



Broadening the Spotlight on the Overdose Crisis: *Examining Drug Overdose Deaths Without Opioid Involvement among Virginians, 2019-2023*

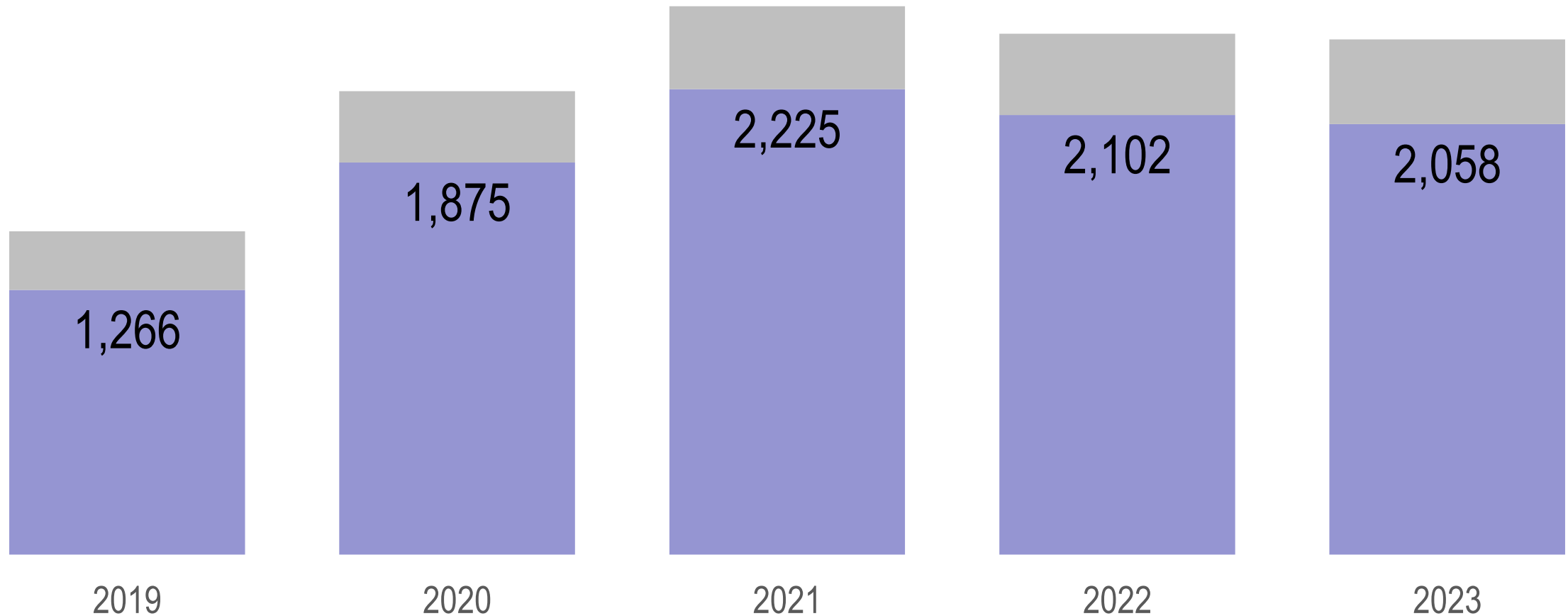
