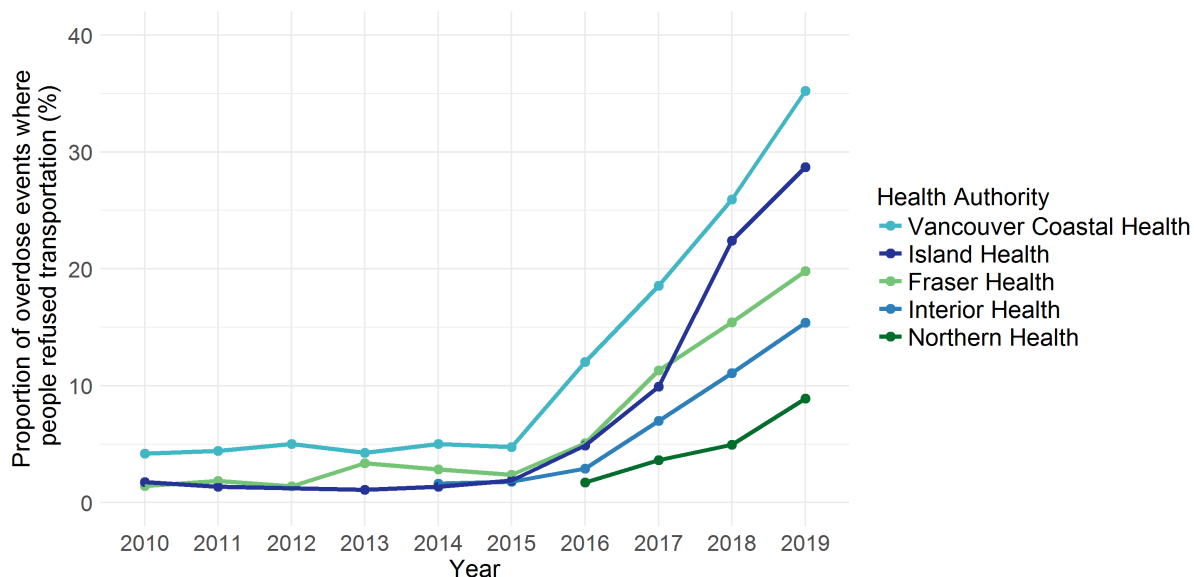


B.C. OVERDOSE SURVEILLANCE

DECLINING TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL FOR PARAMEDIC-ATTENDED OVERDOSE EVENTS

The proportion of paramedic-attended overdose-related events where persons declined transportation to the hospital has been increasing in all regions of BC.



*Data not shown for years and Health Authorities in which cell counts were less than or equal to 5
 **Data provided to BCCDC by BC Emergency Health Services

Urban areas have the largest # of paramedic-attended overdose-related events where persons declined transportation



From **2010-2019**, the proportion of paramedic-attended overdose events where people declined transportation increased from **2% to 27%**



73% of people who declined transportation (2010-2019) were **men** and the average age was **37 years old**



More information is needed to understand the reasons people are declining transportation to the hospital after a non-fatal overdose, and the effects of declining transportation on the frequency and severity of future overdose events, mortality, and development of chronic health conditions.

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