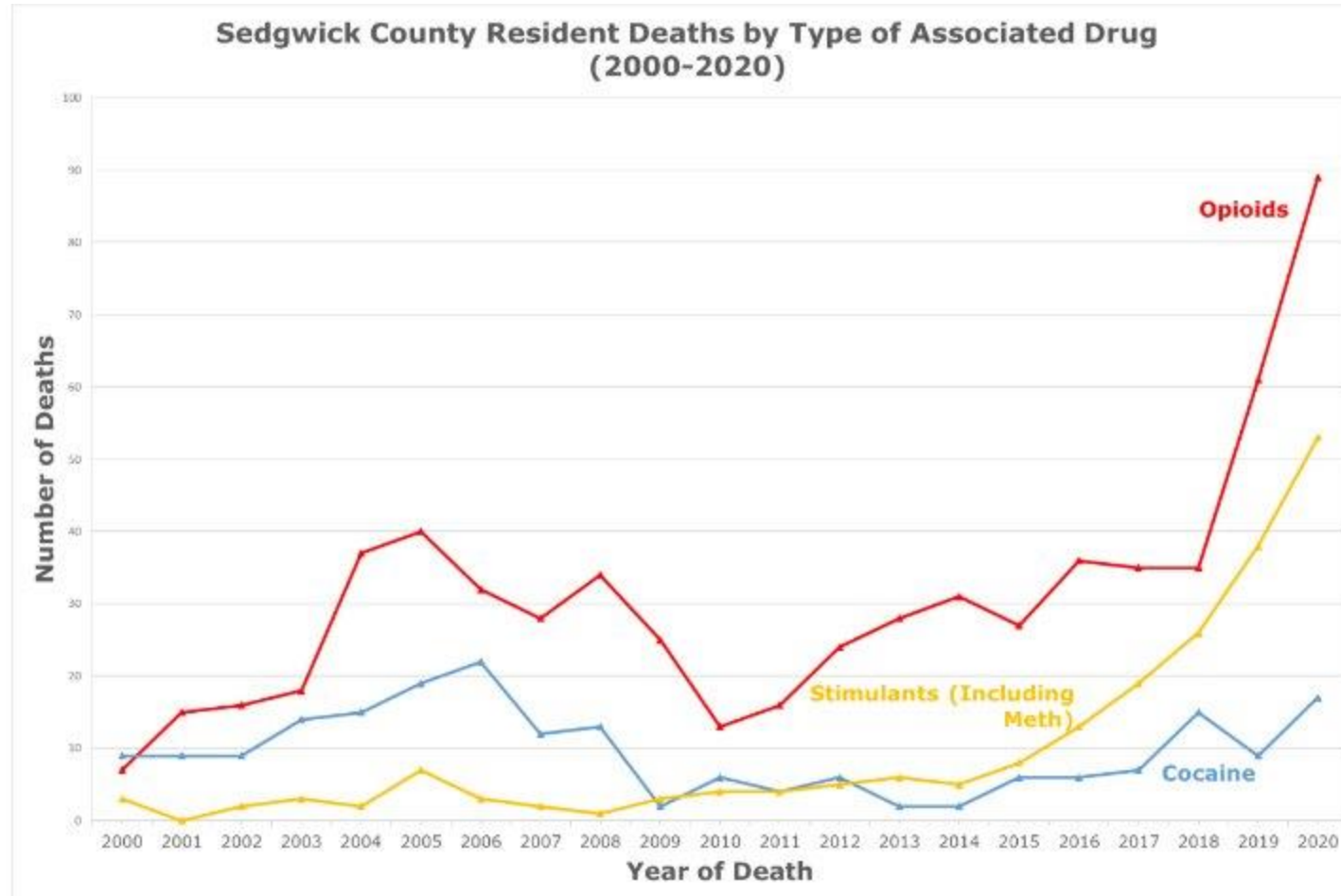
Figure 2. U.S. Overdose Deaths*, Select Drugs or Drug Categories, 1999-2023

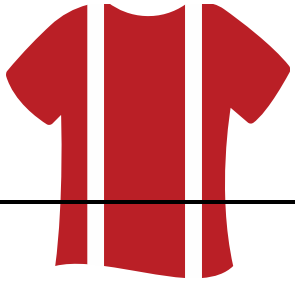


*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. [†]Illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999–2023 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 1/2025.



