

# 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

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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:** 8/15/2024

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
<b>June 2023</b>	991	733	83	32	672	663	547	121
<b>July 2023</b>	1165	811	109	29	741	738	697	156
<b>August 2023</b>	1094	774	90	34	711	710	619	174
<b>September 2023</b>	943	653	67	12	614	610	543	145
<b>October 2023</b>	941	668	82	12	616	608	524	138
<b>November 2023</b>	866	586	59	22	543	547	457	140
<b>December 2023</b>	939	644	73	28	591	585	525	130
<b>January 2024</b>	889	598	69	21	541	542	482	135
<b>February 2024</b>	760	485	69	19	443	443	454	112
<b>March 2024</b>	777	517	65	14	475	476	442	115
<b>April 2024</b>	606	394	42	25	350	348	336	84
<b>May 2024</b>	468	302	37	8	277	274	259	89

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