

Calls to Paramedic Services for Suspected Opioid Overdoses Geographic Information

Key Messages:

Data from Toronto Paramedic Services (TPaS) show that the highest concentration of calls for suspected opioid overdoses between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 were in the downtown area. The top five neighbourhoods and top ten main intersections with the highest number of calls were mostly in the downtown area, bounded roughly by Dufferin Street to the West, Bloor Street to the North, the Don Valley Parkway to the East, and Lake Ontario to the south.

However, opioid overdoses are occurring all across Toronto. TPaS responded to a higher-than-average volume of calls in neighbourhoods to the east and west of the downtown core, and parts of Etobicoke, northwest North York, and southern Scarborough.

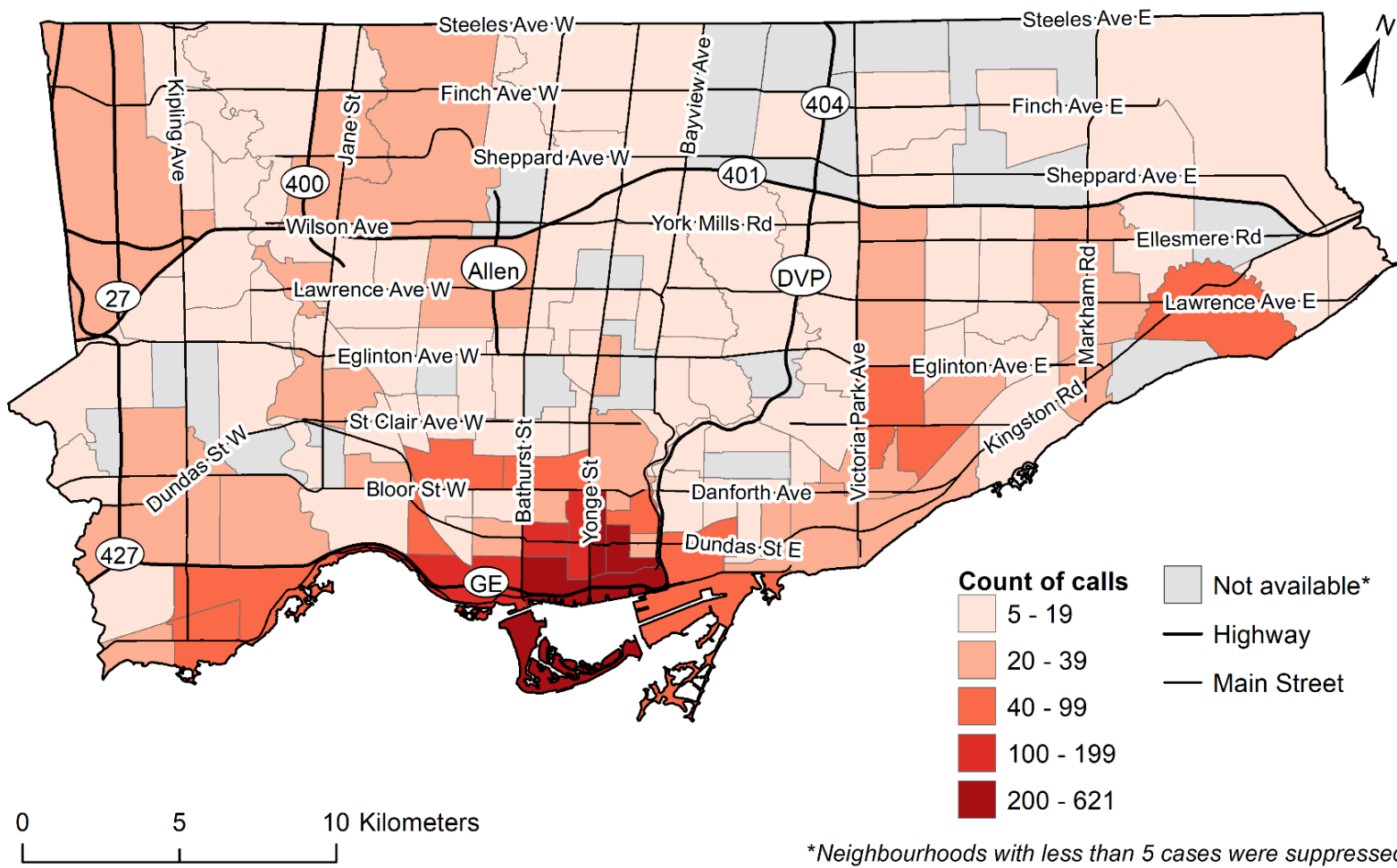
Please review the Data Notes section for more information. This information will be posted online and updated on a regular basis at www.toronto.ca/health/overdosestats.