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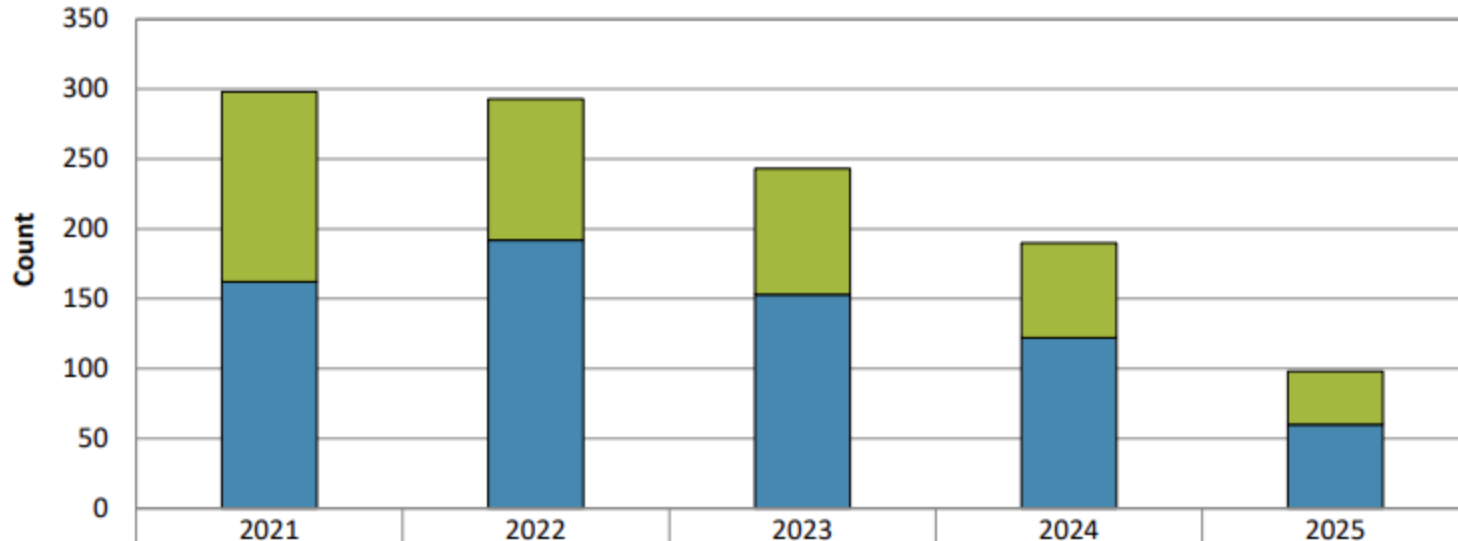




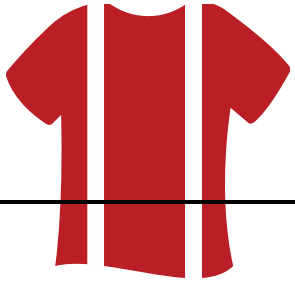
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Overdose Count: Fentanyl Related vs. Other Drugs



Other Drugs	136	101	90	68	38
Fentanyl Related	162	192	153	122	60
Total	298	293	243	190	98



Opioid Epidemic

The mission of WSU is to be an essential educational, cultural and economic driver for Kansas and the greater public good.



Harm Reduction

"Harm reduction is a set of strategies and tactics which encourage users to reduce harm done to themselves and their communities by licit and illicit drug use.

By allowing users access to the tools to become healthier, we recognize the competency of their efforts to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities."

- Maia Szalavitz, *Undoing Drugs*



Our Strategy



Data



Awareness &
Education



Harm Reduction
Tools



Data Collection

- The ACHA-National College Health Assessment (NCHA)
- Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Survey



