

# 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) 2023.

Data extraction date: 7/12/2023

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 |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>April 2022</b>     | 965      | 664        | 99                                    | 46     | 591                        | 587      | 528                                   | 125     |
| <b>May 2022</b>       | 947      | 658        | 96                                    | 32     | 584                        | 577      | 498                                   | 131     |
| <b>June 2022</b>      | 965      | 627        | 78                                    | 42     | 568                        | 567      | 576                                   | 115     |
| <b>July 2022</b>      | 1038     | 682        | 82                                    | 32     | 619                        | 611      | 567                                   | 107     |
| <b>August 2022</b>    | 1053     | 689        | 95                                    | 49     | 611                        | 606      | 596                                   | 126     |
| <b>September 2022</b> | 1078     | 683        | 104                                   | 45     | 595                        | 596      | 604                                   | 127     |
| <b>October 2022</b>   | 935      | 644        | 86                                    | 37     | 583                        | 581      | 505                                   | 137     |
| <b>November 2022</b>  | 876      | 599        | 77                                    | 30     | 547                        | 545      | 484                                   | 103     |
| <b>December 2022</b>  | 944      | 674        | 99                                    | 31     | 607                        | 601      | 523                                   | 130     |
| <b>January 2023</b>   | 833      | 542        | 79                                    | 16     | 490                        | 487      | 483                                   | 116     |
| <b>February 2023</b>  | 608      | 389        | 50                                    | 17     | 359                        | 356      | 327                                   | 71      |
| <b>March 2023</b>     | 615      | 389        | 58                                    | 10     | 348                        | 348      | 316                                   | 79      |

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