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Statement from Dr. Rahul Gupta on Today's CDC Overdose Death Data

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), issued the following statement regarding the CDC's release of provisional drug overdose death [data](#), which show 108,022 predicted overdose deaths in the 12-month period ending in May 2022.

“The data released by the CDC today continue to show signs of hope as overdose deaths have decreased slightly from last month's data. But our work is far from over. That's why this Administration is focused on implementing the President's Strategy to break the supply of illicit drugs like fentanyl, prevent overdoses and poisonings, and expand access to care for substance use disorder. We also need Congress to act this year to remove barriers to effective treatment and provide communities the additional resources they need to save lives.”

In April, President Biden sent his Administration's inaugural [National Drug Control Strategy](#) to Congress, which delivers on the call to action in his Unity Agenda through a whole-of-government approach to beat the overdose epidemic. It includes [targeted actions to expand access to evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery services while reducing the supply of drugs like fentanyl](#)