Awareness and Education

- Focus on addressing stigmatization
- Awareness campaigns
- Peer-Led activities



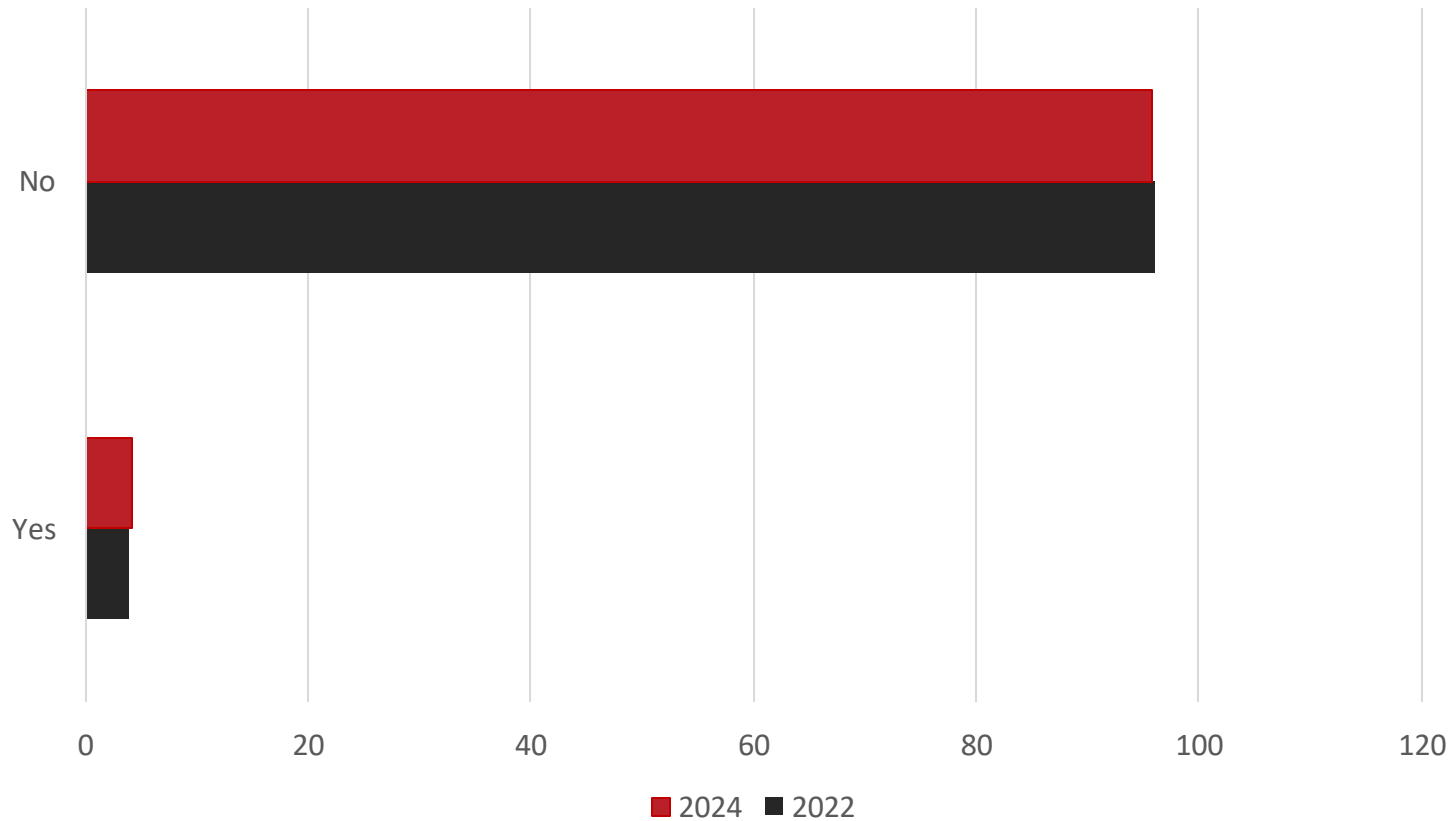
Harm Reduction Tools



