

Preliminary Monthly Fatal Drug-Related Overdose Counts

All data below are preliminary based on the date the data were extracted. These counts may not represent all overdose-related deaths that occurred during the corresponding time period.

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Data Notes:

- Deaths occurred in California (residents & non-residents). Counts exclude deaths to California residents that occurred out-of-state.
- Counts are reported by the month and year the death occurred.
- Indicators are not mutually exclusive.

Indicator Definitions:

- Indicators are based on the Tenth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases codes (ICD-10).
- All substance-specific indicators meet the All Drug definition in addition to a substance specific ICD-10 code.

All Drug: Any of the following codes listed as the underlying cause of death; X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, and Y10-14

Any Opioid: T40.0-T40.4, T40.6

Prescription Opioids excluding Synthetics: T40.2, T40.3

Heroin: T40.1

Synthetics excluding Methadone: T40.4

Fentanyl: Overdose deaths involving fentanyl and associated analogs were identified by using a text searching algorithm of death certificate text fields.

Psychostimulants with Abuse Potential: T43.6

Cocaine: T40.5

For more information about the data definitions and for previous years of data, visit the [California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard](https://cdph.ca.gov/OpiumDashboard) (cdph.ca.gov/OpiumDashboard). Please note, the California Dashboard death data update quarterly and therefore may not match the counts in Table 1.

Data Source: California Comprehensive Master Death File 2020 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2021.

Data extraction date: 10/27/2021 and 11/12/2021

Table 1. Preliminary monthly drug-related overdose deaths by substance

Month and Year	All Drug	Any Opioid	Prescription Opioids excl. Synthetics	Heroin	Synthetics excl. Methadone	Fentanyl	Psychostimulants with Abuse Potential	Cocaine
August 2020	1019	633	130	100	482	481	545	137
September 2020	788	481	90	82	363	357	418	91
October 2020	781	502	84	68	400	393	395	85
November 2020	746	481	84	82	374	369	402	77
December 2020	813	508	104	81	382	379	433	79
January 2021	950	609	110	90	478	478	515	116
February 2021	737	470	92	48	386	381	379	86
March 2021	831	552	92	76	466	460	451	98
April 2021	830	563	115	62	462	455	414	107
May 2021	807	546	87	52	473	466	430	91
June 2021	722	499	73	49	434	429	392	84
July 2021	593	373	62	36	313	309	322	64

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