Data Notes:

- Information is preliminary and subject to change pending further review of the data source.
- The data provided in this document includes only instances where 911 is called and likely underestimates the true number of overdoses in the community.
- The data include cases where the responding paramedic suspects an opioid overdose. This may differ from the final diagnosis in hospital or cause of death determined by the coroner.
- The information in this report refers to the total number of calls (i.e. fatal and non-fatal cases combined). Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, there were 4,208 calls with valid geographic information occurring within the boundaries of the City of Toronto.
- The location refers to where paramedics made contact with patients, which may or may not be the same location from which 911 was called.
- Neighbourhood refers to the boundaries as defined by the City of Toronto. To search neighbourhoods by address or location, use the [Neighbourhood Listing Location Lookup tool](#).
- To provide information on intersections of interest, cases have been aggregated to the nearest main intersection, as defined by the [City of Toronto](#). Note that in areas of the City where main intersections are further apart, location of cases may be moved further than areas of the downtown core where main intersections are closer together.
- Information on neighbourhoods and intersections with less than five cases over the one year period were suppressed to prevent identification of individuals.

For more information, please contact seu@toronto.ca.

Map of suspected opioid overdose calls received by Toronto Paramedic Services by neighbourhood, Toronto, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019



Source: Toronto Paramedic Services. Electronic Patient Care Record. July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Extracted July 2, 2019. Prepared by, Toronto Public Health.

Suspected opioid overdose calls received by Toronto Paramedic Services by neighbourhood*, Toronto, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Neighbourhood	Number of Calls
Church-Yonge Corridor	621
Moss Park	575
Waterfront Communities-The Island	222
South Parkdale	163
Kensington-Chinatown	154
Niagara	139
Bay Street Corridor	139
Cabbagetown-South St.James Town	86
Dovercourt-Wallace Emerson-Junction	75
Mimico	62
Roncesvalles	62
Annex	58
Clairlea-Birchmount	52
South Riverdale	51
New Toronto	50
West Hill	44
Birchcliffe-Cliffside	39
North St.James Town	34
Mount Pleasant West	34
Downsview-Roding-CFB	33
Englemount-Lawrence	33
Kennedy Park	33
Rosedale-Moore Park	32
Regent Park	31
Crescent Town	31
Woburn	31
Oakridge	30
Islington-City Centre West	29
Yorkdale-Glen Park	29
Trinity-Bellwoods	28
East End-Danforth	28
High Park North	27
Glenfield-Jane Heights	27
York University Heights	27
Rockcliffe-Smythe	26
The Beaches	26
West Humber-Clairville	24
Wexford/Maryvale	24
Stonegate-Queensway	23
Woodbine Corridor	23

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Neighbourhood	Number of Calls
Weston	22
Scarborough Village	22
Long Branch	21
University	21
Mount Olive-Silverstone-Jamestown	19
Little Portugal	19
Willowdale East	19
Newtonbrook East	18
Wychwood	17
Corsa Italia-Davenport	17
Briar Hill-Belgravia	17
Eglinton East	17
Playter Estates-Danforth	16
North Riverdale	16
Newtonbrook West	16
St.Andrew-Windfields	16
Dufferin Grove	15
Weston-Pellam Park	15
Westminster-Branson	15
Cliffcrest	15
Morningside	15
L'Amoreaux	15
Willowridge-Martingrove-Richview	14
Lambton Baby Point	14
Junction Area	14
Banbury-Don Mills	14
Victoria Village	14
O'Connor-Parkview	14
Elms-Old Rexdale	13
Mount Dennis	13
High Park-Swansea	13
Palmerston-Little Italy	13
Humewood-Cedarvale	13
Greenwood-Coxwell	13
Bathurst Manor	13
Black Creek	12
Don Valley Village	12
Dorset Park	12
Blake-Jones	11
Keelestone-Eglinton West	11
Rexdale-Kipling	10
Alderwood	10