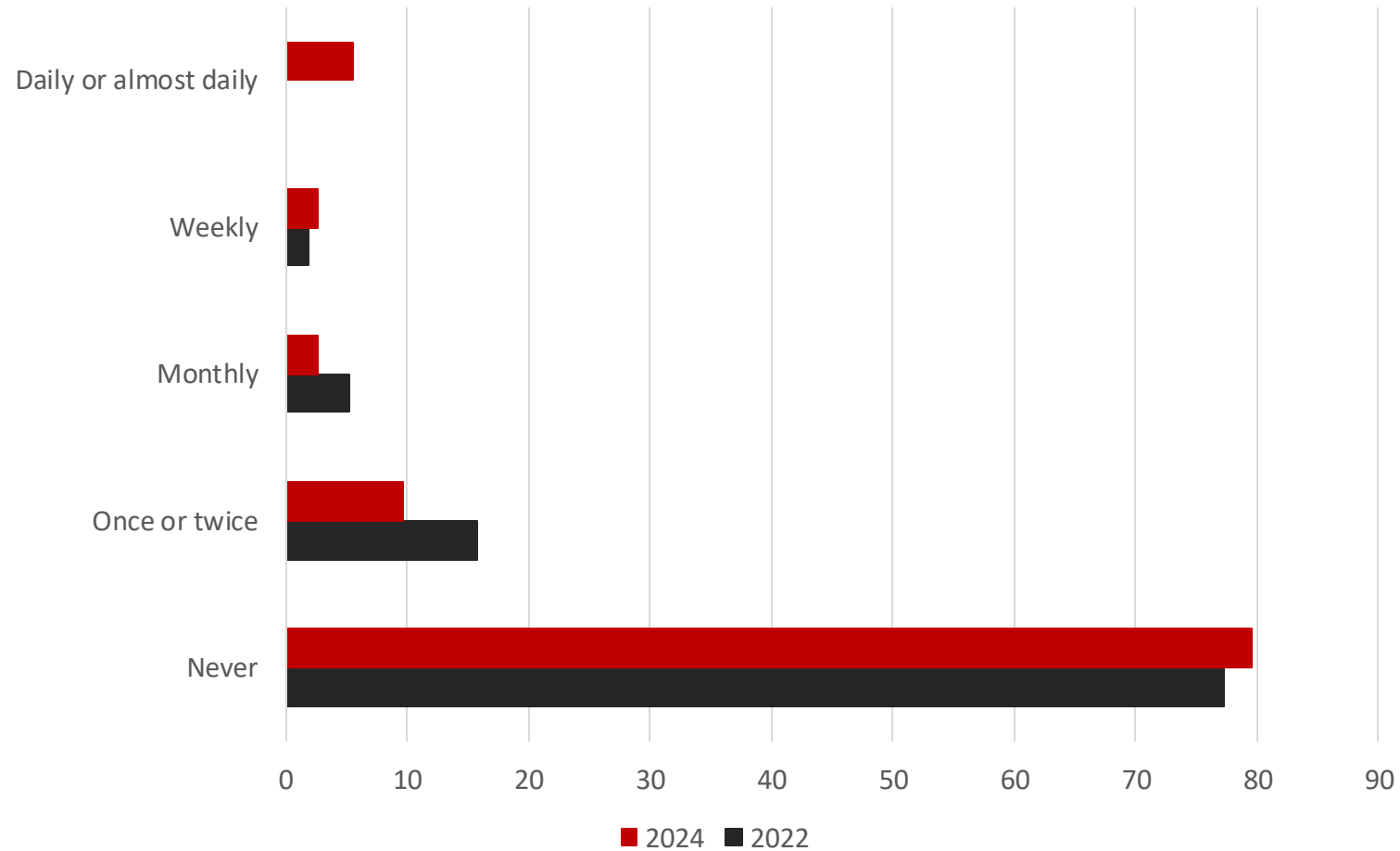


Our Progress

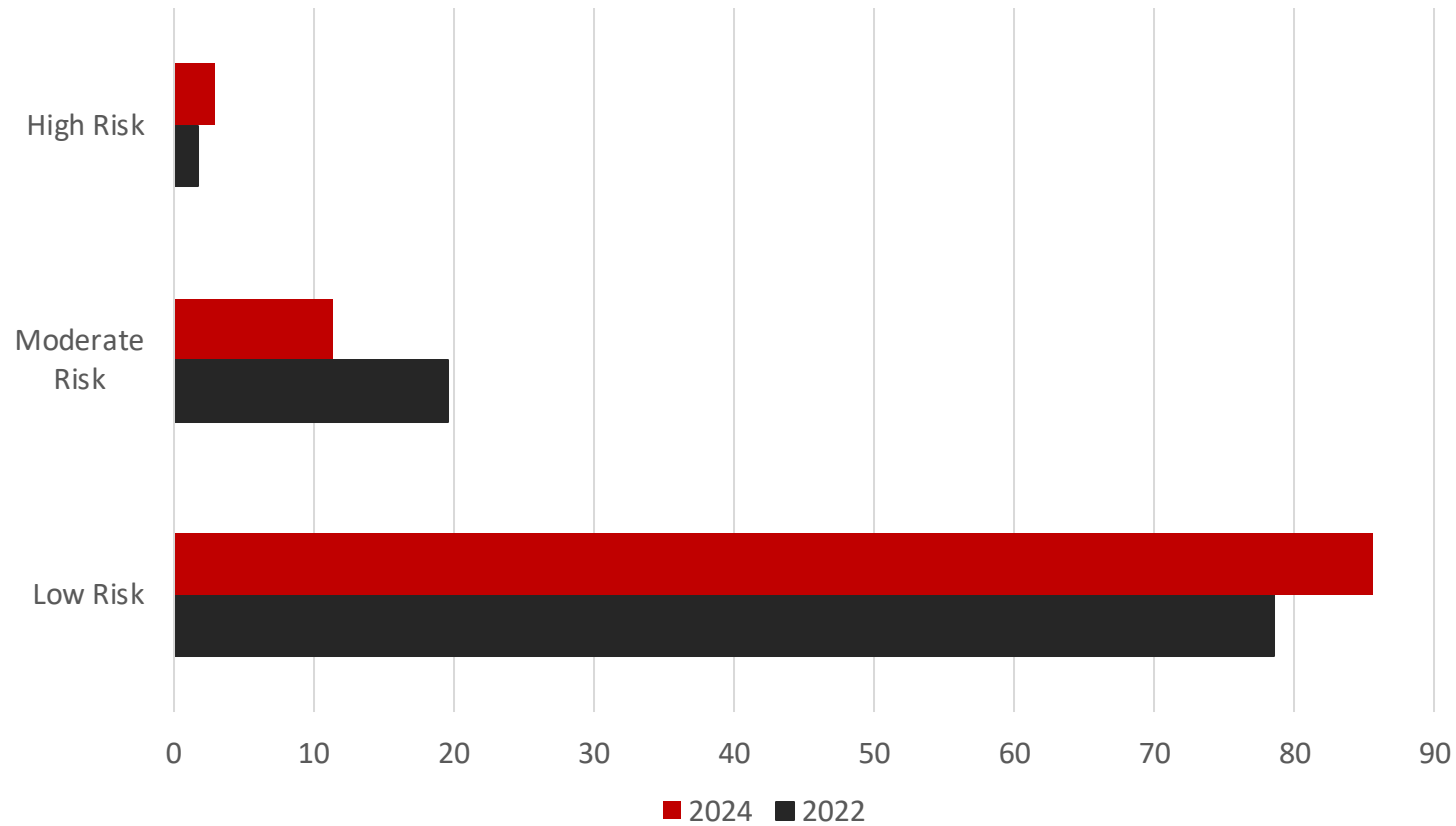
In your life, have you used prescription opioids (non-medical use)?



