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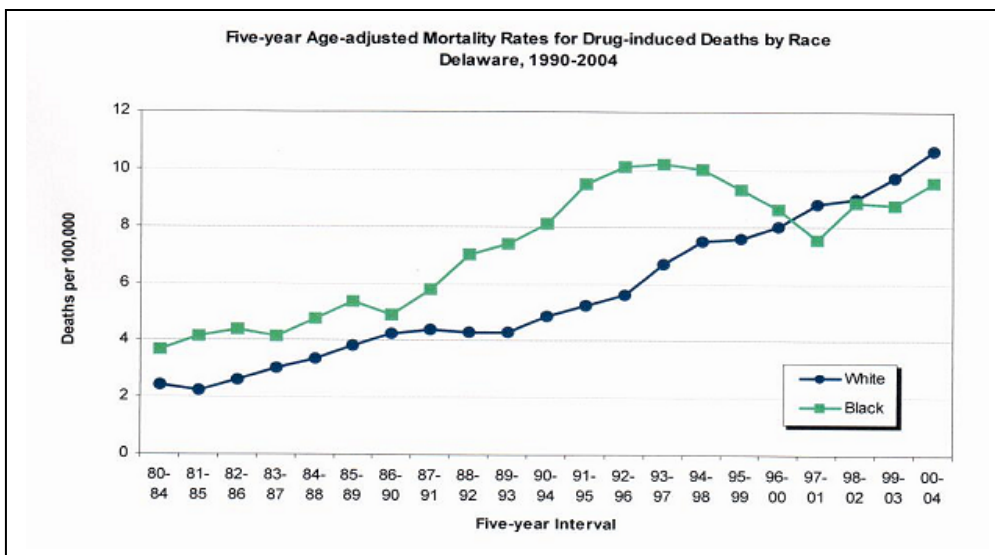
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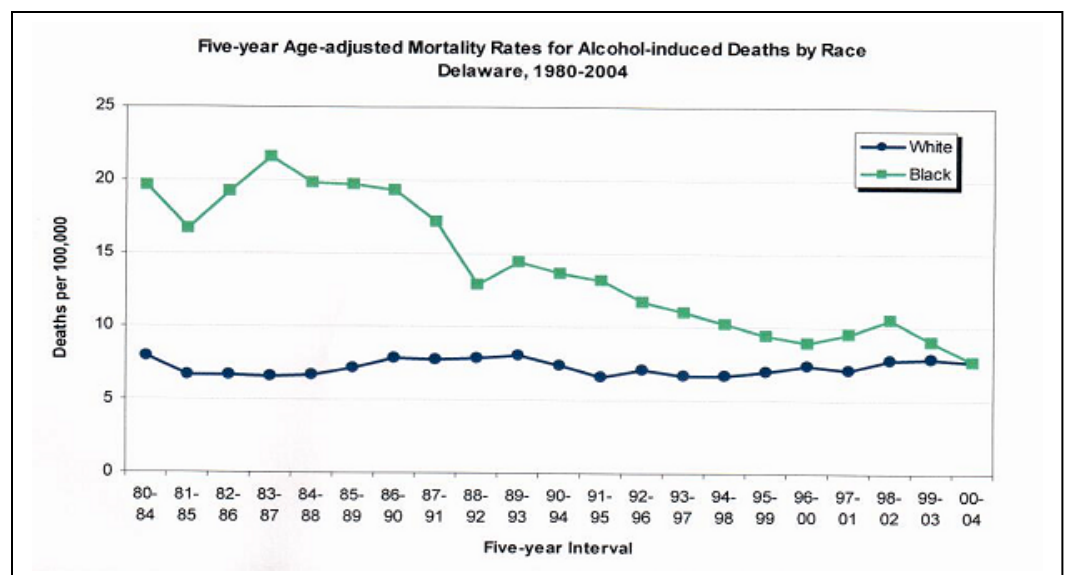
Racial Differences in Drug-induced Deaths

Since the early 1980s, drug-induced deaths in Delaware have been on the rise. Overall, the drug-related mortality rate for the state of Delaware has increased by roughly 200% since 1980.



Despite the overall incline in drug-related mortalities, drug-induced deaths among blacks experienced a brief recession during the late 1990s. Unfortunately, the mortality rate is increasing once again and near record highs. Among whites, the rate has continued to steadily rise and is presently at record highs in the state of Delaware.

In sharp contrast to the drug-induced deaths, alcohol-induced deaths have experienced an overall decrease in the same time span. Among whites, the mortality has held relatively steady, yet the black rate has dropped to roughly 40% of its previous prevalence.



This data indicate that drug related mortalities have surpassed alcohol related mortalities in the state of Delaware for the first time in recent history.

Source: Delaware Vital Statistics Summary by the Delaware Health Statistics Center

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