

City & County of San Francisco
Daniel Lurie, Mayor



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October 14, 2025

The Honorable Daniel Lurie, Mayor
City and County of San Francisco

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, President
Board of Supervisors

Daniel Tsai, Director
Department of Public Health

Subject: Report on 2025 Accidental Overdose Deaths

Dear Mayor Lurie, President Mandelman, and Director Tsai:

The enclosed report includes preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from the recent four months of June 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025. This report satisfies the ordinance's reporting criteria. For your reference, reports of preliminary data for accidental overdose deaths from January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, are enclosed. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths from January 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 is 497, and for September 2025 is 38.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Fluoro Fentanyl, Xylazine, Bromazolam, Phenazolam, Medetomidine, and Desalkyl Gidazepam from January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025 are as follows:

- Fluoro Fentanyl, 29
- Xylazine, 17
- Bromazolam, 9
- Phenazolam, 5
- Medetomidine, 3
- 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 October 7, 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 blue ink signature of Luke N. Rodda, written in a cursive style.

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

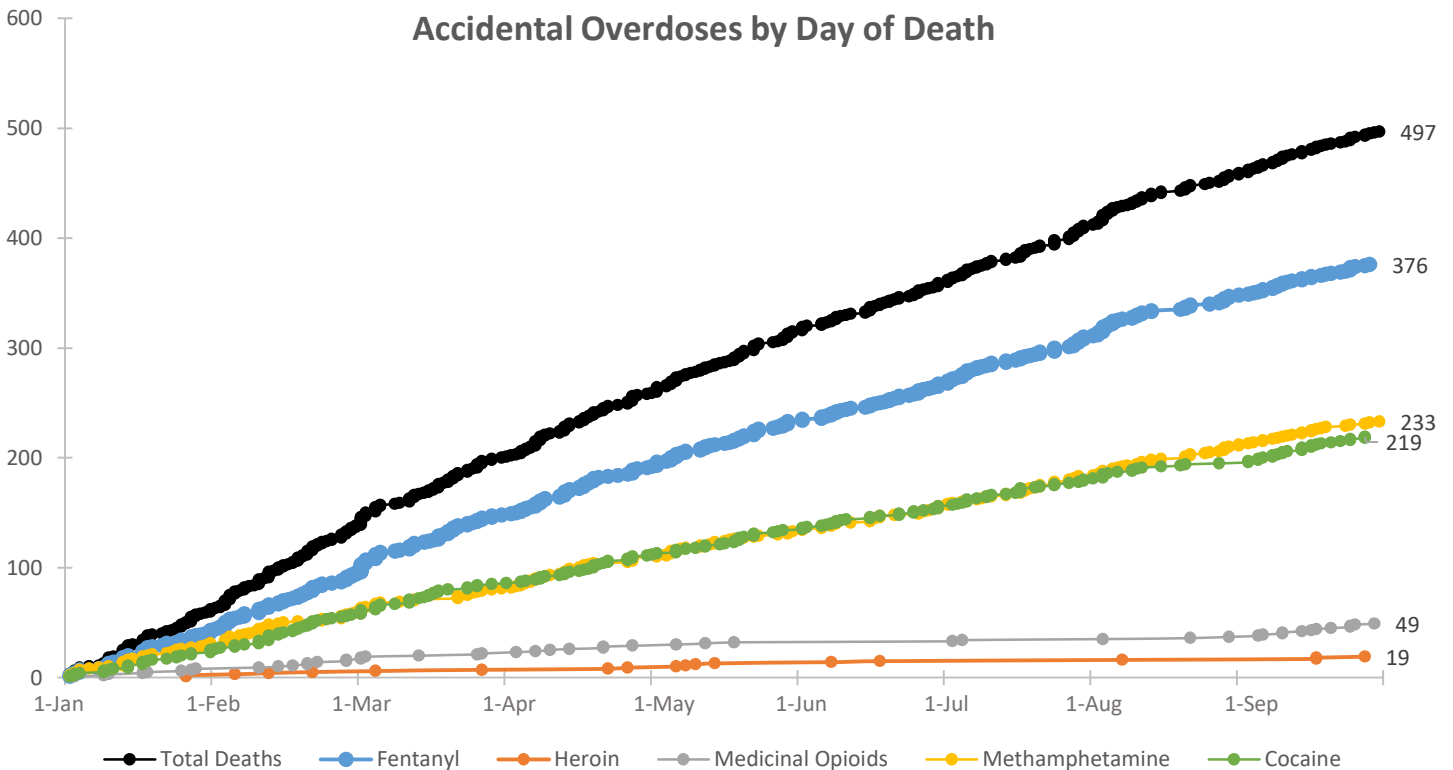
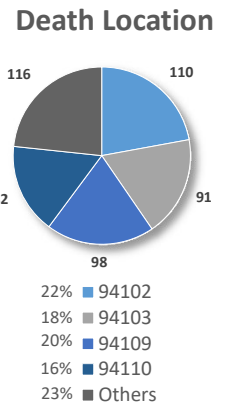
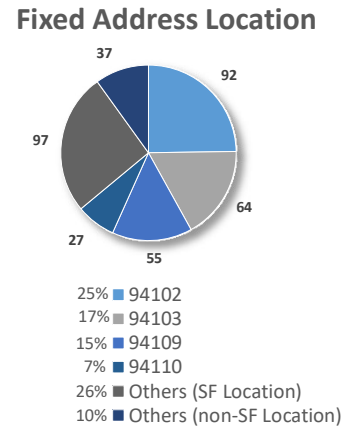
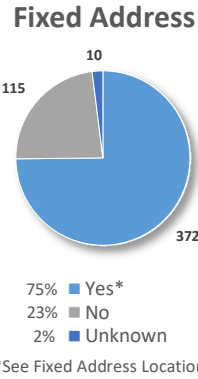
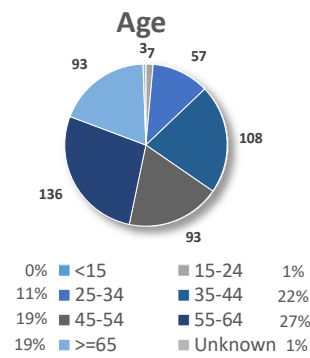
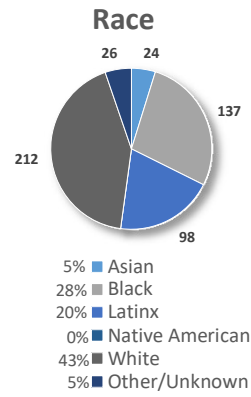
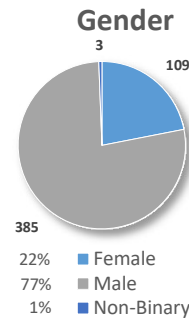
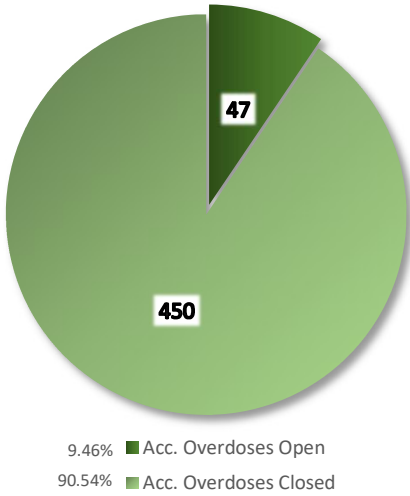
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**Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report for
January 2025 through September 2025**



Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report
as of testing to October 7, 2025

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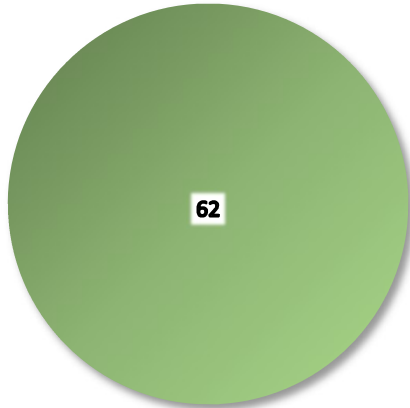
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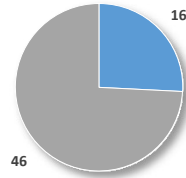
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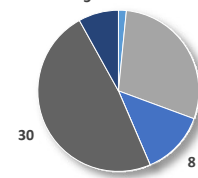
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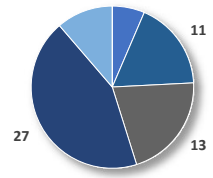
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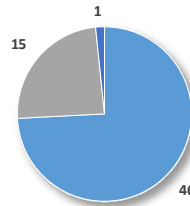
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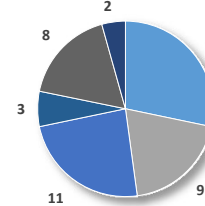
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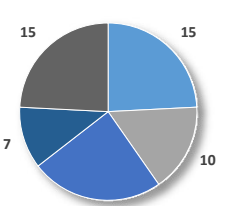
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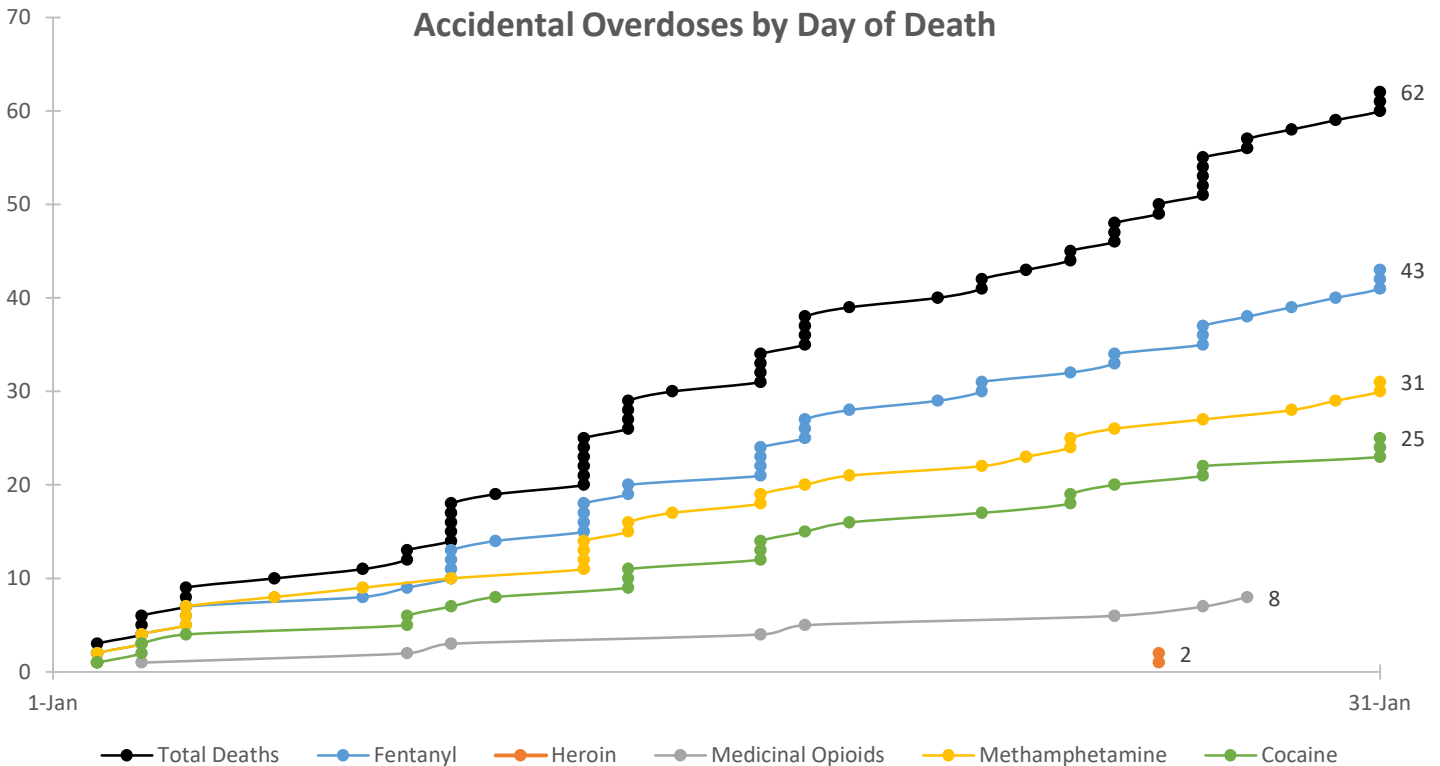
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24% 94109
7% 94124
17% Others (SF Location)
4% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



24% 94102
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24% 94109
11% 94110
24% Others

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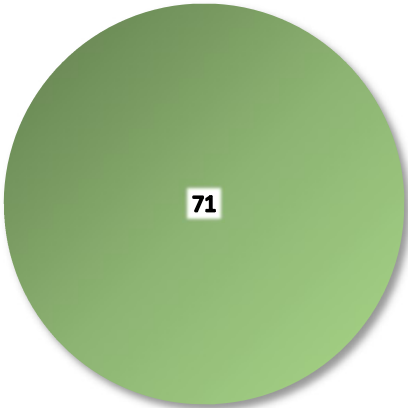
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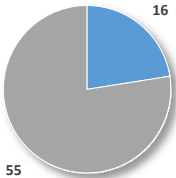
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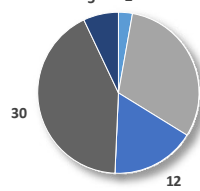
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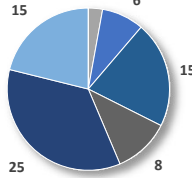
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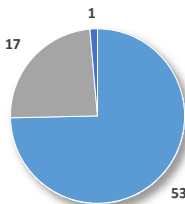
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Age



