

# The New York State Opioid Overdose and Intranasal Naloxone Program for Law Enforcement

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In 2014, several agencies in New York State<sup>1</sup> collaborated to train police and other law enforcement officers statewide on how to administer naloxone. Below are some highlights of the program through July 2022.


<sup>1</sup>AIDS Institute, Division of Criminal Justice, Albany Medical Center, Harm Reduction Coalition, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services


## Naloxone Saves Lives

Naloxone, also called Narcan®, is a prescription medication used to reverse overdoses caused by heroin, prescription pain medications (such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and morphine), and other opioids.

## Naloxone Numbers at a Glance (April 2014 - July 2022)

 **All 62** NYS counties reported naloxone administration

 **500+** Law enforcement agencies submitted usage reports

 **11,873** Usage reports were submitted

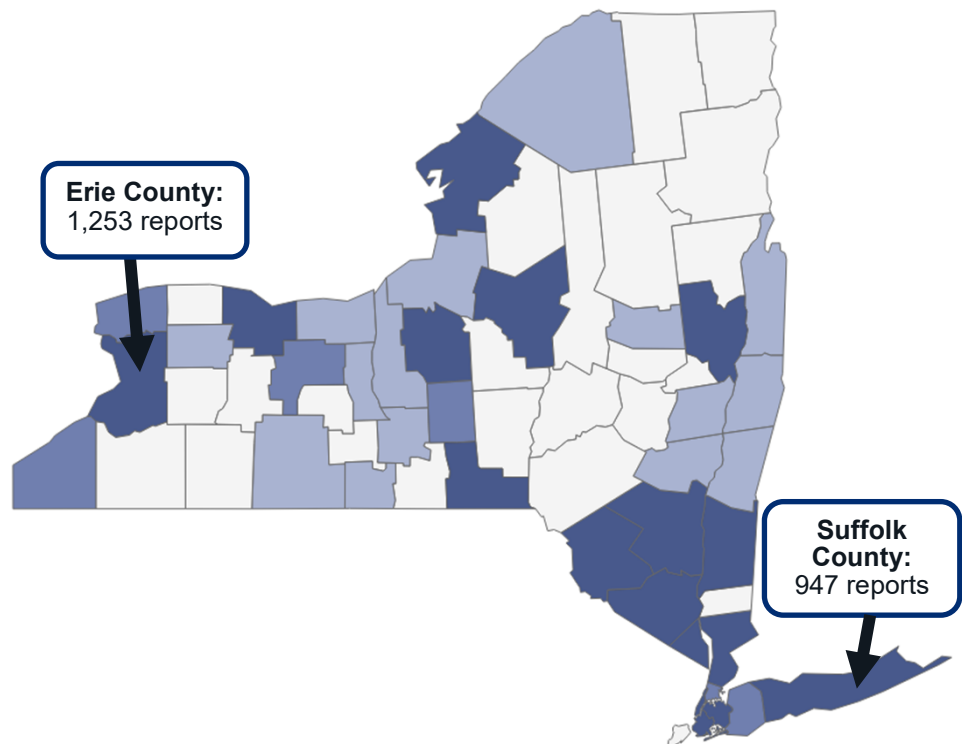
**87%**  
of those aided  
by officers  
**lived**

## Number of naloxone reports<sup>2</sup> submitted by law enforcement agencies, by county, from April 2014 to July 2022 (n=11,871)

“Officers responded to a report of an overdose... male was unconscious, was atonal breathing, and sweating heavily. One dose of Narcan was administered prior to Police arrival with no effect. Officers administered one dose of Narcan... the male became responsive.”

*Officer, Onondaga County*

Law enforcement officers frequently provide life-saving services to aided individuals alongside other responders including EMS, fire departments, and bystanders.

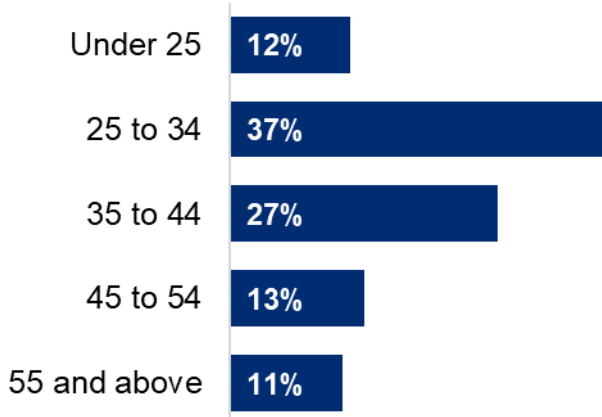


<sup>2</sup> This map does not comprehensively represent naloxone reports from law enforcement personnel in New York City.



Since the program began, law enforcement administered naloxone in nearly 12,000 encounters. **Since 2020, there have been over 4,000 naloxone administrations by law enforcement.**

Since 2020, **more than half of those aided were 35+ years old** (n=4,152)



Since 2020, **most of those aided were men**<sup>3</sup> (n=4,369)



<sup>3</sup> 1% were unknown/missing

Since 2020, **officers have continued to demonstrate appropriate use of naloxone**

Aided breathing slowly or appearing not to breathe (n=4,292)

95%

Aided unresponsive (n=4,324)

94%

Since 2020, **most law enforcement personnel used one or two doses** of naloxone (n=4,347)



Since January 2020, **law enforcement personnel have reported an average of 141 naloxone administrations per month** (n=4,369)



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