

City & County of San Francisco
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David Serrano Sewell, Executive Director
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

January 16, 2026

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 December 31, 2025. During this period, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 621. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in December 2025 is 36.

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

- Fluoro Fentanyl, 38
- Xylazine, 27
- Bromazolam, 12
- Phenazolam, 6
- Medetomidine, 4
- Desalkyl Gidazepam, 1
- Ethyl Bromazolam, 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 January 12, 2026, 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, Ph.D."

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Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

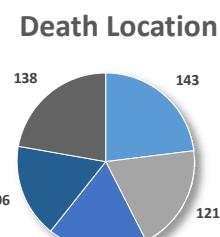
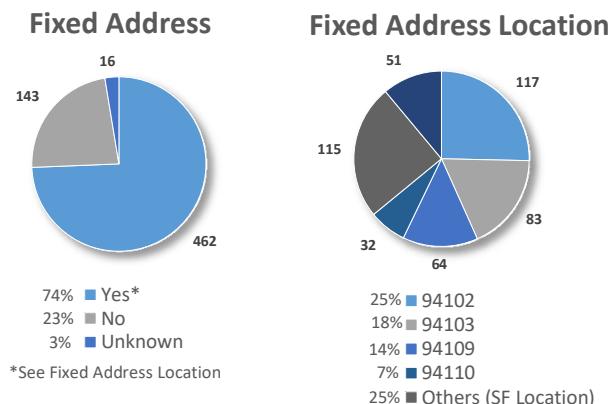
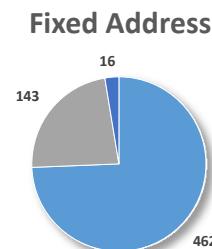
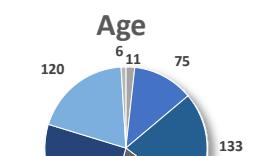
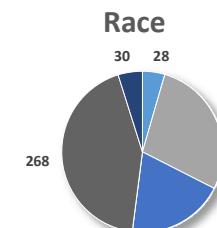
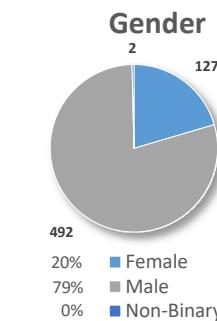
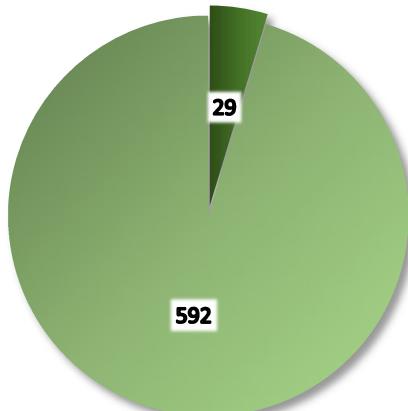
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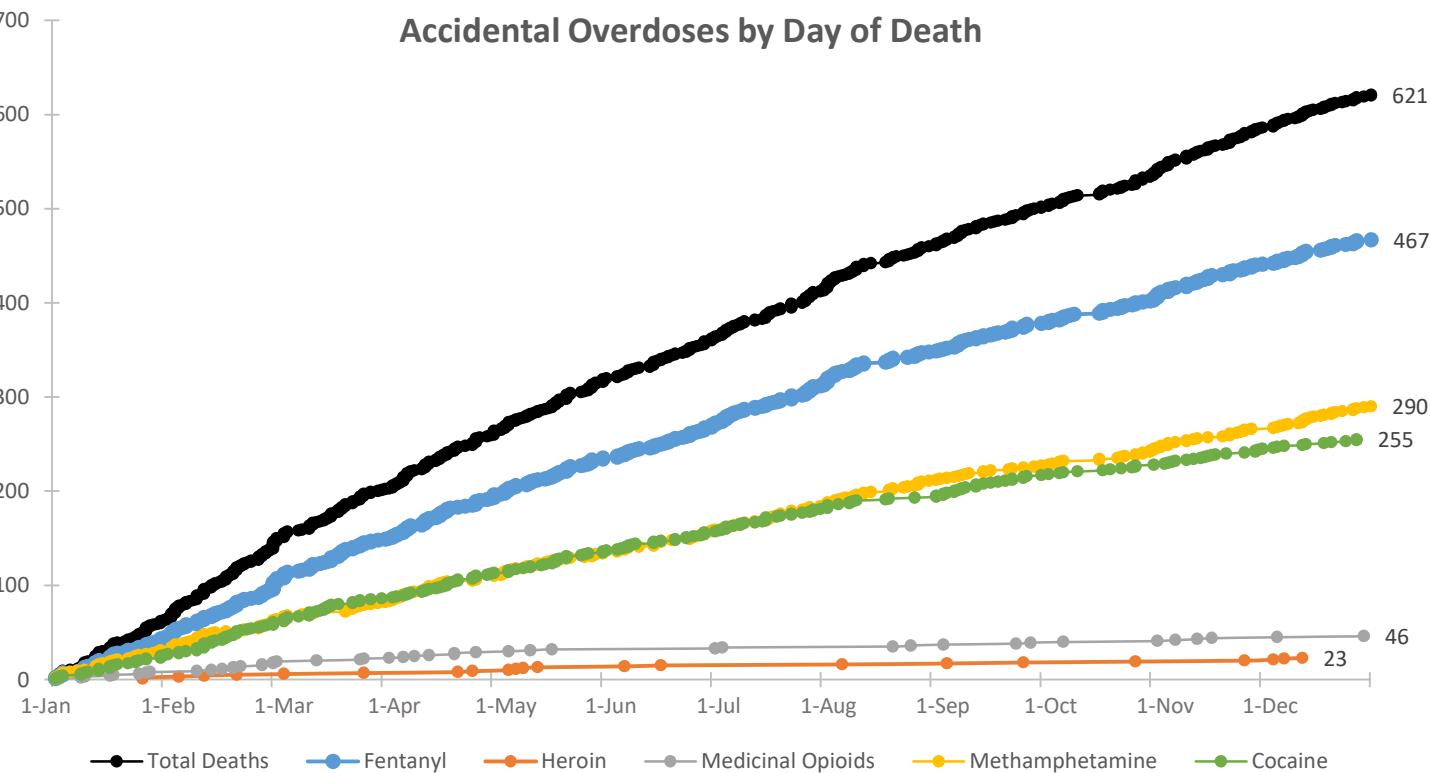


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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death



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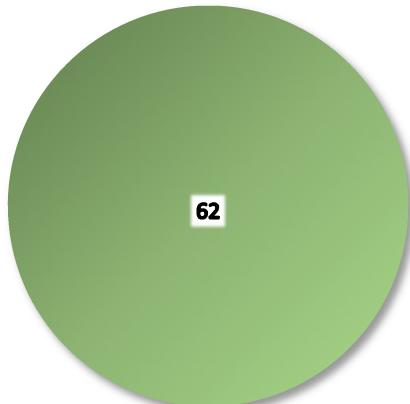
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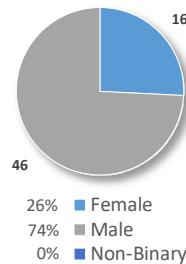
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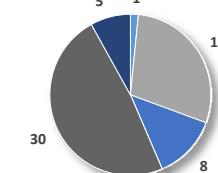
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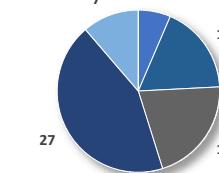
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Race



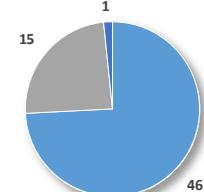
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Age



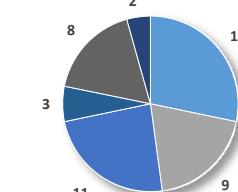
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Fixed Address



