## ALCONOL-INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS IN VETERANS

From 2012-2018, **2,421 Veterans died** from an alcohol-involved overdose.

The rate, based on percentages of VA patients experiencing overdoses, **increased 57%** from 2012 to 2018, mainly due to overdoses also involving **opioids** and other substances.

Under 10% received medication treatment for alcohol use disorder (AUD) and under 25% received psychotherapy for AUD in the year preceding death.



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