

City & County of San Francisco
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May 18, 2026

Subject: Report on 2026 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report satisfies the ordinance's reporting criteria and includes preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 01, 2026, to April 30, 2026. The number of accidental overdose deaths in this period was 184.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving **Xylazine, Bromazolam, Fluoro Fentanyl, Medetomidine, N-Propionitrile Chlorphine, and Ethyl Bromazolam** from January 01, 2026, to April 30, 2026 are as follows:

- Xylazine: 5
- Bromazolam: 2
- Fluoro Fentanyl: 1
- Medetomidine: 1
- N-Propionitrile Chlorphine: 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 May 14, 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. This report provides a summary of these key demographic, geographic, and toxicology trends, and is updated and published in coordination with the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

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".

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Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

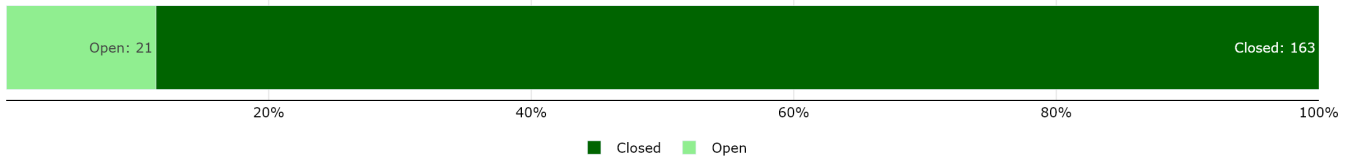
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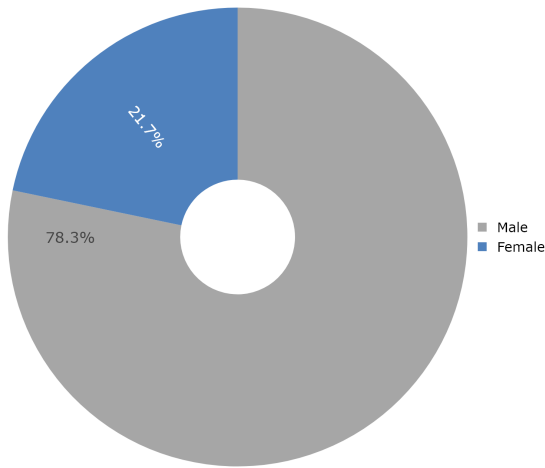
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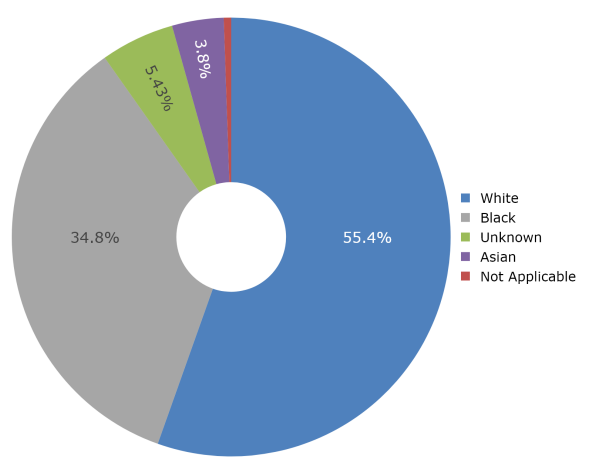
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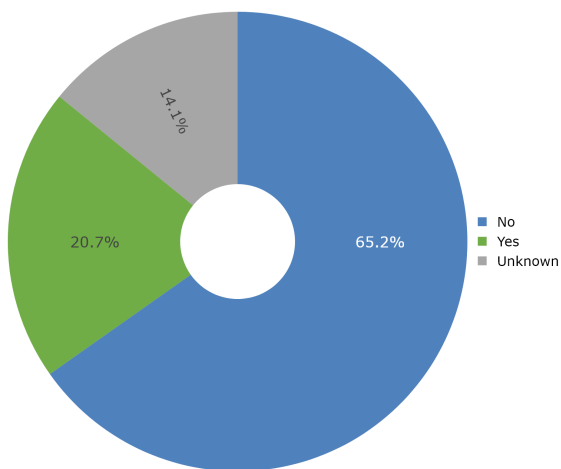


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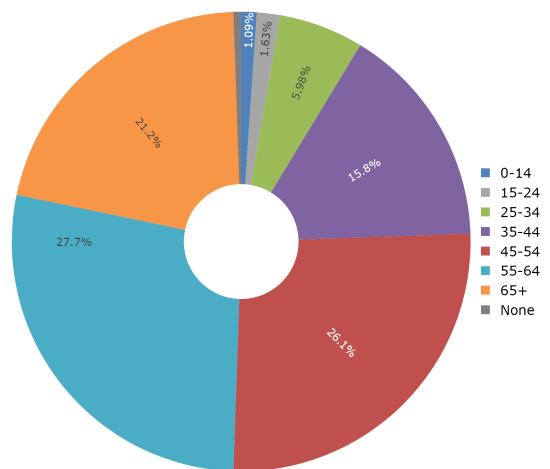


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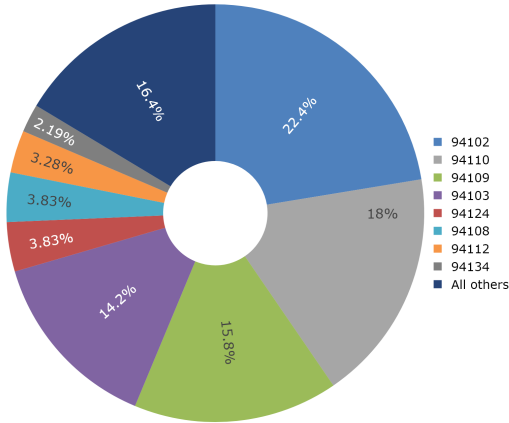