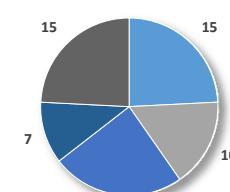
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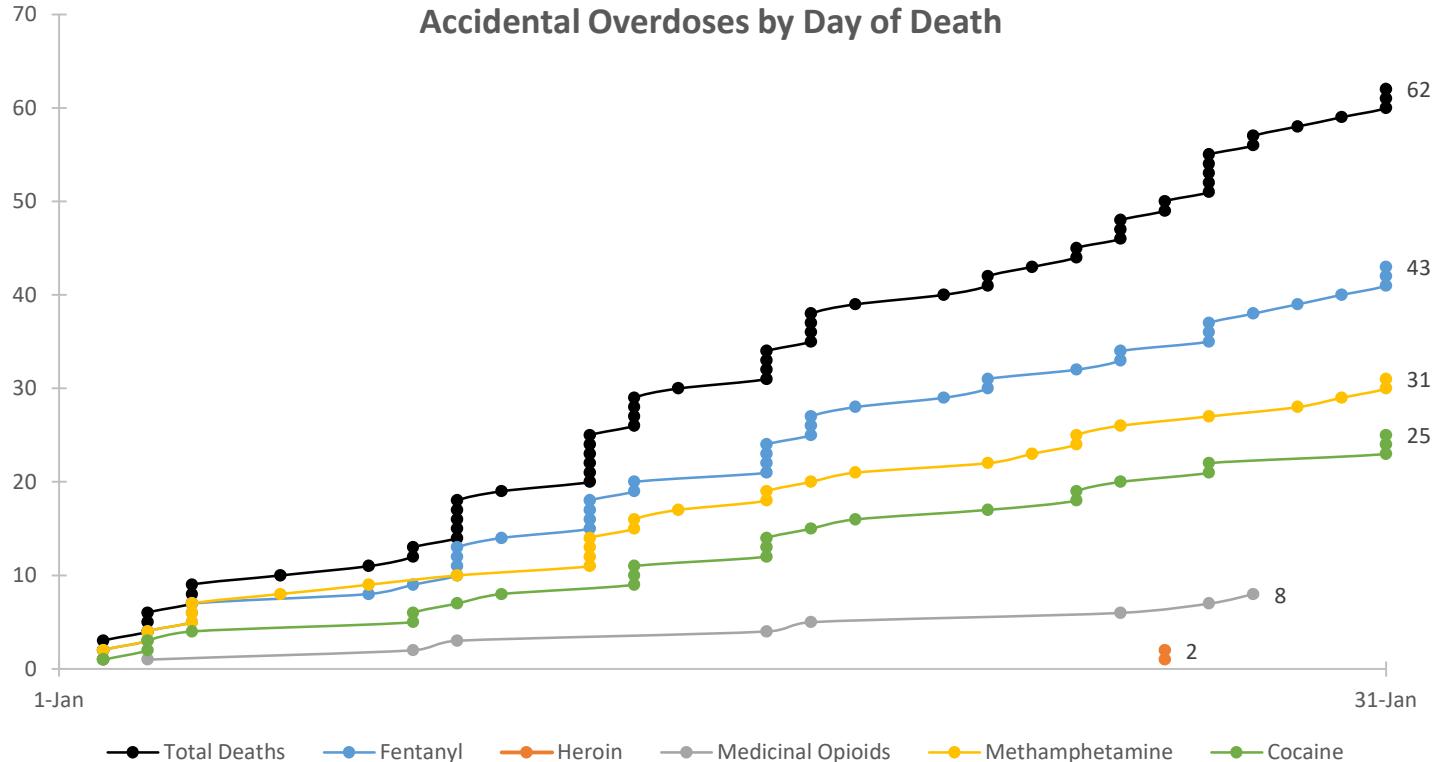


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Death Location



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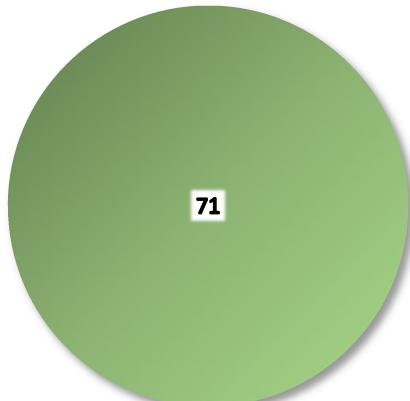
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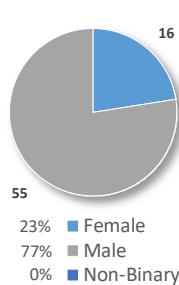
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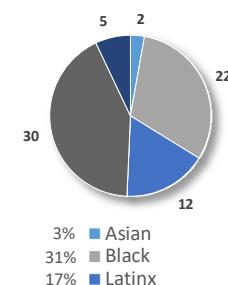
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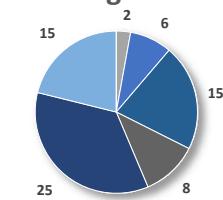
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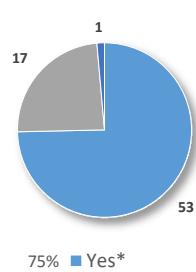
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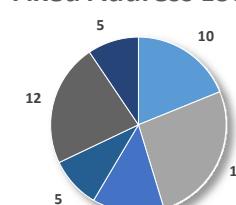


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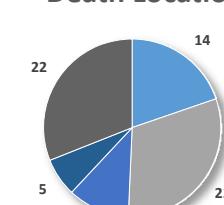


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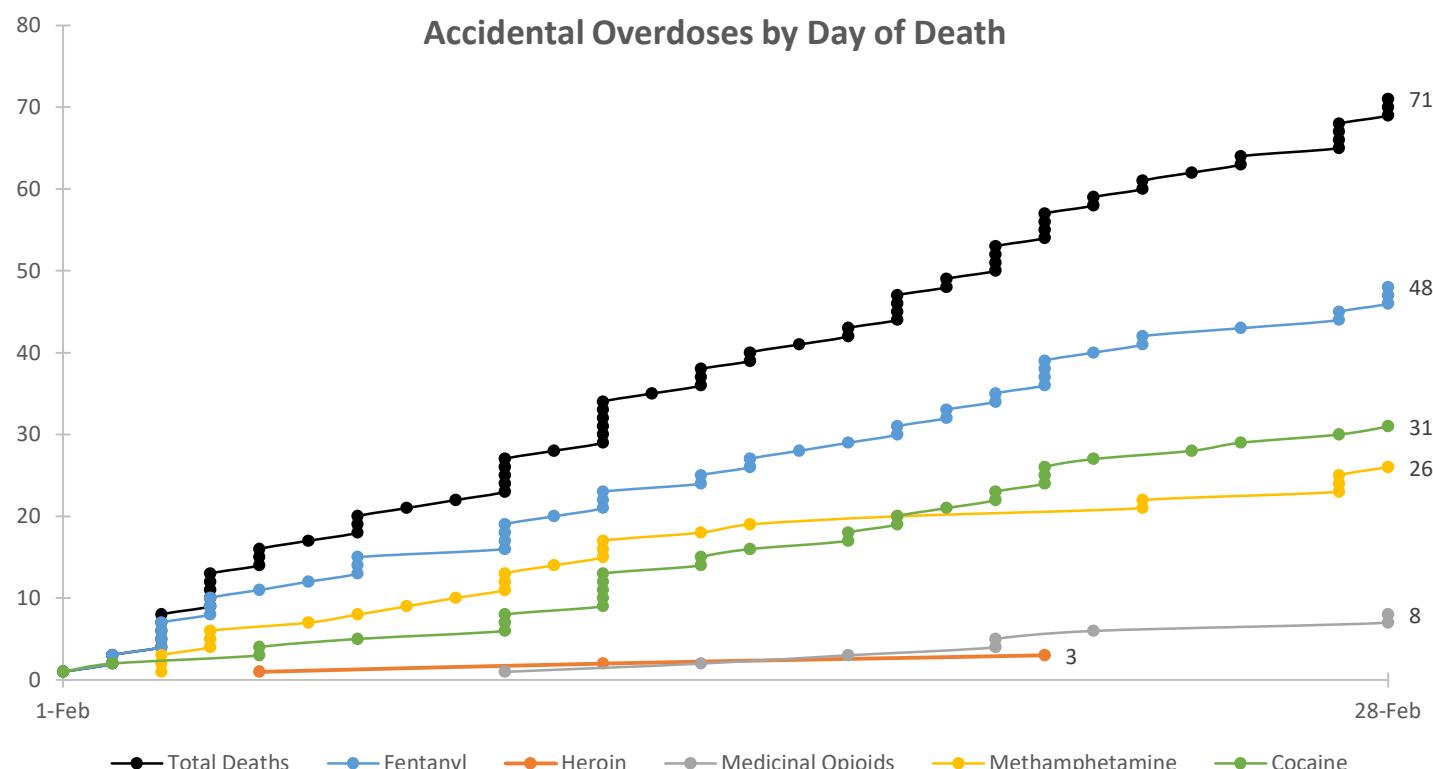
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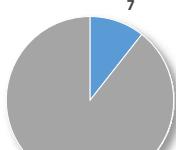
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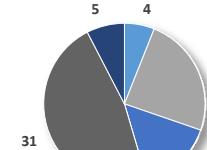
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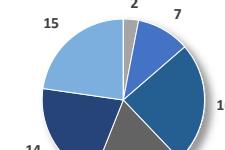
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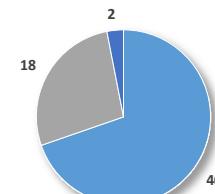
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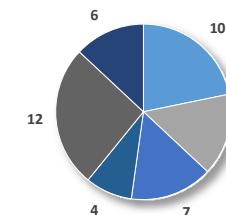
Fixed Address



