City & County of San Francisco
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October 23, 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 September 30, 2026. The number of accidental overdose deaths in this period was 399.

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

- Xylazine: 10
- Bromazolam: 5
- Fluoro Fentanyl: 4
- Medetomidine: 3
- Phenazolam: 2
- Ethyl Bromazolam: 2
- N-Propionitrile Chlorphine: 1
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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 20, 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,

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Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

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Enclosures: Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026

Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report for January - September 2026

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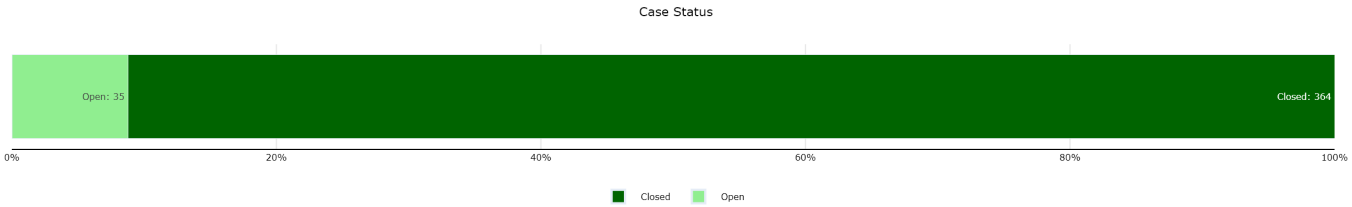

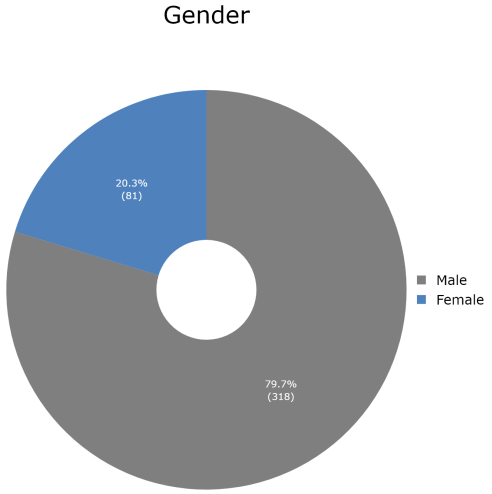

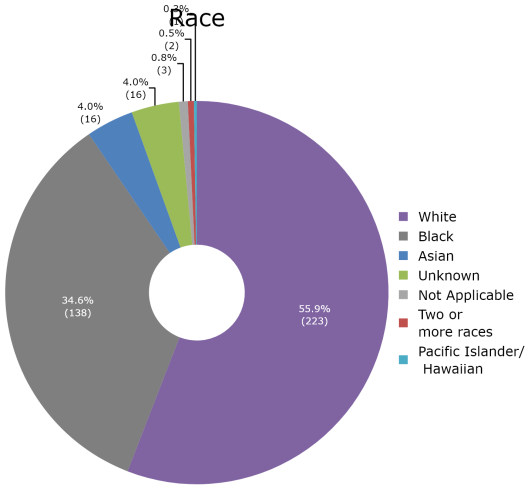

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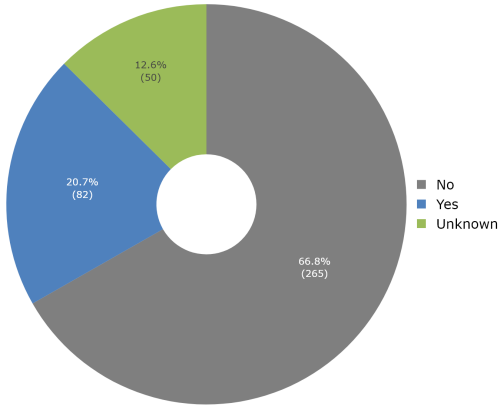

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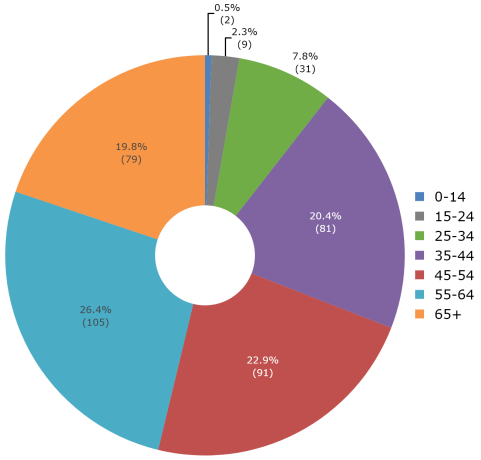

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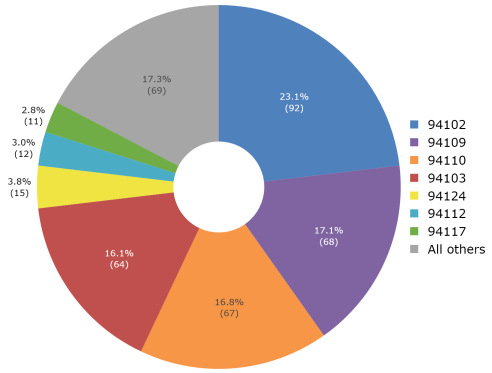

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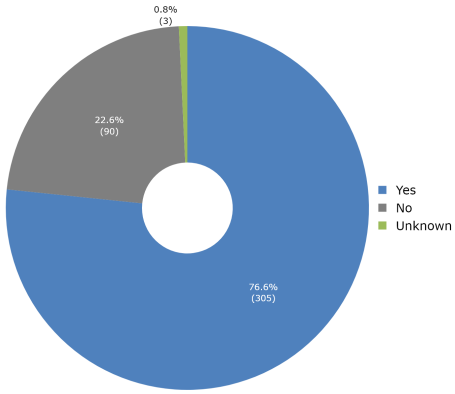

