

City & County of San Francisco
Daniel Lurie, Mayor



Office of the City Administrator
Carmen Chu, City Administrator
David Serrano Sewell, Executive Director
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

September 16, 2025

Subject: Report on 2025 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025. During this period, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 460. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in August 2025 is 48.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Fluoro Fentanyl, Xylazine, Bromazolam, Phenazolam, Medetomidine, and Desalkyl Gidazepam from January 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025 are as follows:

- Fluoro Fentanyl, 30
- Xylazine, 15
- Bromazolam, 8
- Phenazolam, 5
- Medetomidine, 2
- Desalkyl Gidazepam, 1

The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to comply with local and state reporting guidelines and further OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers. Please note, these results are preliminary as of testing to September 4, 2025, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death.

Pertinent for accurate use of these reports is understanding the source of the data and its subsequent summarization process. Decedent demographic and case information were obtained from the OCME case management system. Additionally, specific details from investigator narratives, forensic toxicology results, and where available, preliminary autopsy findings, were utilized. Collected demographic information included race, gender, age, fixed address status, fixed address location, and death location.

Due to their significance in accidental overdose deaths, the reported drugs for open cases were specific to fentanyl, heroin, medicinal opioids, methamphetamine and cocaine. Their detection in blood was captured to best determine relevance in each case. Medicinal opioid-positive cases required the presence of codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, hydromorphone, oxymorphone, buprenorphine, tramadol, and/or methadone. Heroin-likely determination was more closely evaluated, requiring the presence of specific heroin markers in blood or urine, expected morphine to codeine ratios, and/or case details consistent with heroin use. Closed casework included any drug and alcohol-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke N. Rodda".

Luke N. Rodda, Ph.D.
Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

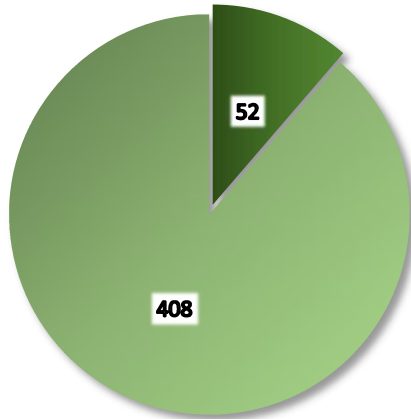
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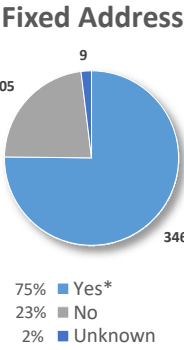
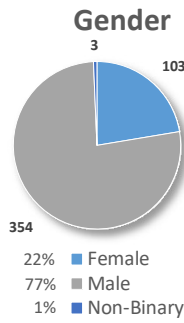


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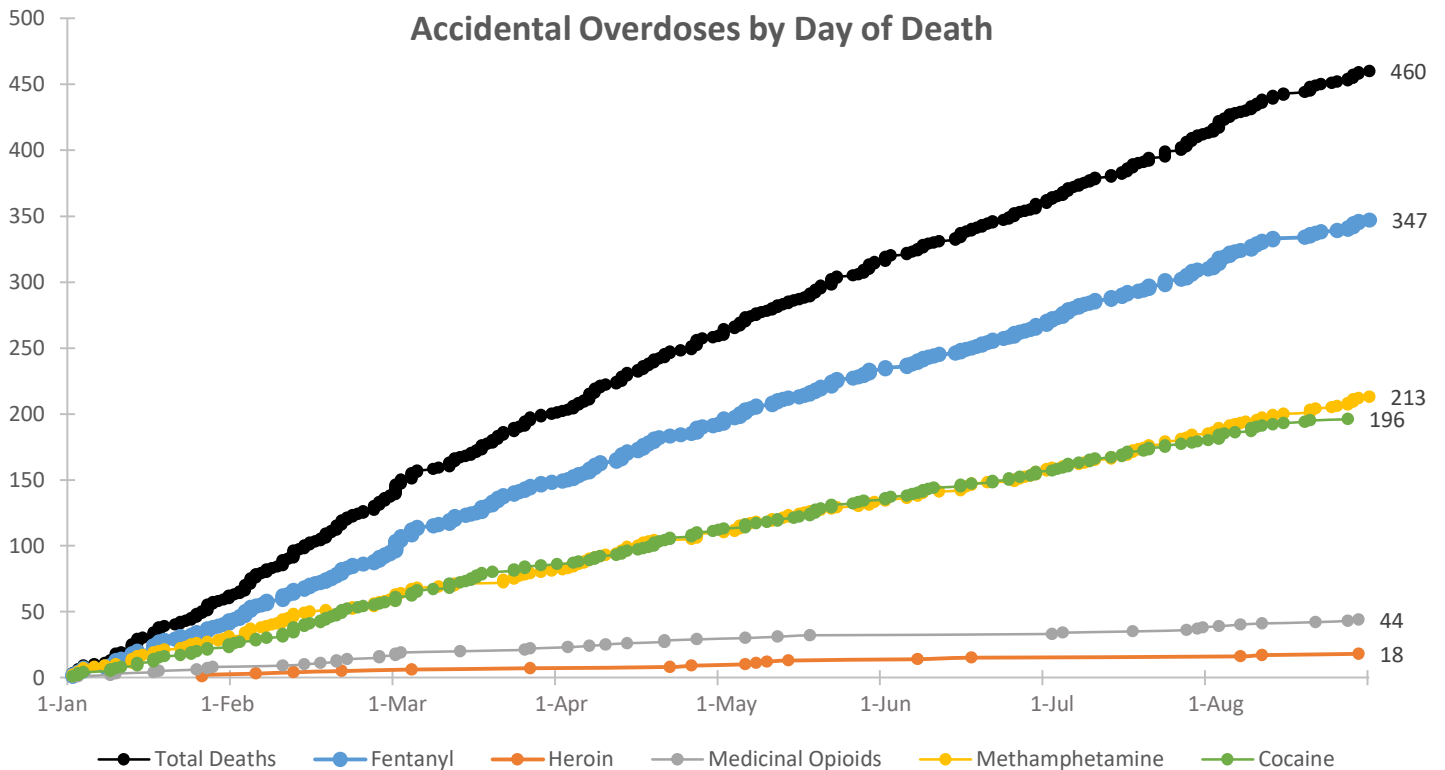
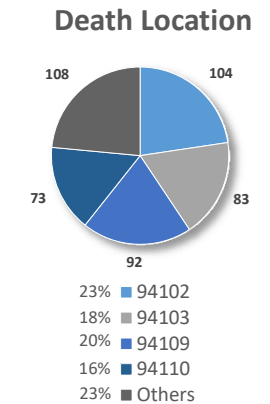
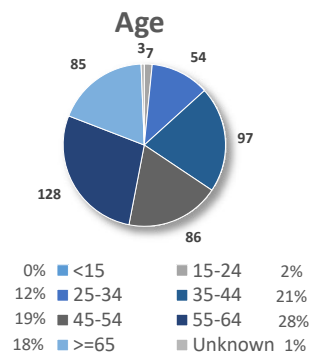
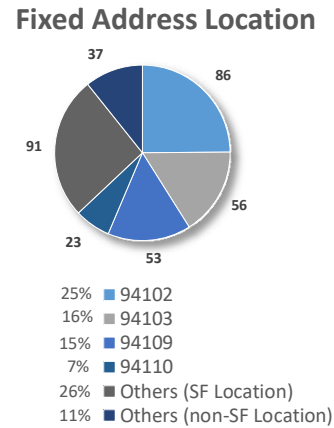
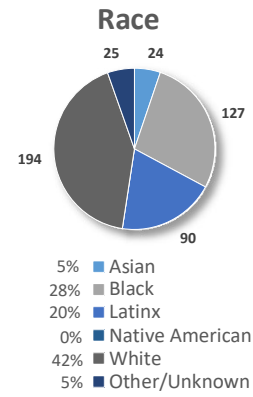
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88.70% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed



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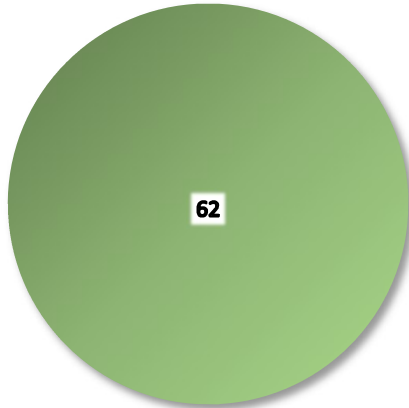
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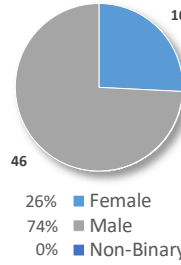


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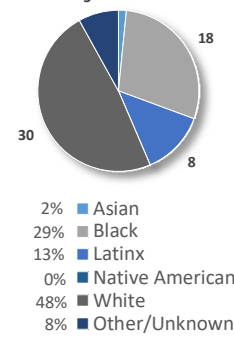
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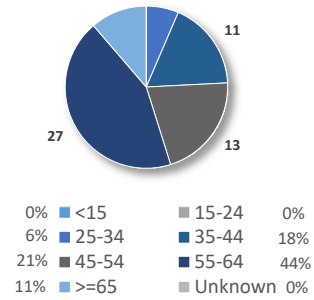
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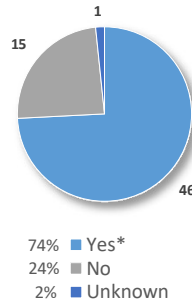
Race



Age

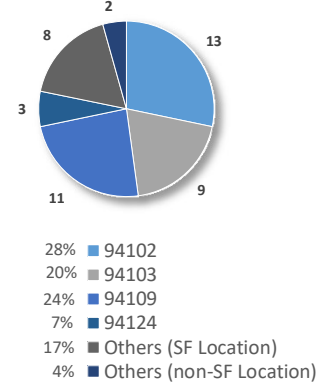


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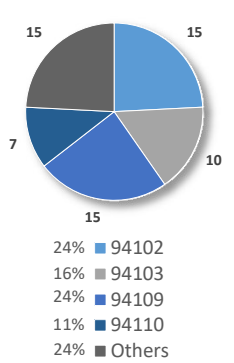


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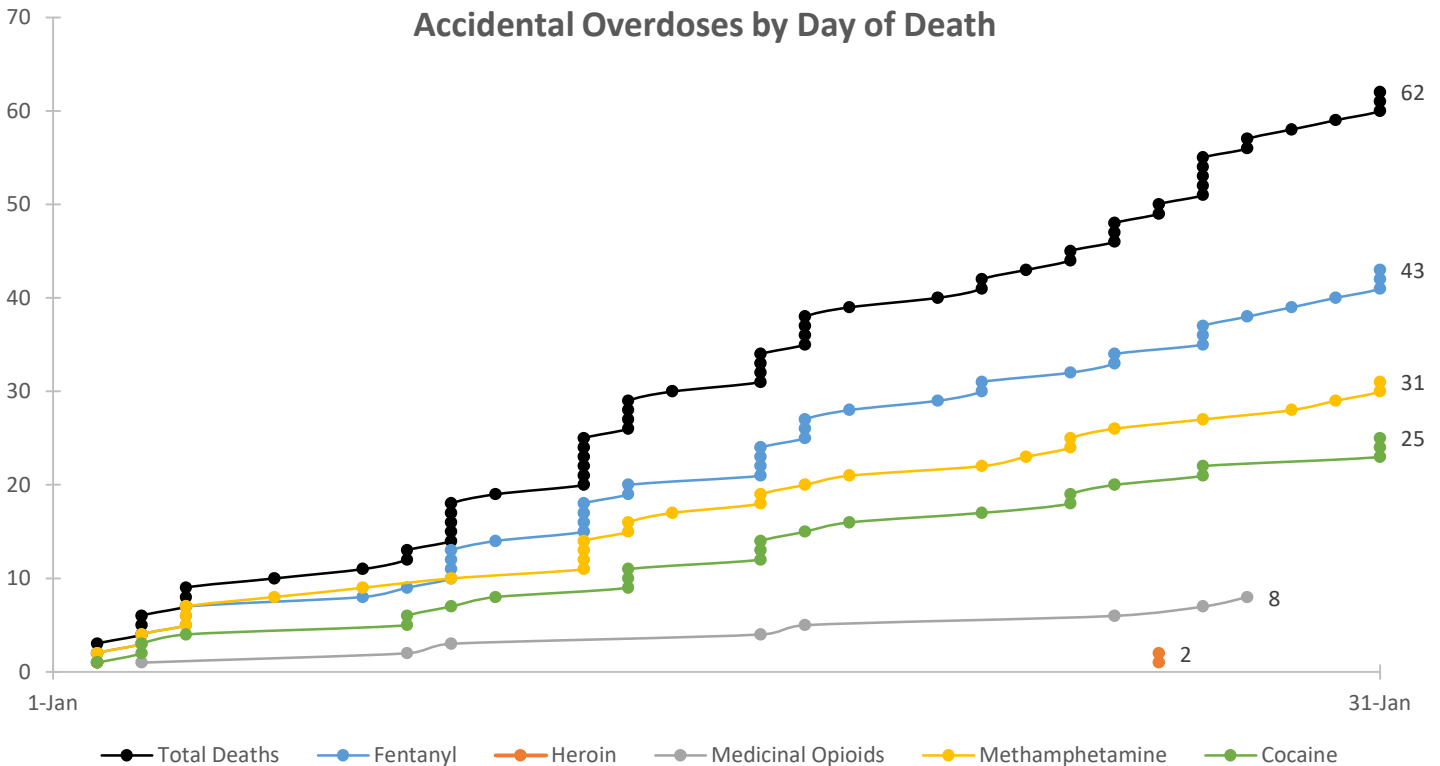
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Death Location



Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death



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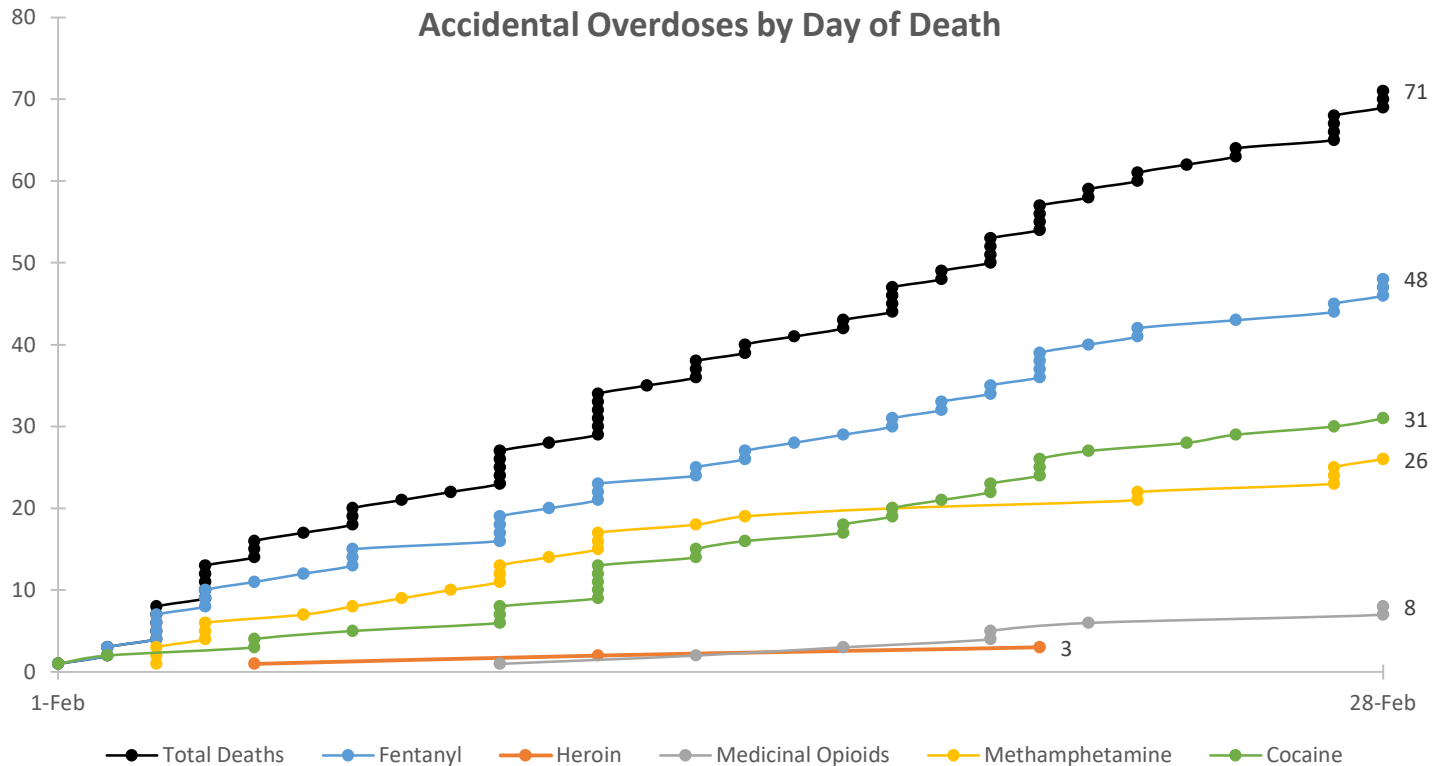
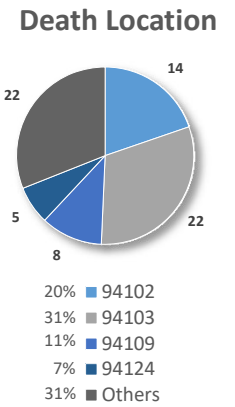
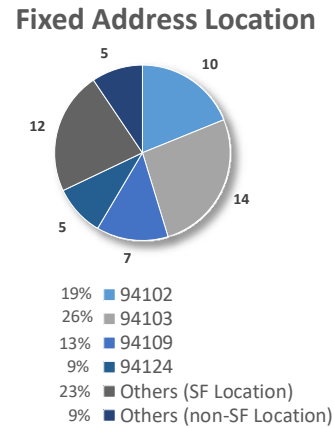
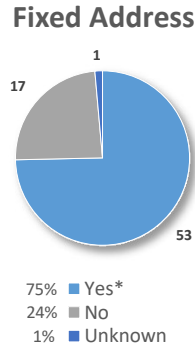
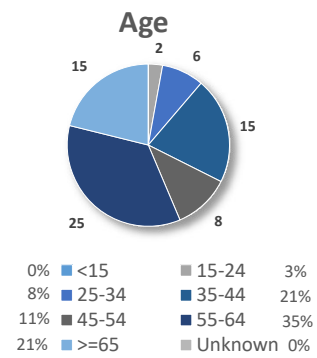
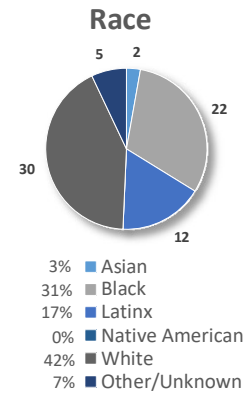
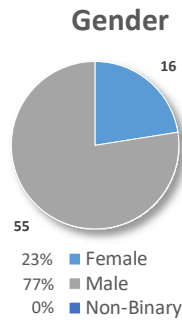
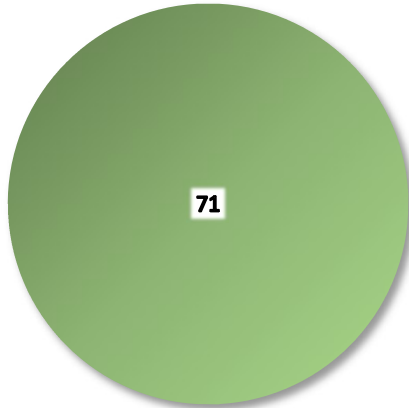
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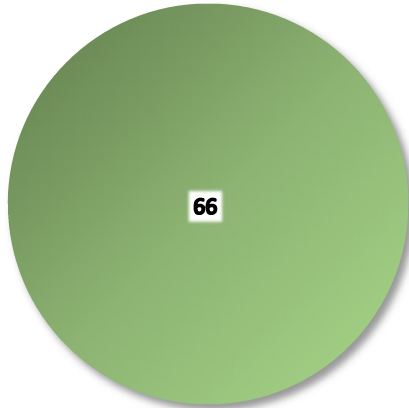
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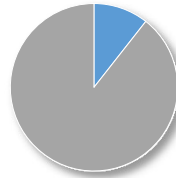
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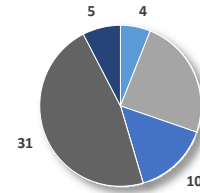
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Gender