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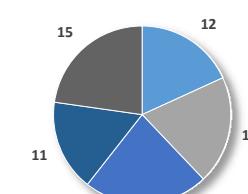
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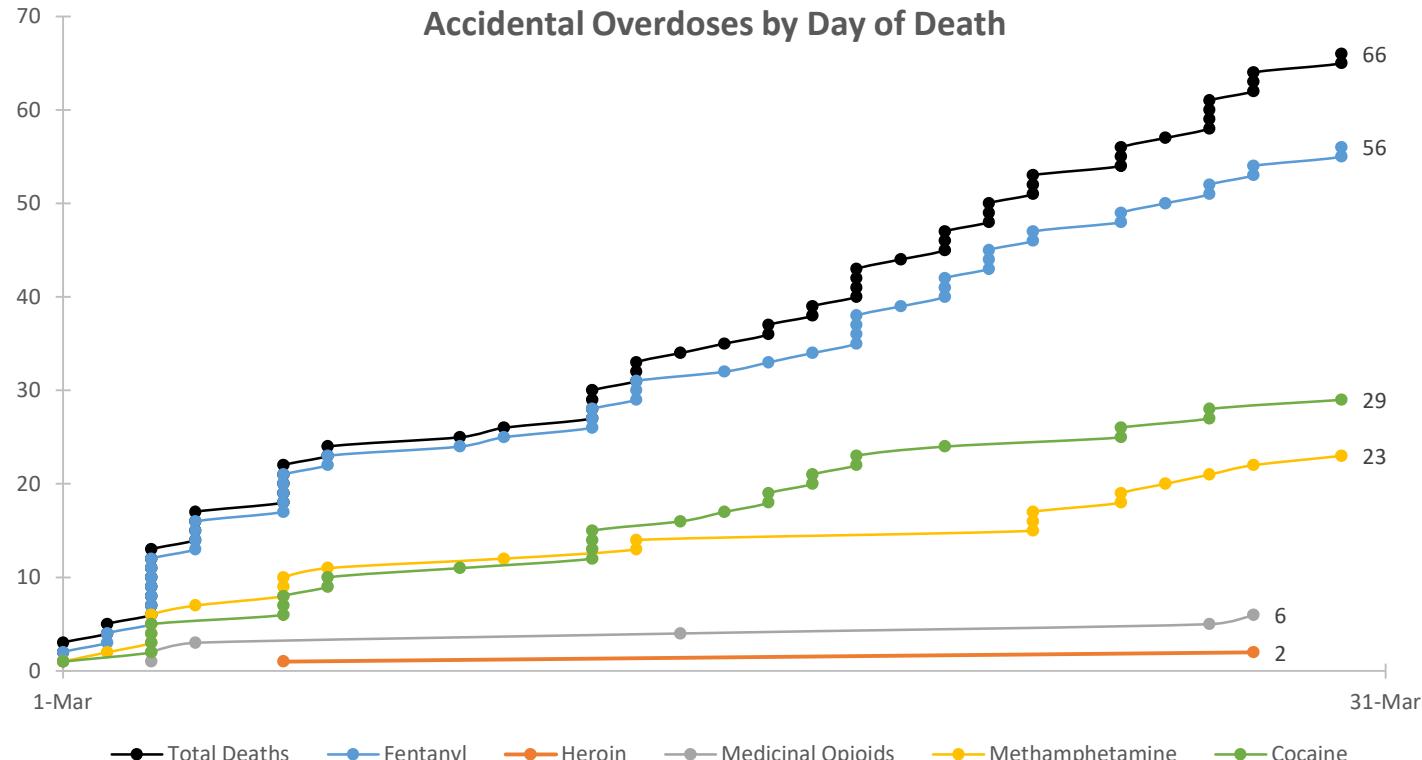


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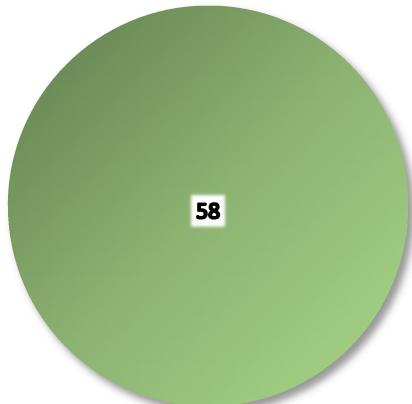
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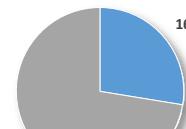


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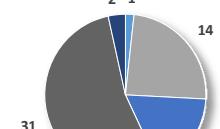


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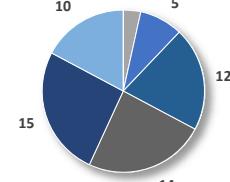
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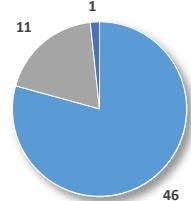
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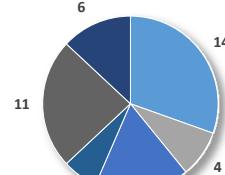
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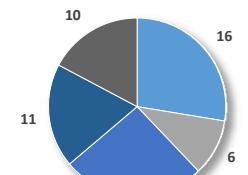
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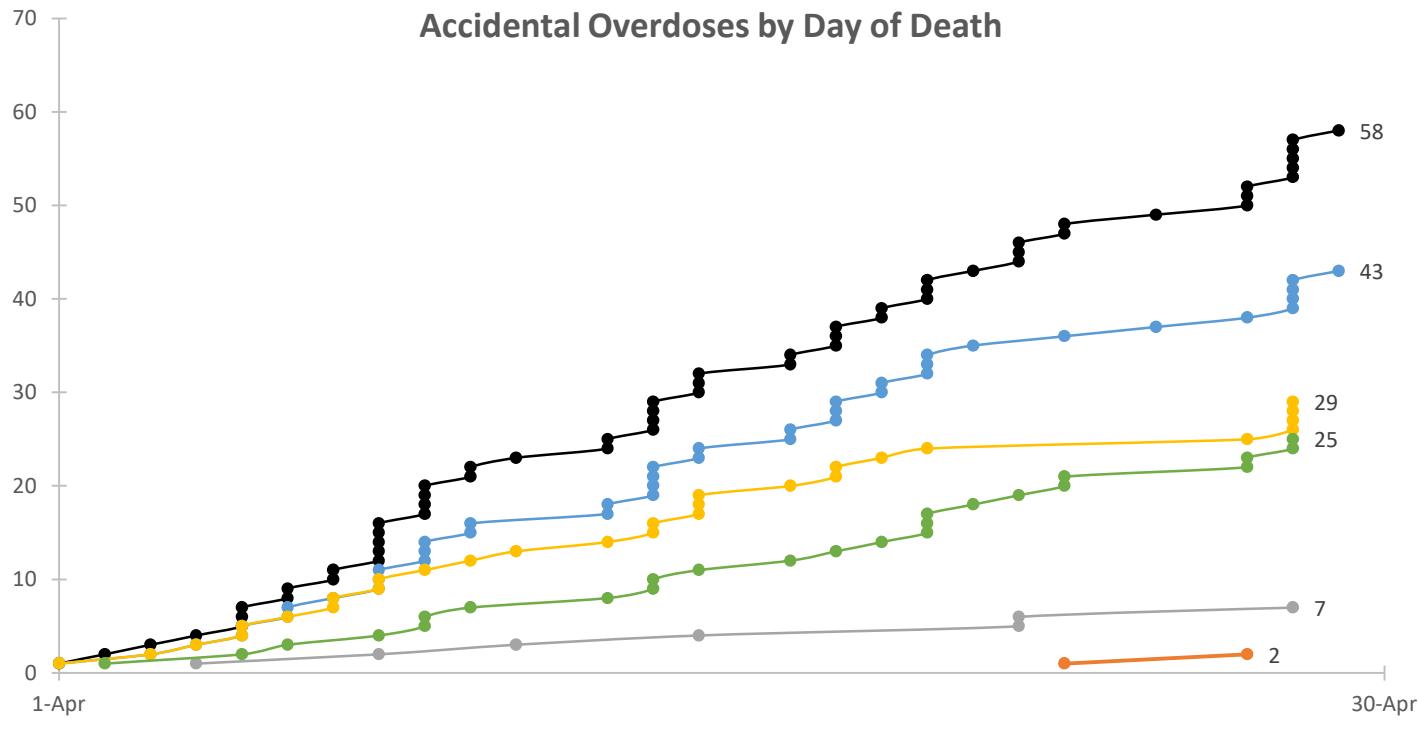


