Drug Overdose Mortality in Delaware
93% of Delaware Poisonings are Drug Overdoses

In 2006-2010, poisonings were the most common cause of injury death in Delaware, exceeding those caused by automobile accidents. Of the 636 poisonings, over 90% (575) were due to drug overdoses. About three out of four overdoses were determined to be unintentional (non-suicidal). The drugs most commonly associated with the overdoses were opiate pain relievers, which were involved in 61% of all drug overdose deaths (64% of unintentional overdose deaths and 45% of intentional overdoses). Deaths were highest among adults age 25 to 54, decreasing at ages 55 and above, and they were highest among white males, followed by white females with black males and females having lower rates.

61% of All Drug Overdose Deaths in Delaware 2006-2010
Are Due to Opiate Pain Relievers

Opiate Pain Relievers, 61%
Other Drugs, 39%