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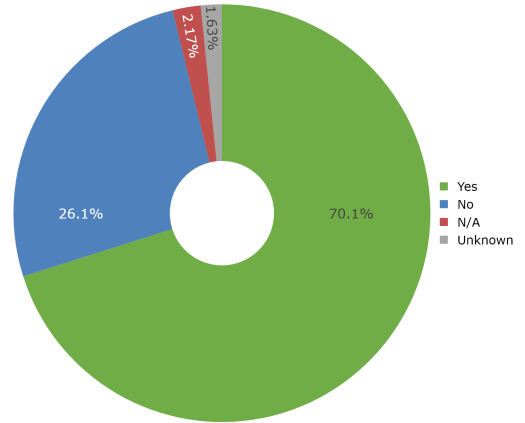


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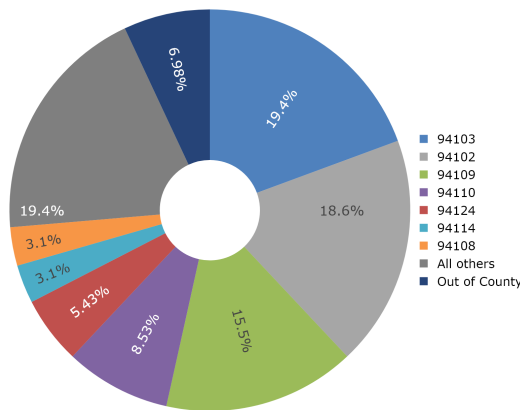
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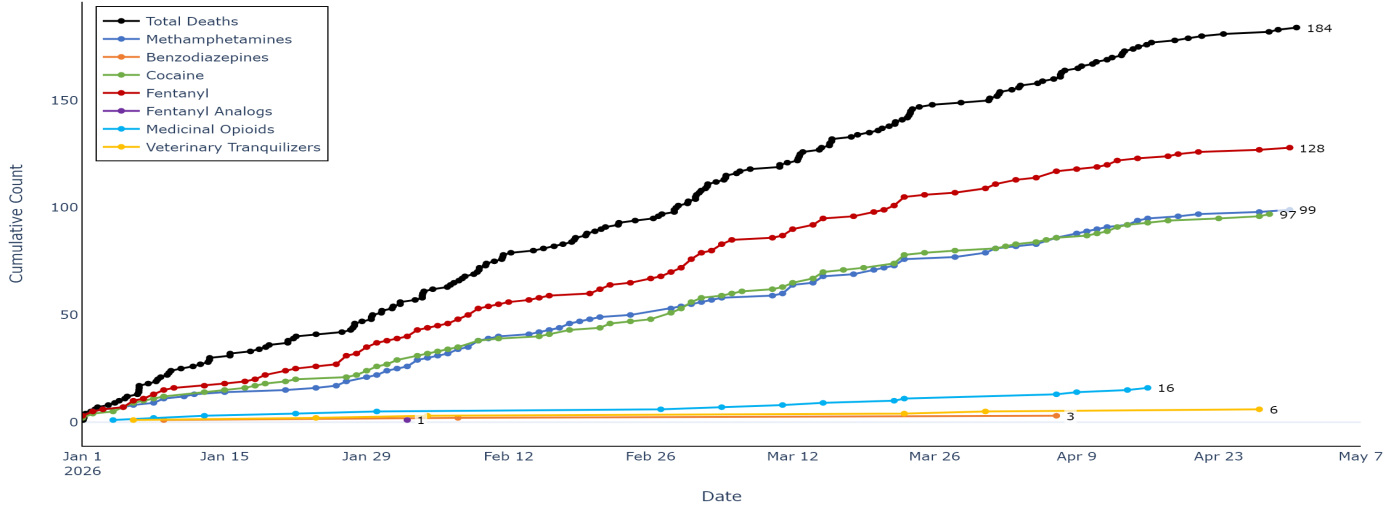
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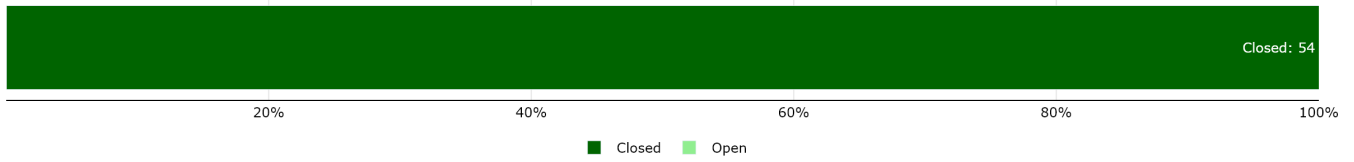


