

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 Death File (Dynamic) 2021.

Data extraction date: 4/15/2022

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
January 2021	975	629	113	91	496	496	531	124
February 2021	795	511	101	52	422	417	407	98
March 2021	915	607	102	81	513	507	506	113
April 2021	937	634	125	70	524	515	475	128
May 2021	916	615	98	63	532	527	488	106
June 2021	942	639	91	64	555	549	507	108
July 2021	959	627	104	60	536	530	522	107
August 2021	950	627	93	62	549	544	534	133
September 2021	885	576	86	67	496	495	469	110
October 2021	810	561	82	51	494	491	445	110
November 2021	685	454	66	40	393	388	349	95
December 2021	531	325	58	21	274	272	274	56

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