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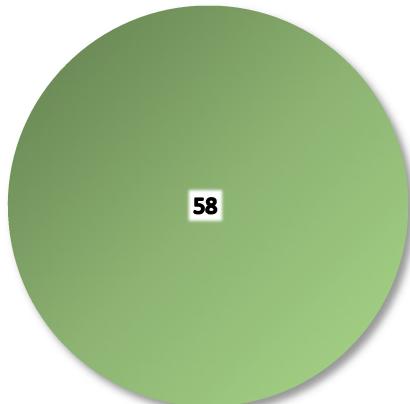
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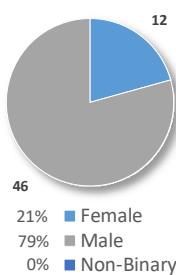
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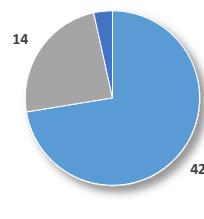


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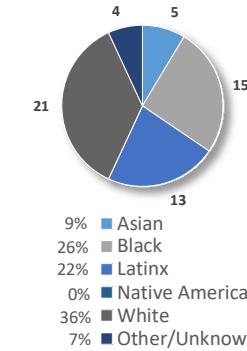


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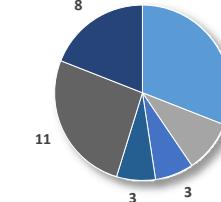


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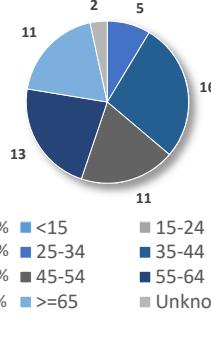
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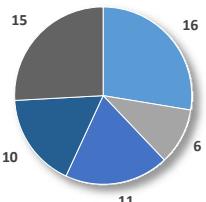
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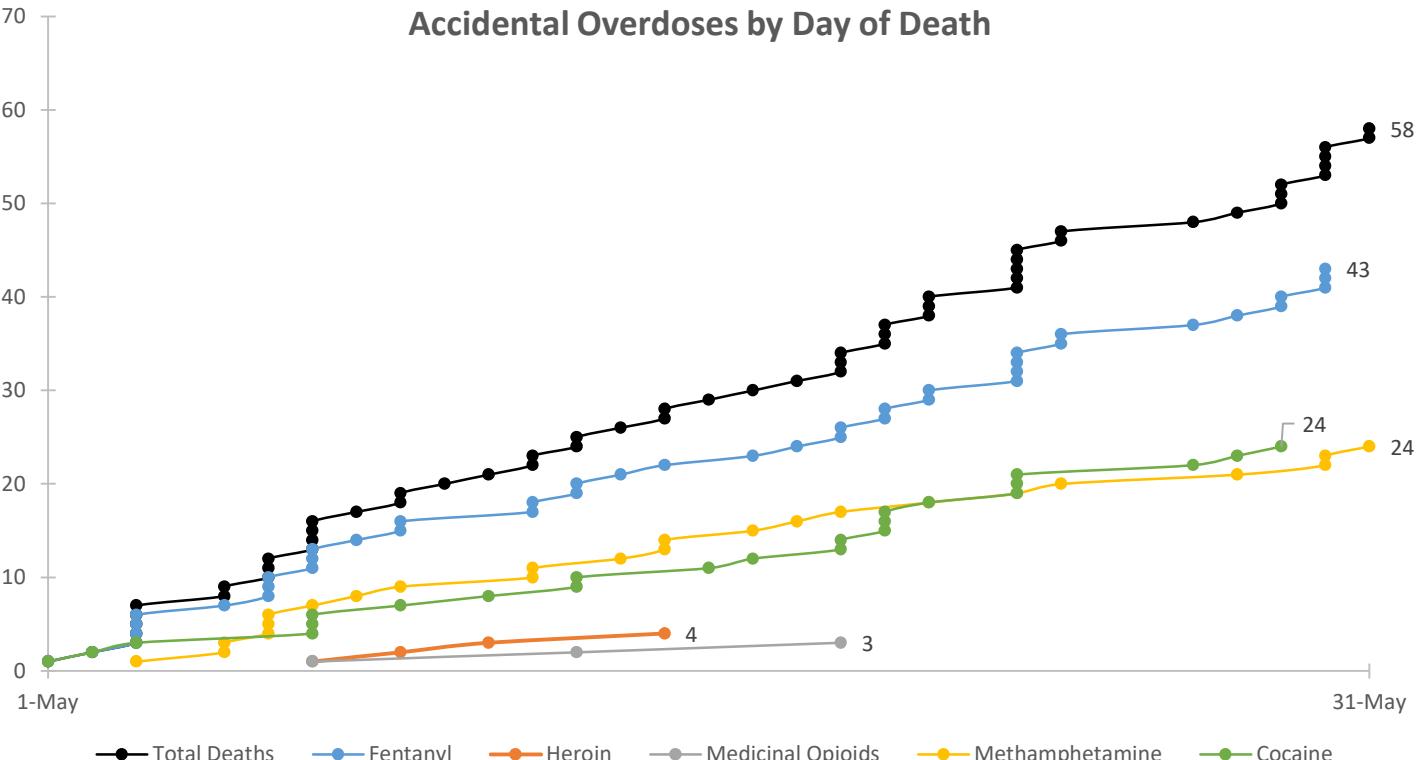
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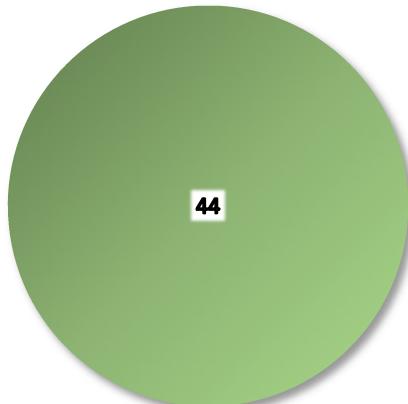
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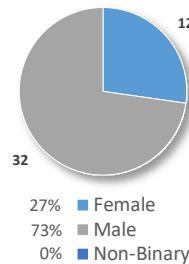
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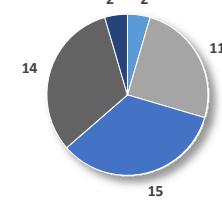
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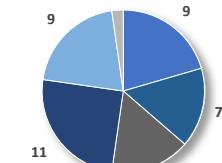
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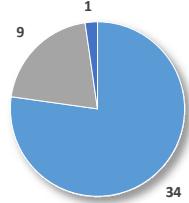
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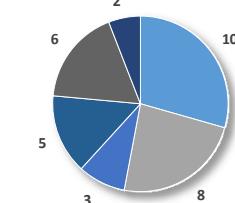
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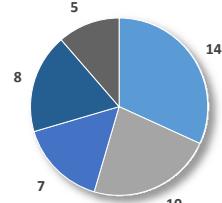
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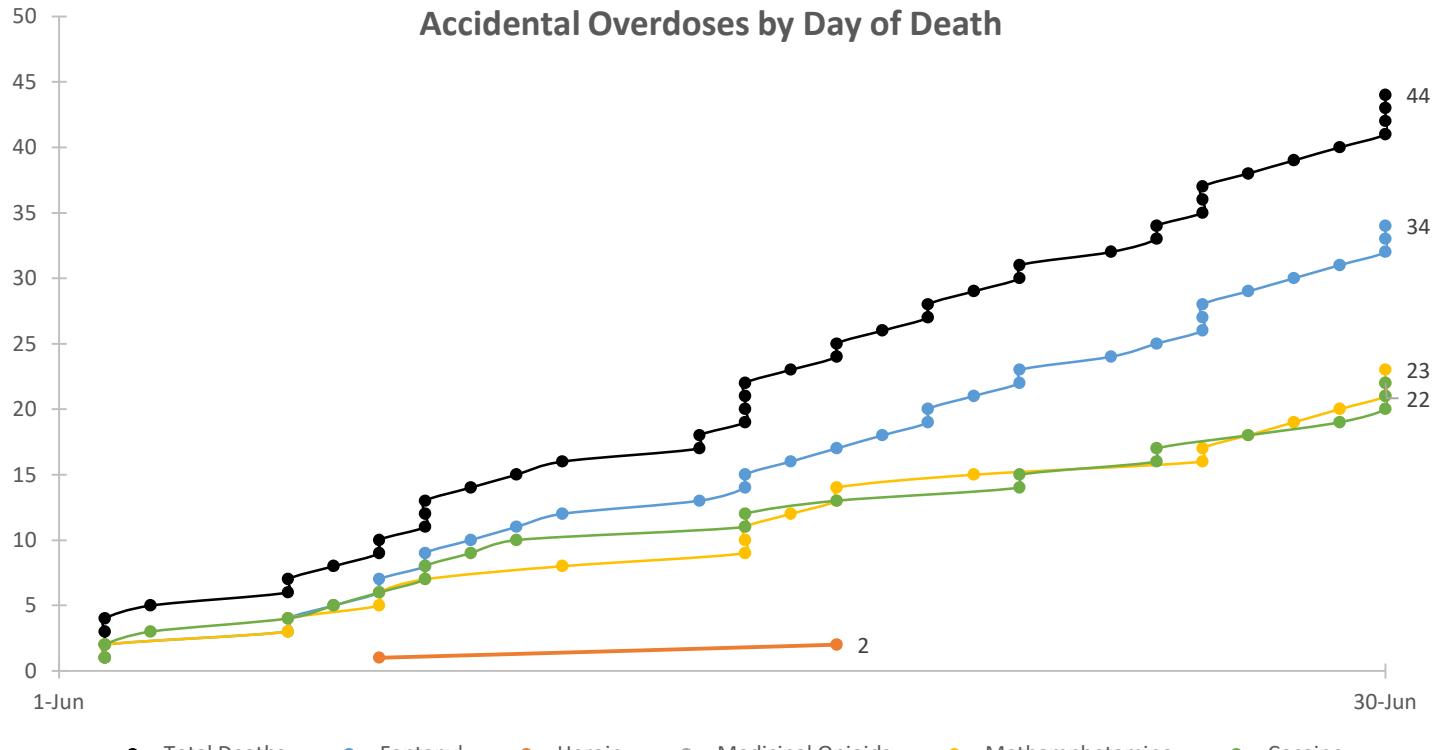