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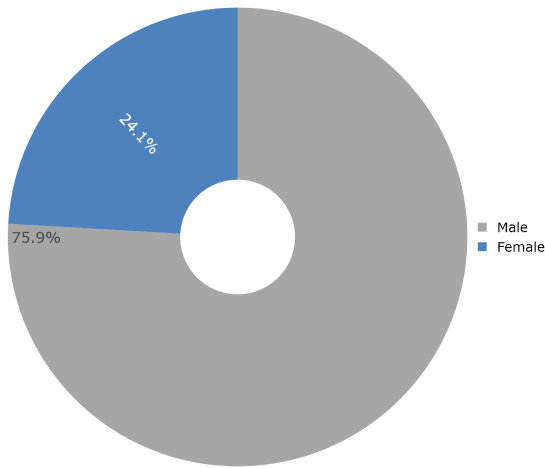
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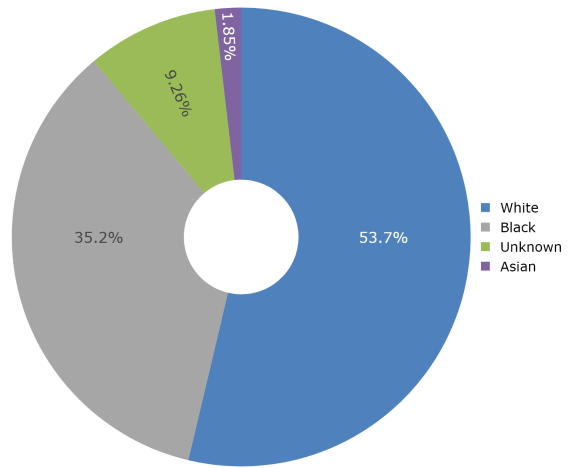
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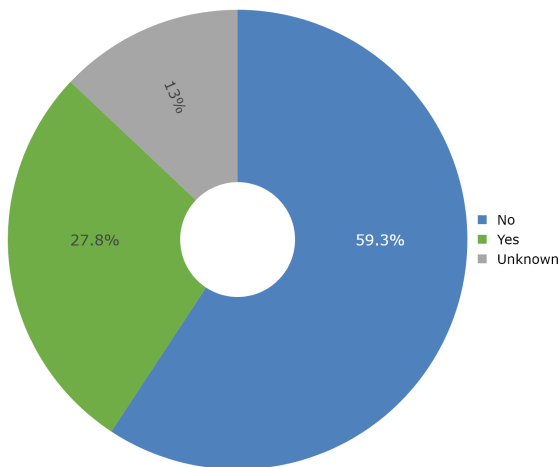


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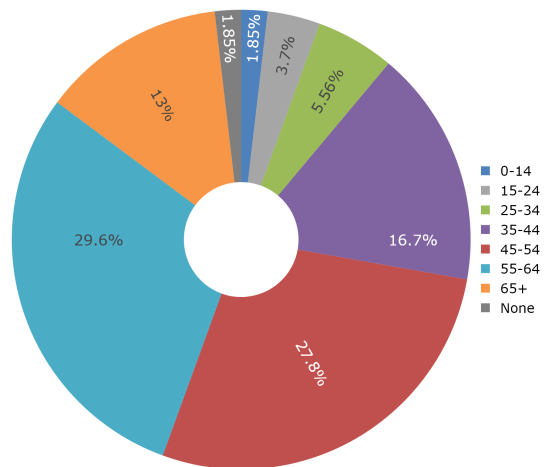


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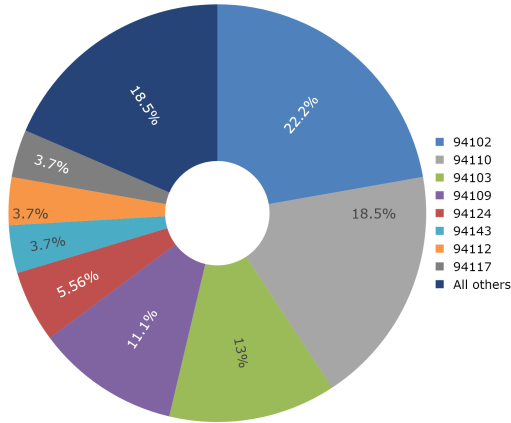


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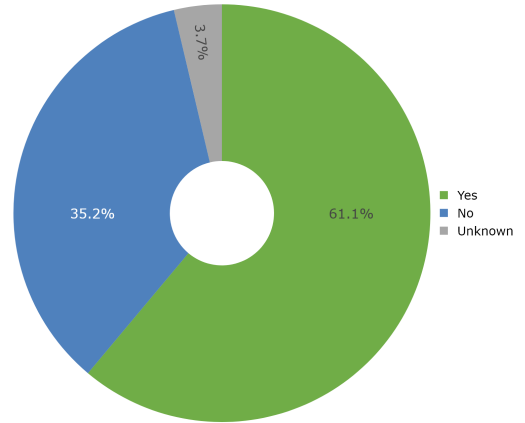