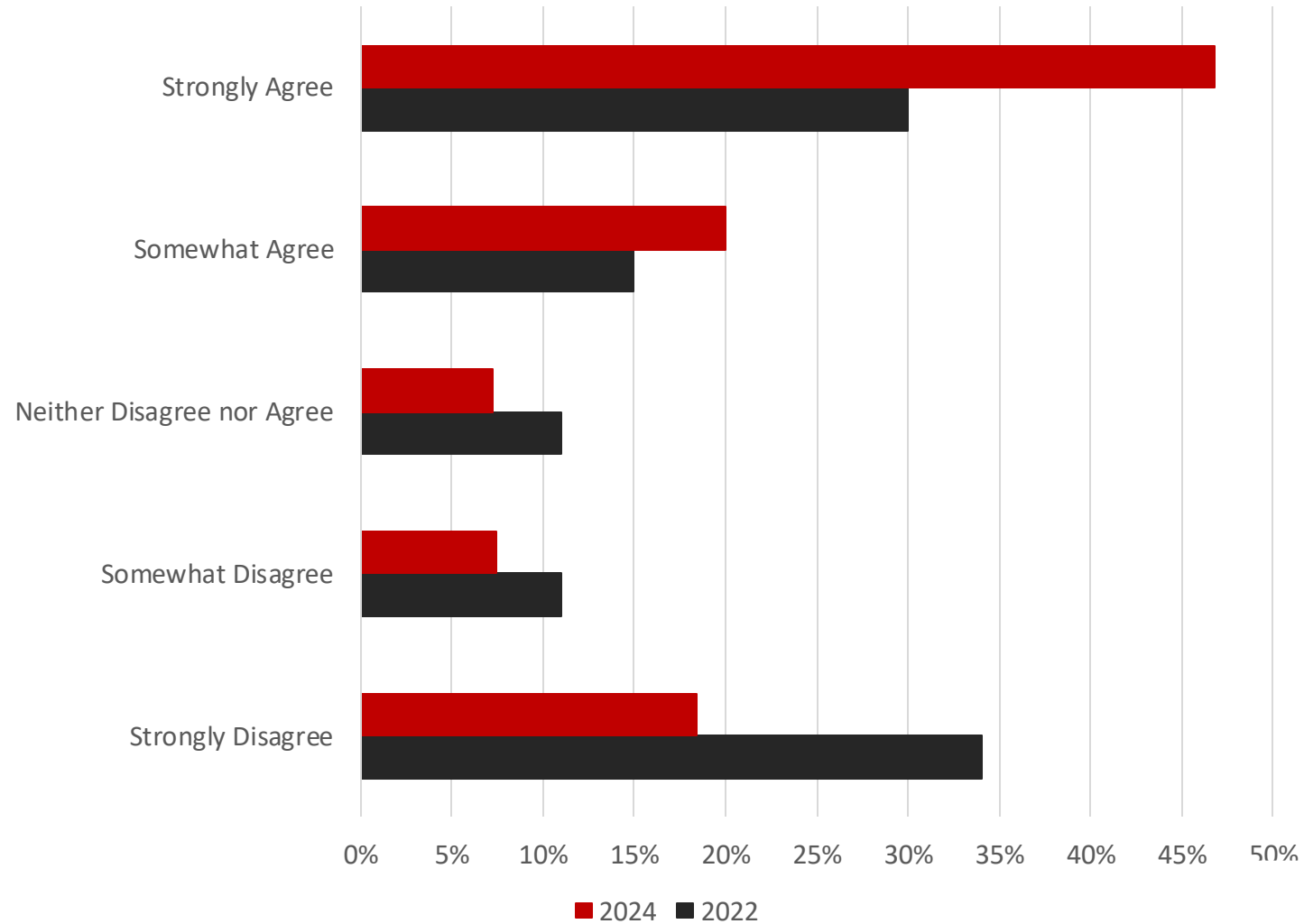
In the past 3 months, how often have you used prescription opioids (nonmedically)?