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Death Location



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● Total Deaths ■ Fentanyl ■ Heroin ■ Medicinal Opioids ■ Methamphetamine ■ Cocaine

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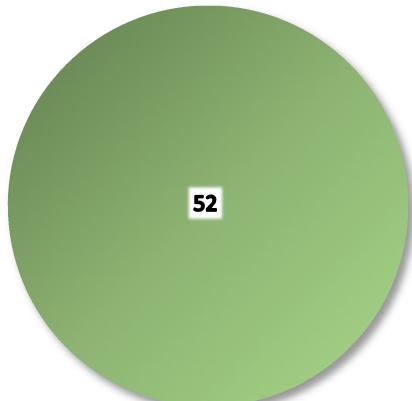
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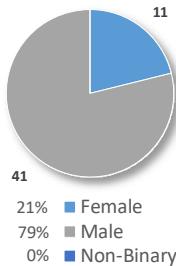


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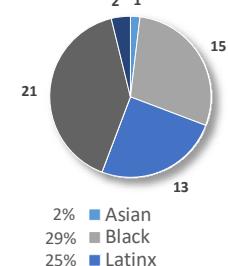
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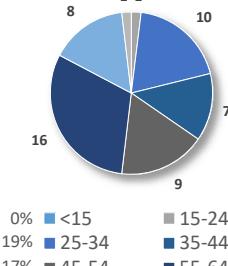
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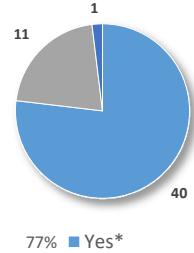
Race



Age

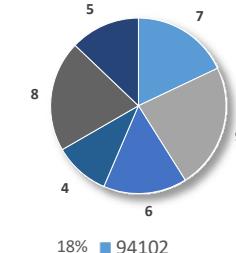


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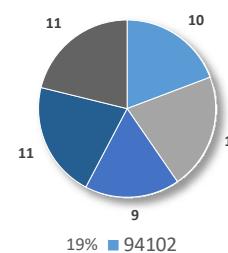


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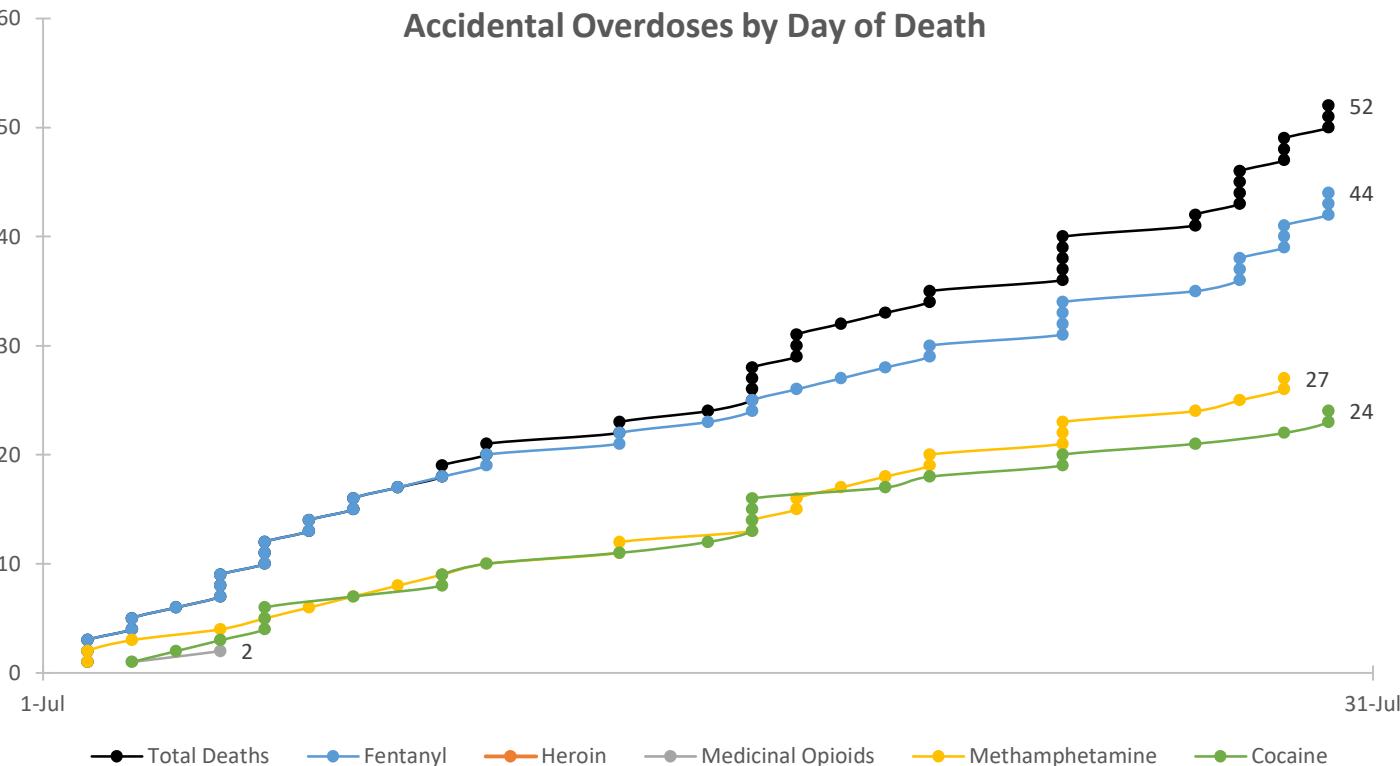
Fixed Address Location



Death Location



Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death



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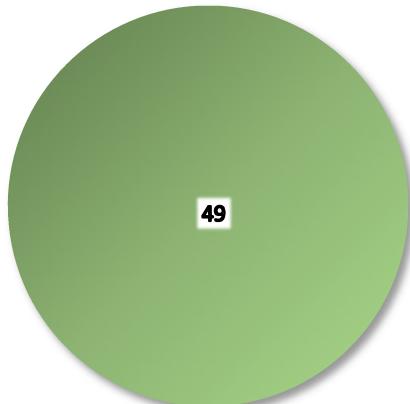
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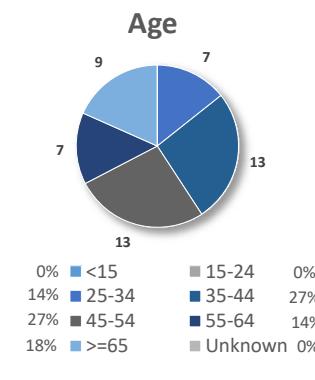
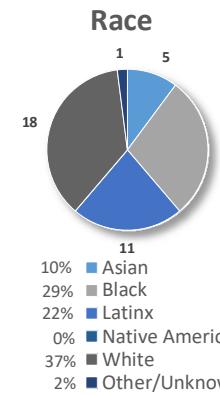
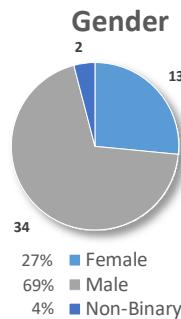