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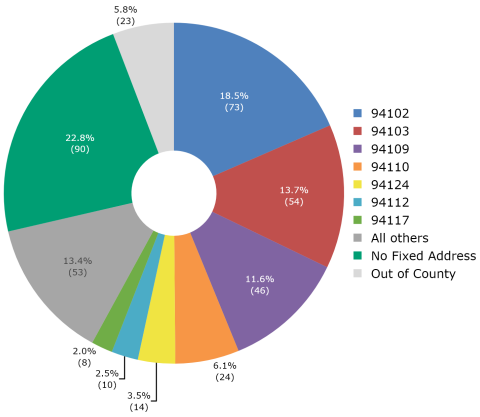

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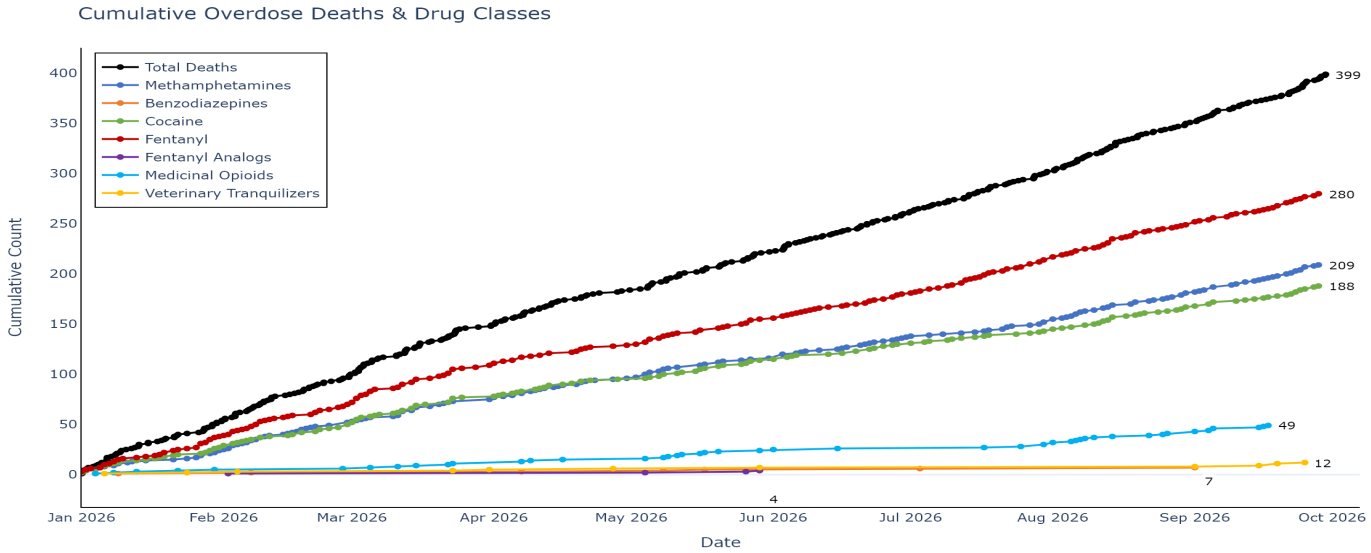

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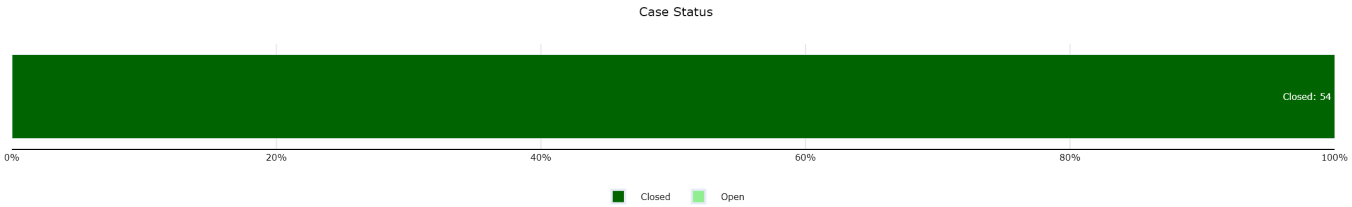

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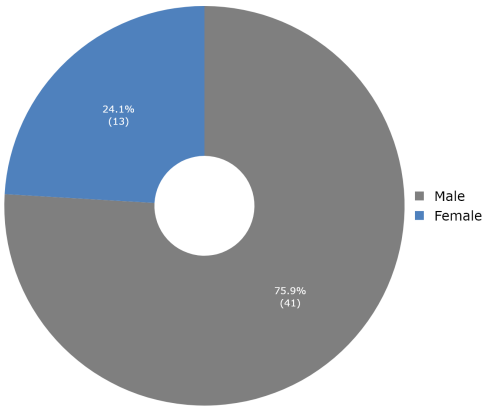

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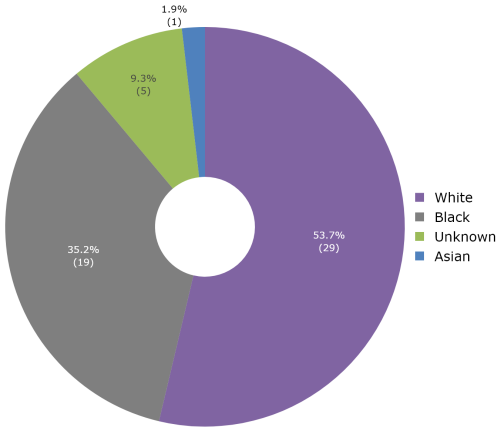

