

Fentanyl Related Deaths in Maryland

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The Perfect Fentanyl Storm



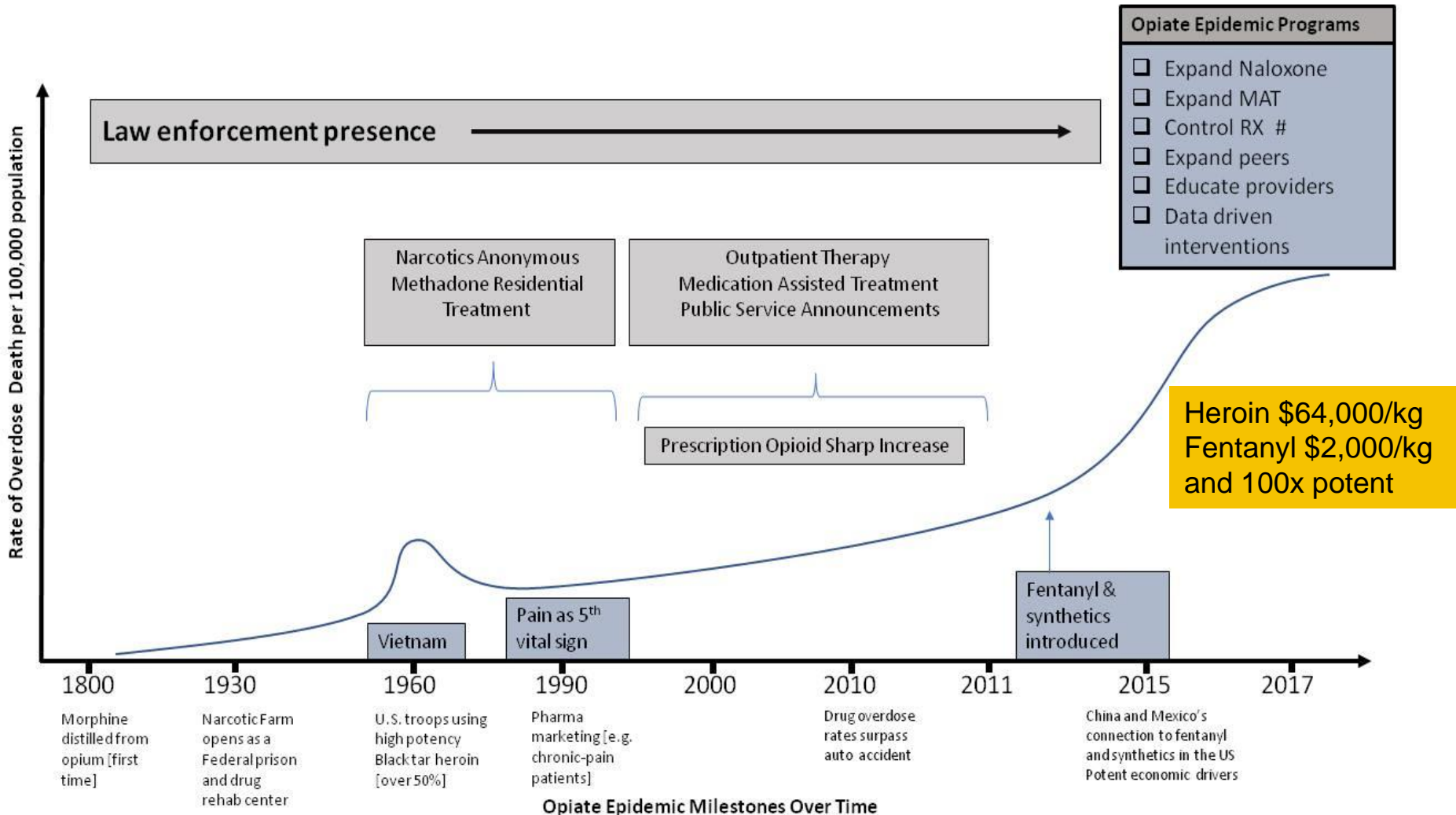
- Increased numbers of medically opioid addicted persons
- Transition to less expensive heroin
- Importation of even less expensive and more potent fentanyl
 - Leading to a much more profitable drug dealing business at all levels, and
 - Leading to a sharp rise in overdose deaths

