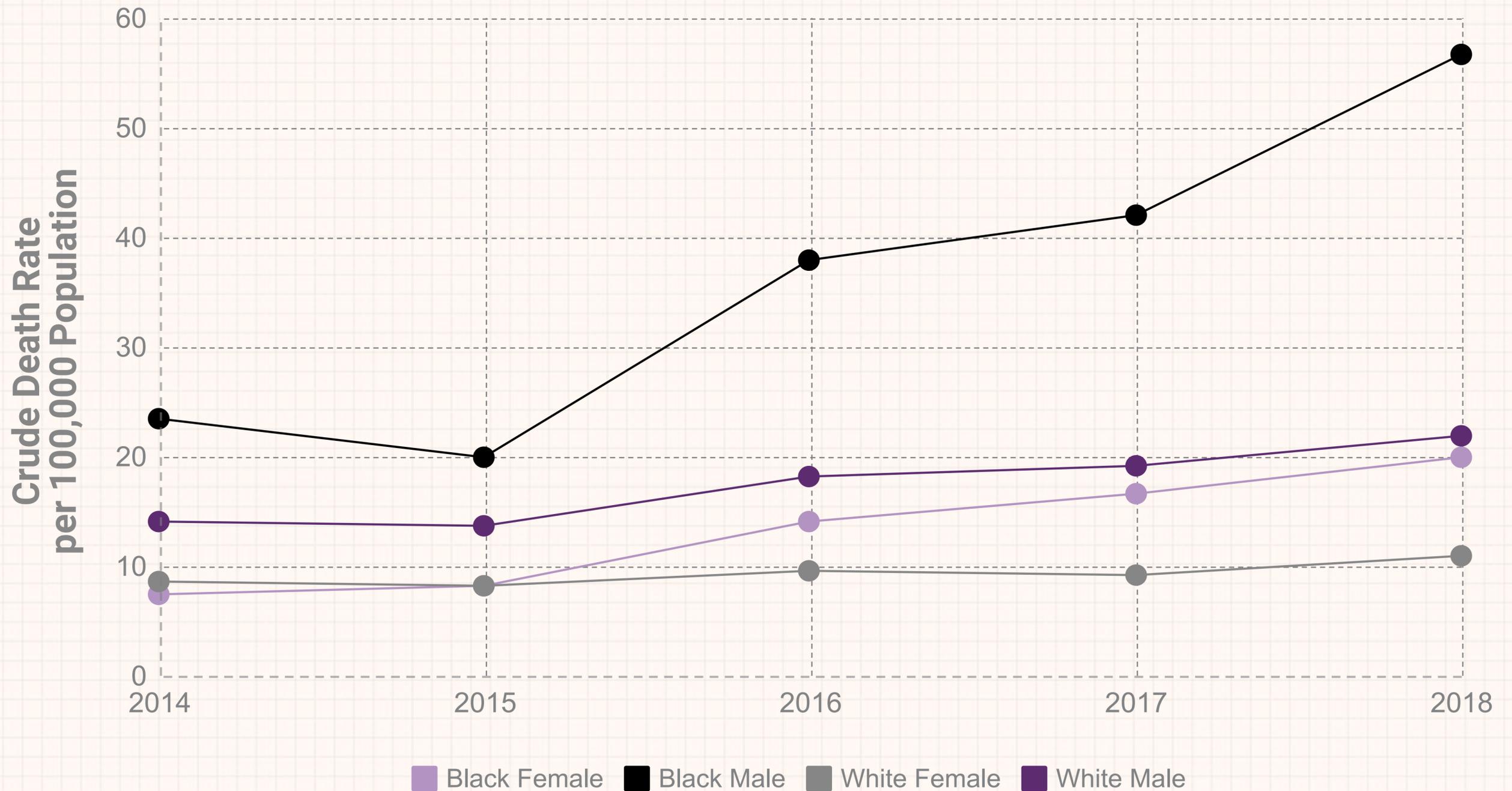


OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS BY GENDER AND RACE



Source: Bureau of Health Care Analysis and Data Dissemination, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

All gender/race groups have experienced increases in opioid overdose deaths over the last 5 years. The black male rate started and has remained the highest throughout this time period, experiencing a steep increase of over 140%. White males have the second highest rate after black males, increasing by 56% over 5 years. While the black female rate remains lower than that of black and white males, this group actually experienced the largest increase of 170%. In 2014, black females had the lowest rate of opioid overdose death but by 2018 their rate is only slightly lower than the white male rate.