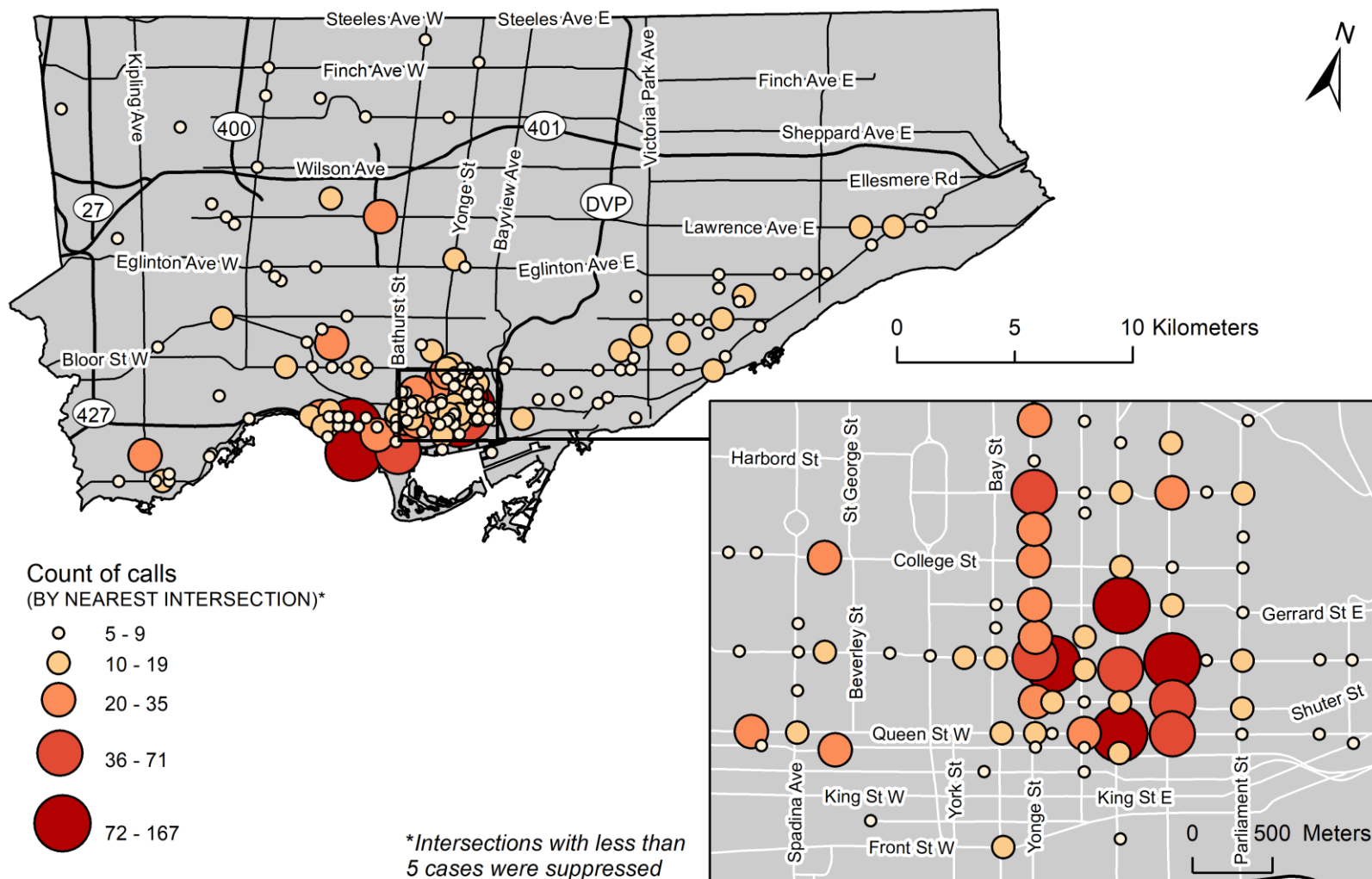
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Neighbourhood	Number of Calls
Danforth Village - Toronto	10
Ionview	10
Bendale	10
Rouge	10
Pelmo Park-Humberlea	9
Lansing-Westgate	9
Parkwoods-Donalda	9
Centennial Scarborough	9
Rustic	8
Humber Heights-Westmount	8
Brookhaven-Amesbury	8
Eringate-Centennial-West Deane	8
Beechborough-Greenbrook	8
Bedford Park-Nortown	8
Malvern	8
Humber Summit	7
Oakwood-Vaughan	7
Forest Hill North	7
Leaside-Bennington	7
Thornccliffe Park	7
Woodbine-Lumsden	7
Thistletown-Beaumont Heights	6
Kingsview Village-The Westway	6
Markland Woods	6
Casa Loma	6
Old East York	6
Yonge-Eglinton	6
Willowdale West	6
Tam O'Shanter-Sullivan	6
Agincourt North	6
Humbermede	5
Edenbridge-Humber Valley	5
Yonge-St.Clair	5
Broadview North	5
Maple Leaf	5
Lawrence Park South	5
Bridle Path-Sunnybrook-York Mills	5

