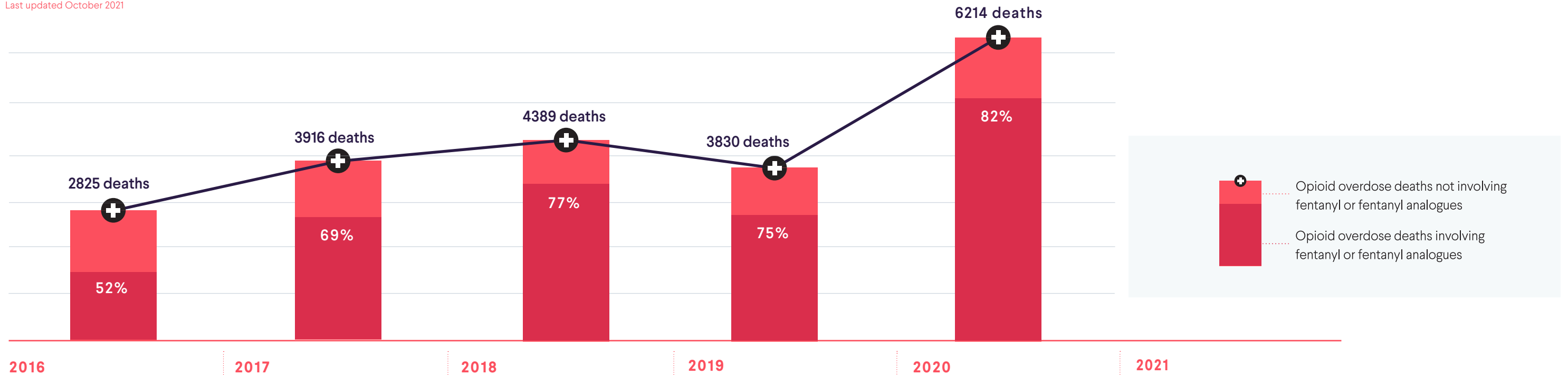


Overview of the Canadian Overdose Epidemic

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Canada has been experiencing an unprecedented overdose epidemic, which killed over 21,000 people between 2016 and 2020.



Naloxone kits

Changes to federal and provincial regulations make naloxone more widely available to the general public

BC declared public health emergency

Increased emphasis on supervised consumption services and other harm reduction services

More SCS open

Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec open their first SCS

SCS regulations streamlined with new federal legislation

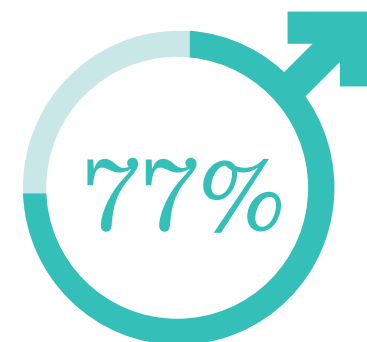
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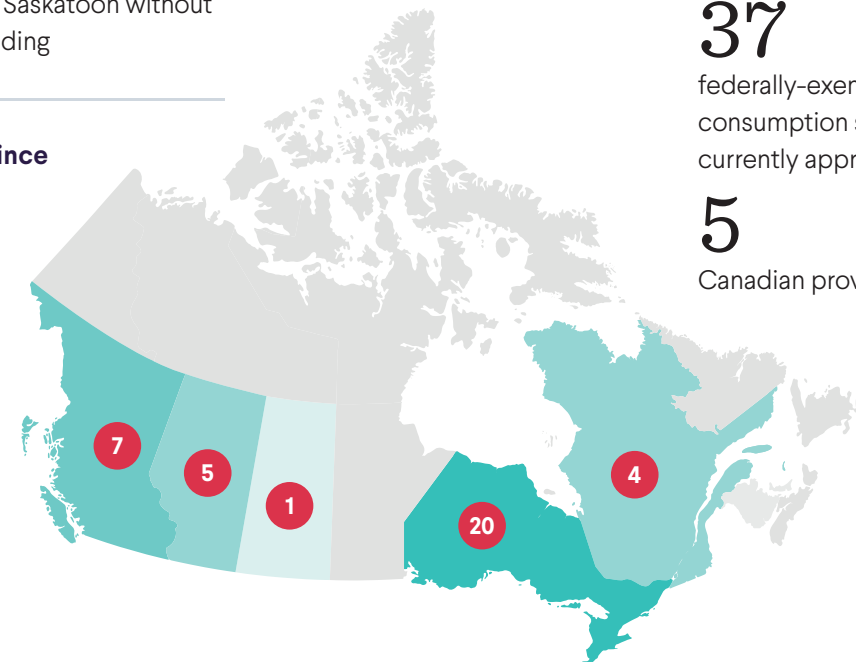
Saskatchewan's first SCS

SCS opens in Saskatoon without provincial funding



77% of overdose deaths occur in males

SCS by province



SCS scale up

37 federally-exempted supervised consumption services (SCS) currently approved in

5 Canadian provinces.



Life expectancy

in Canada has stopped increasing for the first time in

40 years