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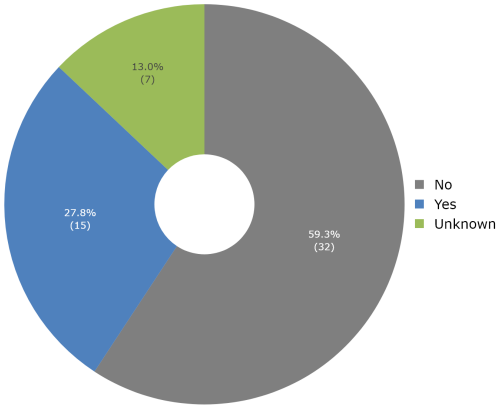

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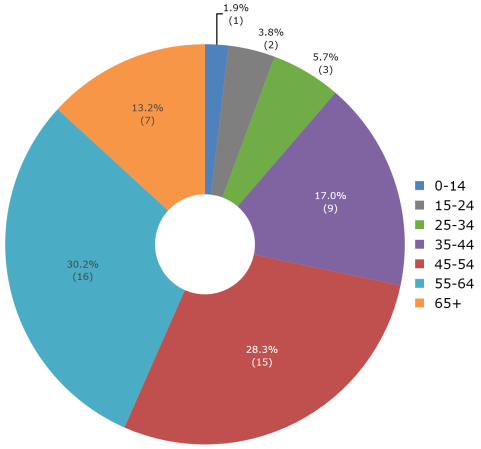

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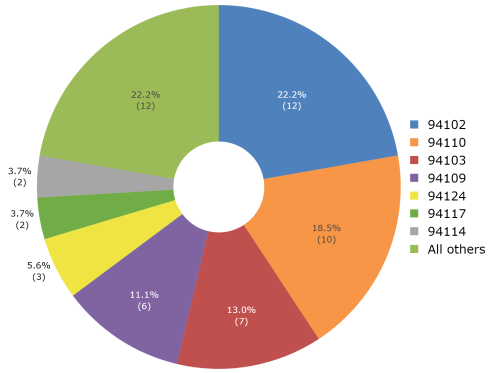

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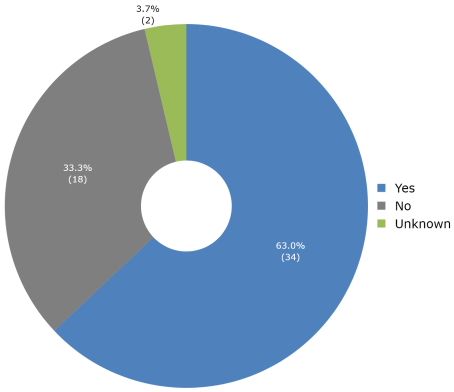

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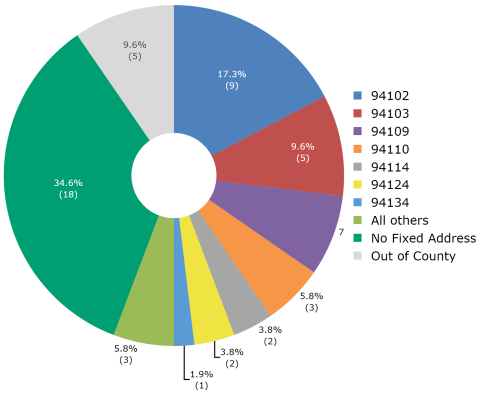

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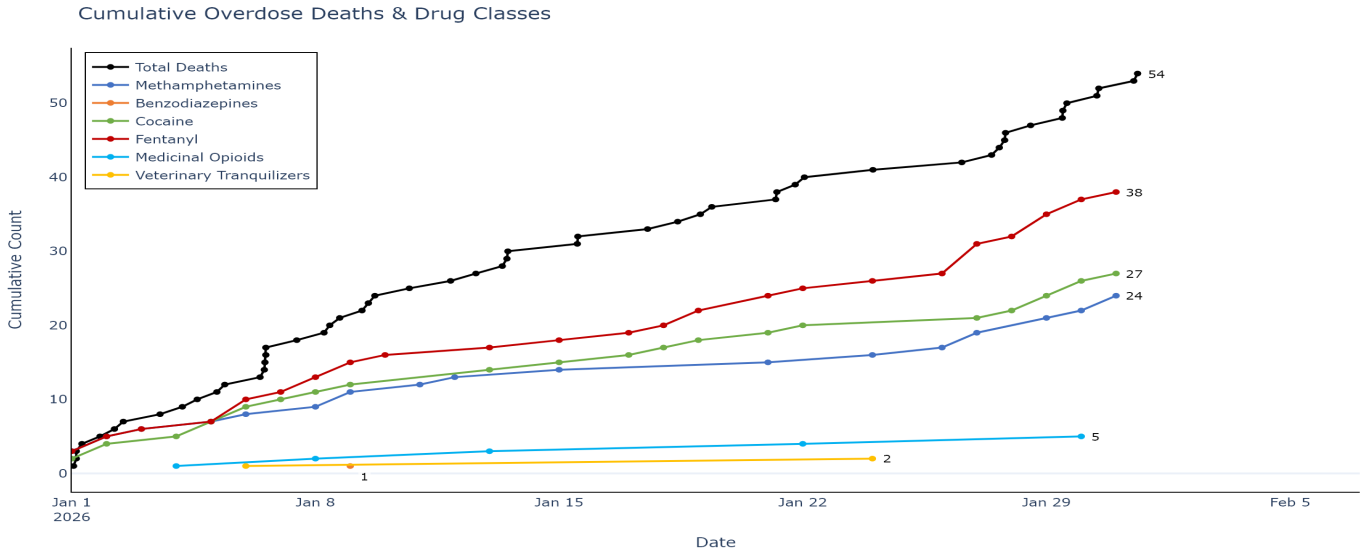

