

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) 2023 and 2024.

Data extraction date: 4/15/2024

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
February 2023	964	649	78	37	605	602	527	126
March 2023	1108	757	101	30	689	685	583	151
April 2023	1043	757	81	33	701	693	600	140
May 2023	1101	783	102	30	712	711	600	169
June 2023	977	721	82	32	660	651	539	121
July 2023	1071	745	98	24	681	678	643	142
August 2023	1018	722	87	31	661	661	571	166
September 2023	862	599	61	12	566	562	493	137
October 2023	828	592	68	11	548	541	456	125
November 2023	713	484	45	20	449	455	371	116
December 2023	694	467	51	22	431	428	393	100
January 2024	484	322	27	16	299	300	256	92

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