

# 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

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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 2/15/2023

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>October 2021</b>	928	645	100	68	400	393	395	85
<b>November 2021</b>	886	597	82	82	374	369	402	77
<b>December 2021</b>	873	581	95	81	382	379	433	79
<b>January 2022</b>	955	606	105	61	520	518	500	115
<b>February 2022</b>	918	621	93	57	539	533	472	129
<b>March 2022</b>	876	623	90	50	547	539	447	118
<b>April 2022</b>	940	646	96	44	575	571	512	124
<b>May 2022</b>	861	592	86	30	523	516	448	121
<b>June 2022</b>	858	551	72	38	494	493	509	103
<b>July 2022</b>	833	548	69	27	499	494	443	86
<b>August 2022</b>	673	439	56	30	386	384	366	94
<b>September 2022</b>	544	339	57	20	287	288	281	73

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