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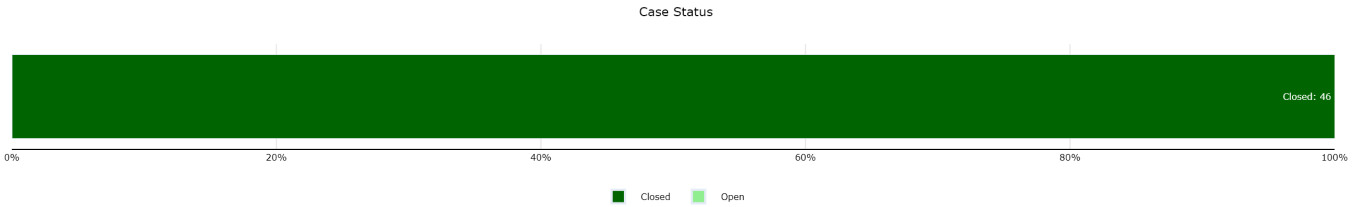

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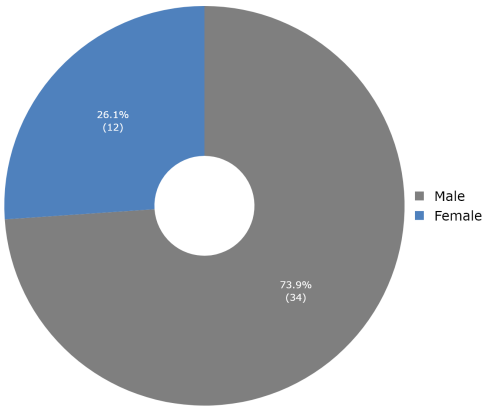

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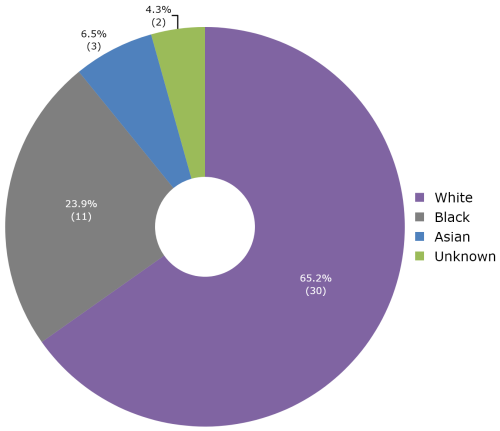

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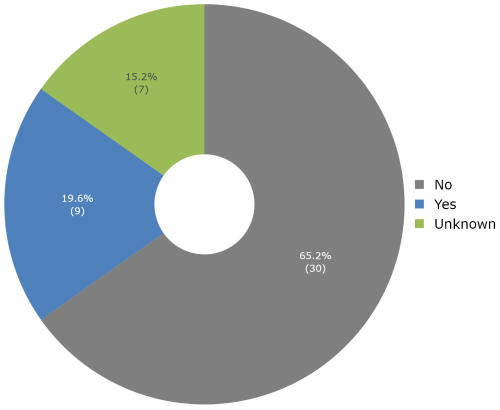

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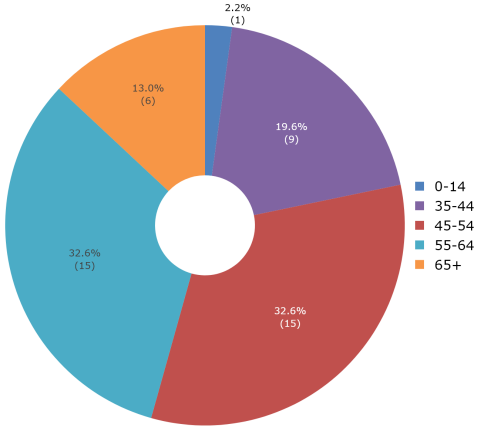

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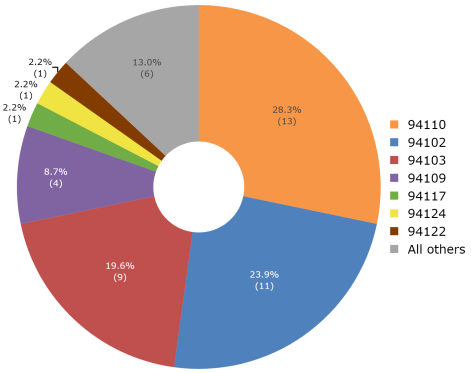

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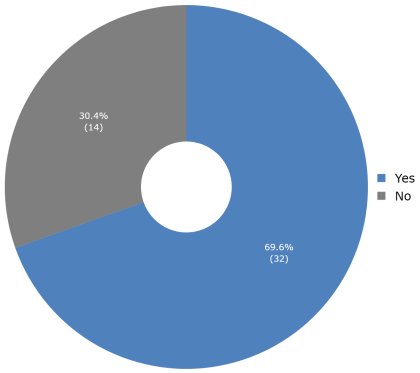

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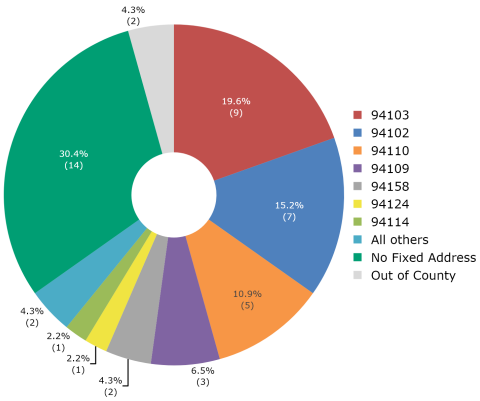