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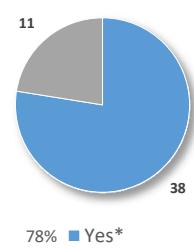
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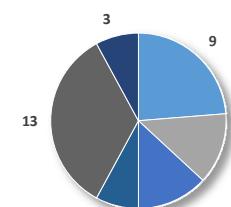


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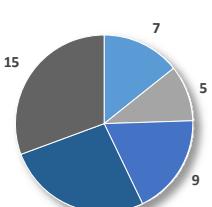


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Fixed Address Location

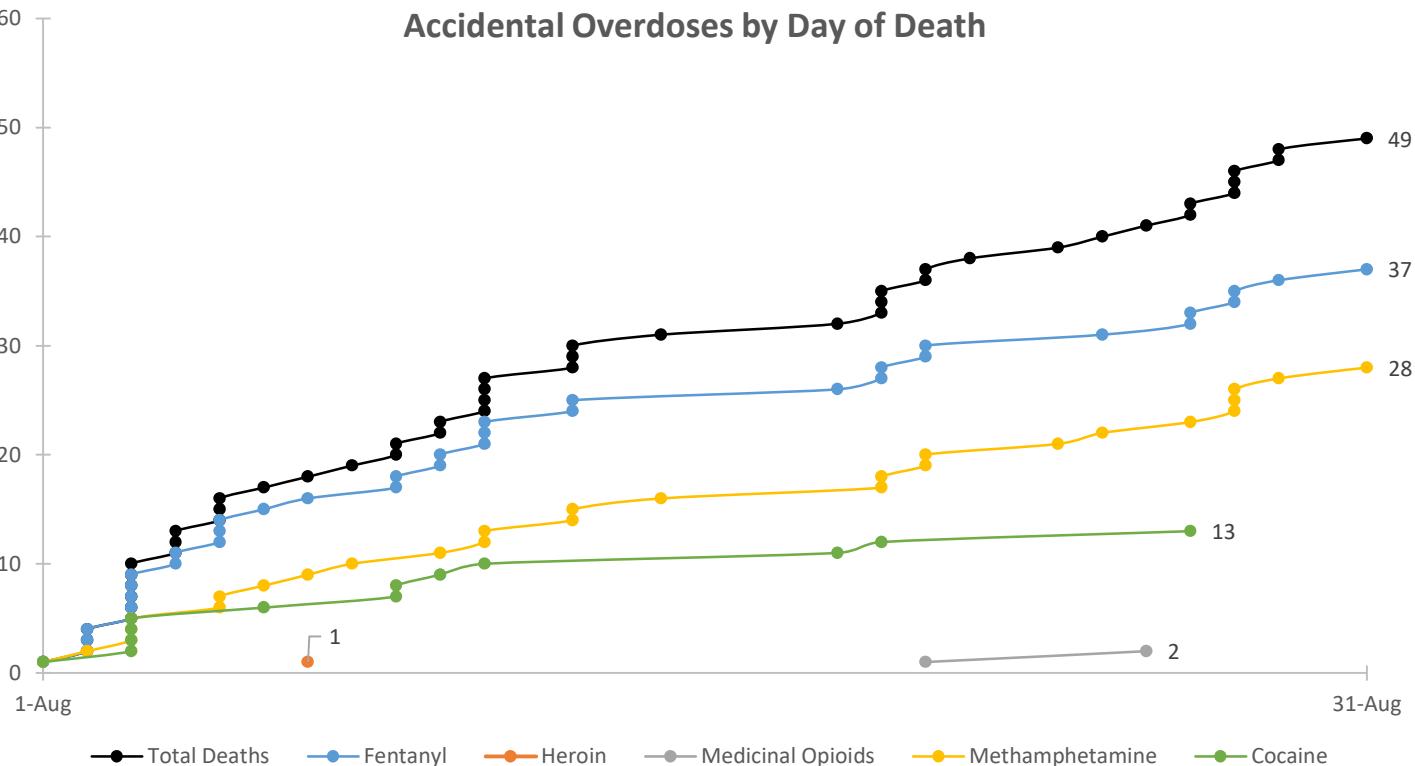


Death Location



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27% ■ 94110
31% ■ Others

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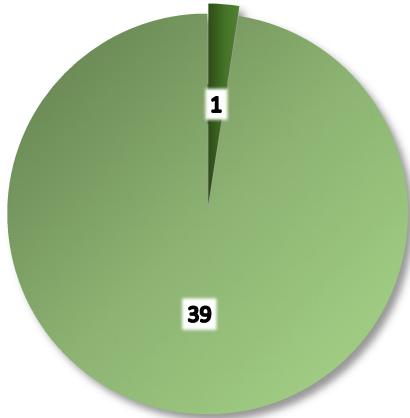
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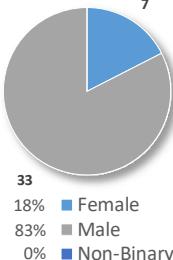


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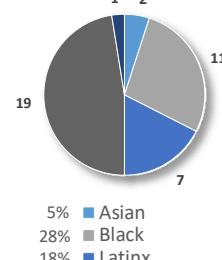
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97.50% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed

Gender



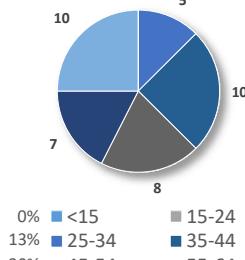
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0% ■ Non-Binary

Race



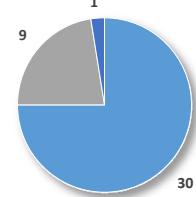
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0% ■ Native American
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3% ■ Other/Unknown

Age



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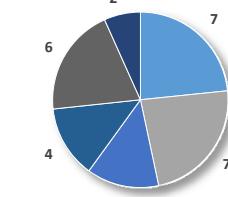
Fixed Address



75% ■ Yes*
23% ■ No
3% ■ Unknown

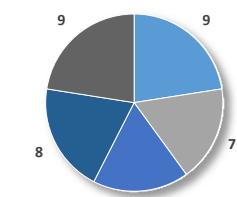
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Fixed Address Location



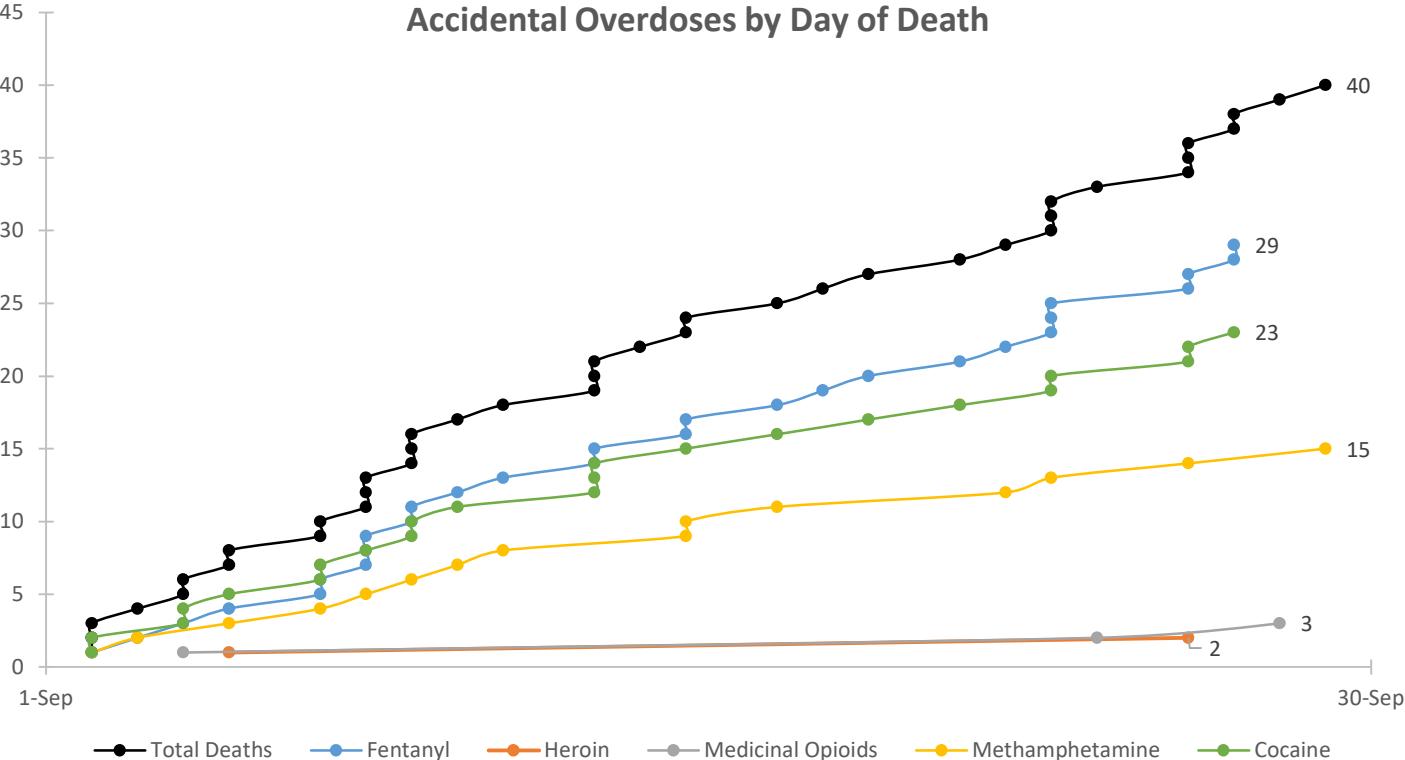
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13% ■ 94110
20% ■ Others (SF Location)
7% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