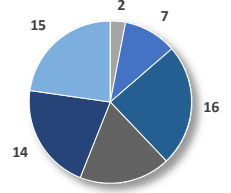
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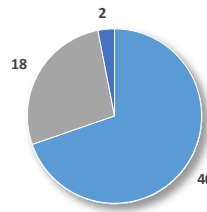
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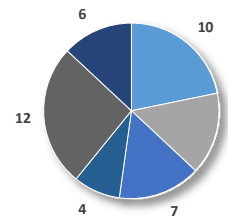
Fixed Address



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27% ■ No
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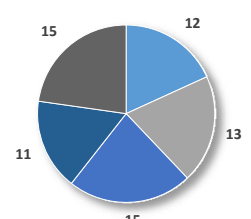
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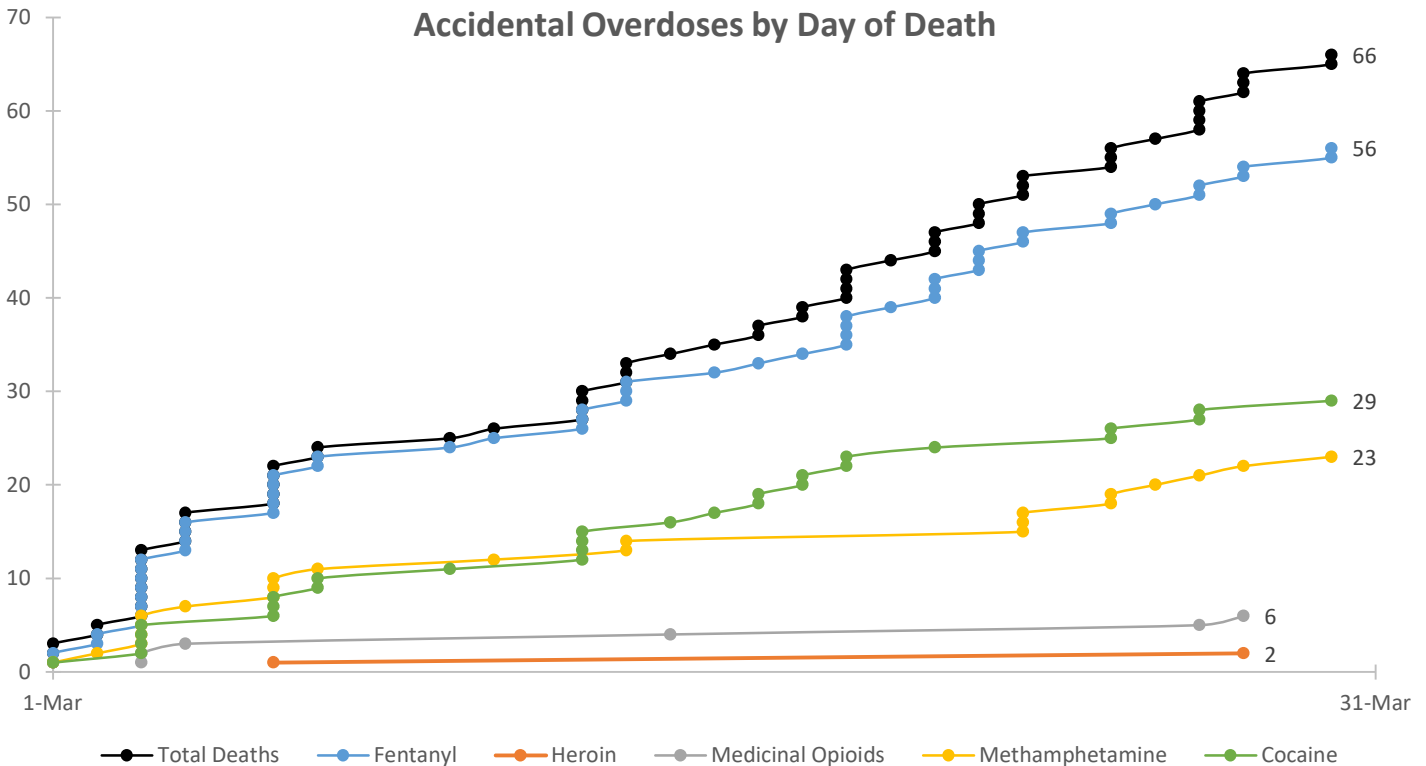
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Death Location



