In the charts below, “percent of lines” is the percent of all claim lines associated with a given grouping of diagnosis codes (e.g., codes associated with opioid dependence) in a given time period.

**Claim lines with an opioid dependence diagnosis rose 3,203 percent from 2007 to 2014.**

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**Opioid dependence appears more common in men than women - but the gap narrows in the age group 46-55 years.**

**Claim lines with an opioid dependence or heroin overdose diagnosis occurred overwhelming in the age group 19-35 years.**

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**Year-over-Year Opioid Results**

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**Opioid Dependence by Gender and Age**

Although men are more likely than women to be diagnosed opioid dependent, the gap varies by age.

During the period 2007-2014, in the age group 19-35 years, 67 percent of claim lines for opioid dependence were for men, compared to 33 percent for women.

But, in the age group 46-55 years, only 55 percent of claim lines were for men, compared to 45 percent for women.

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**Heroin Overdoses Compared to Opioid Overdoses Excluding Heroin, by Age**

During the period 2009-2014, the majority of heroin overdoses (78 percent) were diagnosed within the age group 19-35 years.

Within that age group, the percentage of heroin overdoses was nearly three times greater than that of overdoses of opioids excluding heroin (29 percent).

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**Opioid Dependence by Age**

During the period 2007-2014, opioid dependence was diagnosed overwhelmingly in the age group 19-35 years, with 69 percent of claim lines for opioid-dependent people falling into that age range.

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Source: FAIR Health’s NPIC® database of more than 20 billion privately billed medical and dental healthcare claims from more than 60 contributors nationwide.