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Map of suspected opioid overdose calls received by Toronto Paramedic Services by nearest main intersection*, Toronto, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019



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Suspected opioid overdose calls received by Toronto Paramedic Services by nearest main intersection*, Toronto, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Nearest Main Intersection	Number of Calls
Dundas St E / Victoria St	167
Dundas St E / Sherbourne St	104
Jarvis St / Gerrard St E	95
King St W / Joe Shuster Way	93
Jarvis St / Queen St E	91
Lake Shore Blvd W / Ontario Dr	85
Sherbourne St / Shuter St	71
Queens Quay W / Bathurst St	66
Jarvis St / Dundas St E	60
Yonge St / Wellesley St	60
Yonge St / Dundas St	51
Queen St E / Sherbourne St	48
Queen St W / Augusta Ave	35
Sherbourne St / Wellesley St E	34
Yonge St / Carlton St	33
Yonge St / Shuter St	33
Yonge St / Gould St	32
Yonge St / Gerrard St	31
Queen St W / Sorauren Ave	24
Yonge St / Grosvenor St	24
Lansdowne Ave / Dupont St	23
Yonge St / Charles St E	22
Kipling Ave / Horner Ave	21
Lawrence Ave W / Shermount Ave	21
Queen St E / Church St	21
College St / Huron St	20
Richmond St W / Peter St	20
Strachan Ave / East Liberty St	20
Bathurst St / Queen St W	19
Bay St / Queen St W	18
Dundas St E / Church St	18
Jarvis St / Richmond St E	18
Spadina Ave / Queen St W	17
Warden Ave / Firvalley Crt	16
Yonge St / Queen St	16
Avenue Rd / Davenport Rd	15
Bloor St W / Dovercourt Rd	15
Dundas St W / Bay St	15
Queen St W / King St W	15
Dundas St E / Parliament St	14
Lake Shore Blvd W / Tenth St	14
Queen St E / Logan Ave	14
Sherbourne St / Gerrard St E	14
Church St / Park Rd	13

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Nearest Main Intersection	Number of Calls
Jarvis St / Wellesley St E	13
Kingston Rd / Glen Everest Rd	13
Bathurst St / Robinson St	12
Bloor St W / High Park Ave	12
Church St / Gould St	12
Dundas St W / Howland St	12
Jarvis St / Carlton St	12
Lawrence Ave E / Orton Park Rd	12
Yonge St / Broadway Ave	12
Bay St / Front St W	11
Bloor St / Yonge St	11
Caledonia Rd / Orfus Rd	11
Danforth Rd / Wolfe Ave	11
Dundas St W / Chestnut St	11
Dundas St W / Huron St	11
King St W / Jameson Ave	11
Lansdowne Ave / Seaforth Ave	11
Lumsden Ave / Main St	11
Parliament St / Shuter St	11
Sherbourne St / Isabella St	11
St Clair Ave E / Danforth Rd	11
Dawes Rd / Gower St	10
Jarvis St / Shuter St	10
King St W / Dowling Ave	10
Kingston Rd / Lawrence Ave E	10
Parliament St / Wellesley St E	10
Shuter St / Victoria St	10
Broadview Ave / Pretoria Ave	9
Church St / Richmond St E	9
College St / Augusta Ave	9
Dawes Rd / Secord Ave	9
Dundas St W / Denison Ave	9
Dundas St W / Mc Caul St	9
Finch Ave W / Jane St	9
King St E / River St	9
Lake Shore Blvd W / Islington Ave	9
Lake Shore Blvd W / Thirtieth St	9
Lawrence Ave E / Manse Rd	9
O Connor Dr / Wakunda Pl	9
Queen St W / Ossington Ave	9
Spadina Ave / Dundas St W	9
Weston Rd / Black Creek Dr	9
Bathurst St / Fort York Blvd	8
Bathurst St / Richmond St W	8
Church St / Shuter St	8
Danforth Ave / Donlands Ave	8
Dufferin St / Bloor St W	8
Dundas St E / River St	8

