**POINT 1**

Fentanyl fatalities more than doubled in a span of just two years. The rate of fentanyl deaths is highest amongst Black Americans, accounting for 33,593 deaths since 2018.

This chart illustrates the overall growth in fentanyl fatalities by race since 2015. The order and color of the bars correspond to the order and color of the labels.

The crude rate* of fentanyl deaths amongst Black Americans surpassed that of any other racial demographic. The growth rate over the past two years has been highest among Indigenous and Multiracial communities, with a 3.3x and 3.2x increase respectively.

Since 2015, fentanyl fatalities amongst Black and Indigenous communities have increased 13x.

*The numbers along the y-axis represent the crude rate per 100,000, calculated by dividing the fentanyl fatalities (or COVID-19 deaths) of each group, by the corresponding population of that group, and multiplying the result by 100,000.

**POINT 2**

Fentanyl fatalities amongst teens more than tripled in just two years. Fentanyl deaths amongst Black teens increased more than five fold.

1. Black teens - 5.1x
2. Multiracial teens - 4.7x
3. White teens - 3.5x
4. Indigenous teens - 2.8x
5. Asian teens - 1.9x

*Data for the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community was determined to be unreliable by the CDC and thus was not included in this analysis.

**Deaths for 2019 are the year ending in May 2019 and deaths for 2021 are the year ending May 2021. May 2021 is the most recent provisional data available from the CDC.**

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**POINT 3**

Fentanyl is now the #1 cause of death for Multiracial and White Americans ages 18 to 45.

It's #2 for Black and Indigenous Americans.

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**Top 3 Leading Causes of Death by Race**

**Ages 18 to 45**

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**POINT 4**

Fentanyl is killing more Americans ages 18 to 45 than COVID-19. This is true for Black, White and Multiracial Americans.

Fentanyl kills 1.3x more young Black Americans, 2.1x more young White Americans and 3x more young Multiracial Americans than COVID-19.

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