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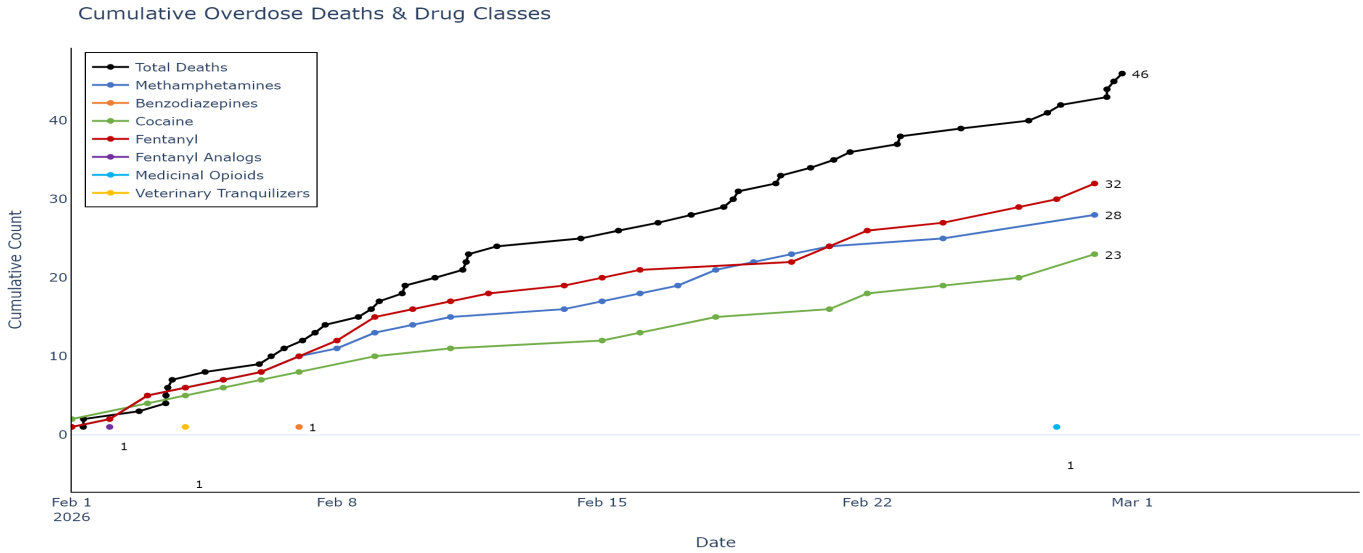

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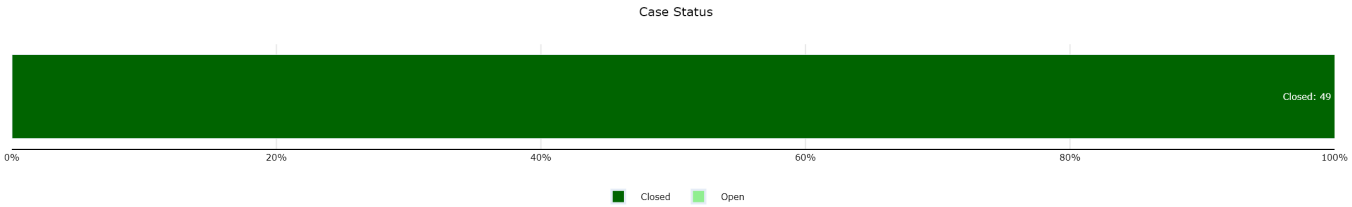

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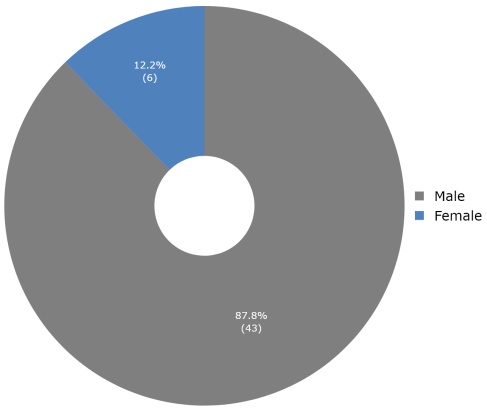

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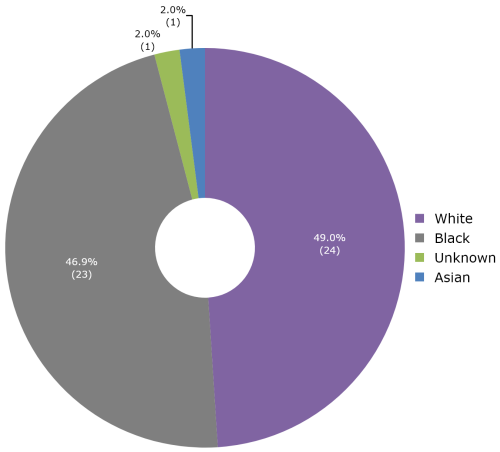

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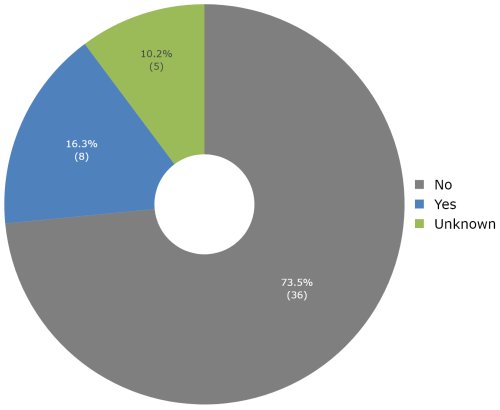