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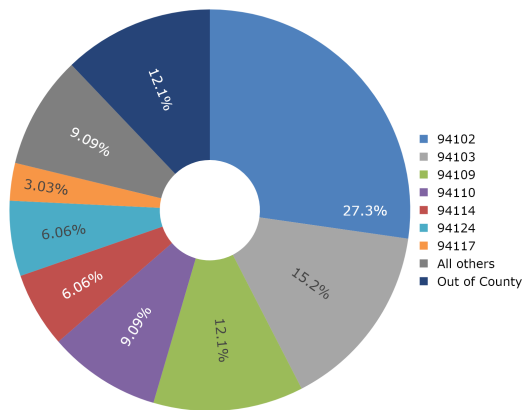
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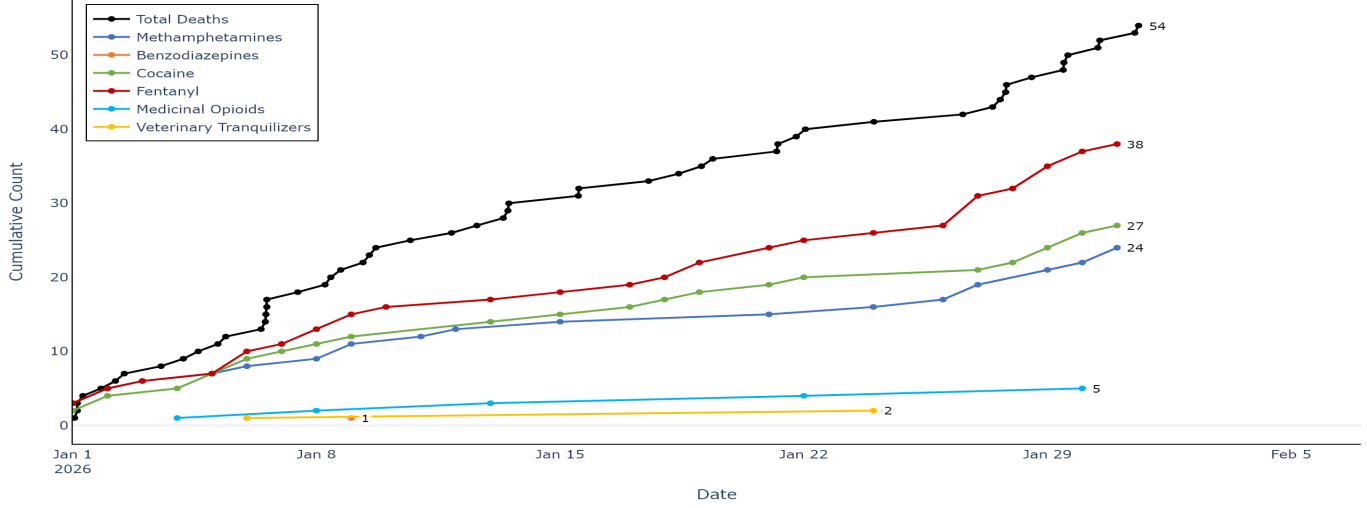
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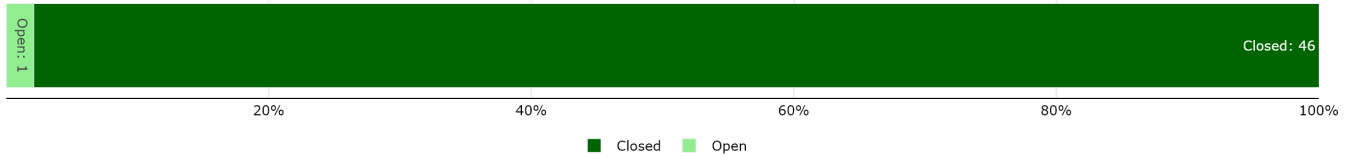


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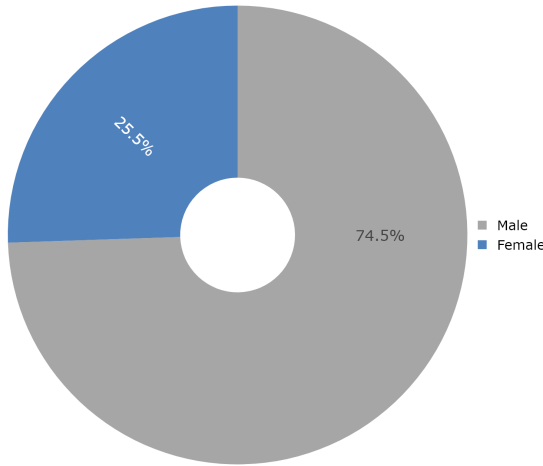
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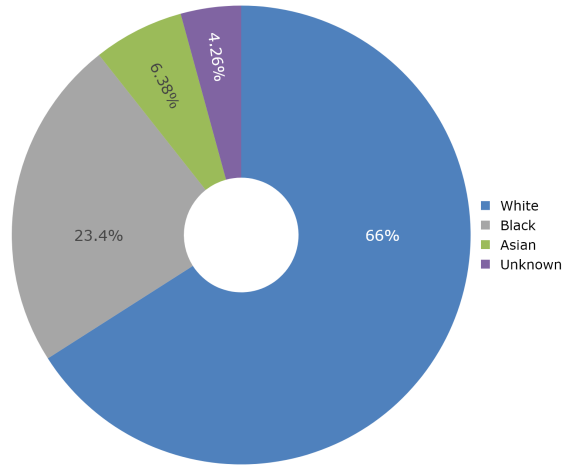
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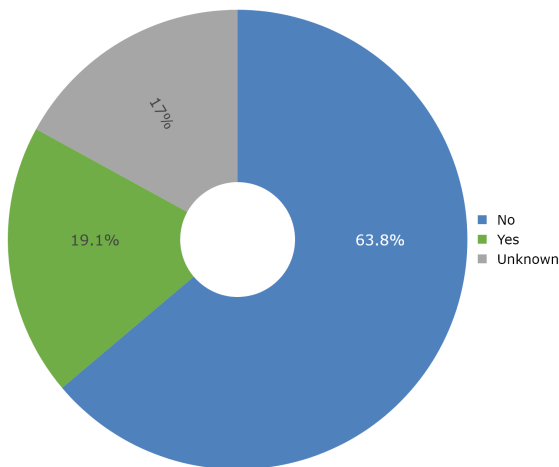


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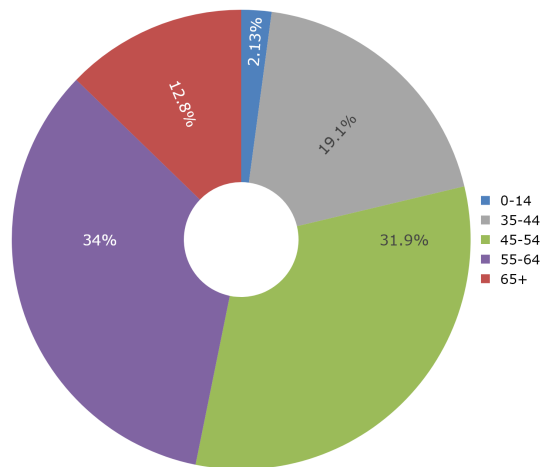


