

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/OpioidDashboard) (cdph.ca.gov/OpioidDashboard). 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) 2024 and 2025.

Data extraction date: 8/15/2025.

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
June 2024	858	541	78	22	487	482	501	127
July 2024	841	427	66	18	376	358	542	105
August 2024	748	419	86	23	350	348	448	75
September 2024	710	384	77	28	314	308	437	107
October 2024	742	433	74	23	361	357	437	94
November 2024	675	386	56	15	342	342	409	97
December 2024	720	428	53	18	388	381	428	106
January 2025	794	464	74	20	408	402	486	114
February 2025	734	447	56	19	409	402	422	121
March 2025	739	462	73	21	404	399	413	126
April 2025	637	388	60	14	343	338	380	103
May 2025	480	292	33	10	266	267	261	92

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