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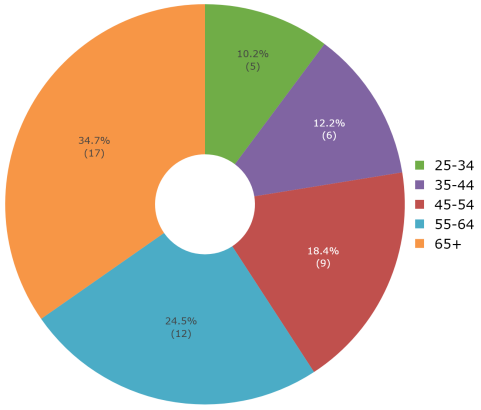

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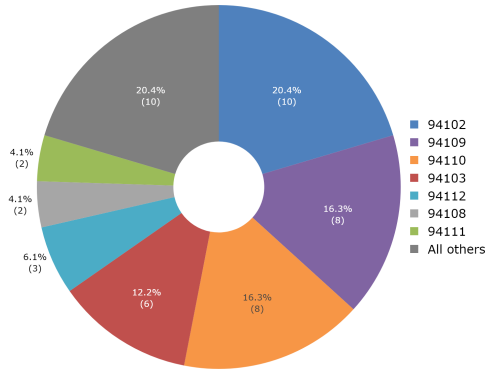

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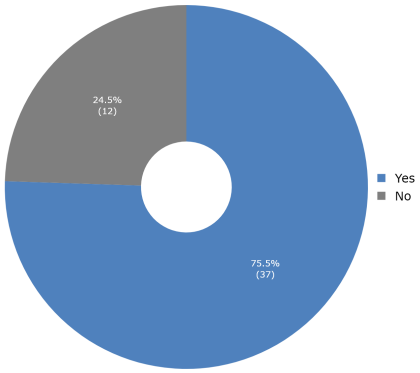

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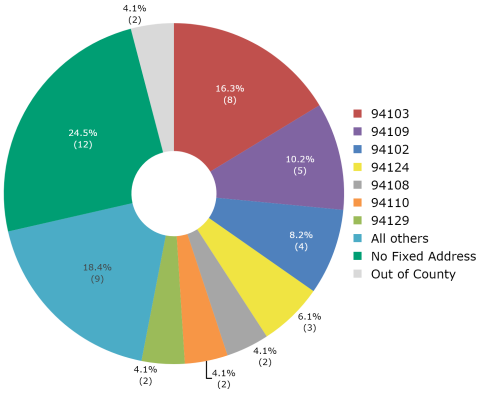

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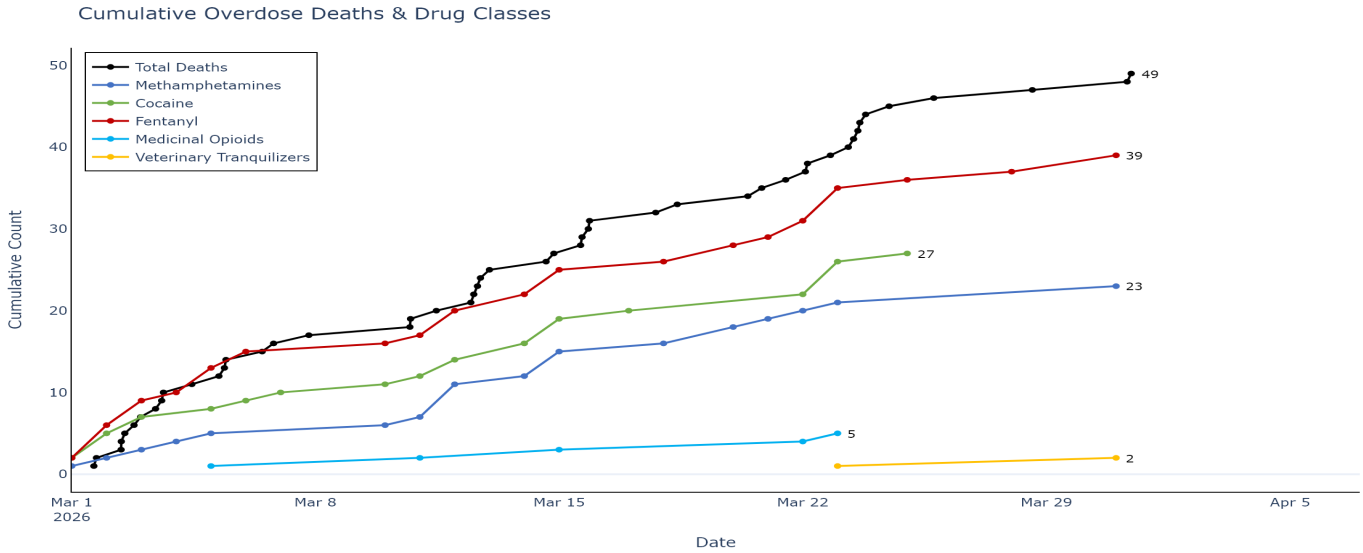

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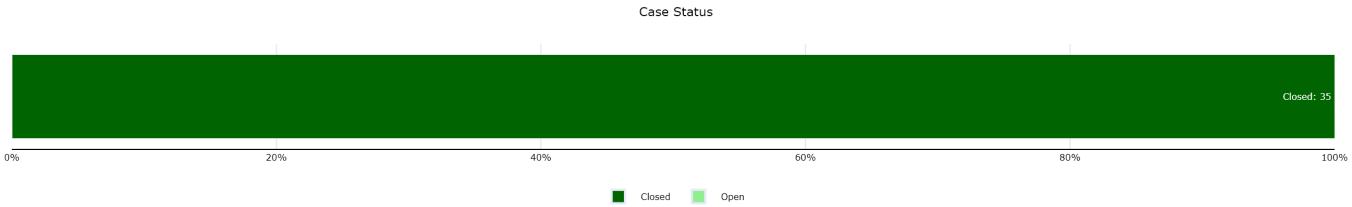