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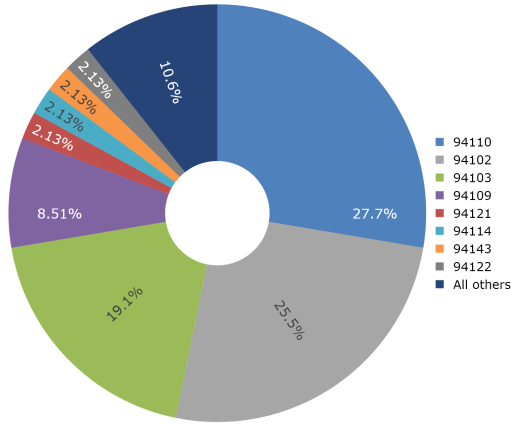


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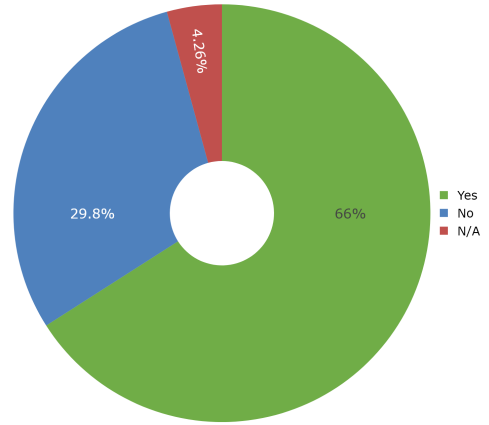


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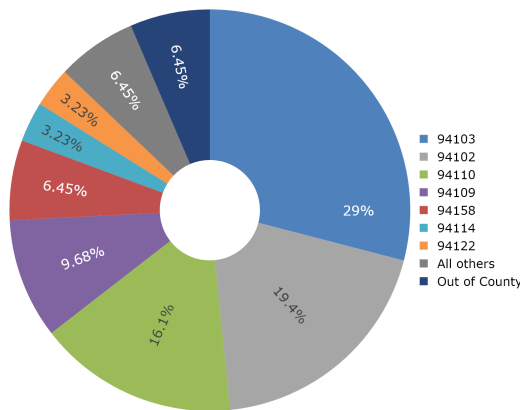
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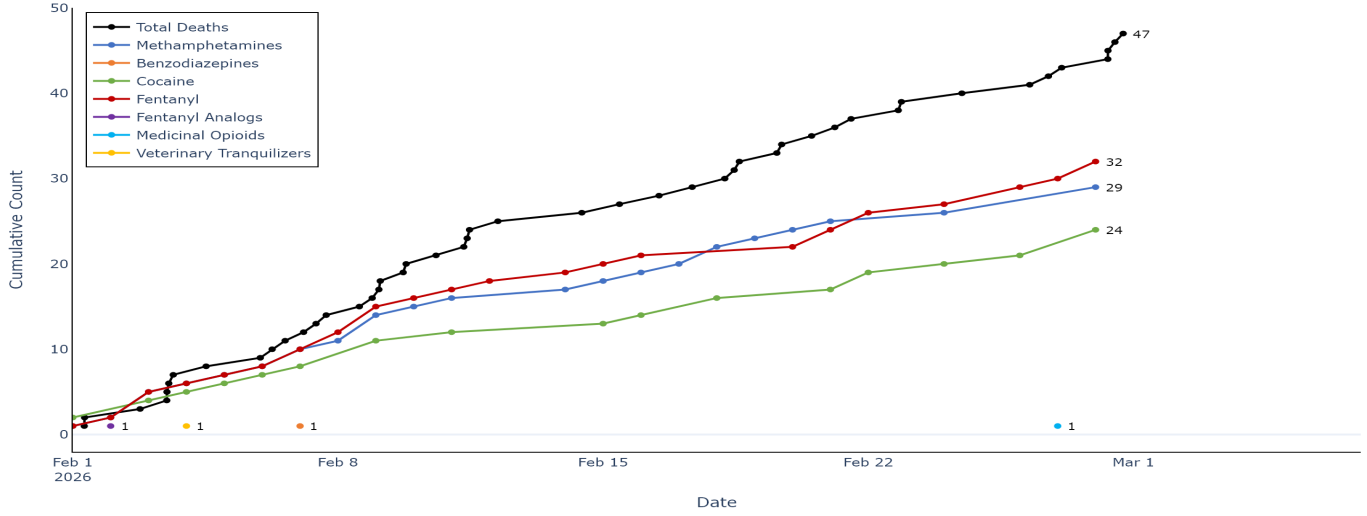
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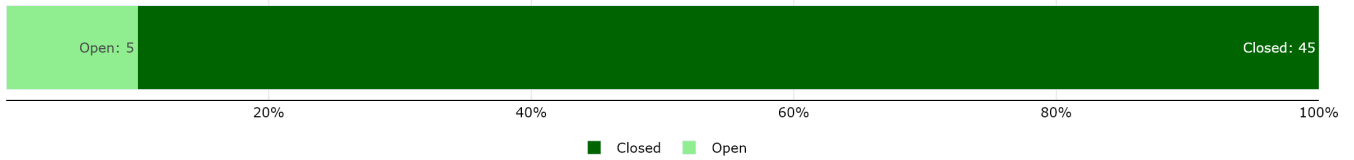


