





**STREET OVERDOSE
RESPONSE TEAM (SORT)**

**OCTOBER 2021
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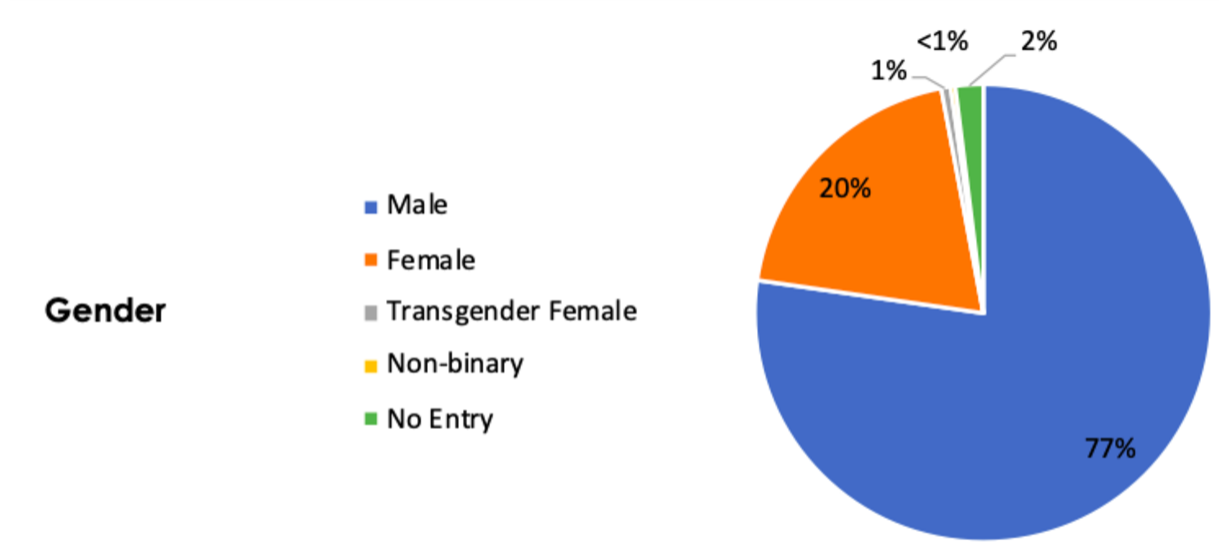
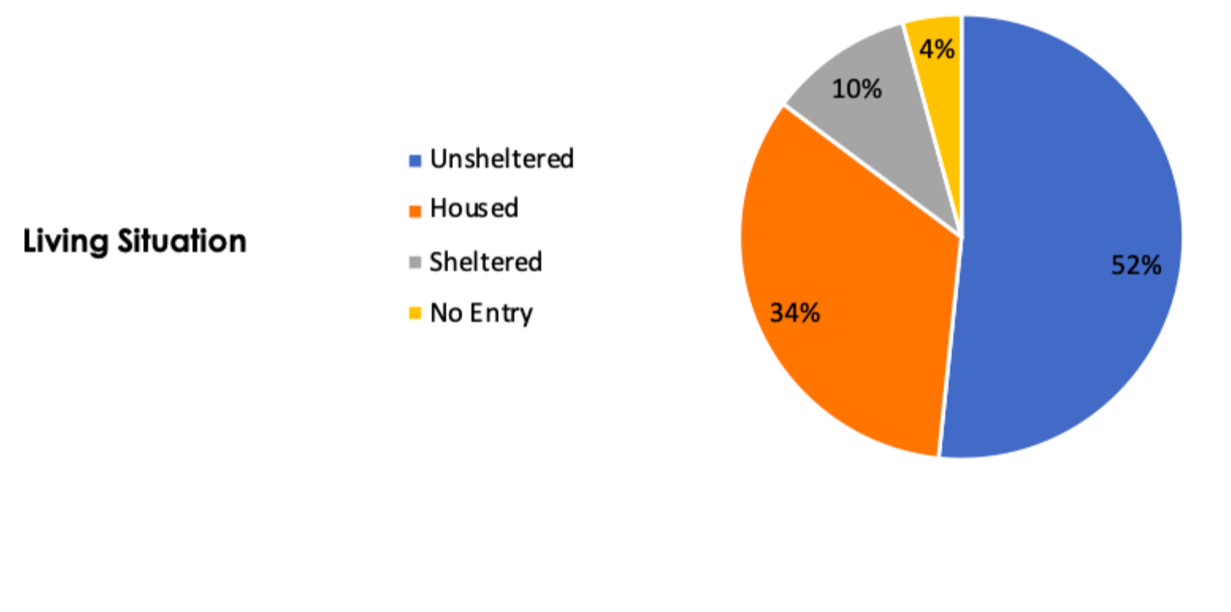
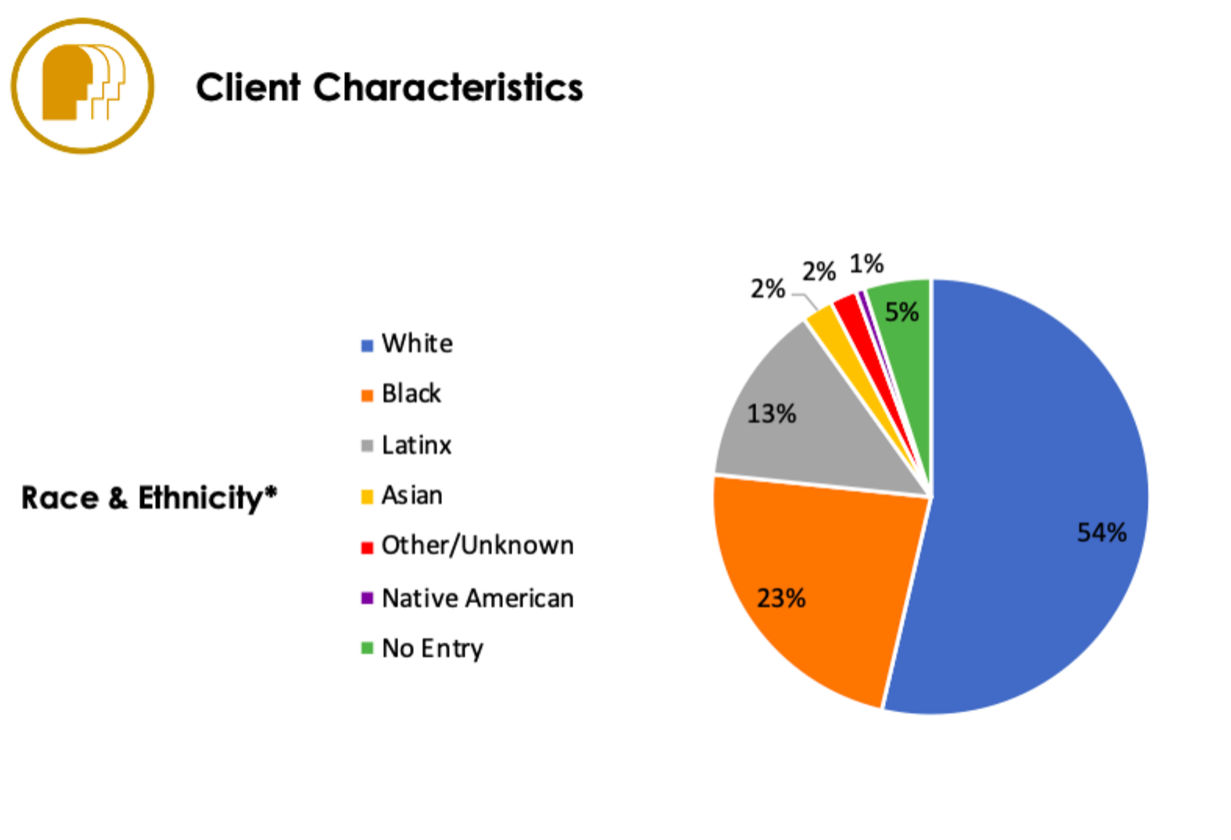
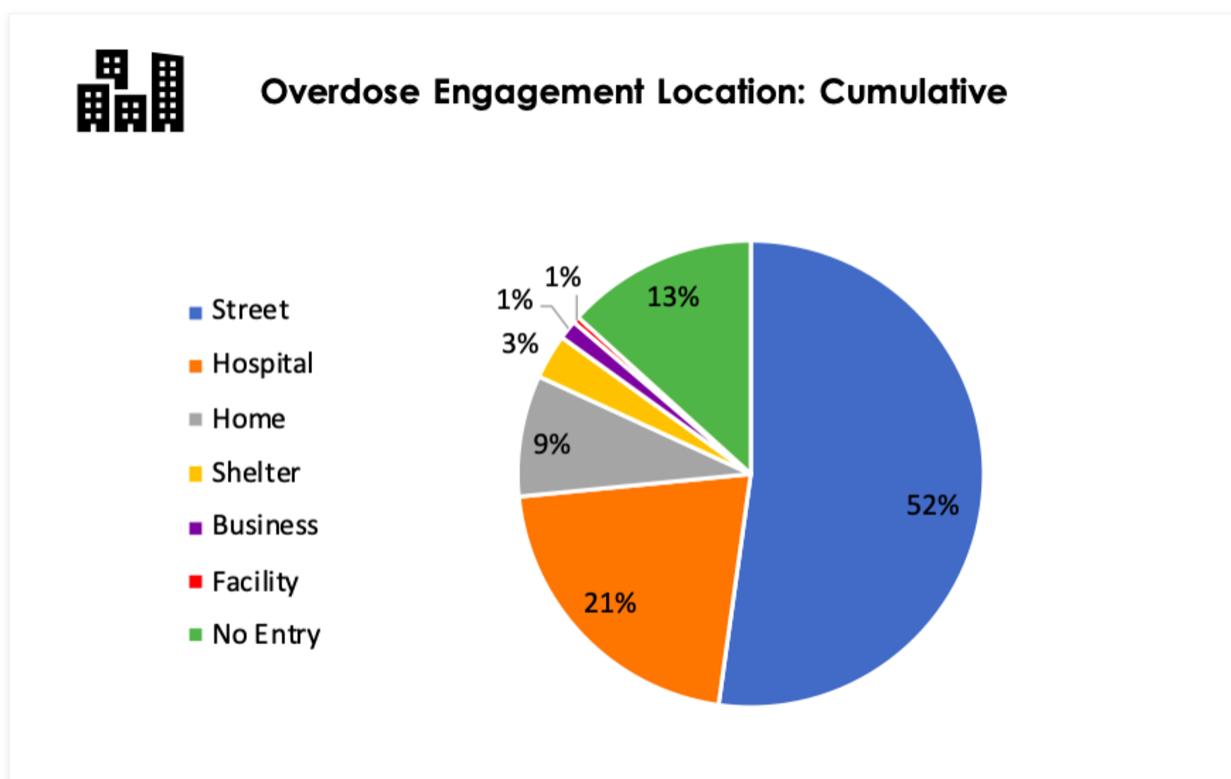
The goals of the San Francisco Street Overdose Response Team are to reduce the risk of opioid-related death of individuals who have recently experienced an overdose, contribute to an overall reduction in overdose deaths through referrals and care coordination with community-based organizations, and to provide support to people who have survived any overdose.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