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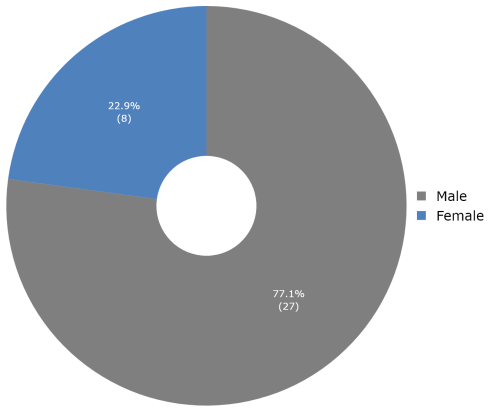

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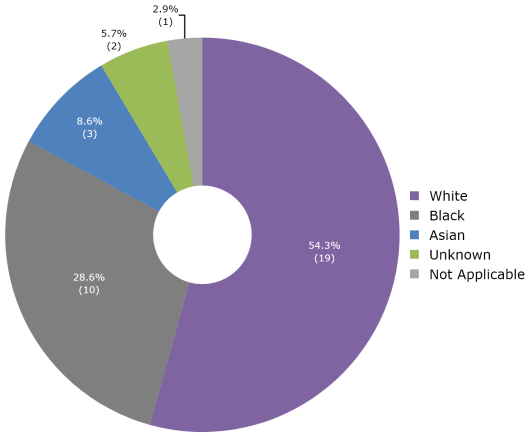

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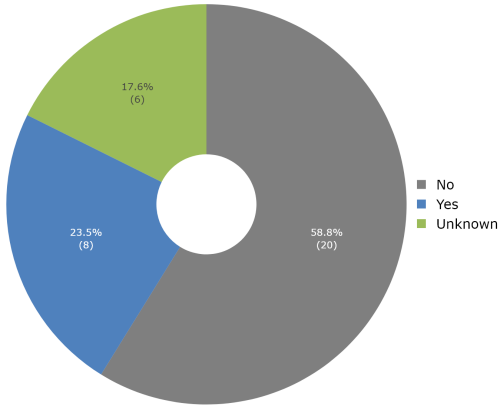

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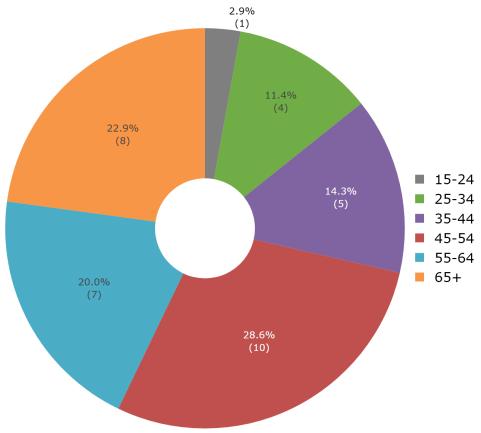

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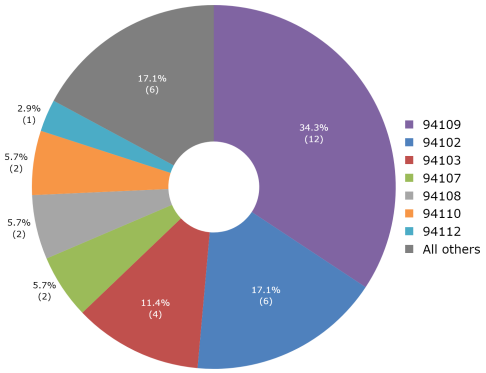

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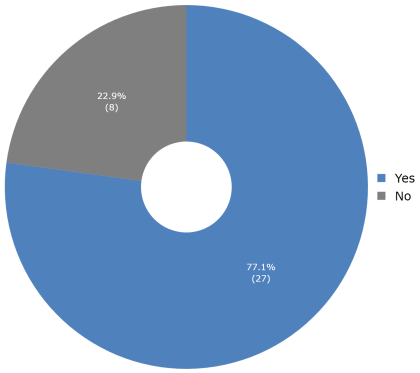

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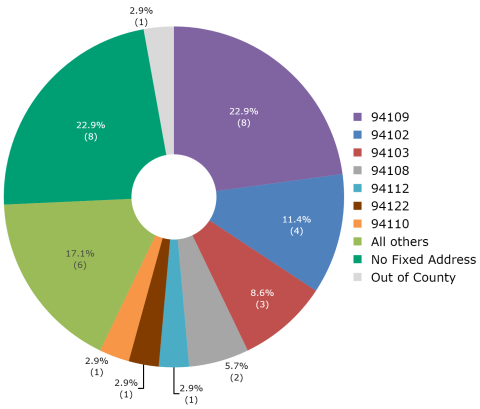