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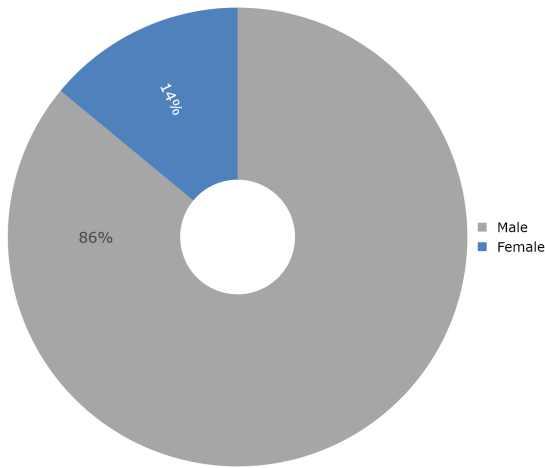
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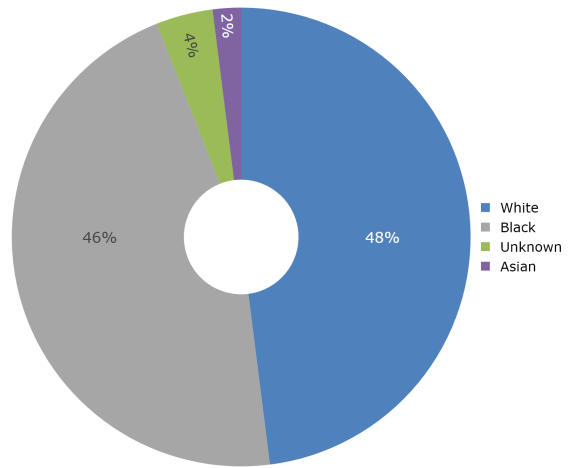
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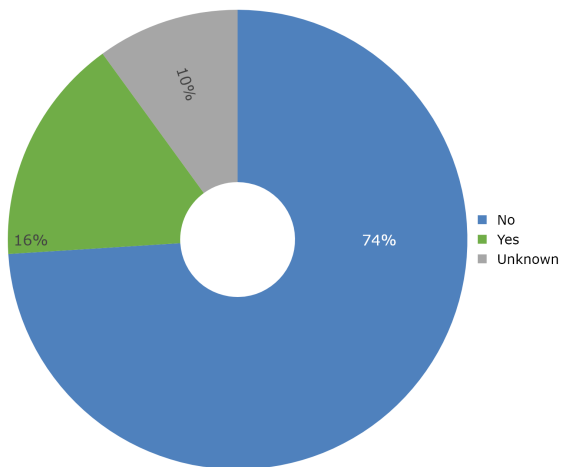


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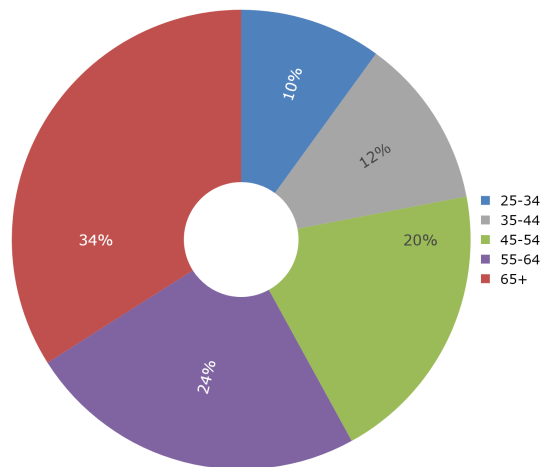


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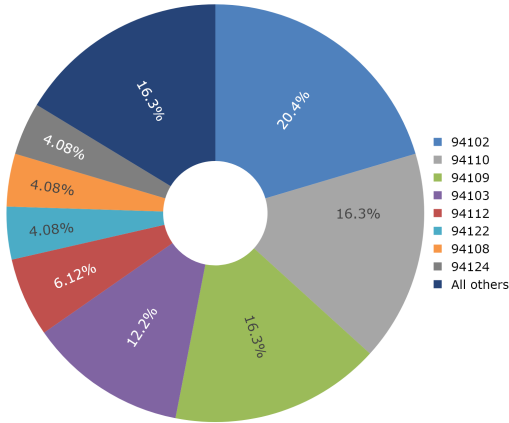


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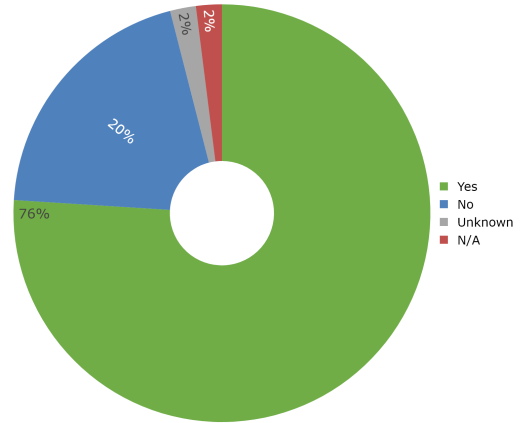


