

NIEHS WTP COVID-19 Winter Webinar Series

**The Paindemic: The Intersection
between the COVID-19 Pandemic
and Deaths of Despair**

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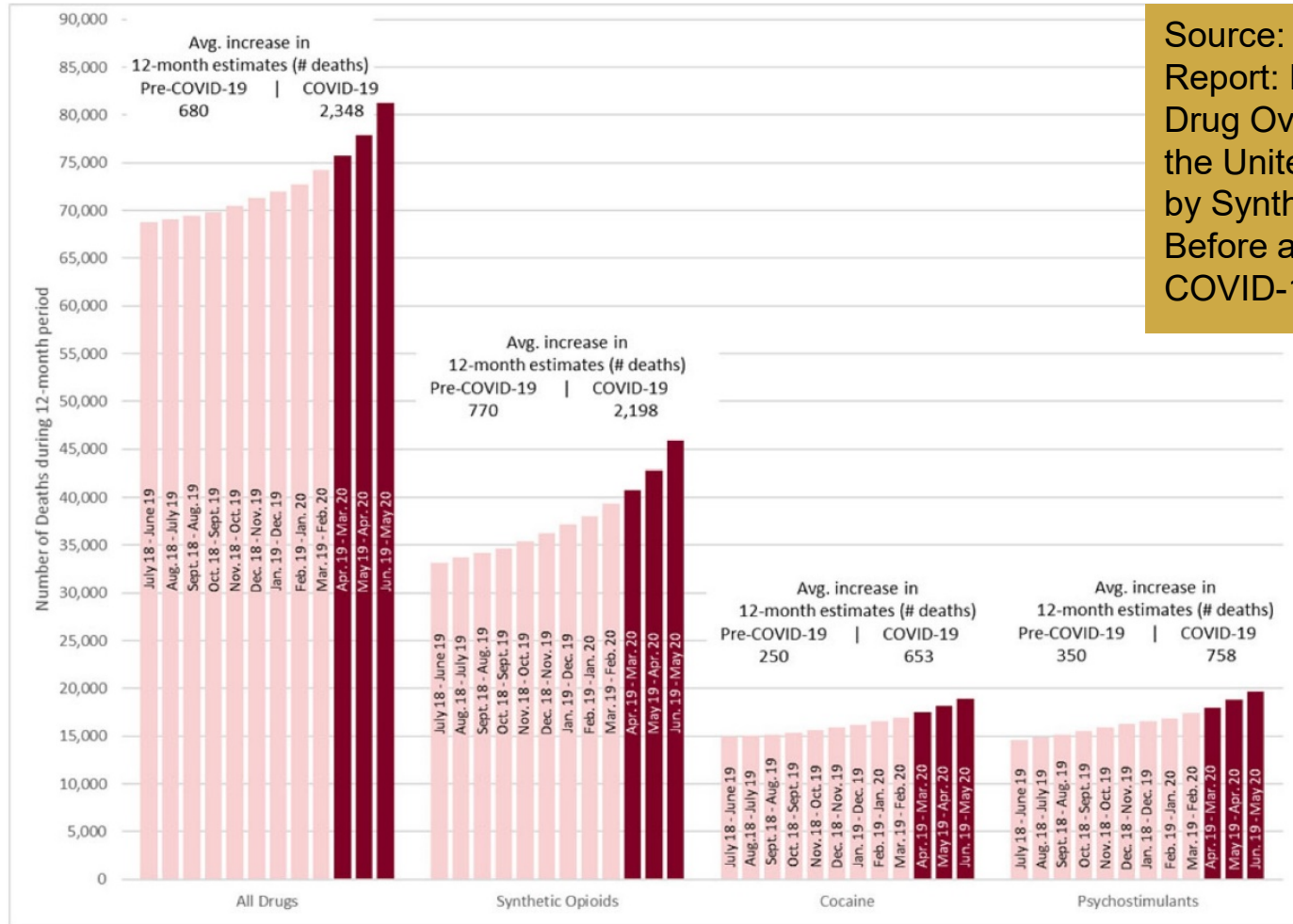
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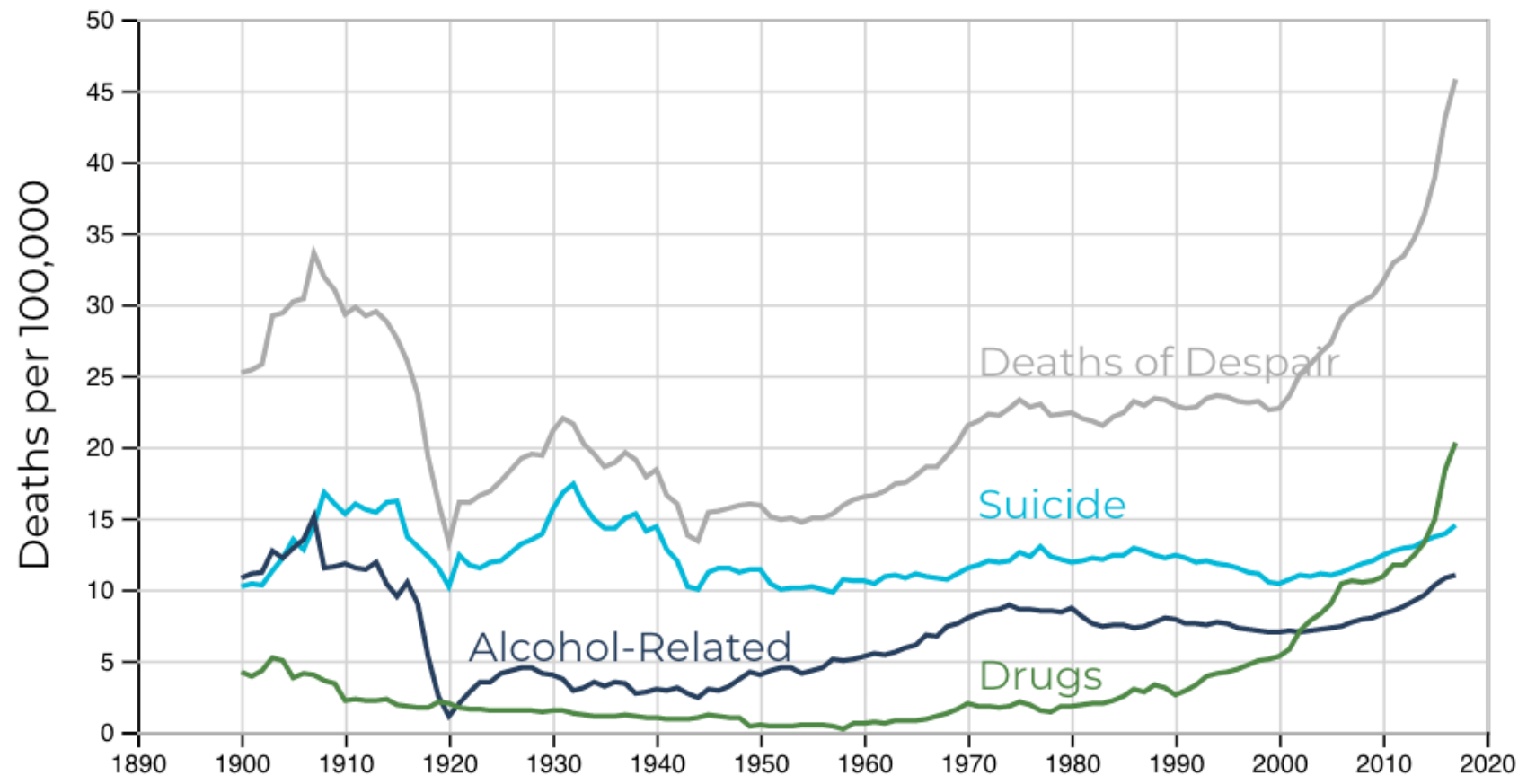


81,230 overdose deaths, 12 months ending May 2020



Source: CDC HAN Report: Increase in Fatal Drug Overdoses Across the United States Driven by Synthetic Opioids Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Deaths of despair increasing during the pandemic



Source: JEC, US Senate, Long Term Trends in Deaths of Despair, SCP REPORT NO. 4-19 | SEPTEMBER 2019

Polling question #1 (select all that apply)

While working or returning to work during the pandemic, I am aware of increased:

- a. Drug and alcohol use in my workplace.
- b. Drug and alcohol use in my community.
- c. Mental health problems among co-workers.
- d. Mental health problems among family or community members.

Mental health problems may include stress, anxiety, depression, acute trauma, or PTSD.

Polling question #2 (select all that apply)

I provide workplace safety and health training that includes information about:

- a. Stress, trauma, resilience and self-care.
- b. Substance misuse prevention and response.
- c. Suicide and mental health problems among co-workers.
- d. Mental health and substance use problems among family or community members.
- e. None of the above.

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