

# 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:** 11/15/2024

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
September 2023	945	653	67	12	614	610	545	146
October 2023	947	671	82	12	619	611	528	138
November 2023	876	593	60	22	549	553	462	141
December 2023	957	653	77	28	597	592	536	130
January 2024	931	629	74	23	569	570	502	141
February 2024	840	545	80	21	497	495	503	118
March 2024	878	586	77	17	535	535	505	125
April 2024	773	513	56	35	459	456	426	97
May 2024	764	489	58	13	452	450	431	119
June 2024	736	463	64	17	423	419	428	117
July 2024	588	292	43	17	259	249	374	78
August 2024	399	227	44	14	196	194	219	52

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