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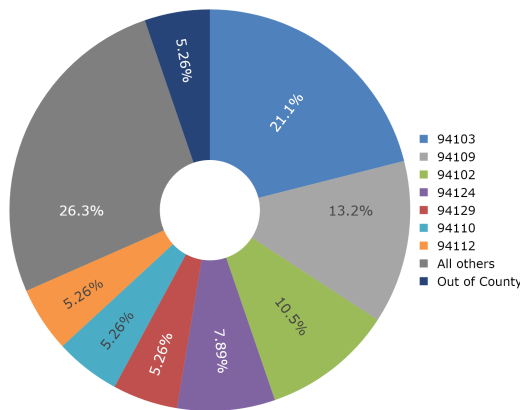
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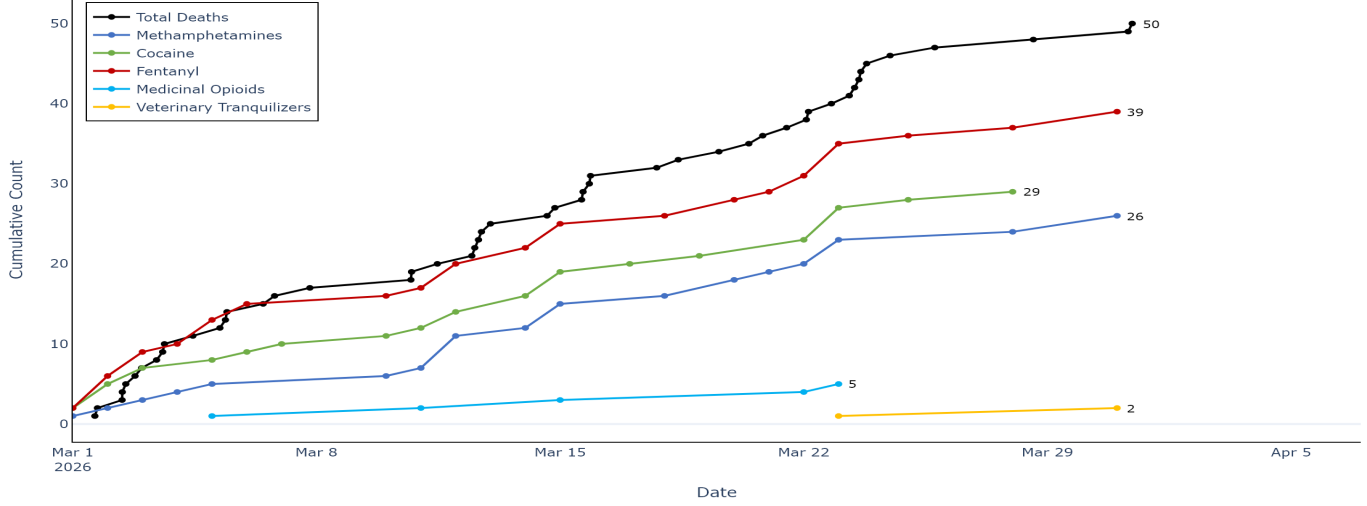
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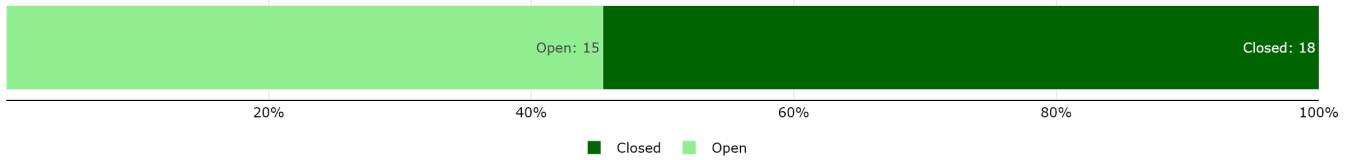


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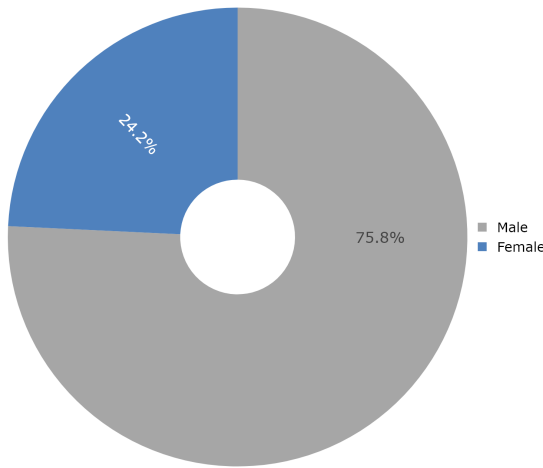
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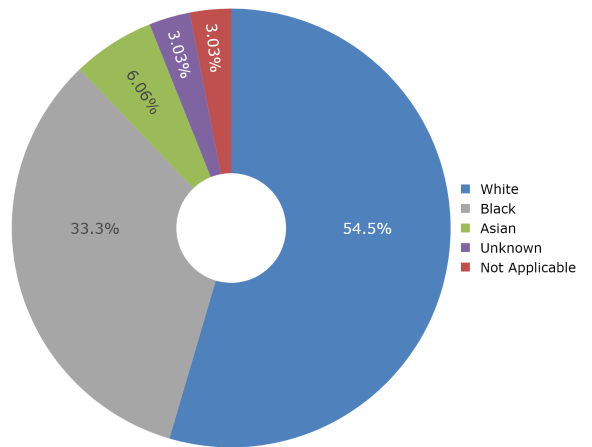
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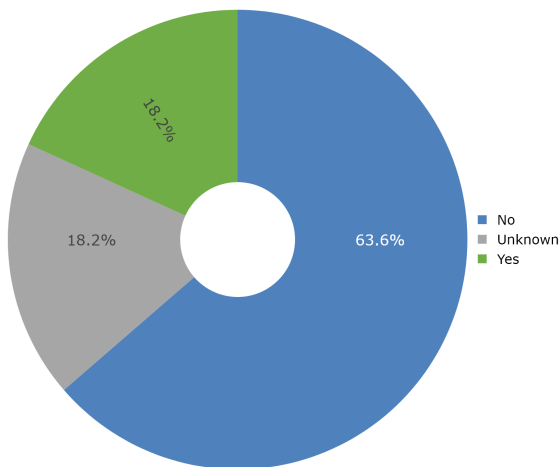


