

Wayne County Drug Overdose Deaths: Comparison of 2018 to mid2019

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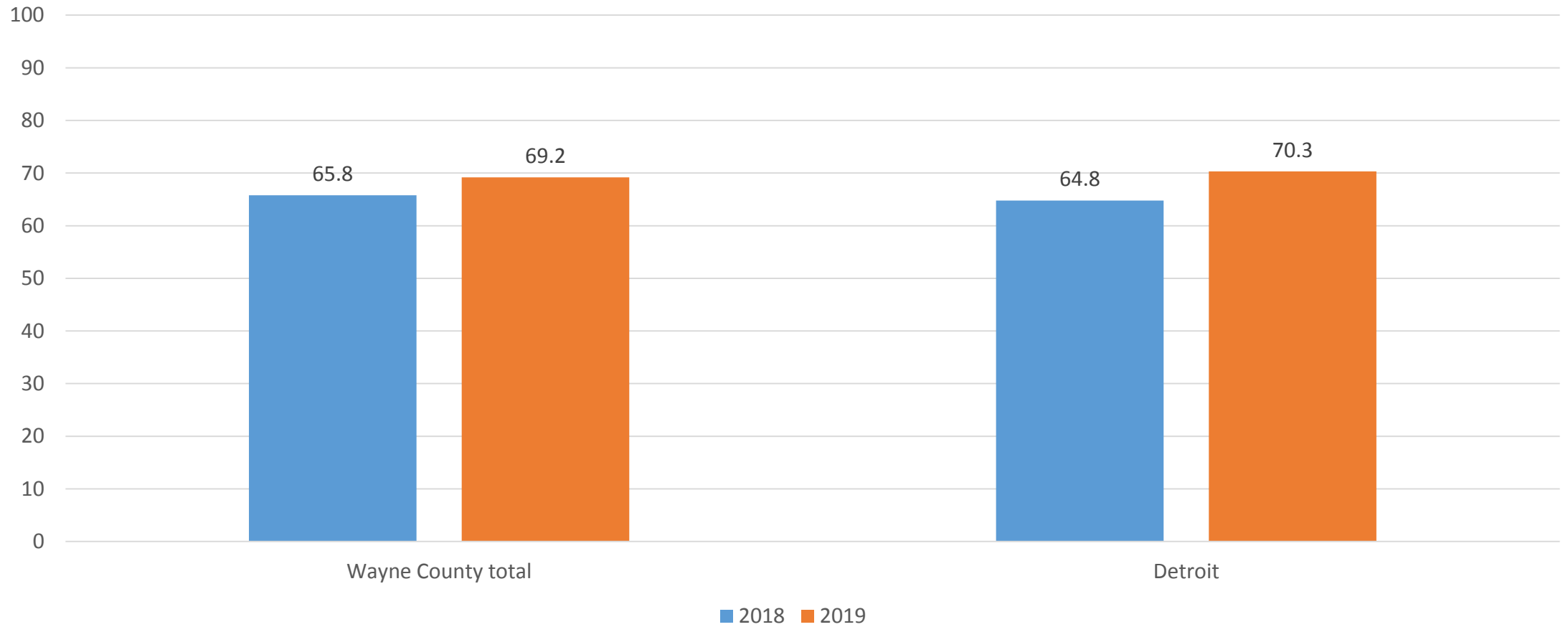
Data provided by Amanda Kogowski from Wayne County Office of
Medical Examiner