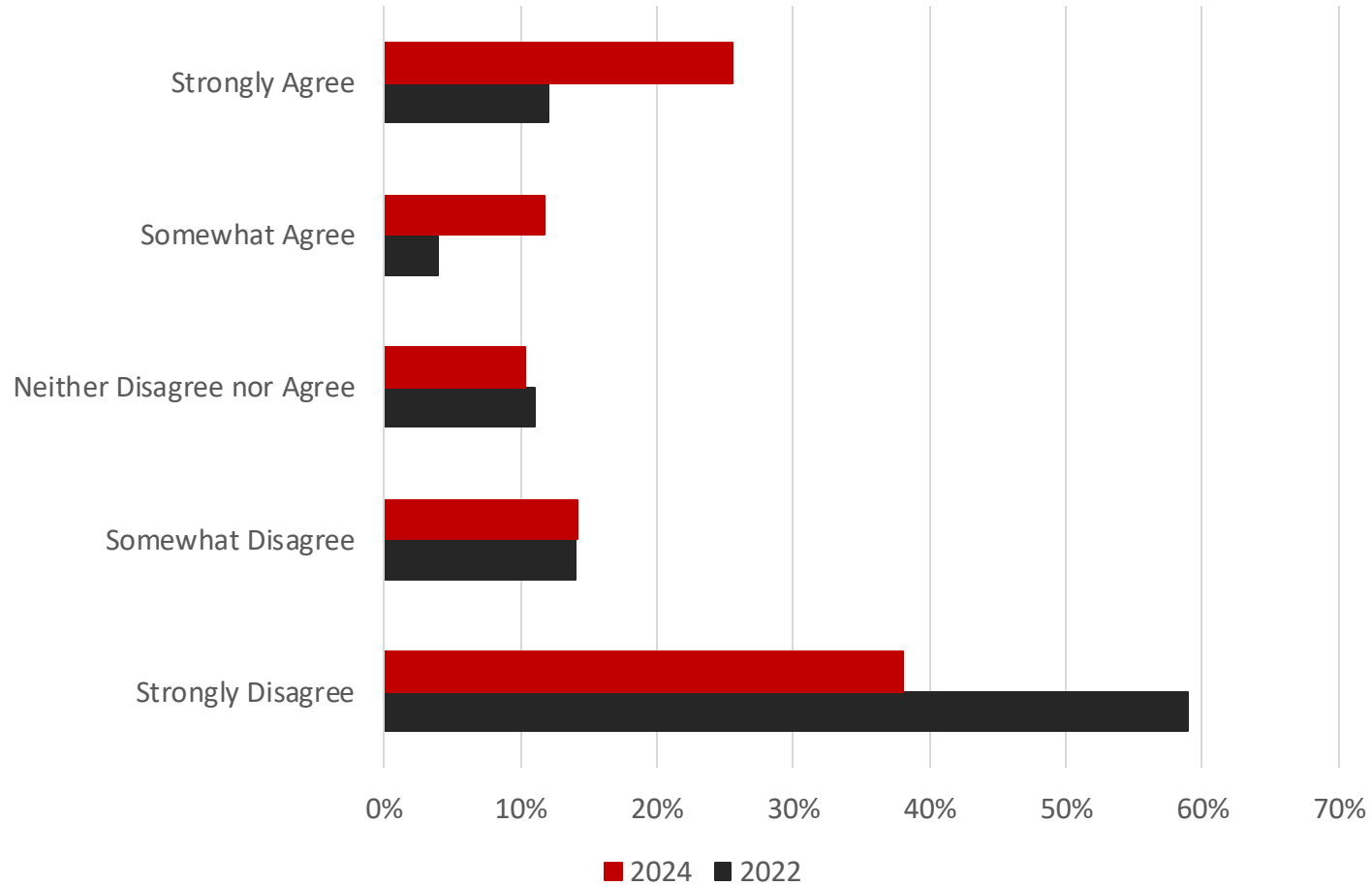
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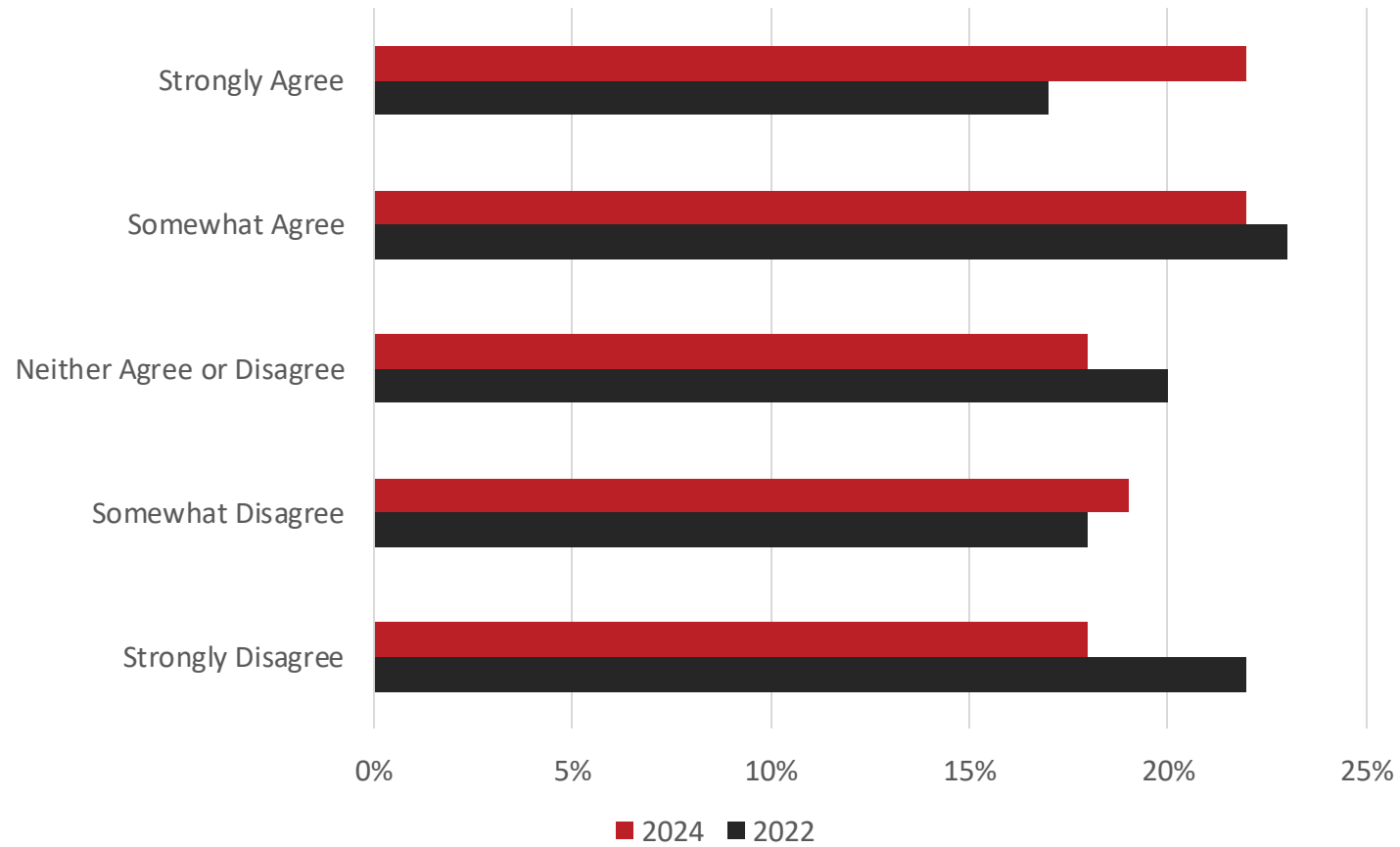