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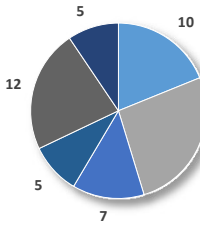
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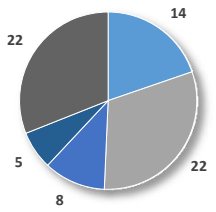
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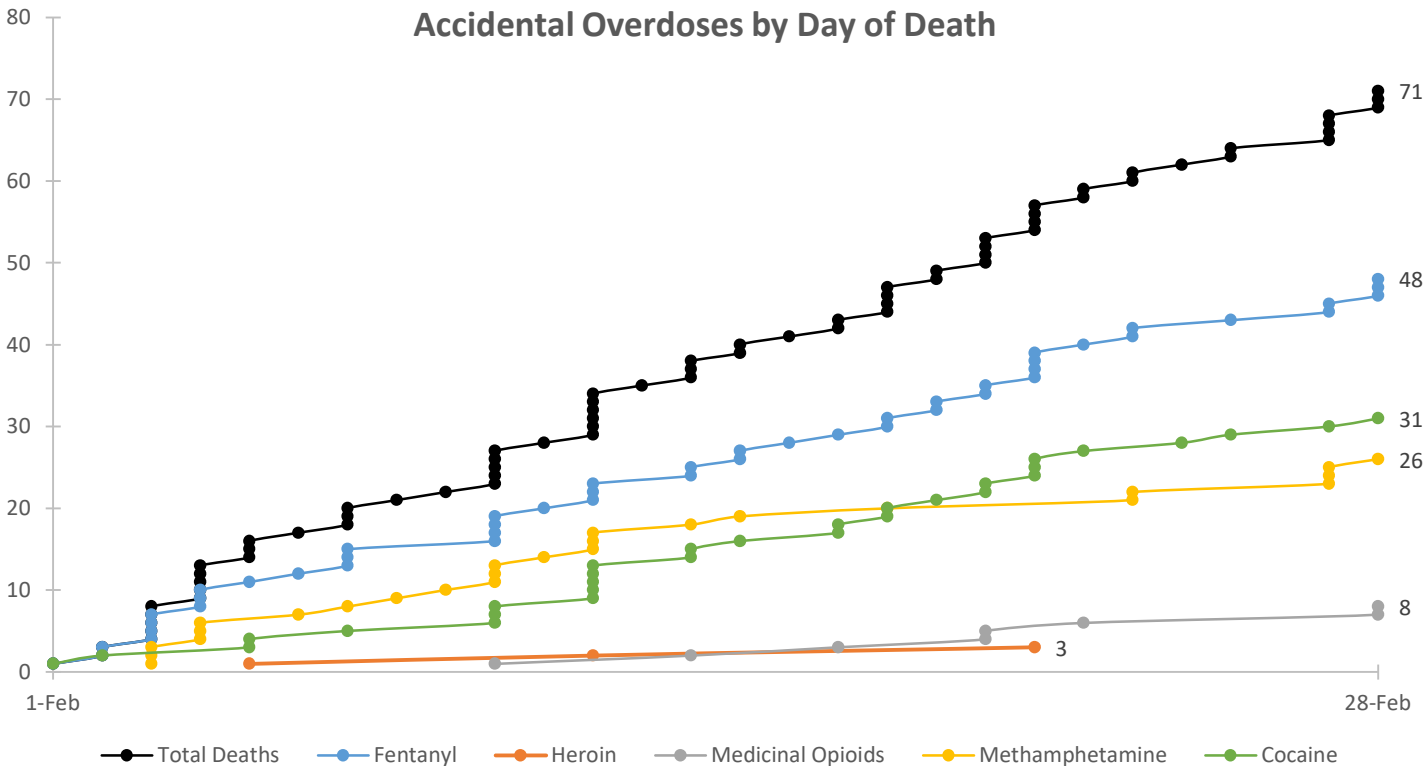
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Death Location



