There were **3,197** community reported opioid overdose reversals with naloxone in 2018, compared to 4,119 in 2017.

**33,070 naloxone kits** were distributed in 2018 compared to 19,864 in 2017.

At the end of 2018, there were **29 active syringe exchange programs** covering 39 counties in North Carolina and 12 active post overdose response programs.

These data reflect information collected by or reported to the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) and are not representative of the entire state of North Carolina.

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### Community Reported Opioid Overdose Reversals with Naloxone: North Carolina, 2018*

- **3,197 reversals reported in 2018**

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*Reversals reported by law enforcement agencies and those that occurred out of state are excluded; includes 131 reversals reported on the Cherokee Reservation and 16 in an unknown location in North Carolina.

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### Community Reported Overdose Reversals by Month: North Carolina, 2018*

- In 2018, there were **3,197 community reported overdose reversals***. A 22% decrease compared to 2017 (4,119).

- 28% (896) of reported overdose reversals occurred during November and December.

*Excludes 147 out of state reversals and 910 reversals reported by law enforcement agencies.
Naloxone Kits Distributed by NCHRC: North Carolina, 2018*

*Includes 4 kits distributed in an unknown location in North Carolina and 1,706 kits distributed on the Cherokee Reservation; Excludes 3,630 kits distributed to Law Enforcement Agencies and 41 kits distributed out of state.

33,070 kits distributed in 2018

Naloxone Kits Distributed by Year: North Carolina, Aug 2013-2018

• NCHRC began distributing naloxone kits when the Overdose Prevention Project became operational in August of 2013.

• The number of naloxone kits distributed from 2017 to 2018 increased by 66% from 19,864 kits distributed in 2017 to 33,070 kits distributed in 2018.

*2013 does not contain a full year of data; it reflects kits distributed from August - December 2013

33,070 kits distributed in 2018

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For surveillance reports and county-level overdose data, visit our Poisoning Data website: http://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm

For more information about the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, please visit: http://www.nchrc.org/

The NC Opioid Data Dashboard displays the metrics tracked in the North Carolina Opioid Action Plan for the state and individual counties: https://injuryfreenc.shinyapps.io/OpioidActionPlan/

For information on naloxone and the statewide standing order, visit the Naloxone Saves website: http://www.naloxonesaves.org

The Naloxone Toolkit contains resources and recommendations for local health departments to assist with creating standing orders for naloxone dispensing and distribution. The toolkit can be found here: https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/Naloxone-Distribution-Toolkit-Final-Approved-4.22.19.pdf

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