

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 2021 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2023.

Data extraction date: 11/30/2022 and 3/14/2023

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
November 2021	886	597	82	50	524	519	478	122
December 2021	873	581	95	38	513	505	458	97
January 2022	956	607	105	61	521	519	500	115
February 2022	926	625	94	57	543	537	477	129
March 2022	887	628	91	51	551	543	455	119
April 2022	955	656	98	46	584	580	520	124
May 2022	897	620	88	31	550	543	472	125
June 2022	915	598	76	38	541	540	549	108
July 2022	954	631	75	29	576	570	520	98
August 2022	844	553	70	39	491	488	467	111
September 2022	692	437	65	28	378	379	373	88
October 2022	521	341	51	20	305	305	270	77

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