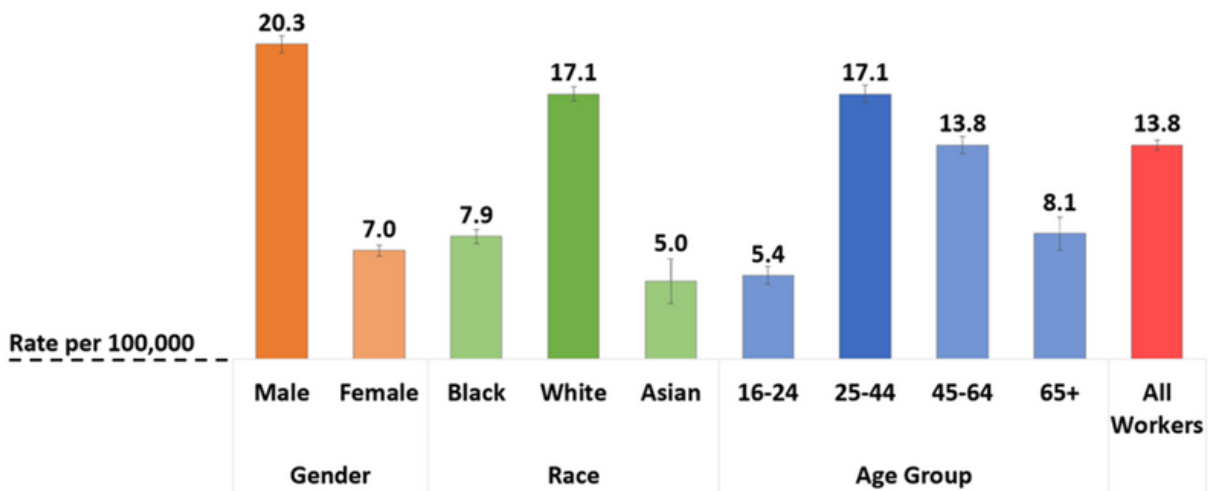


OPIOID DEATHS AMONG LOUISIANA WORKERS

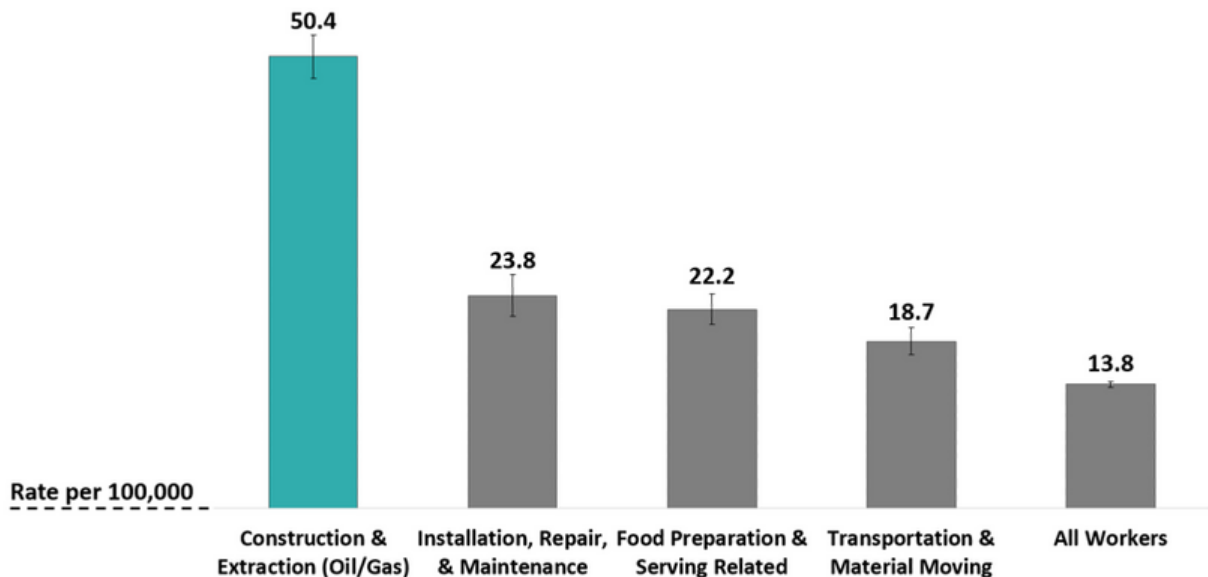
Drug misuse, particularly opioid misuse, is a leading public health problem. In general, drug overdoses have become the leading cause of injury death nationwide, and Louisiana is one of the top 10 states for drug overdose deaths. From 2014 to 2019 the number of opioid-related overdose deaths in Louisiana increased 171% from 217 to 588, and the age-adjusted rate per 100,000 residents more than doubled from 5.4 to 12.5.

In a report released earlier this year, titled "**Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths in Louisiana by Industry and Occupation, 2014-2019**," the Louisiana Department of Health's Occupational Health and Injury Surveillance Program analyzed opioid-related overdose deaths among Louisiana working age residents from 2014 to 2019 by industry and occupation, overall and by gender.

Workers who were **male**, **white**, and **ages 25 to 44** had significantly higher opioid-related death rates.



The death rate for **construction and extraction workers** is roughly 3.5 times the death rate for all workers.



Source: Louisiana Electronic Event Registration System, extracted and analyzed by LDH OPH Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology

For more data and full report:
ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/SEET/OpioidReport.pdf