Data are preliminary and subject to change

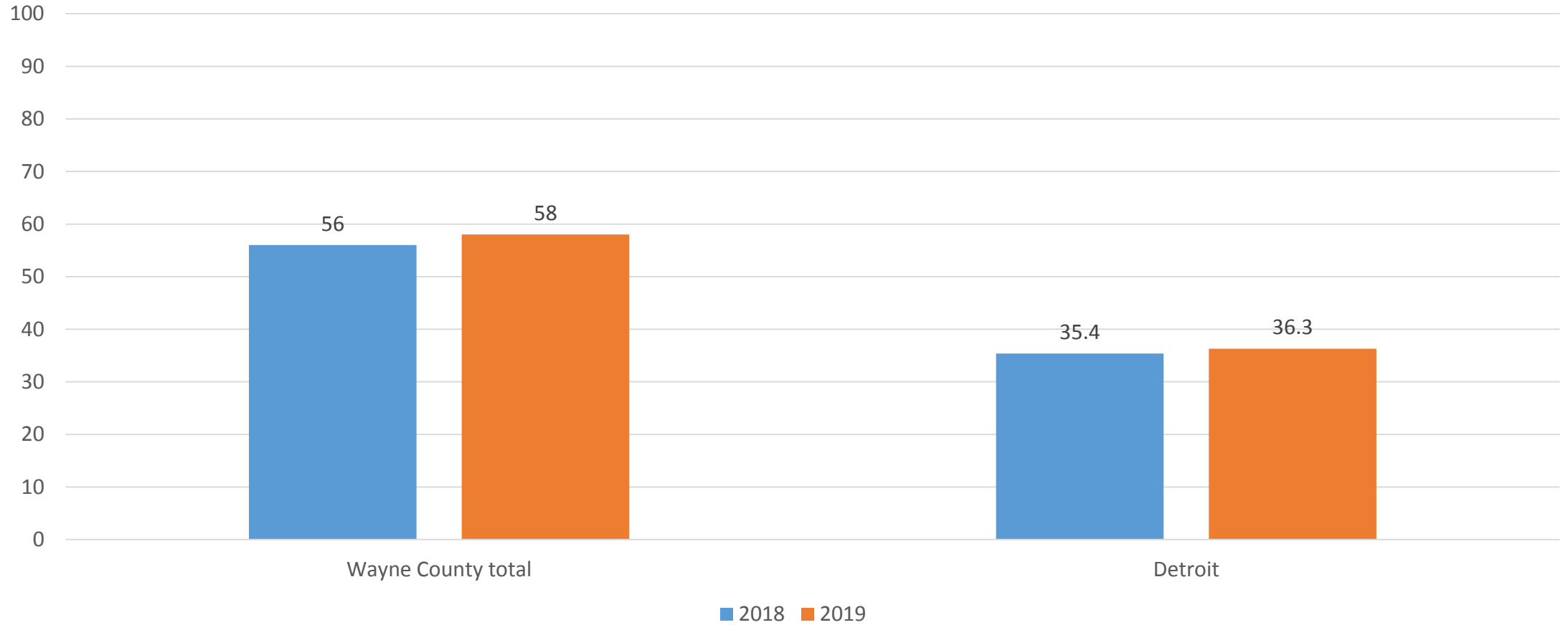
Caveats

- These data are preliminary. In past years, examining the data prior to the closing of the year lead to underestimates of the number of drug overdose deaths.
- Monitoring is still necessary to track any sudden increase or dramatic changes in drugs causing deaths or demographic trends. Small differences between 2018 and 2019 do not indicate changes.
- 2019, there have been 491 deaths (52.8% in Detroit)
- 2018, there were 915 deaths (54.3% in Detroit)