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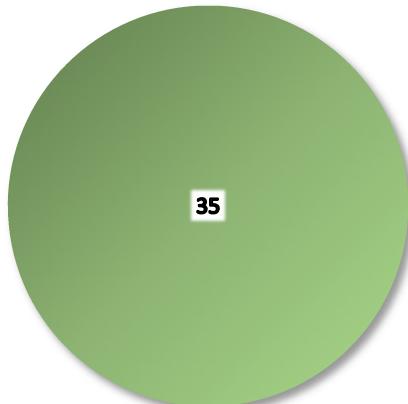
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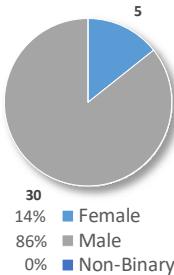
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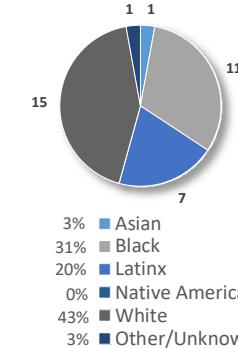


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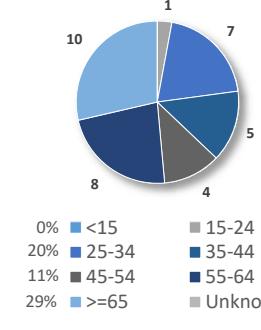
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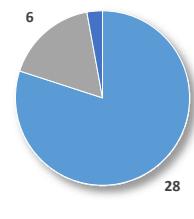
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Age



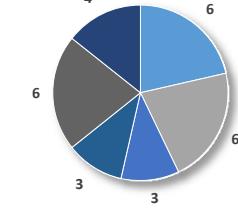
Fixed Address



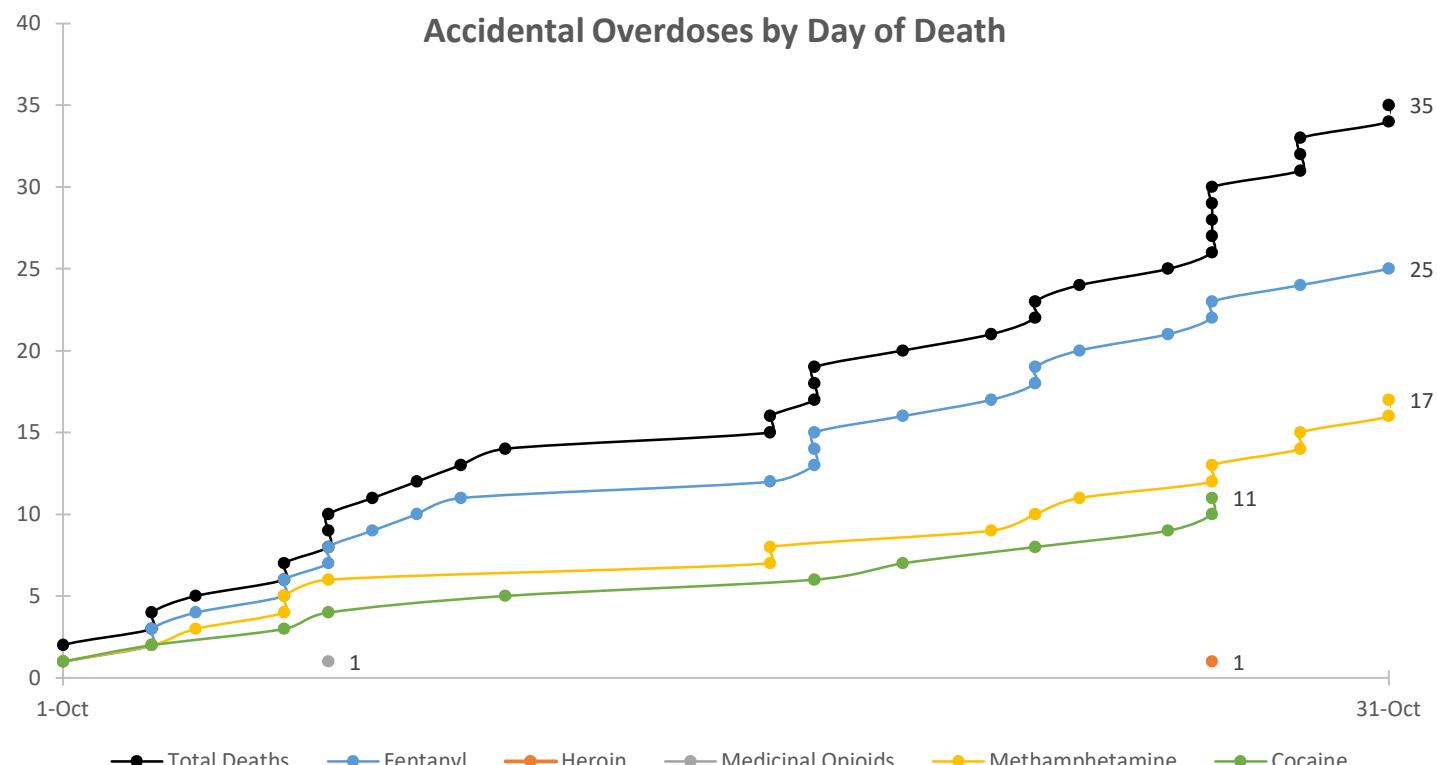
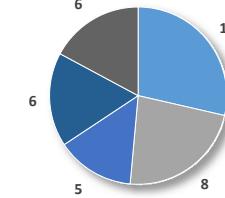
80% ■ Yes*
17% ■ No
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Fixed Address Location



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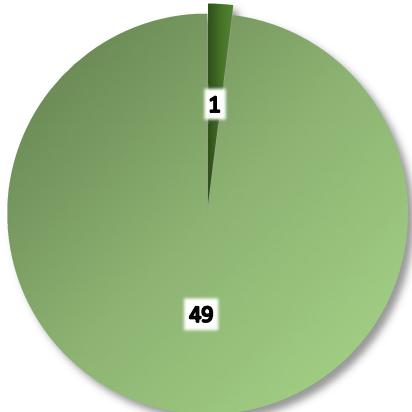
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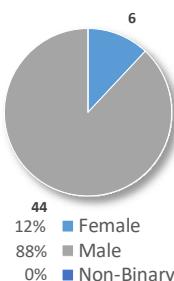
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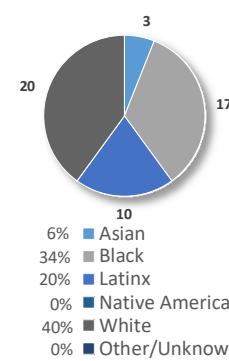
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Gender



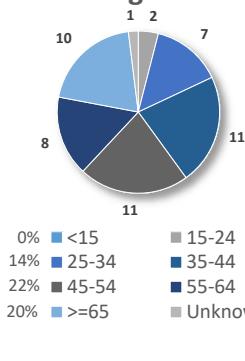
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Race



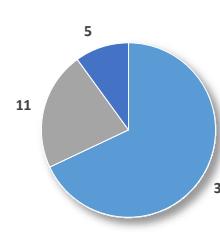
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Age



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7% ■ >65
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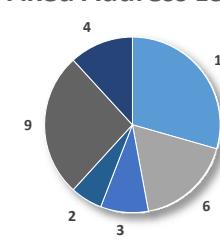
Fixed Address



