

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 2023 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2024.

Data extraction date: 12/6/2024 and 2/14/2025.

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
December 2023	937	643	72	28	591	585	524	130
January 2024	945	640	76	23	578	579	504	143
February 2024	866	568	81	21	519	517	522	121
March 2024	897	600	79	17	548	548	513	125
April 2024	808	532	58	35	477	473	443	101
May 2024	822	534	64	14	491	488	462	123
June 2024	832	524	73	22	474	470	485	126
July 2024	789	402	63	18	353	335	507	104
August 2024	685	381	77	21	320	318	409	71
September 2024	600	324	58	26	269	264	376	87
October 2024	522	320	50	17	266	264	289	72
November 2024	372	215	35	7	190	190	211	55

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