

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: 6/17/2024

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
April 2023	1044	757	81	33	701	693	601	140
May 2023	1108	790	103	30	718	717	604	169
June 2023	990	732	83	32	671	662	546	121
July 2023	1113	772	101	26	705	702	668	148
August 2023	1055	749	87	33	688	688	597	169
September 2023	918	637	67	12	598	594	529	140
October 2023	915	648	79	12	598	591	512	133
November 2023	828	566	55	22	525	529	437	135
December 2023	893	612	70	27	561	556	502	124
January 2024	799	540	59	20	489	488	427	130
February 2024	646	404	55	18	370	371	393	101
March 2024	570	372	48	13	341	343	323	91

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