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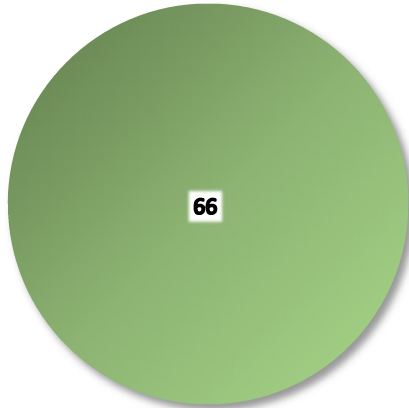
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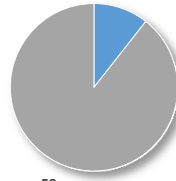
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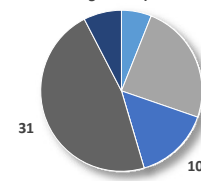
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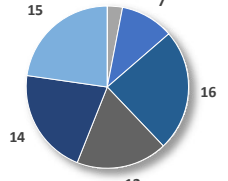
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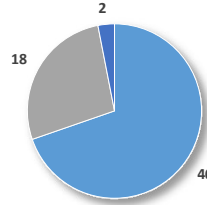
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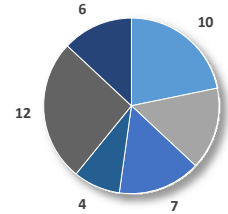
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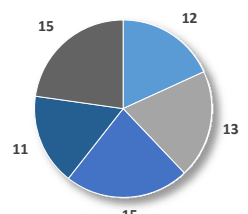
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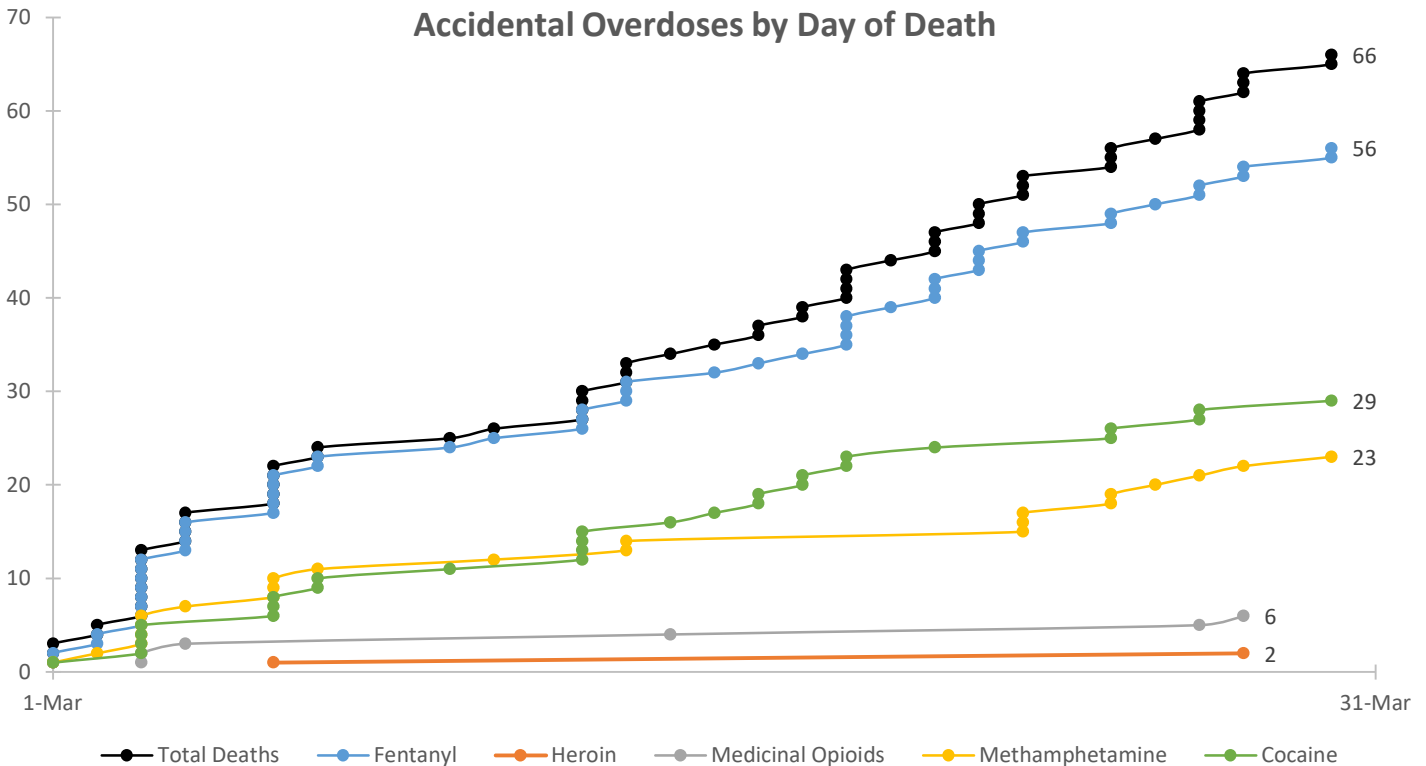
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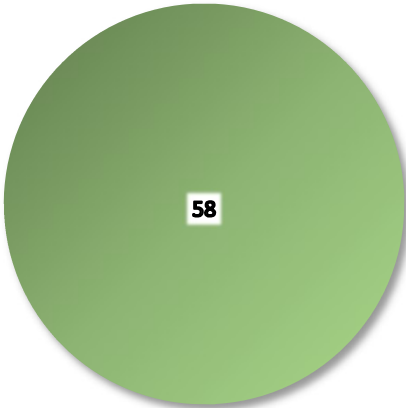
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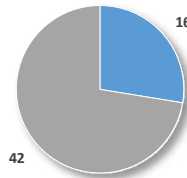
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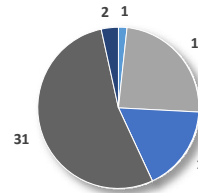
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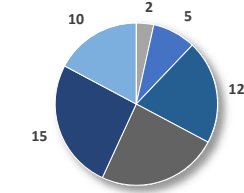
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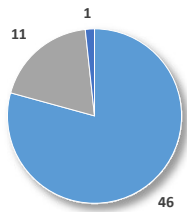
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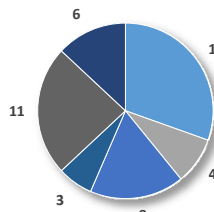
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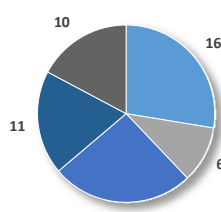
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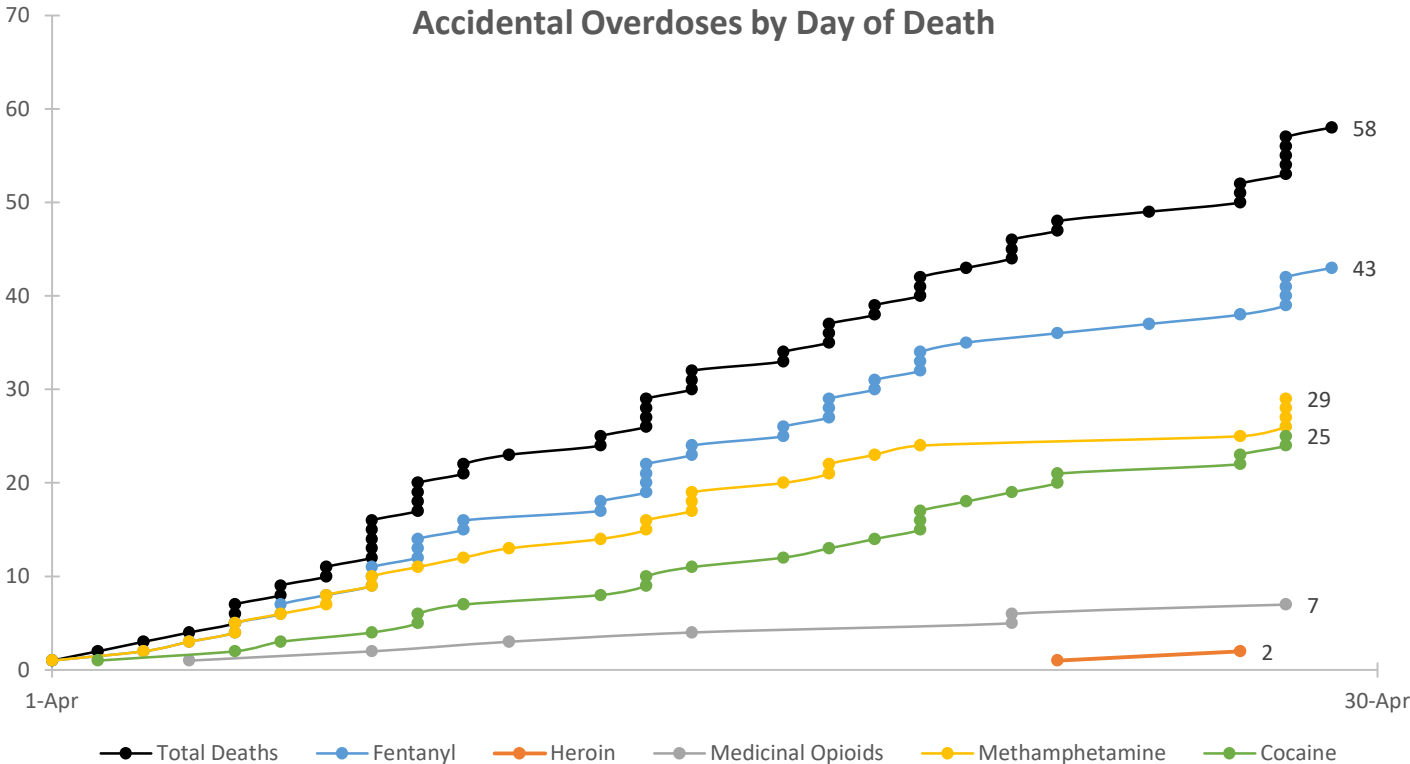
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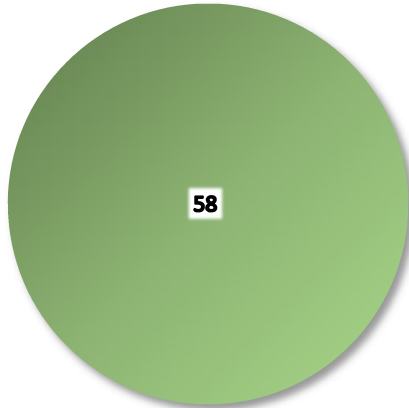
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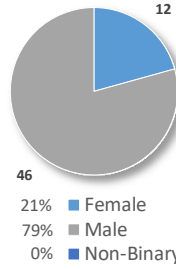