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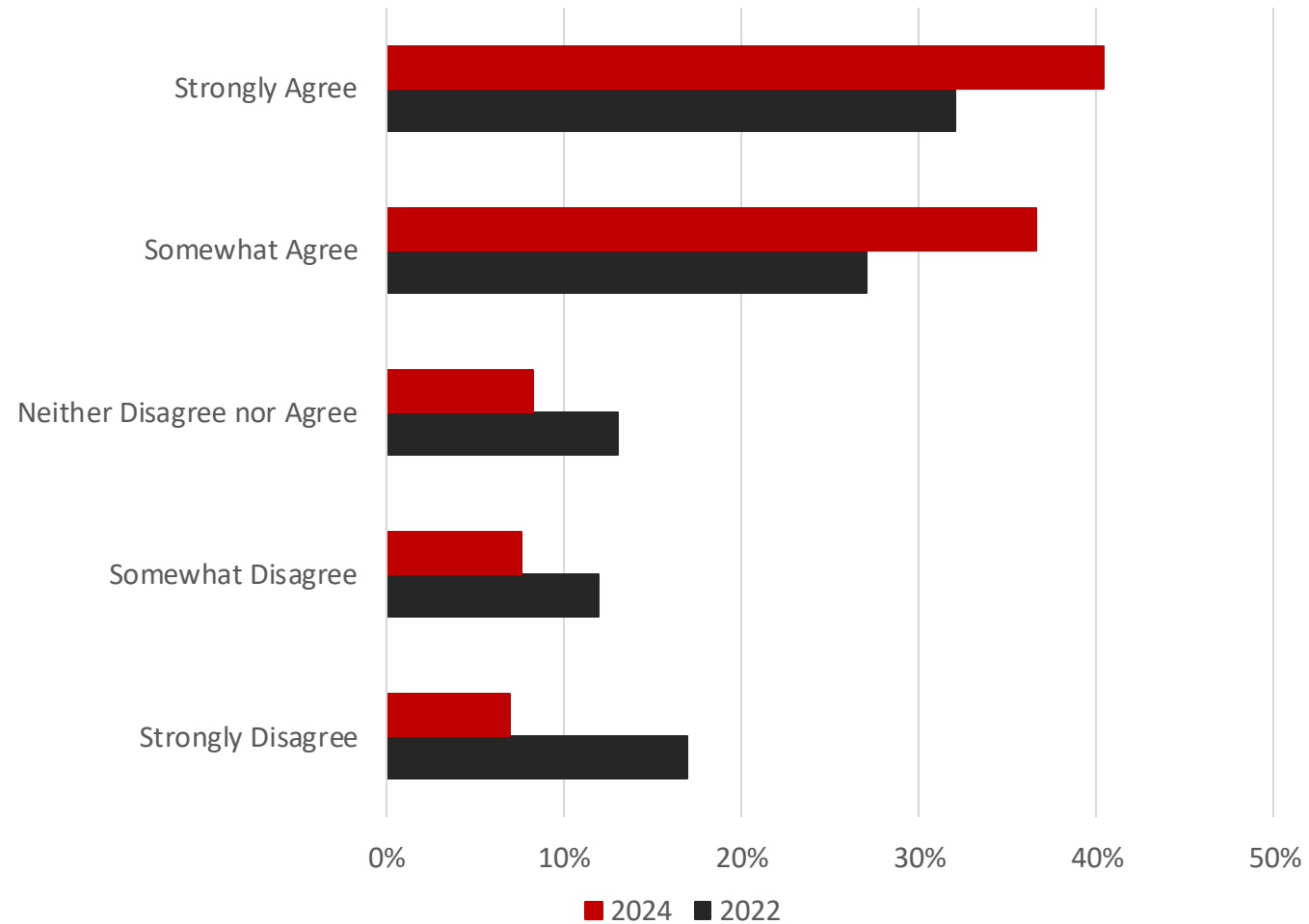
I know where to obtain Narcan:



