

# 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) 2022.

Data extraction date: 10/13/2022

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>July 2021</b>	1015	657	115	64	556	550	545	117
<b>August 2021</b>	1033	673	111	69	579	574	575	146
<b>September 2021</b>	964	620	92	71	535	534	511	120
<b>October 2021</b>	929	643	98	57	563	559	510	133
<b>November 2021</b>	886	597	82	49	524	519	478	122
<b>December 2021</b>	865	569	93	38	501	496	453	97
<b>January 2022</b>	911	581	99	60	502	501	475	112
<b>February 2022</b>	836	578	86	51	504	499	435	117
<b>March 2022</b>	763	543	69	36	480	471	385	107
<b>April 2022</b>	673	453	72	26	401	399	355	77
<b>May 2022</b>	560	380	75	17	321	321	278	71
<b>June 2022</b>	511	334	45	15	303	300	294	61

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