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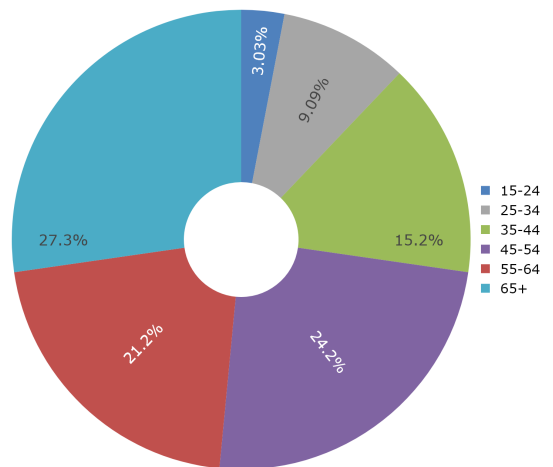


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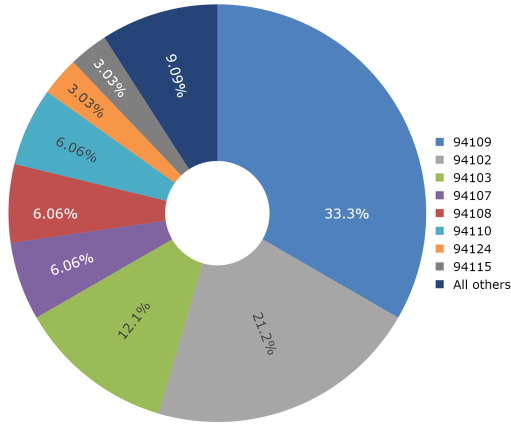


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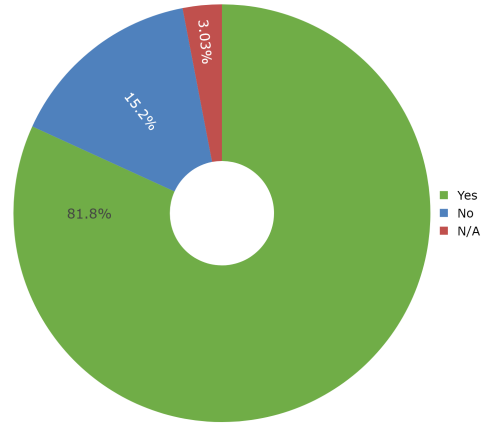


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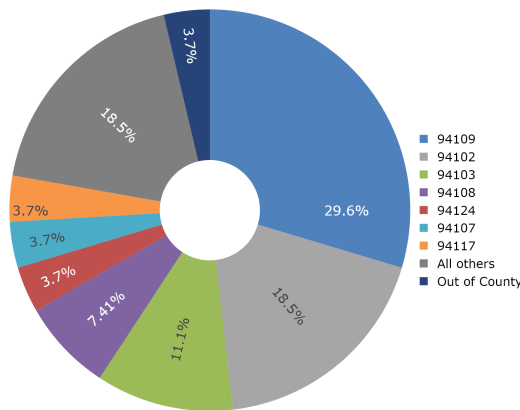
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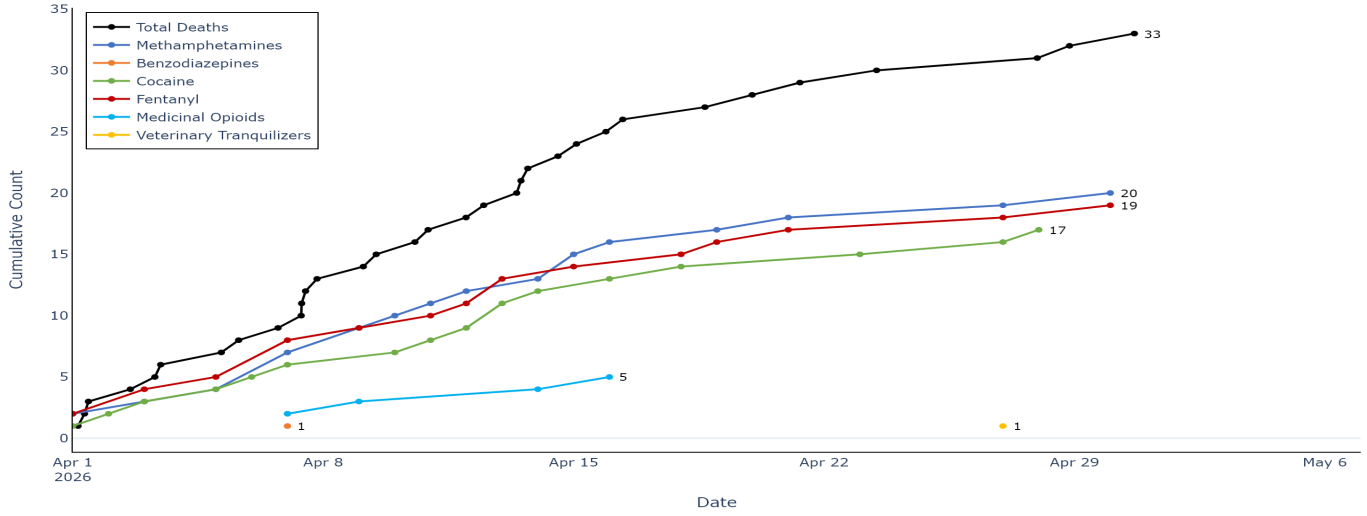
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