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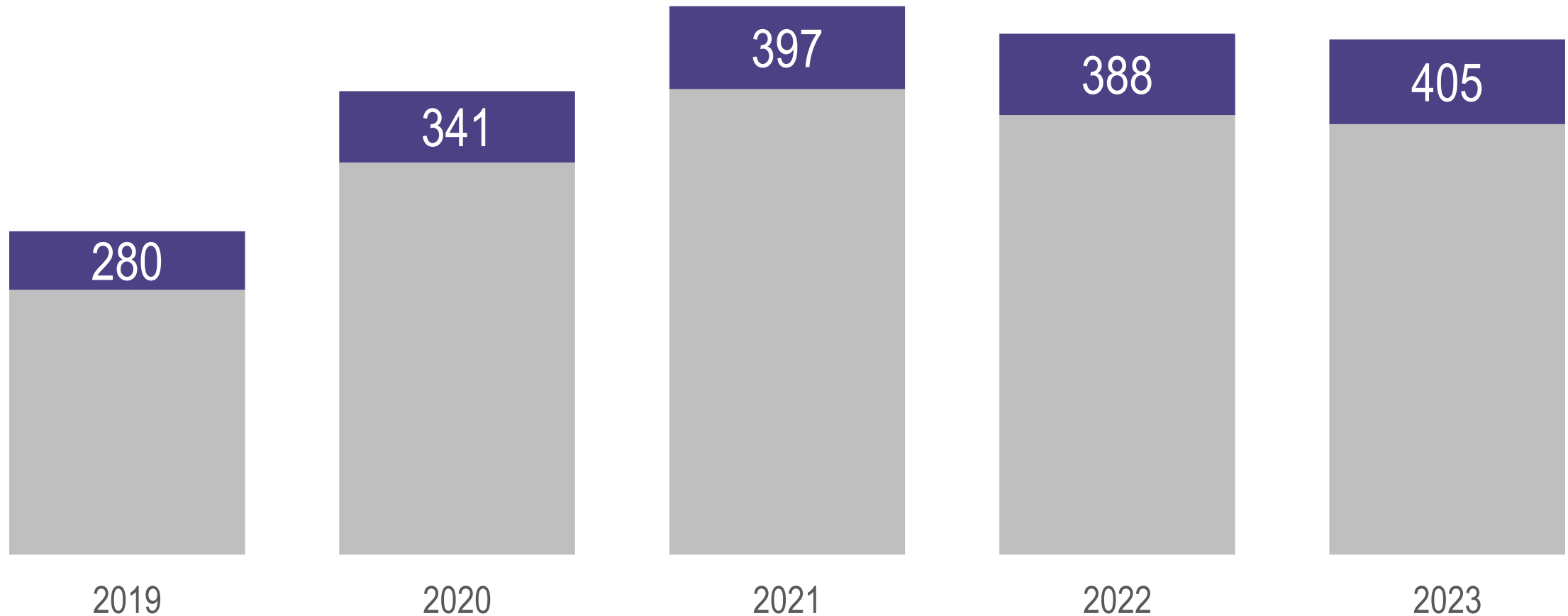
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Background