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22% ■ No
10% ■ Unknown

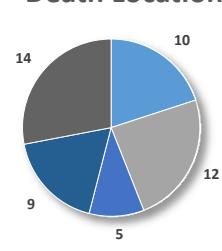
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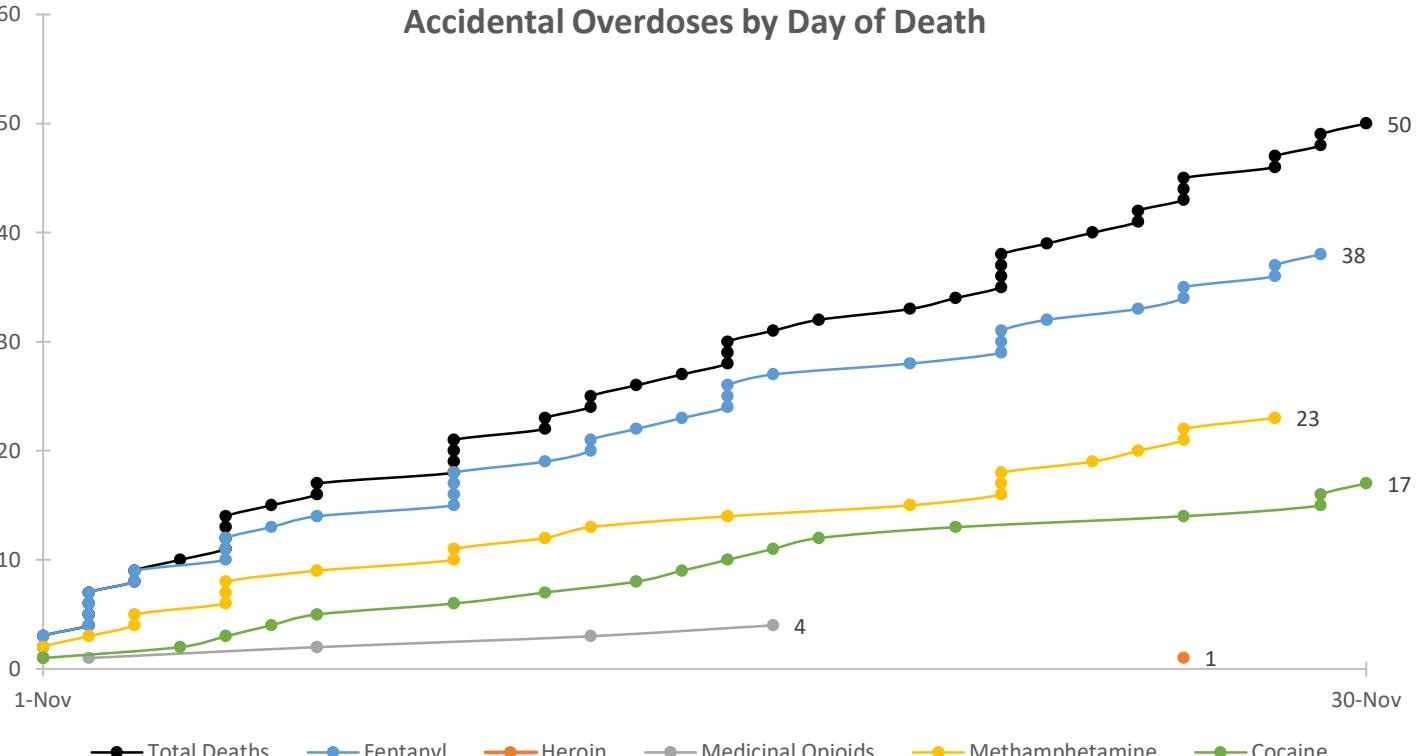
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26% ■ Others (SF Location)
12% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



20% ■ 94102
24% ■ 94103
10% ■ 94109
18% ■ 94110
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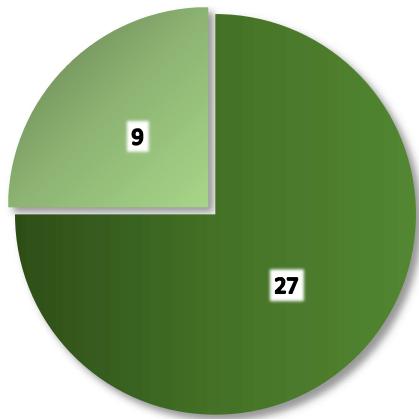
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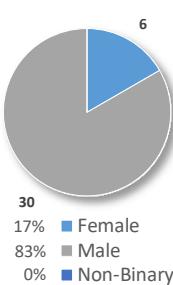
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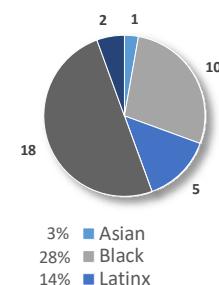
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Gender



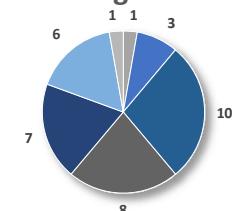
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Race



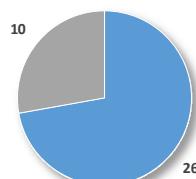
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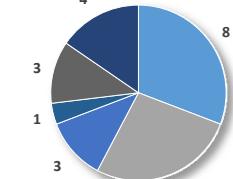
Fixed Address



72% ■ Yes*
28% ■ No
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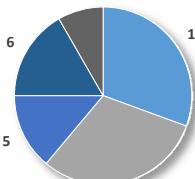
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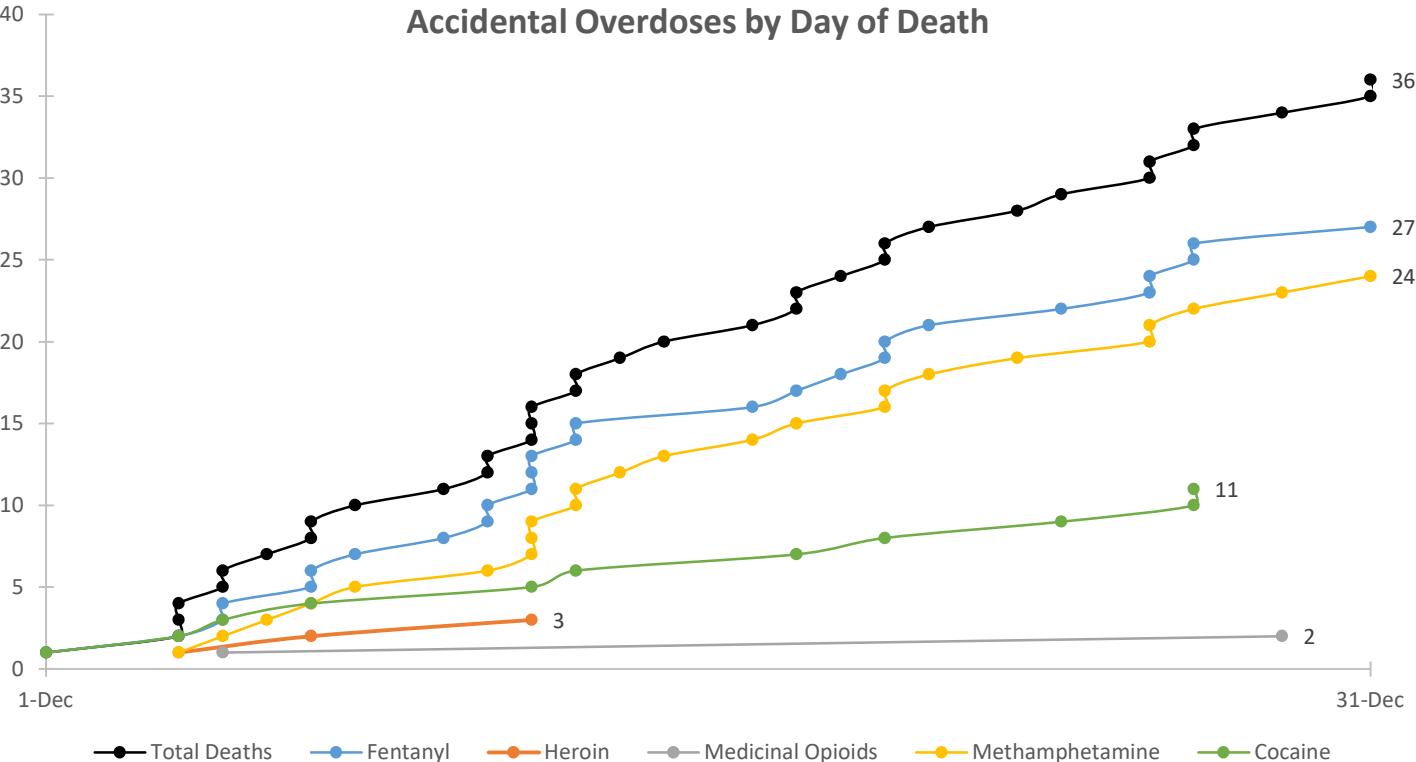
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