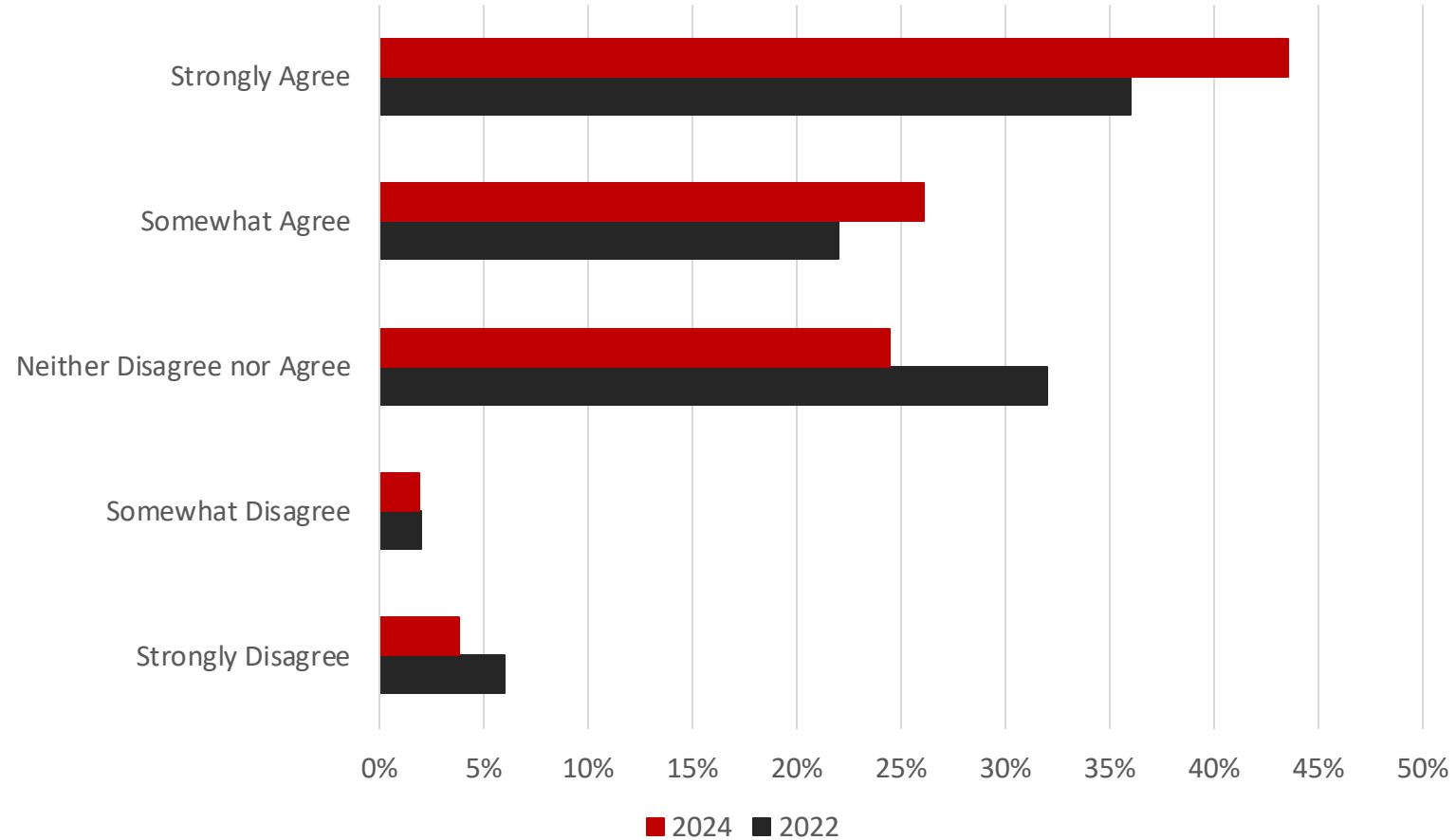
I know Kansas Good Samaritan/Bystander Laws



I know what Fentanyl is and its effects:



I believe that there are substances in KS that may contain Fentanyl:



What's Next?



Questions?

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