Maryland 2016 Heroin & Opioid Overdose Summary

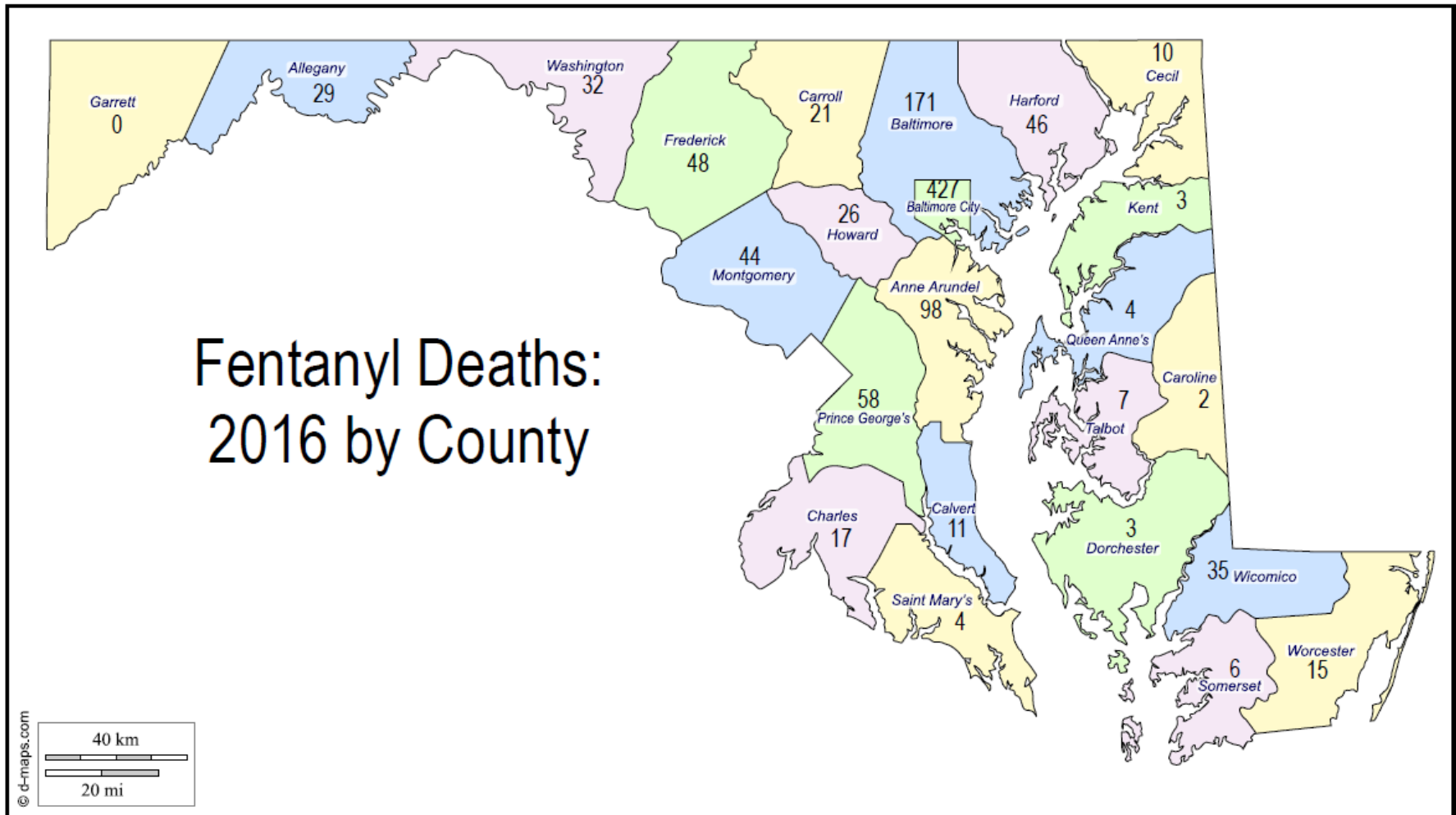


- Opioid overdose is projected 4th leading cause of death in Maryland in 2016, after heart disease, cancer, and stroke
- Fentanyl-related deaths increased 3-fold between 2015 and 2016, and 37-fold since 2012.
- Heroin-related deaths increased by approximately 60% between 2015 and 2016.
- Fentanyl and/or heroin is present in approximately 80% of cocaine deaths and 50% of prescription drug overdose deaths.