Over eight in 10 drug overdose deaths among Virginians from 2019 to 2023 were due to **opioids**.

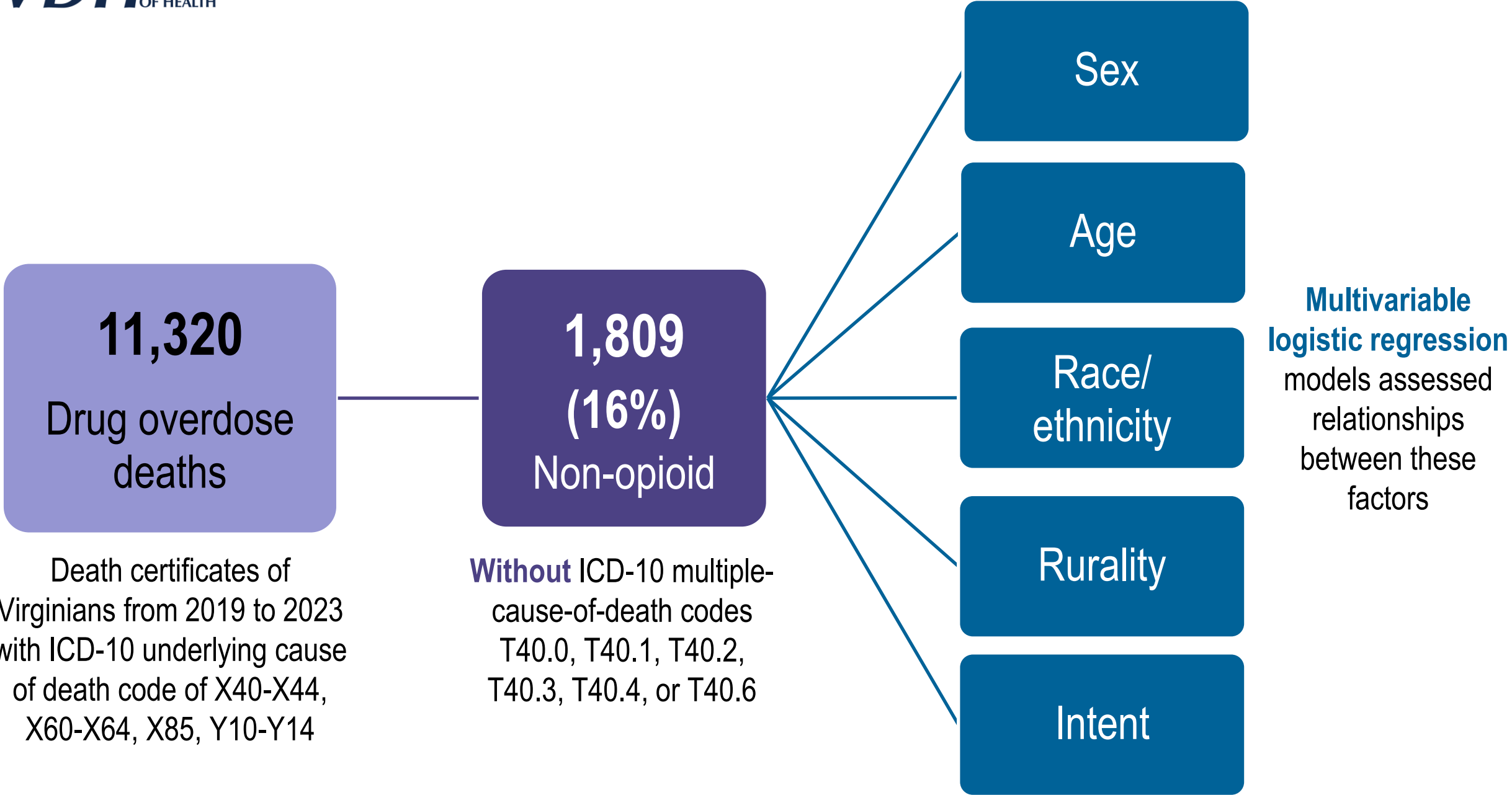


However, less is known about Virginians who are impacted by drug overdose deaths **without opioid involvement.**



This study examined associations between demographics, rurality, and intent among Virginians who died from non-opioid drug overdoses from 2019 to 2023.

Methods



Results

Of Virginians who died of a non-opioid drug overdose:

59%
Male

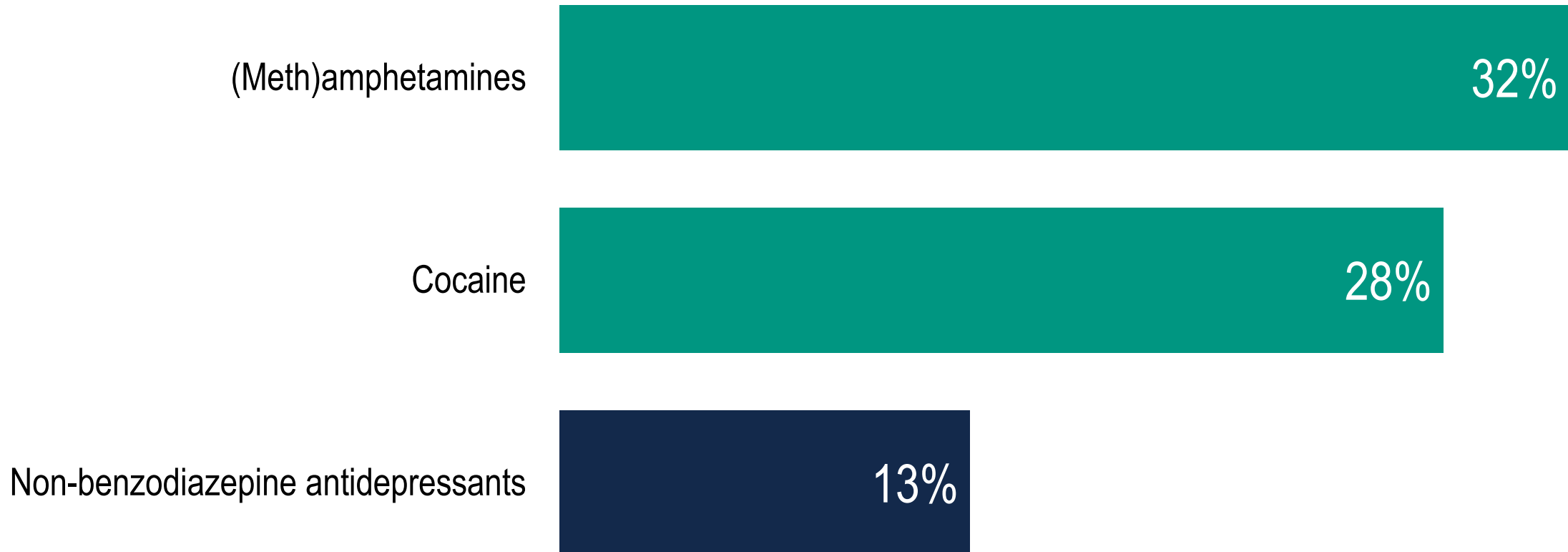
71%
White

60%
>45 years

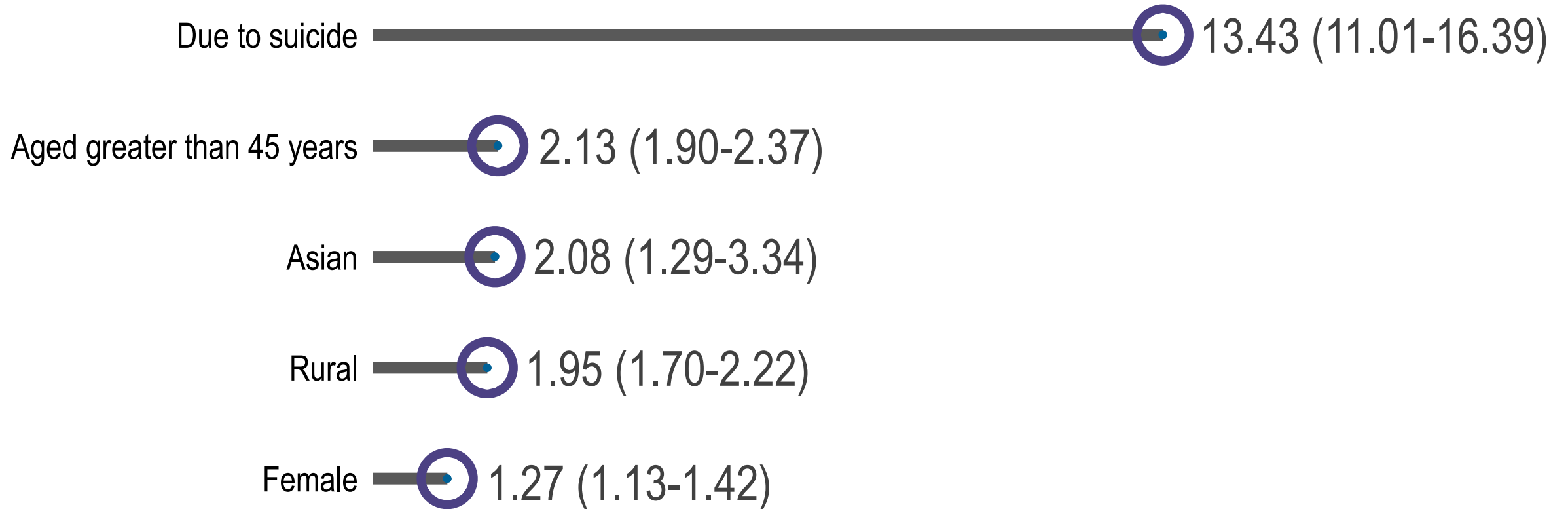
75%
Urban localities

77%
Unintentional

Most non-opioid drug overdose deaths were **stimulants** and **non-benzodiazepine antidepressants**.



Virginians with **greater odds** of dying of a **non-opioid** drug overdose were:



Conclusions

Male

Female

Even though a **higher proportion of Virginians** who died of a non-opioid drug overdose were...

White

Asian

...these Virginians were at **greater odds** of dying of a non-opioid drug overdose.

From urban localities

From rural localities

Unintentional

Suicide

Development and implementation of drug overdose prevention strategies should account for non-opioid use among populations to improve drug-related health outcomes.

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