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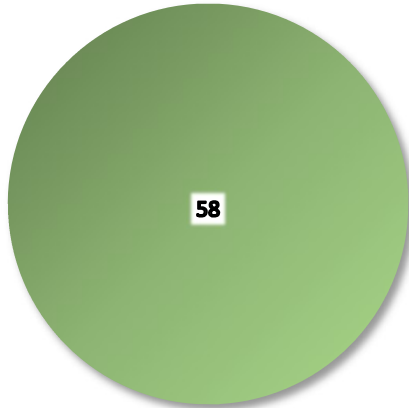
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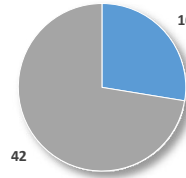
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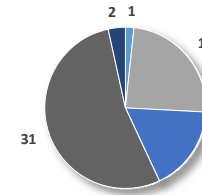
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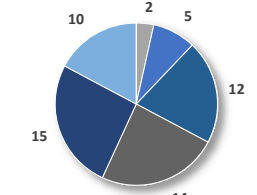
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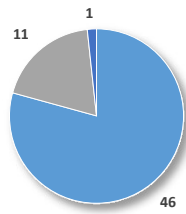
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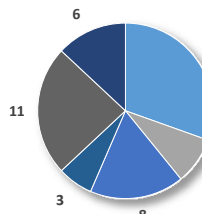
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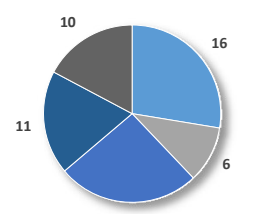
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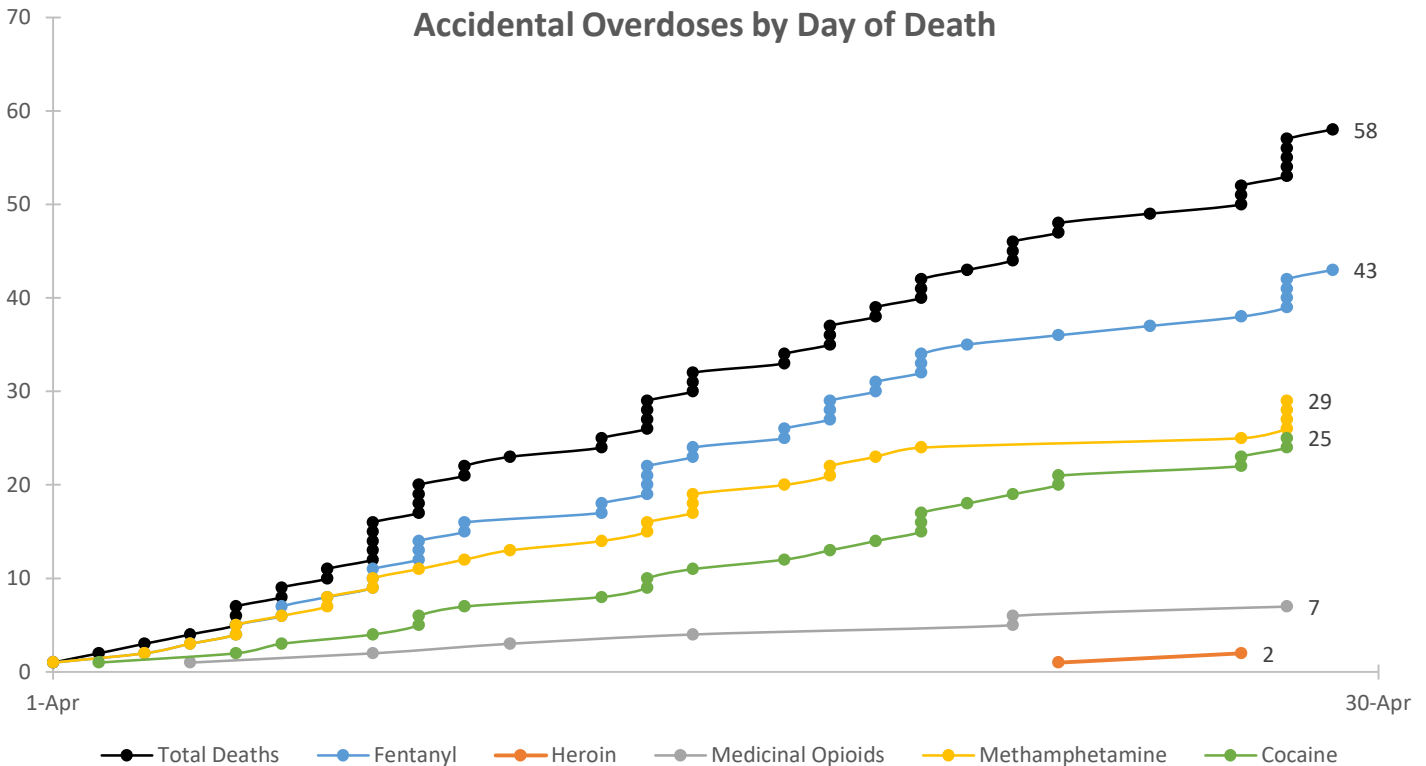
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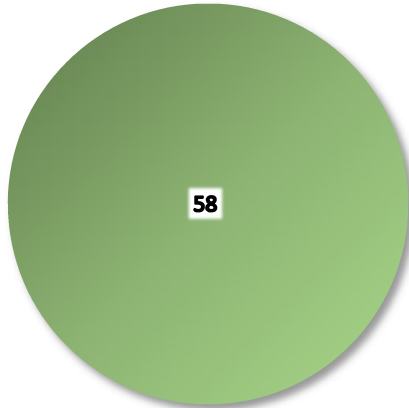
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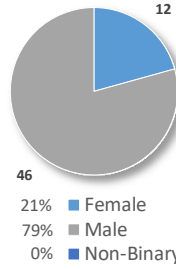


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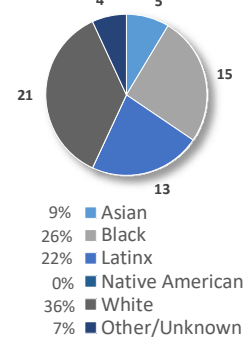
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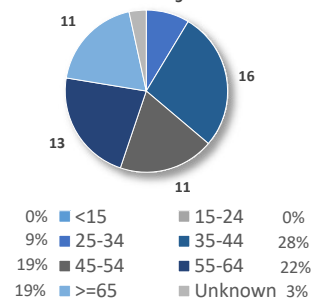
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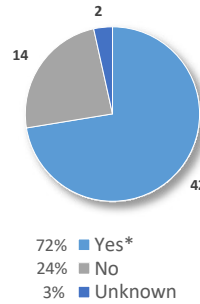
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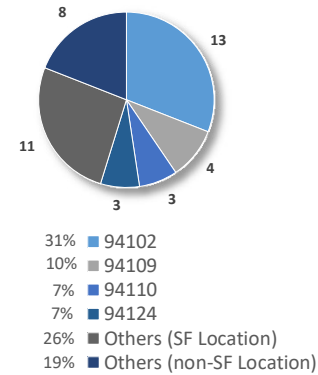


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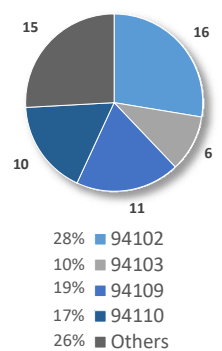