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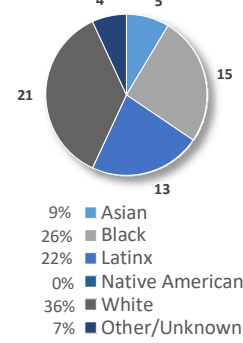
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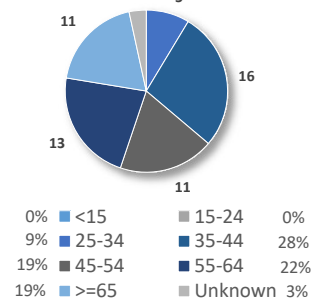
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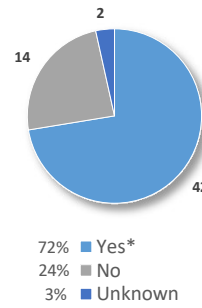
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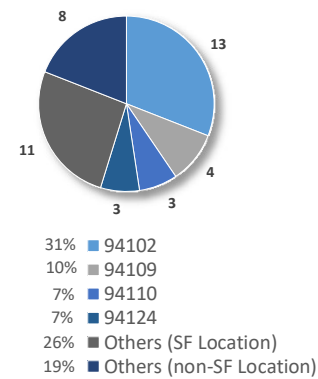


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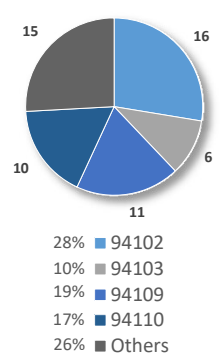


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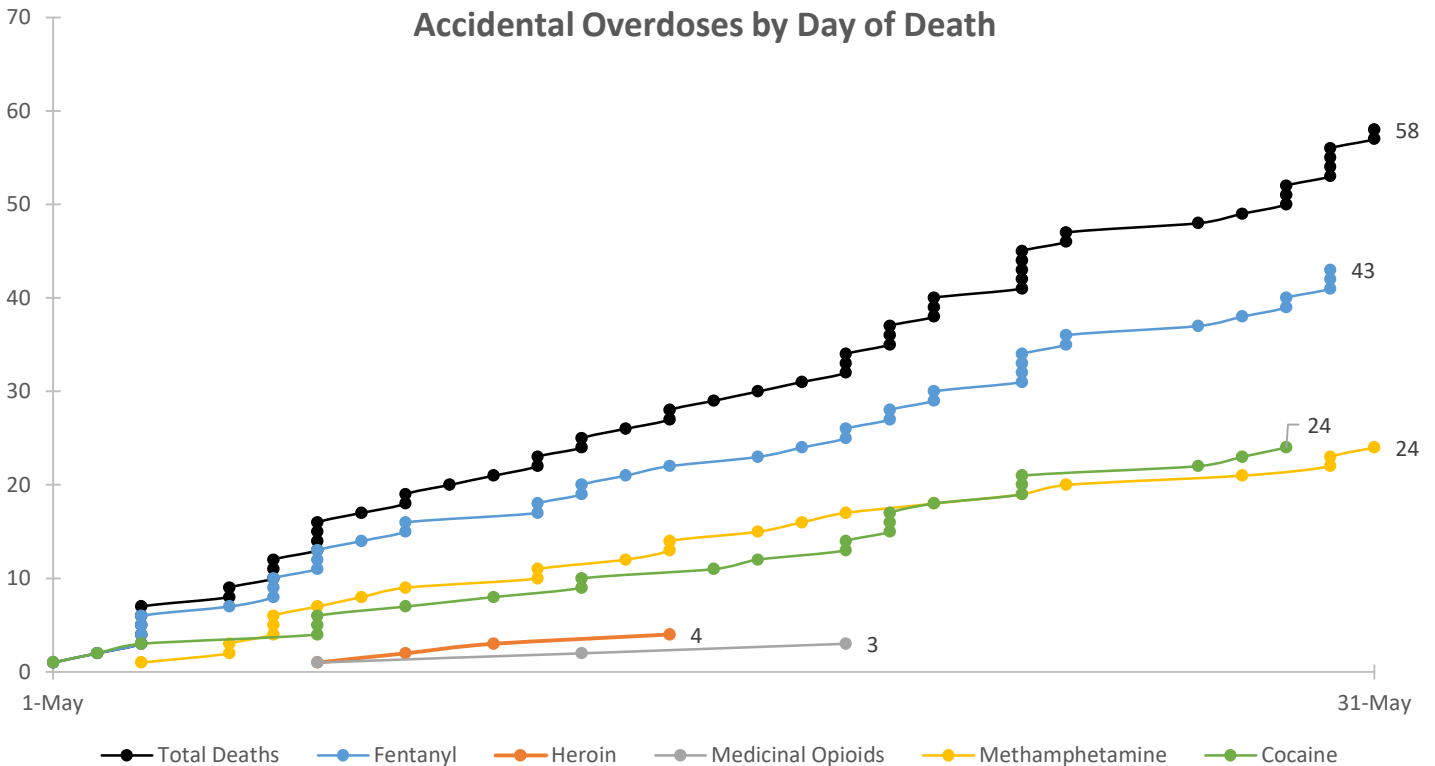
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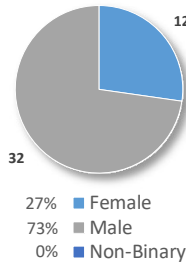


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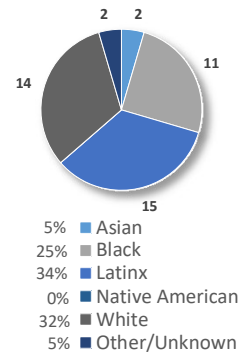
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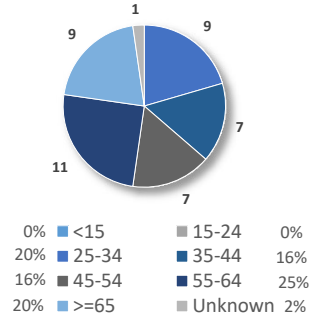
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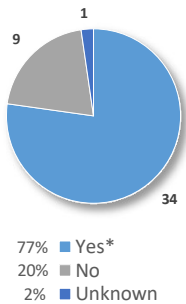
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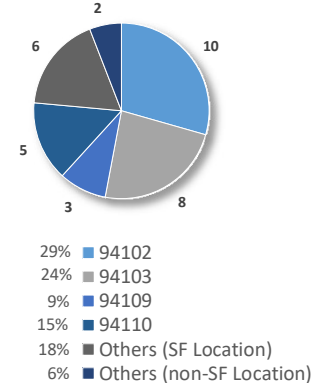


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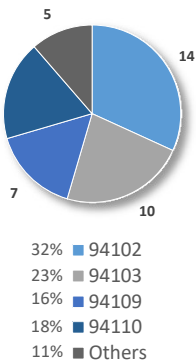


