

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: 3/15/2024

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 2023	1088	738	98	39	668	663	637	149
February 2023	964	649	78	37	605	602	527	126
March 2023	1103	756	101	30	688	684	582	150
April 2023	1036	752	79	33	698	691	595	140
May 2023	1081	768	100	30	698	697	586	168
June 2023	935	688	75	26	634	624	513	114
July 2023	1020	715	93	23	654	651	608	138
August 2023	973	693	80	29	640	639	545	157
September 2023	803	566	56	12	534	531	465	132
October 2023	734	527	61	11	486	481	402	119
November 2023	607	414	33	18	388	391	314	104
December 2023	475	320	33	17	297	295	259	71

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