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Dundas St W / Bathurst St	8
Eglinton Ave E / Kennedy Rd	8
Eglinton Ave E / Mason Rd	8
Jarvis St / Isabella St	8
Kennedy Rd / Merrian Rd	8
King St W / Dufferin St	8
King St W / Spencer Ave	8
Kingston Rd / Woodbine Ave	8
Lake Shore Blvd W / Thirteenth St	8
Main St / Danforth Ave	8
Queen St E / Parliament St	8
Wellesley St E / Ontario St	8
Weston Rd / Lambton Ave	8
Cherry St / Commissioners St	7
Church St / Wellesley St E	7
Danforth Ave / Dawes Rd	7
Danforth Ave / Woodbine Ave	7
Danforth Rd / North Woodrow Blvd	7
Davenport Rd / Dupont St	7
Dundas St E / Ontario St	7
Dundas St E / Sumach St	7
Dundas St W / Annette St	7
Dundas St W / Bloor St W	7
Eglinton Ave E / Mccowan Rd	7
King St W / Atlantic Ave	7
Park Lawn Rd / Berry Rd	7
Queen St W / Dufferin St	7
Queen St W / Dunn Ave	7
Queen St W / Lansdowne Ave	7
Sherbourne St / Carlton St	7
Spadina Ave / Sullivan St	7
St Clair Ave E / Birchmount Rd	7
Weston Rd / Lawrence Ave W	7
Wilson Ave / Jane St	7
Bathurst St / Cedarcroft Blvd	6
Bay St / Gerrard St W	6
Bloor St E / Sherbourne St	6
Bloor St W / Ossington Ave	6
Danforth Ave / Broadview Ave	6
Danforth Ave / Warden Ave	6
Jane St / Grandravine Dr	6
Kingston Rd / Beechgrove Dr	6
Kingston Rd / Brimley Rd	6
Lake Shore Blvd W / Mimico Ave	6
Lake Shore Blvd W / Palace Pier Crt	6
Lake Shore Blvd W / Superior Ave	6
Martin Grove Rd / Longbourne Dr	6
Parliament St / Gerrard St E	6

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Nearest Main Intersection	Number of Calls
Parliament St / Winchester St	6
Queen St E / Sumach St	6
Queen St W / Brock Ave	6
Queen St W / Gladstone Ave	6
Queens Quay W / Bay St	6
Spadina Ave / St Andrew St	6
University Ave / Dundas St W	6
Wellington St W / John St	6
Adelaide St W / Sheppard St	5
Albion Rd / Arcot Blvd	5
Bay St / Elm St	5
Bloor St E / Huntley St	5
Bloor St E / Parliament St	5
Bloor St W / Lansdowne Ave	5
Church St / Adelaide St E	5
Church St / Charles St E	5
Church St / Maitland St	5
College St / Borden St	5
Coxwell Ave / Fairford Ave	5
Danforth Rd / Midland Ave	5
Davenport Rd / Symington Ave	5
Dufferin St / St Clair Ave W	5
Dundas St W / Mabelle Ave	5
Eglinton Ave E / Cedar Dr	5
Eglinton Ave E / Redpath Ave	5
Eglinton Ave W / Blackthorn Ave	5
Eglinton Ave W / Weston Rd	5
Gerrard St E / Greenwood Ave	5
Gerrard St E / Marjory Ave	5
Islington Ave / Birmingham St	5
Keele St / Grandravine Dr	5
King St W / Bathurst St	5
King St W / Strachan Ave	5
Kingston Rd / Claremore Ave	5
Kingston Rd / Overture Rd	5
Kingston Rd / Waverley Rd	5
Lake Shore Blvd W / Jameson Ave	5
Lower Jarvis St / The Esplanade	5
Parliament St / Carlton St	5
Queen St E / Beech Ave	5
Queen St E / Victoria St	5
Rexdale Blvd / Humberwood Blvd	5
Richmond St W / Brant St	5
Sheppard Ave W / Senlac Rd	5
Warden Ave / St Clair Ave E	5
Weston Rd / Church St	5
Weston Rd / Wilby Cres	5
William R Allen Rd / Sheppard Ave W	5

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Yonge St / Bishop Ave	5
Yonge St / Gloucester St	5
Yonge St / Richmond St	5

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