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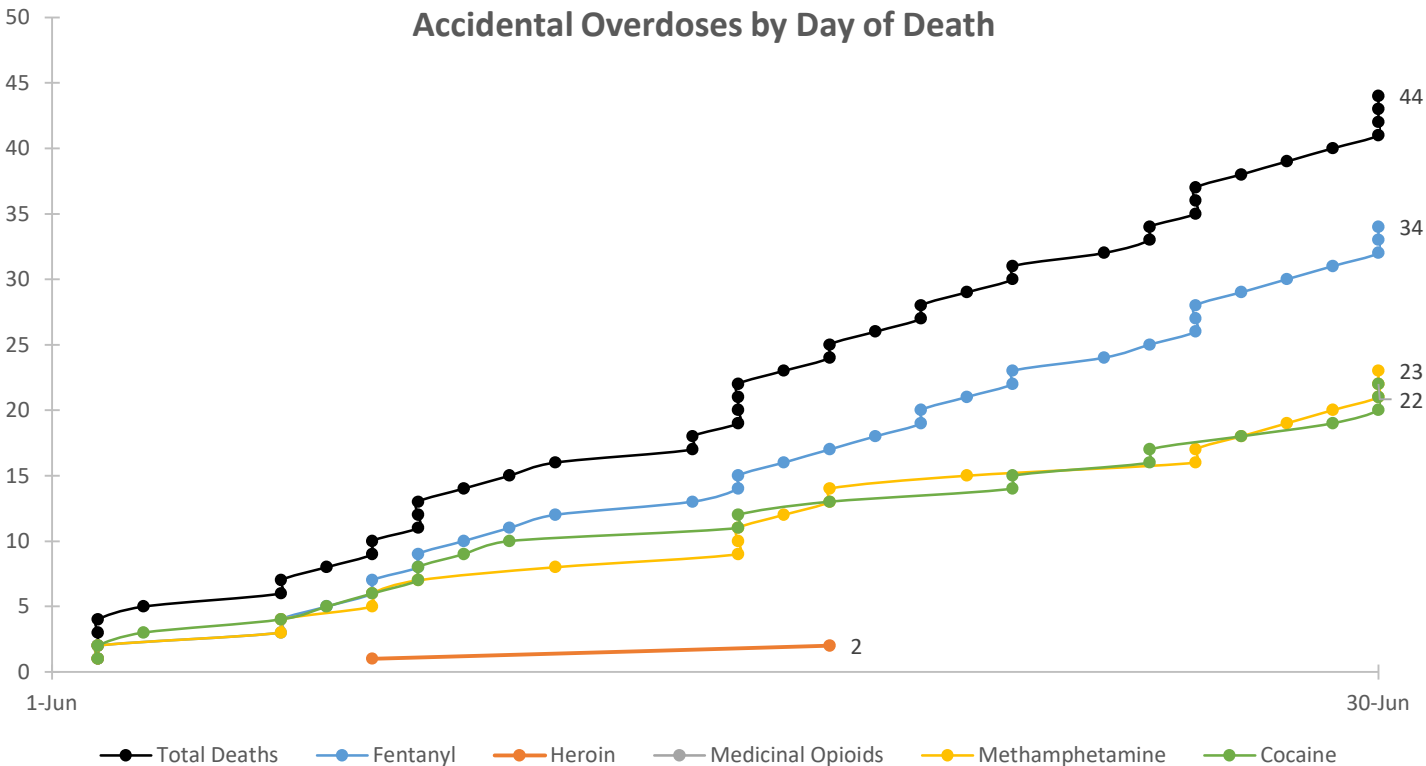
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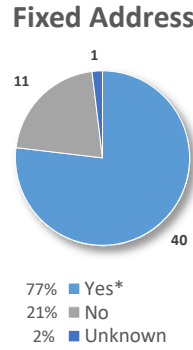
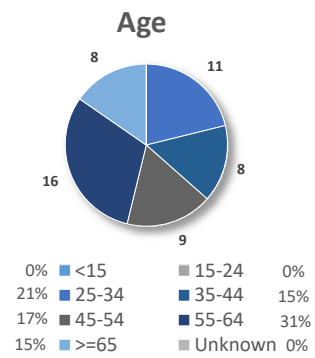
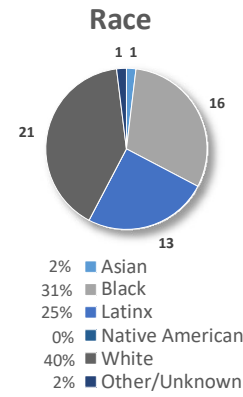
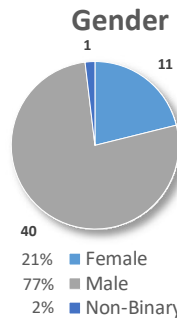
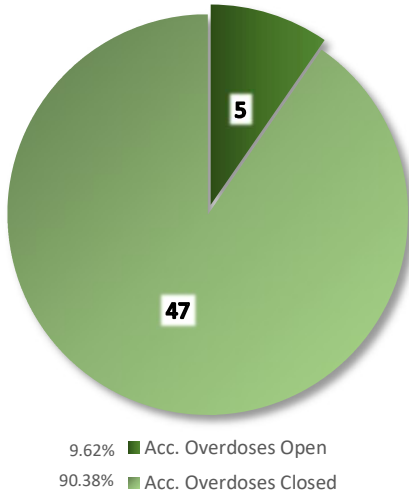
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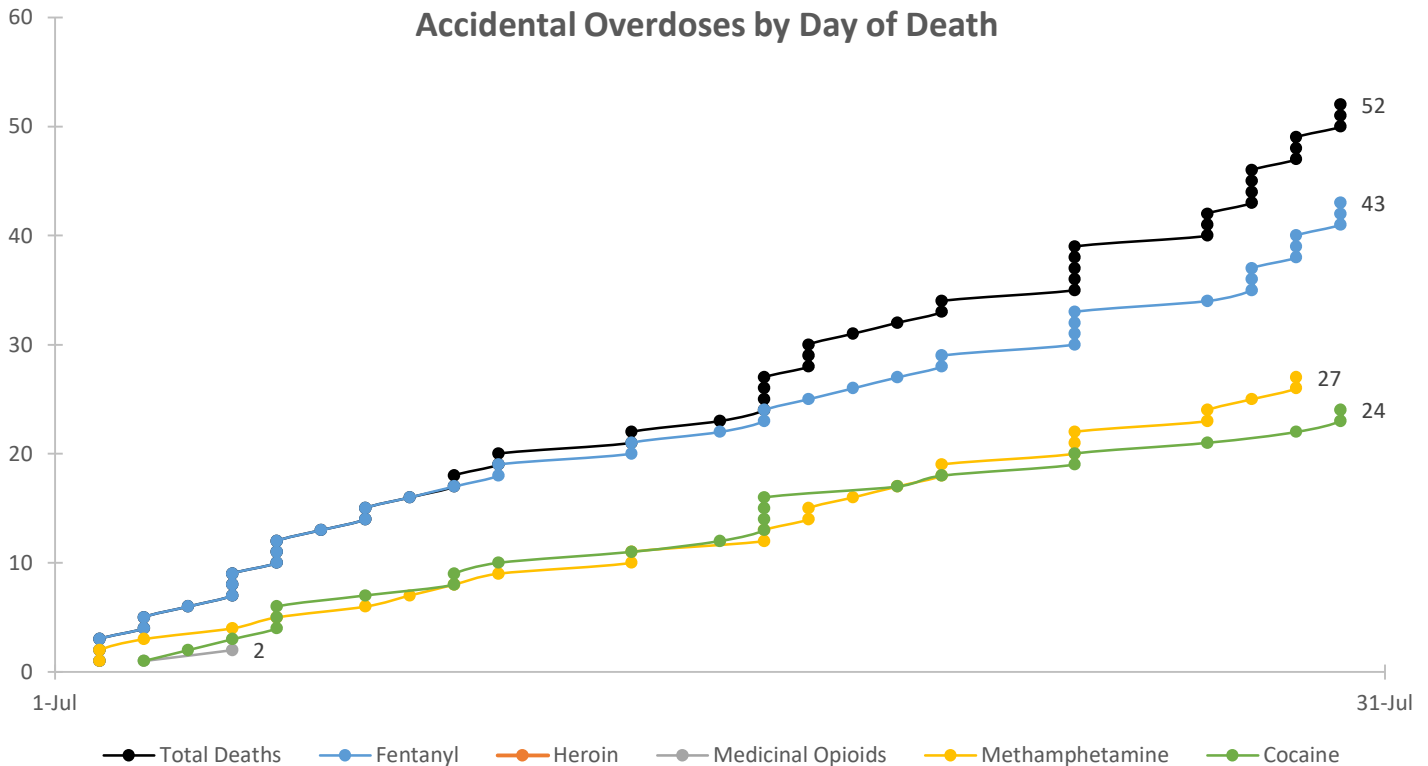
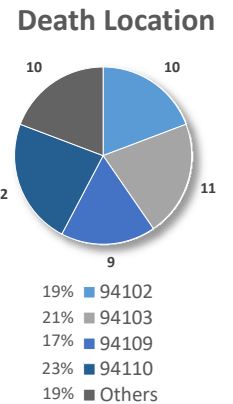
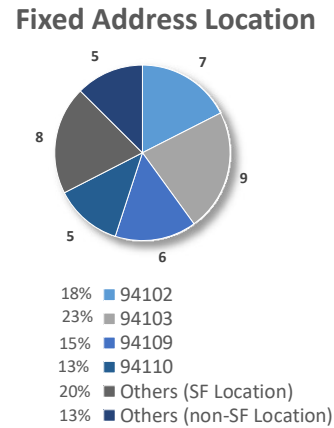