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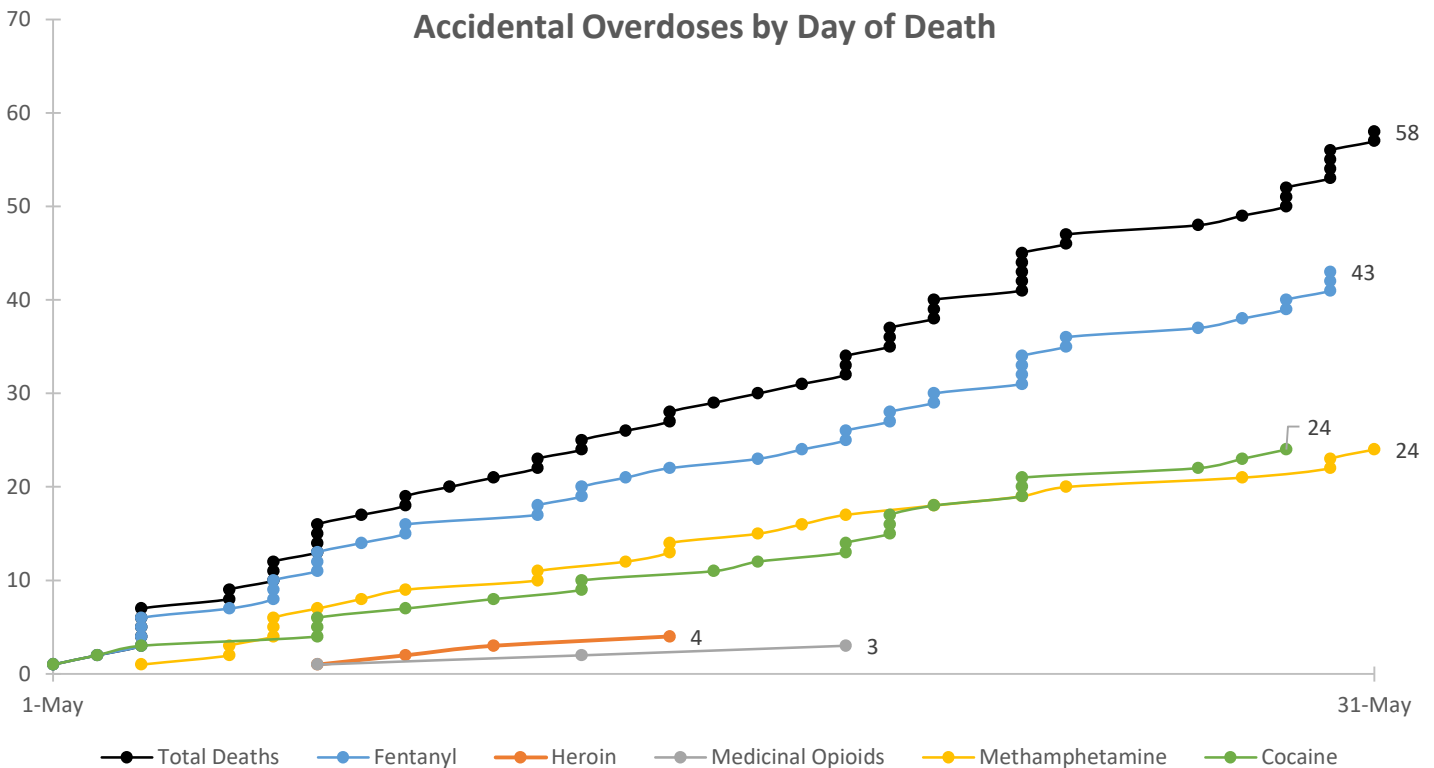
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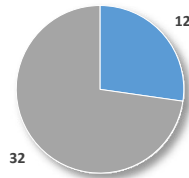


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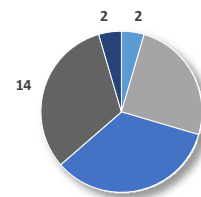


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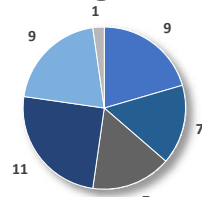
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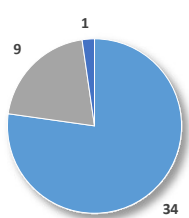
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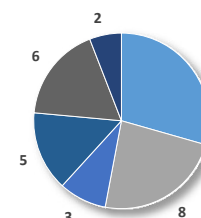
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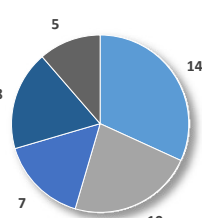
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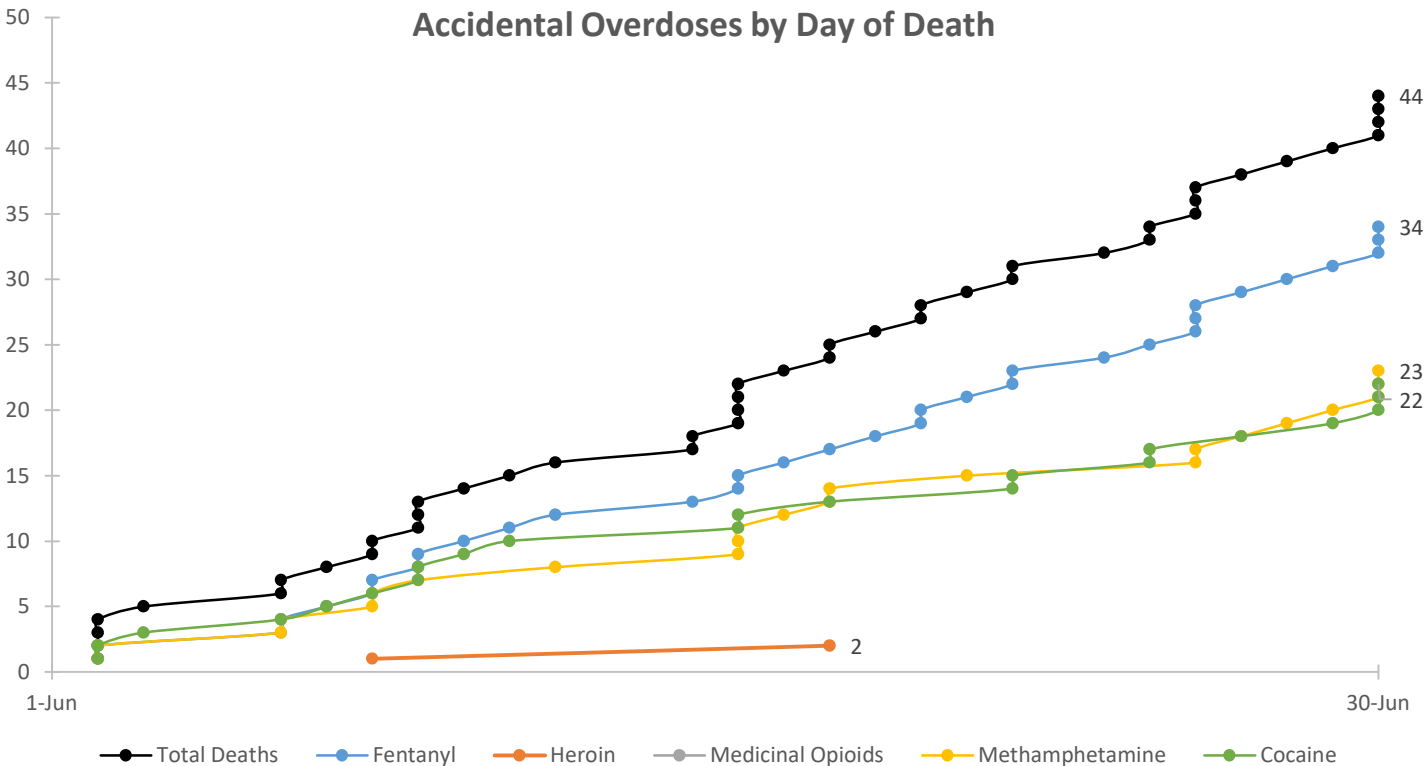
29% 94102
24% 94103
9% 94109
15% 94110
18% Others (SF Location)
6% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