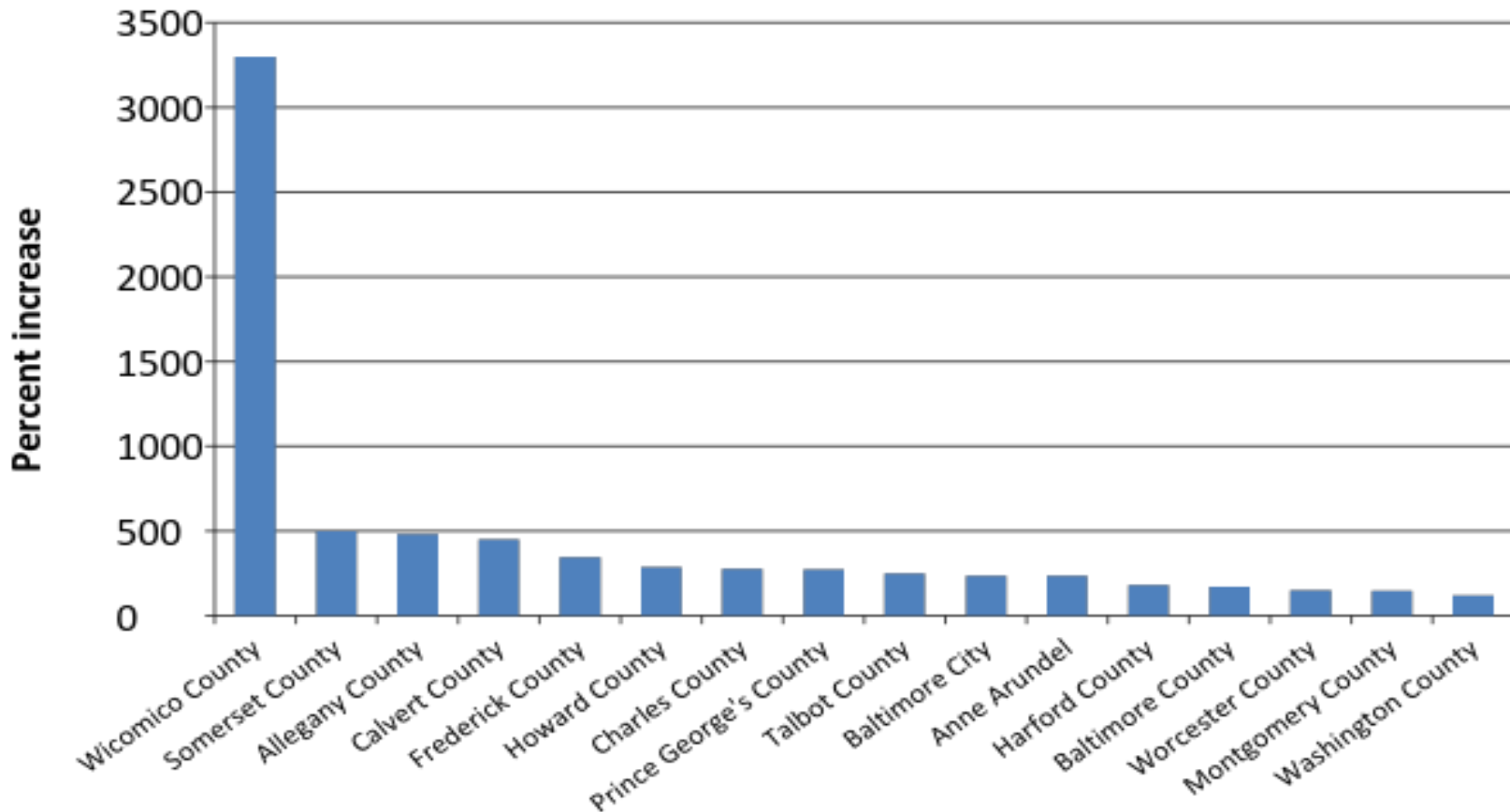
History of Opiate Epidemic



Fentanyl Deaths by County in 2016

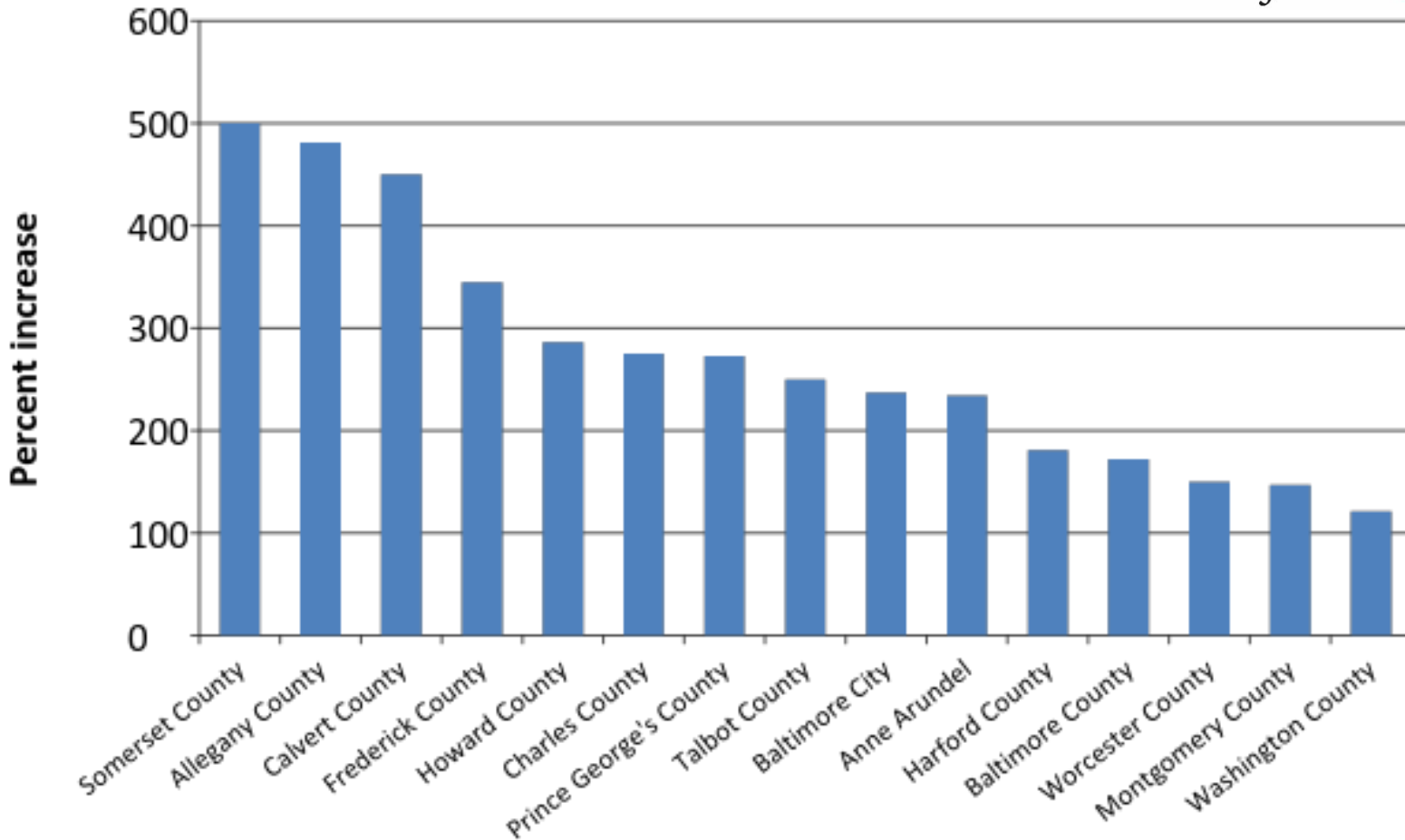


Jurisdictions* where fentanyl-related deaths more than doubled between 2015 and 2016.



*Jurisdictions with fewer than 5 deaths in each time period are not shown.

Figure 3. Jurisdictions* where fentanyl-related deaths more than doubled between 2015 and 2016.



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Fentanyl Importation



- The Washington/Baltimore HIDTA collects seizure data from local, state, and federal taskforces within the state of Maryland.
 - From 2015 to 2016, Reported fentanyl seizures increased ten-fold, at least 195 seizures were reported.
 - While these numbers are not complete, Wicomico County had both the biggest increase in reported seizures and the biggest increase in fentanyl-related deaths in 2016.