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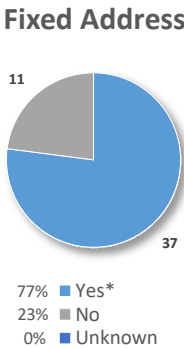
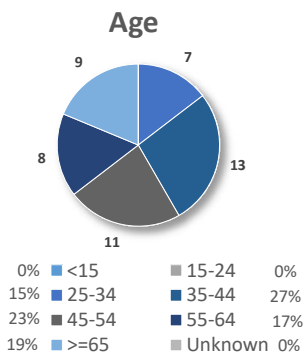
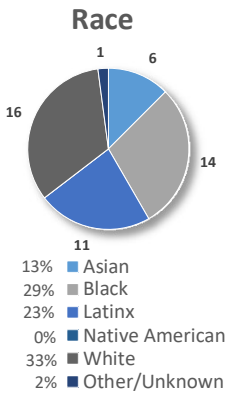
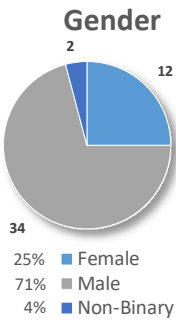
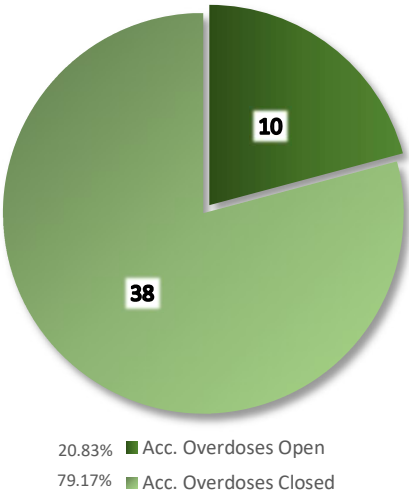
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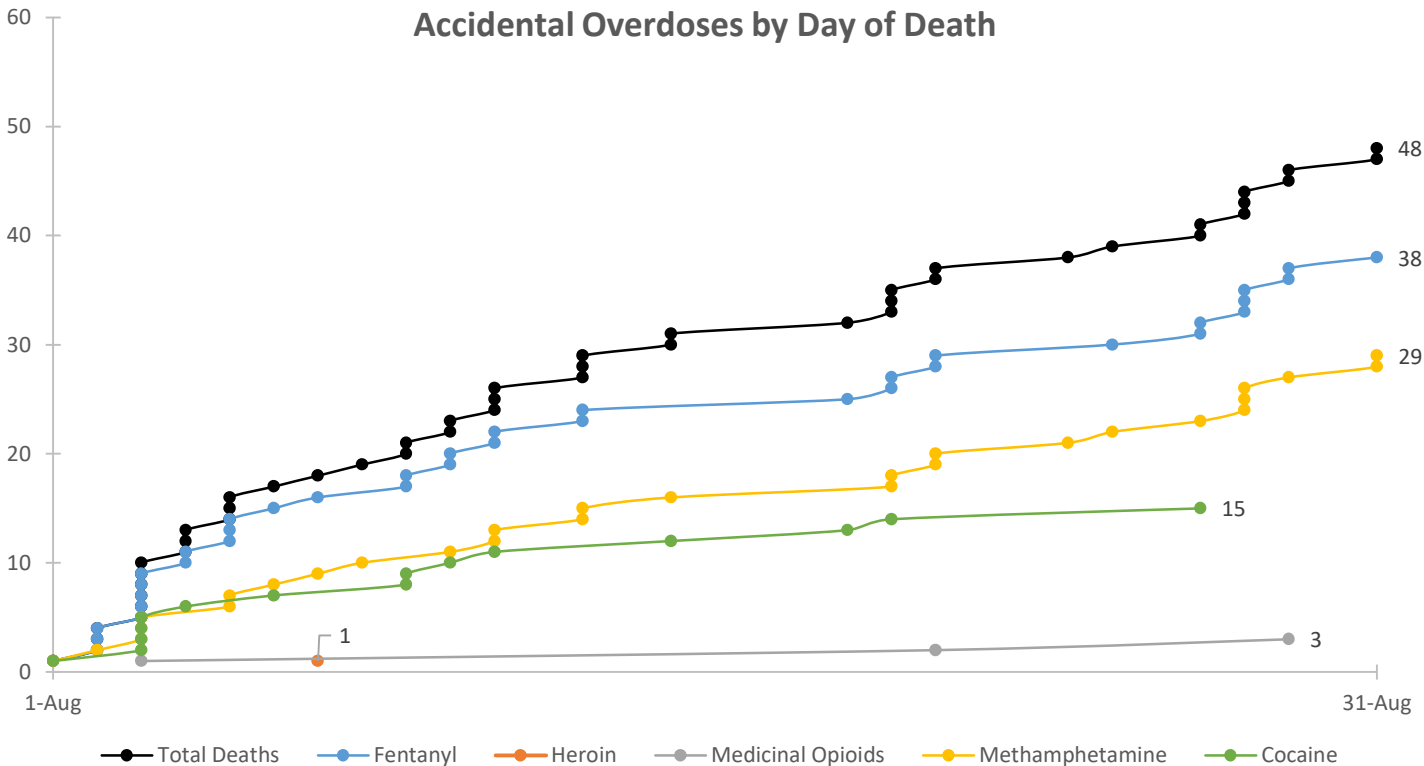
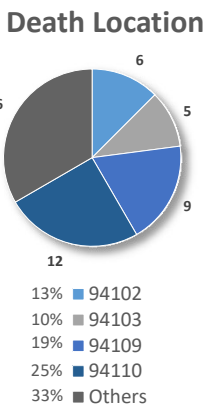
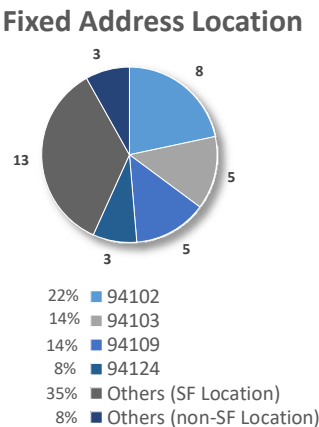


