

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) 2024 and 2025.

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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
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	823	481	77	20	424	418	508	115
February 2025	764	470	62	19	427	418	442	122
March 2025	800	510	83	23	445	438	446	133
April 2025	734	448	74	14	393	388	440	113
May 2025	674	409	49	17	365	362	381	126
June 2025	599	340	50	19	283	284	328	115
July 2025	411	251	36	7	224	222	244	75

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