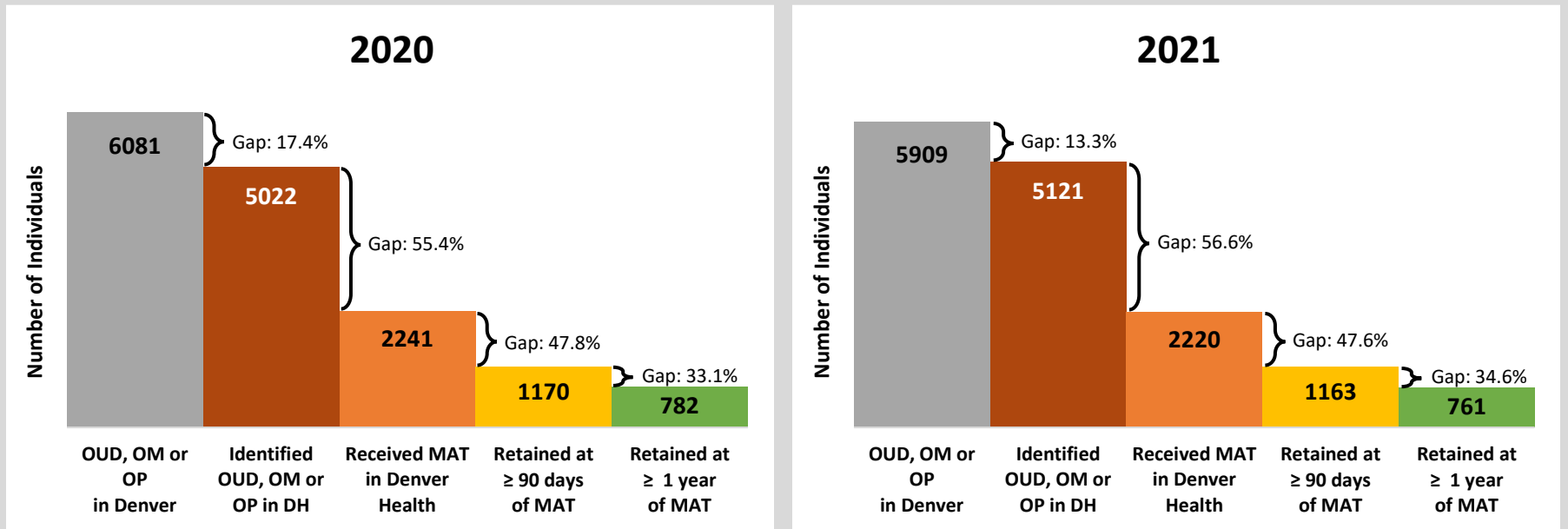




## Opioid Continuum of Care at Denver Health 2020-2021



**Estimated opioid use disorder (OUD), opioid misuse (OM), or opioid poisoning (OP) in Denver** = Conservative estimation calculated by applying SAMHSA estimates of the percentage of Coloradans ages ≥ 12 years who reported pain reliever use disorder or heroin use in the past year in 2018-2019 to the estimation of the population aged 12 or older in Denver in 2020 and 2021. Pain reliever use disorder and heroin use data was unavailable for 2020-2021 due to methodological challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Identified opioid use disorder, opioid misuse, or opioid poisoning in Denver Health (DH)** = Identified through ICD-10-CM codes and additional markers indicating opioid-related problem.

**Received medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in DH** = Received MOUD (buprenorphine or methadone) through the DH organization.

**Retained in care for ≥ 90 days of MOUD** = Patients who had no break of 30+ days in MOUD in a 90-day period.

**Retained in care for ≥ 1 year of MOUD** = Patients who had no break of 30+ days in MOUD in a 365-day period.

### Changes Between 2020 and 2021

- **CAM's goal is to reduce gaps along the continuum of care for opioid misuse.** Gaps between steps in the continuum have changed, as shown below:

	2020	Trend	2021
Gap between OUD, OM, or OP in Denver and Identified OUD, OM, or OP	17.4%	↓	13.3%
Gap between Identified OUD, OM, or OP and Received MAT in Denver Health	55.4%	↑	56.6%
Gap between Received MAT in Denver Health and Retained at ≥ 90 Days of MAT	47.8%	↓	47.6%
Gap between Retained at ≥ 90 Days of MAT and Retained at ≥ 365 Days of MAT	33.1%	↑	34.6%

### Notes

- To calculate the number of patients in the **Identified OUD, OM, or OP in DH** step, diagnostic codes and other markers were used (e.g., if a COWS assessment was recorded during an encounter; if an order was placed for methadone or buprenorphine)
- Counts in **Retained in care for ≥ 90 days** and **Retained in care for ≥ 1 year** show the last period in which patients had no break of ≥ 30 days in MAT (e.g., if a person had multiple 30+ day gaps in MAT within the year, the last MAT start date to track retention forward is used).

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