

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 Master Death File 2024 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2025.

Data extraction date: 11/4/2025 and 01/15/2026.

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
November 2024	675	387	55	15	344	342	409	97
December 2024	720	429	53	18	389	382	428	106
January 2025	834	487	78	20	429	423	515	116
February 2025	774	477	65	19	431	422	448	122
March 2025	834	531	90	25	460	453	466	137
April 2025	781	479	77	14	422	417	471	117
May 2025	751	456	54	18	407	403	422	132
June 2025	719	406	65	23	338	339	399	127
July 2025	725	444	70	14	390	383	438	143
August 2025	707	400	70	16	347	342	416	95
September 2025	574	343	63	16	291	288	340	112
October 2025	407	242	38	7	210	210	235	81

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