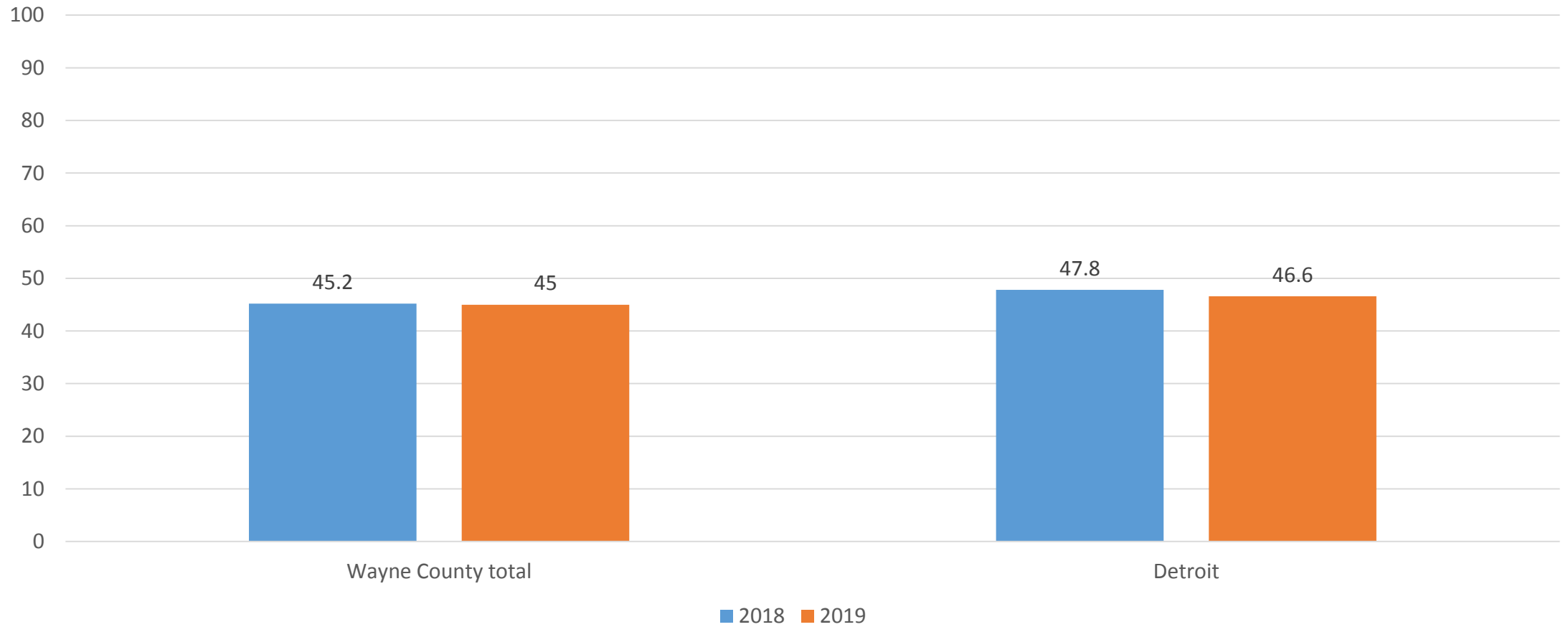
Demographics – percentage male



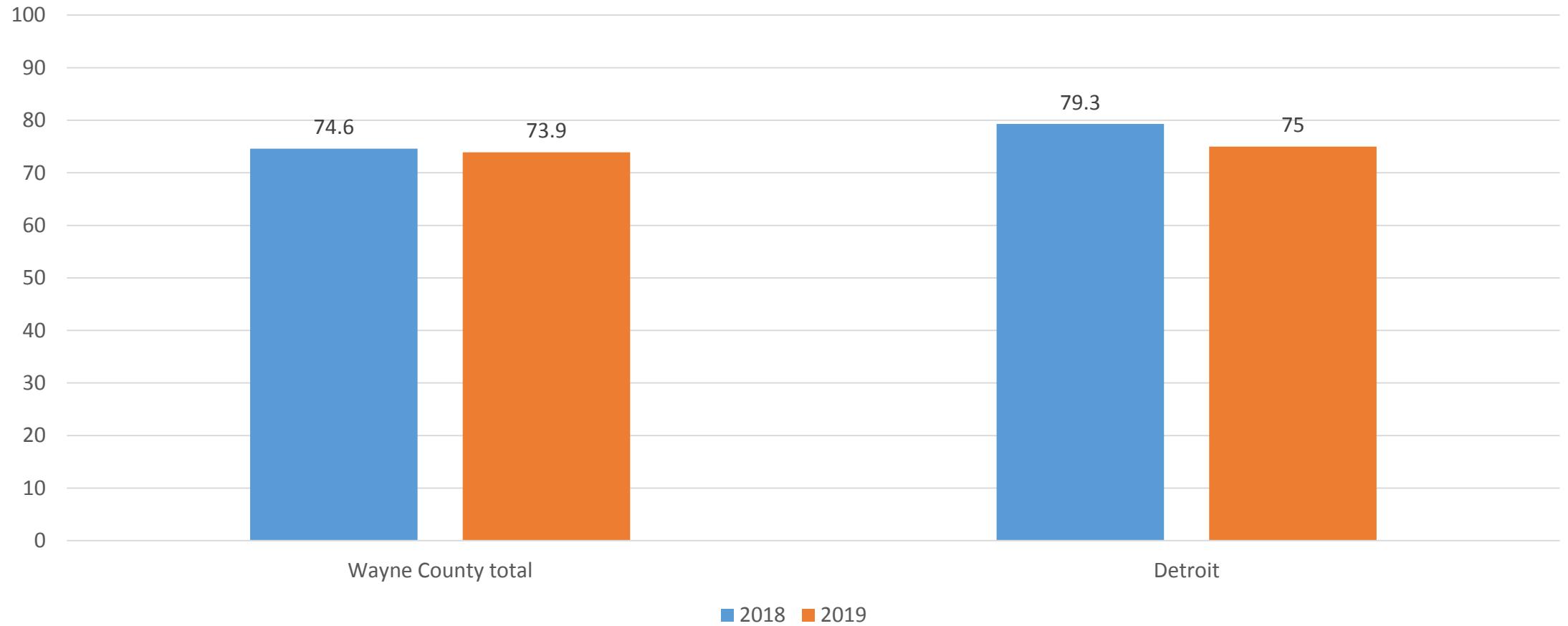
Demographics – percentage White



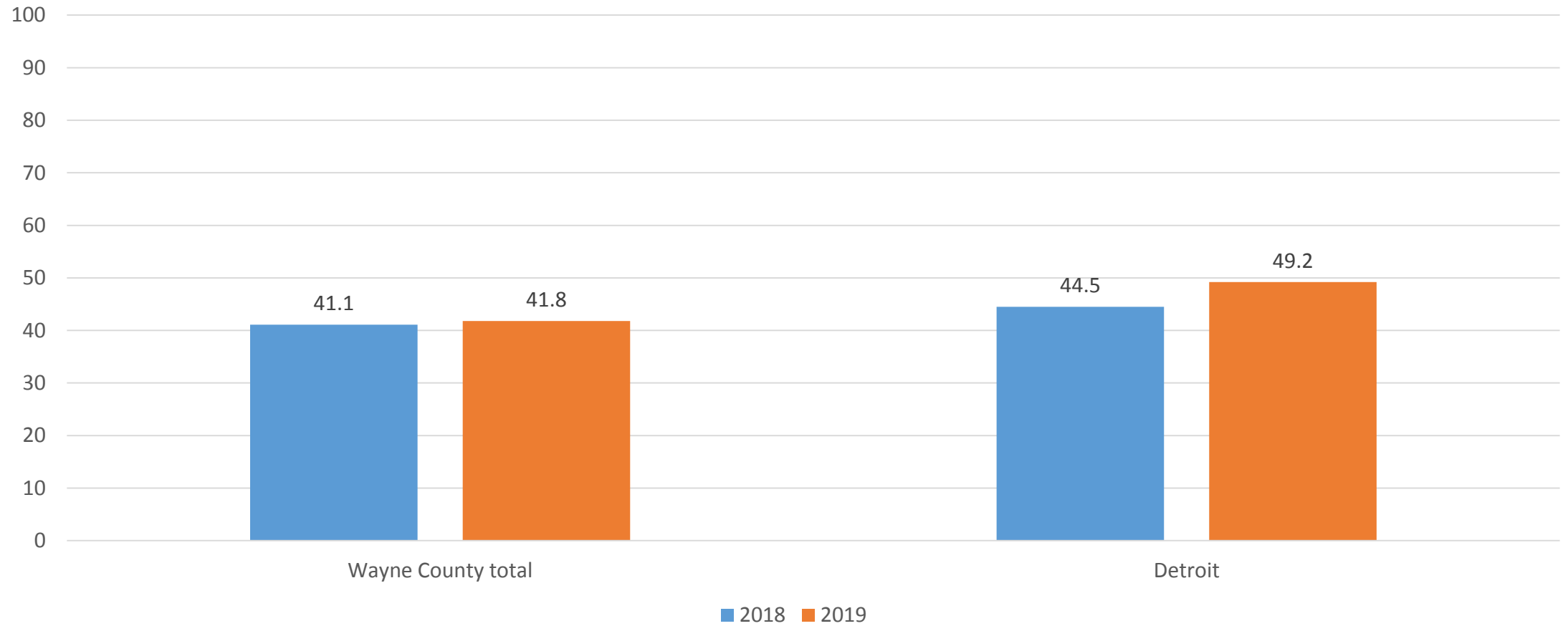
Demographics – mean age



Fentanyl as a cause of death



Cocaine as a cause of death



Interpretation

- It is too early to say if the number of drug overdose deaths will exceed or be lower in 2019 than 2018.
- *However, there is no evidence of large increase.*
- The demographics data on the decedents are quite similar between 2018 and 2019, both for Wayne County as a whole and for the city of Detroit.
- The two drugs that are major causes of deaths (fentanyl and cocaine) show similar patterns in 2019 as they did in 2018.