

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 2023 and California Comprehensive Death File (Dynamic) 2024.

Data extraction date: 12/6/2024 and 1/14/2025.

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
November 2023	865	587	59	22	544	548	457	140
December 2023	937	643	72	28	591	585	524	130
January 2024	943	638	76	23	576	577	504	143
February 2024	862	565	82	21	515	513	518	121
March 2024	893	599	79	17	547	546	511	125
April 2024	796	526	57	35	471	469	438	100
May 2024	811	526	63	14	484	481	457	123
June 2024	810	509	73	19	463	458	475	124
July 2024	734	368	54	18	327	312	477	98
August 2024	598	329	68	19	276	274	341	68
September 2024	460	259	47	20	213	210	271	72
October 2024	351	216	30	8	182	182	198	46

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