

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 2022 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2023.

Data extraction date: 11/7/2023 and 2/14/2024

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
December 2022	1030	757	116	40	675	669	632	156
January 2023	1088	738	98	39	668	663	637	149
February 2023	959	645	77	37	601	598	525	126
March 2023	1096	752	101	30	684	680	579	149
April 2023	1010	736	77	33	683	676	578	136
May 2023	1056	752	97	28	684	683	572	163
June 2023	920	678	75	26	624	614	509	112
July 2023	1003	702	90	22	643	640	598	138
August 2023	934	666	75	27	617	615	526	156
September 2023	733	514	53	11	483	480	419	126
October 2023	659	475	58	9	436	431	355	107
November 2023	461	319	21	16	300	302	228	82

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