

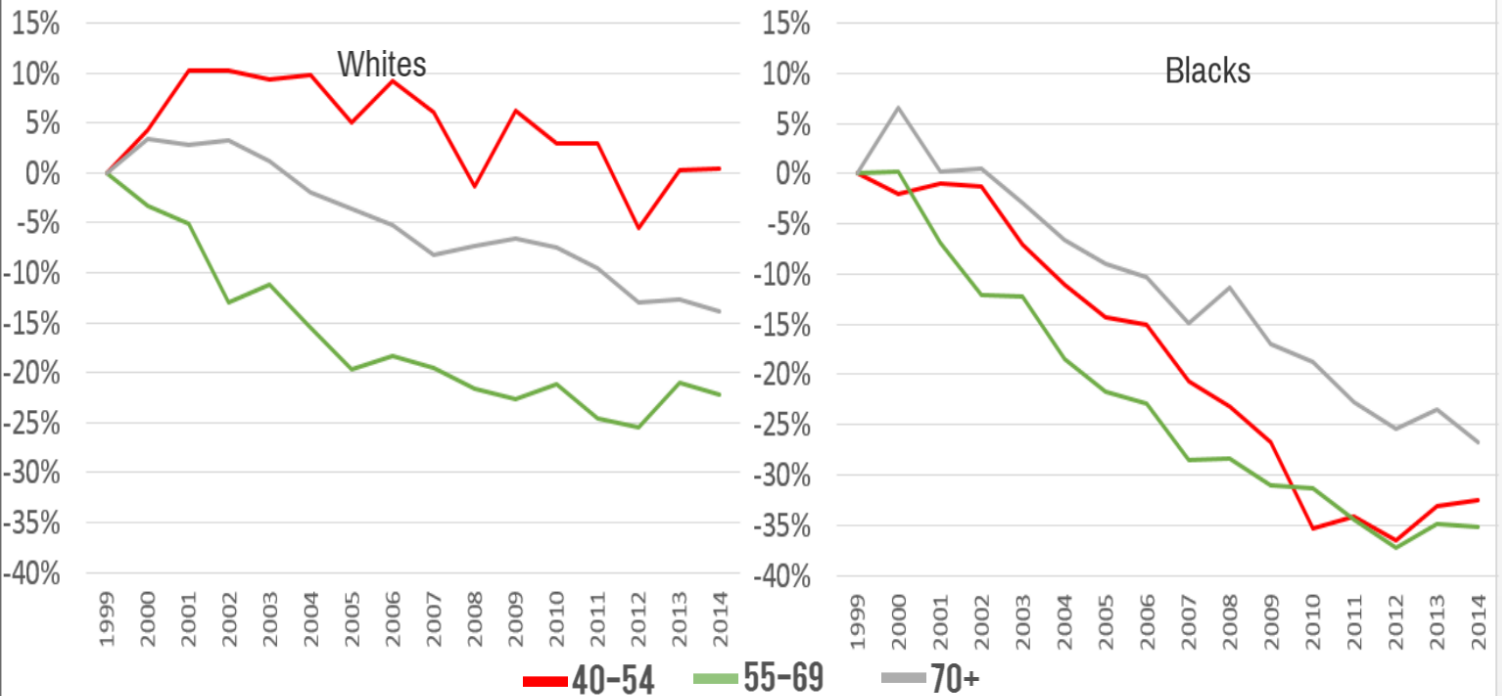
# MORTALITY IN METRO ATLANTA

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## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES:

1. Cardiovascular Disease
2. Cancer
3. Respiratory Disease
4. Unintentional Injury

### 20- County Change in Death Rates by Race and Age Cohort (40+) Since 1999



### 40-54 COHORTS

Whites are the only age/race cohort to not have a decline in overall death rates since 1999  
 For Blacks, death rates in this cohort declined more than the 70+ cohort.

# Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Leading Causes of Death in metro Atlanta since 1997:

## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Declining in both Black and Whites, but Blacks have higher age-adjusted rates....



## CANCER

Similar to Cardiovascular Disease, declining in both Black and Whites, but Blacks have higher age-adjusted rates....



## RESPIRATORY DISEASE

Declining in both Blacks and Whites, but Whites have higher age-adjusted rates and the gap is getting bigger...



## Unintentional Deaths

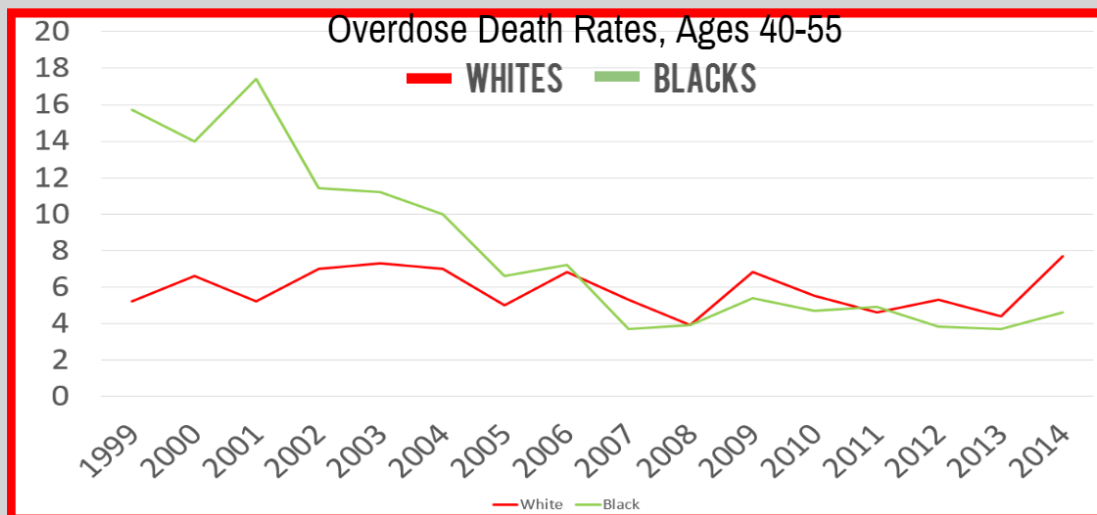
According to the CDC, the leading cause of Unintentional Injury Deaths is

### UNINTENTIONAL POISONING



Since 1999, the United States has seen a surge in drug related deaths- especially among middle-aged whites. Does mortality in metro Atlanta reflect this trend?

Yes.



Even though overdose death rates are still fairly low, rates for Blacks are declining while overdose rates for Whites are on a dangerous upswing.

## ABOUT THE DATA:

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