 <p>Calls Handled by SORT*</p>	<p>10/4 – 10/17</p> <p>56</p>	<p>Cumulative*</p> <p>392</p>
 <p>Calls Including an Overdose</p>	<p>10/4 – 10/17</p> <p>43</p>	<p>Cumulative</p> <p>226</p>
 <p>Calls That Include Buprenorphine** Starts</p>	<p>10/4 – 10/17</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Cumulative</p> <p>22</p>
 <p>Clients who accepted harm reductions supplies</p>	<p>10/4 – 10/17</p> <p>37</p>	<p>Cumulative</p> <p>176</p>

*Cumulative counts are on data since pilot launch (August 2, 2021 – October 17, 2021). The SORT Response Team monitors and responds to calls that clearly state or appear to be for an overdose as there is not an overdose-specific dispatch call code. As a result, some calls the team responds to might not include an overdose.

**Buprenorphine is a medication that is used for treatment of opioid use disorder. It is prescribed by SORT's Street Medicine providers. Buprenorphine prevents withdrawal and reduces cravings. Because it's somewhat similar to opioids, there are some effects from it that are similar to opioids (mild sedation, respiratory depression, and euphoria) but to a much lesser extent. If someone is taking buprenorphine every day, their risk of overdose is greatly reduced.



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