32% 94102
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16% 94109
18% 94110
11% Others

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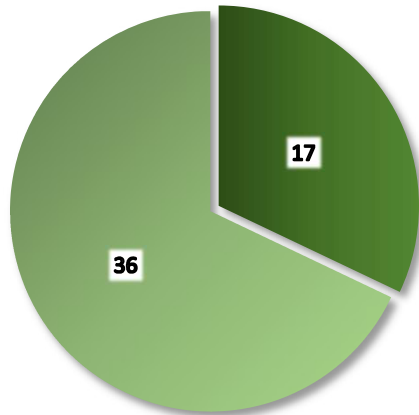


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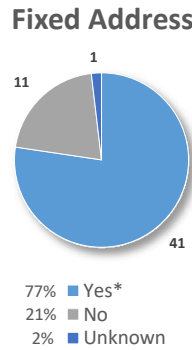
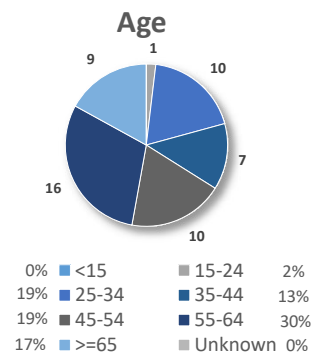
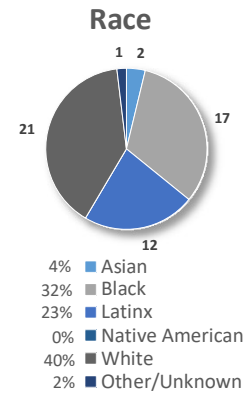
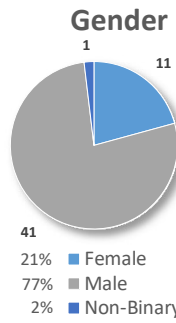


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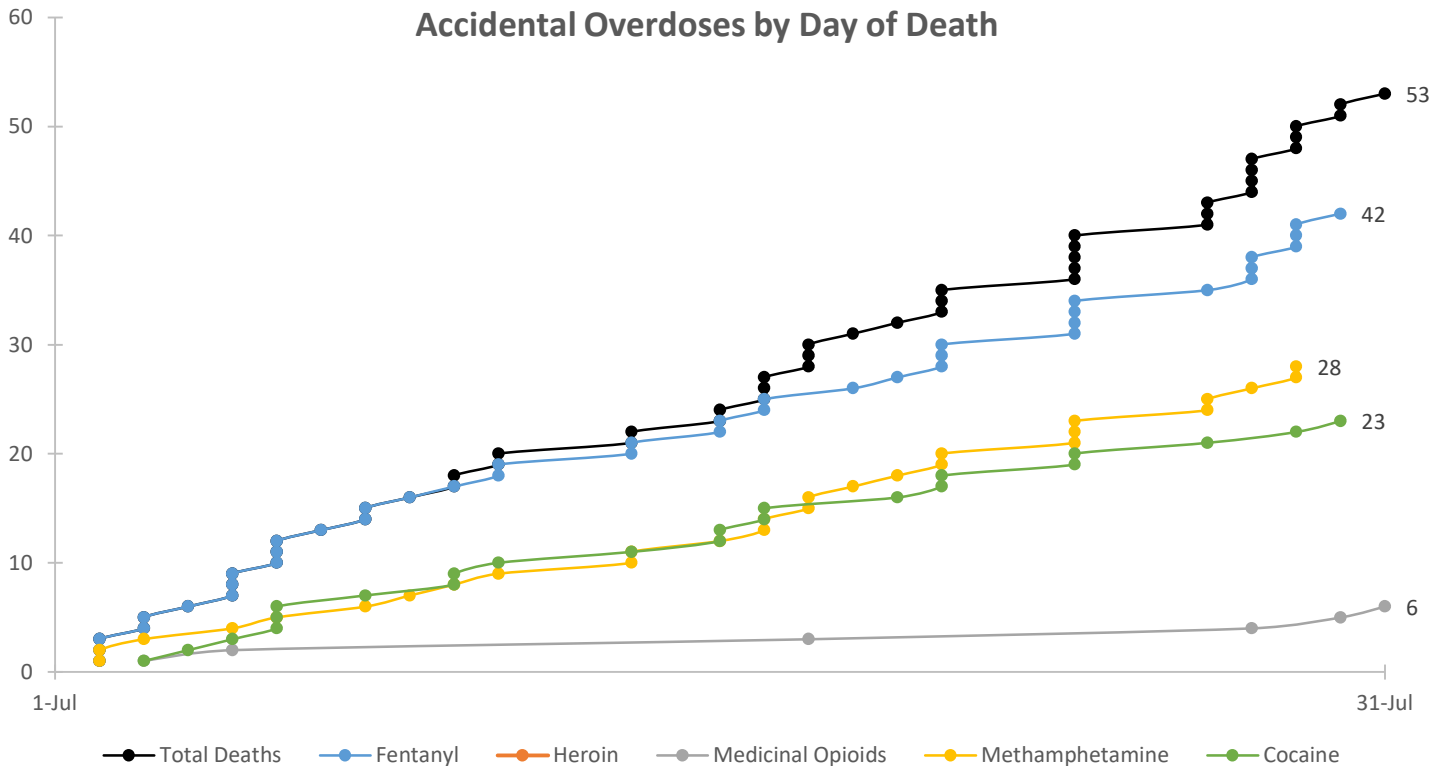
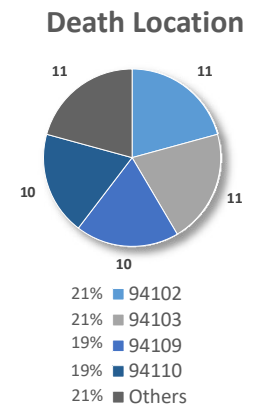
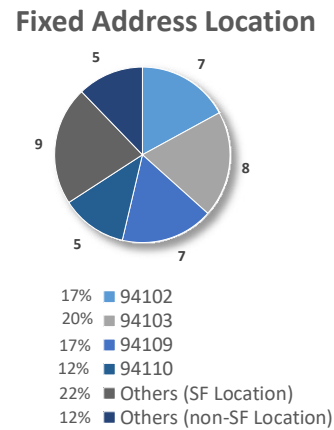
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32.08% ■ Acc. Overdoses Open
67.92% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed