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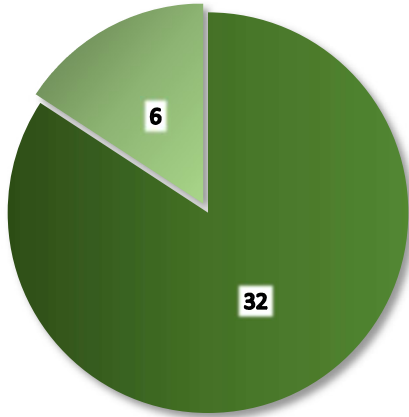
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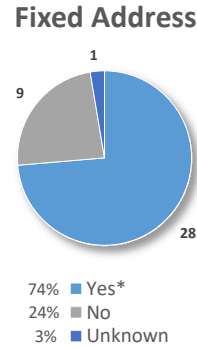
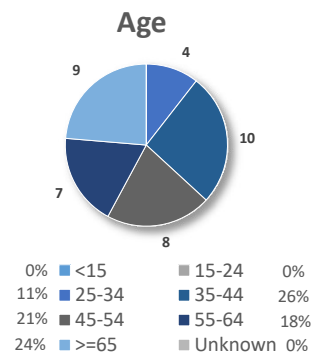
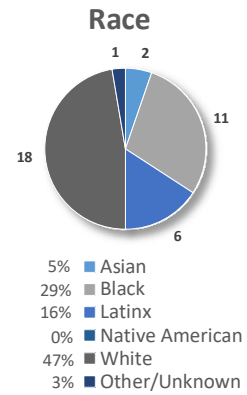
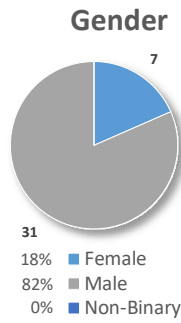


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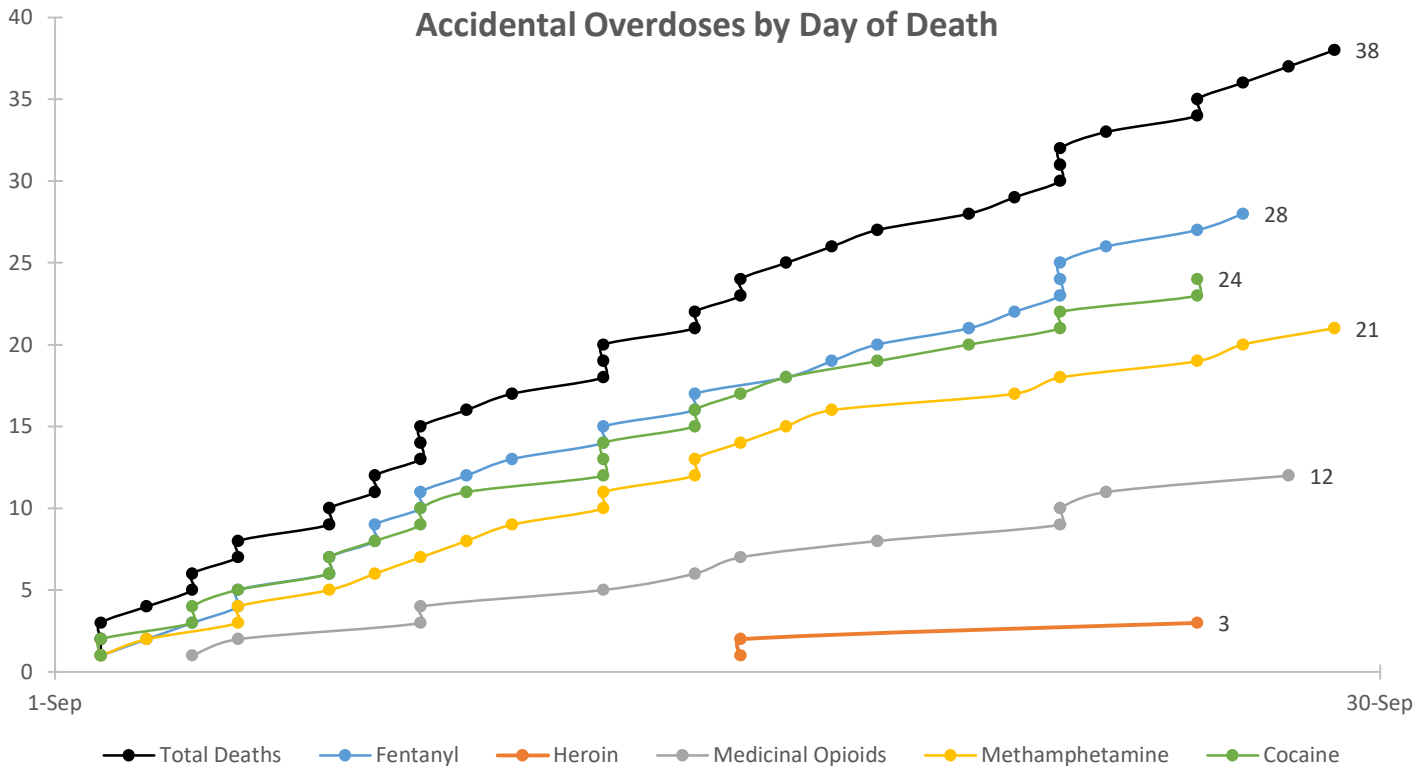
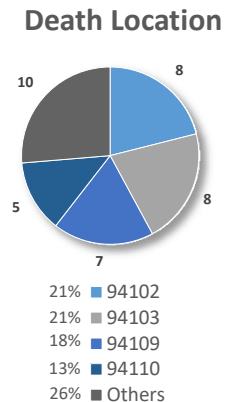
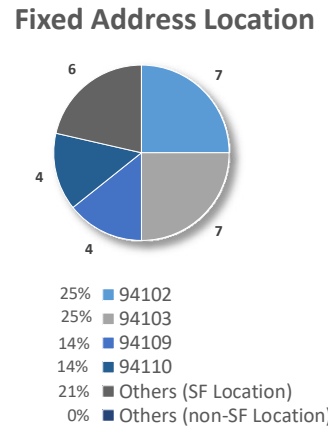
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