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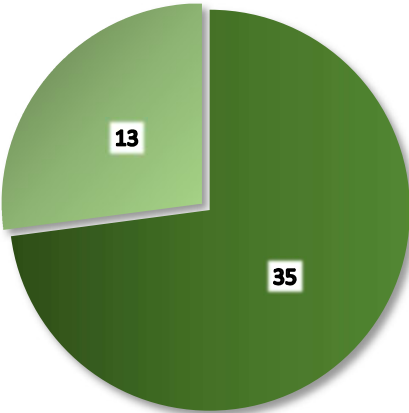
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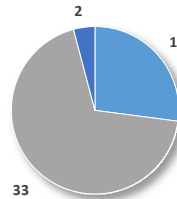
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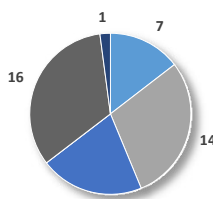
72.92% ■ Acc. Overdoses Open
27.08% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed

Gender



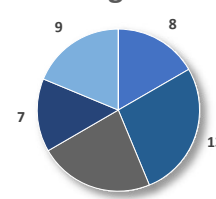
27% ■ Female
69% ■ Male
4% ■ Non-Binary

Race



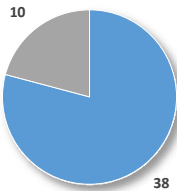
15% ■ Asian
29% ■ Black
21% ■ Latinx
0% ■ Native American
33% ■ White
2% ■ Other/Unknown

Age



0% ■ <15
17% ■ 15-24
23% ■ 25-34
19% ■ 35-44
0% ■ 45-54
27% ■ 55-64
15% ■ >=65

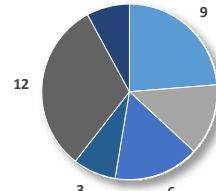
Fixed Address



79% ■ Yes*
21% ■ No
0% ■ Unknown

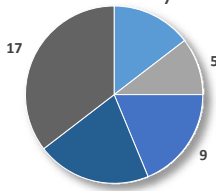
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Fixed Address Location



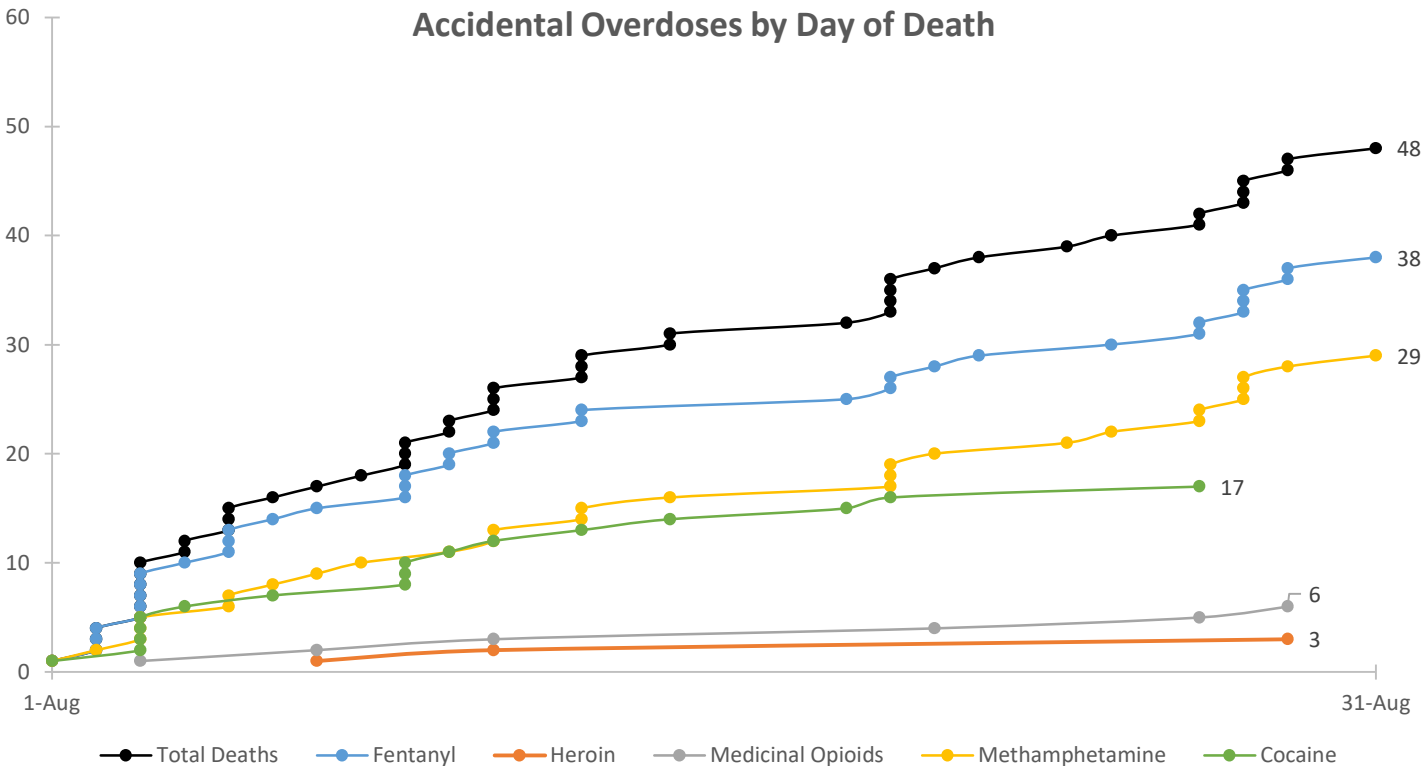
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Death Location



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21% ■ 94110
35% ■ Others

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