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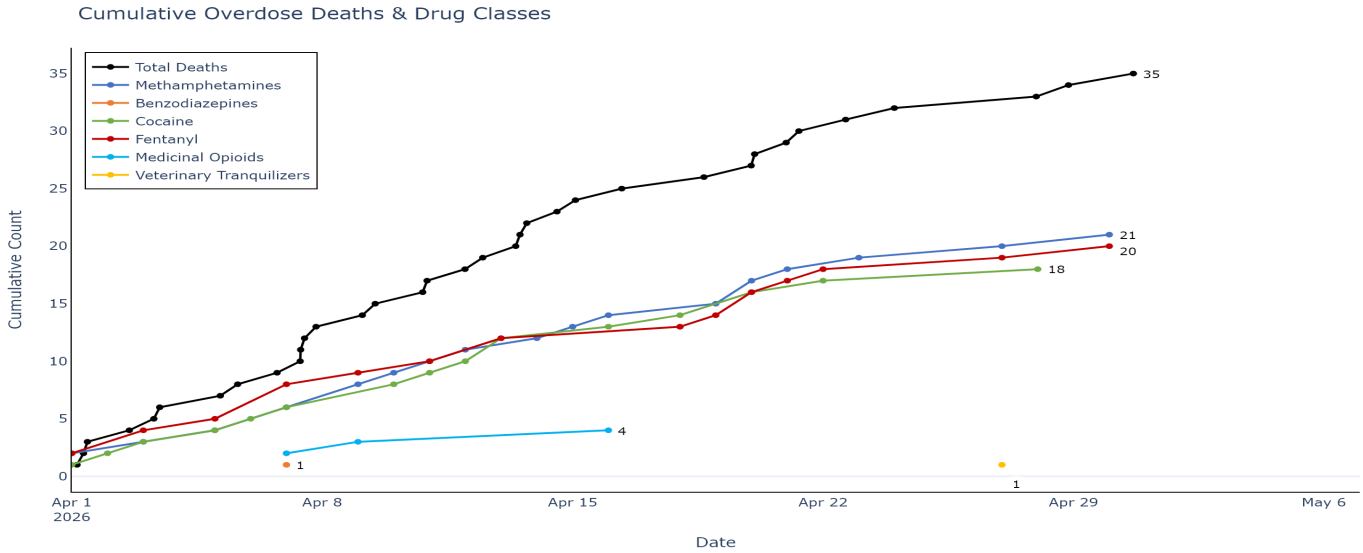

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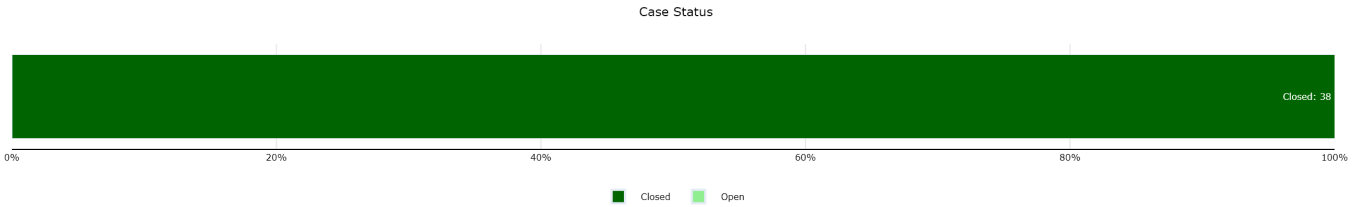

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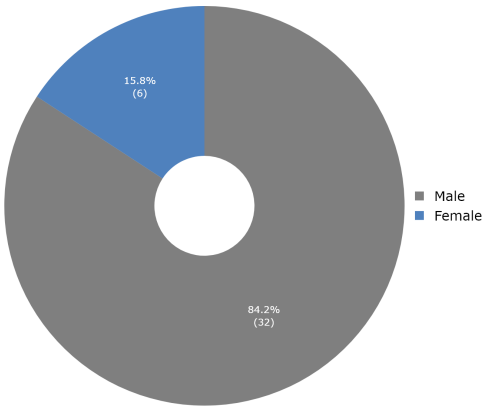

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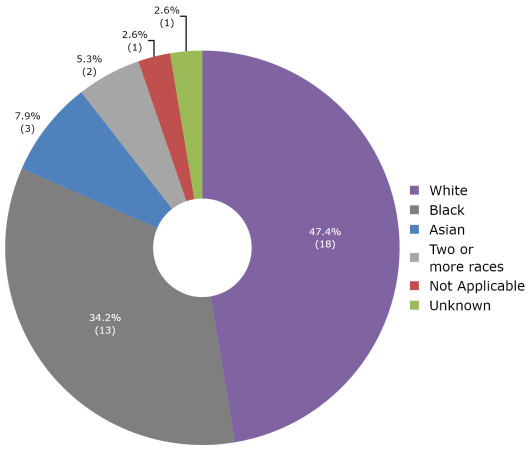

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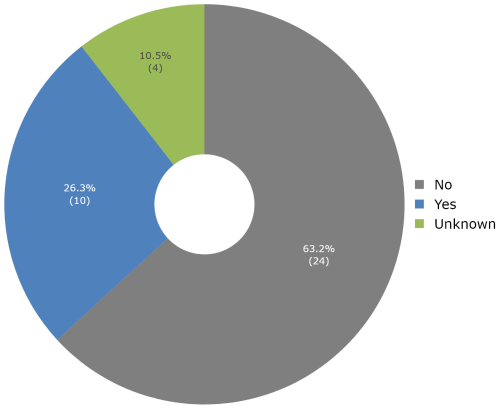

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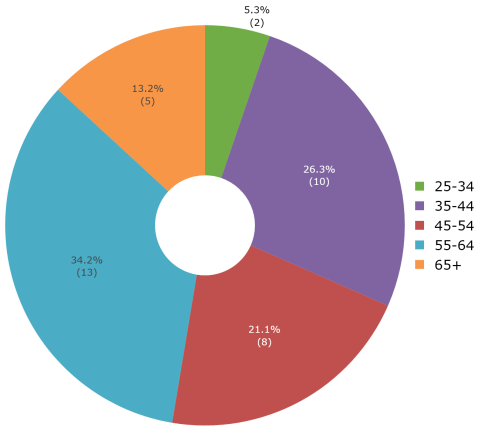

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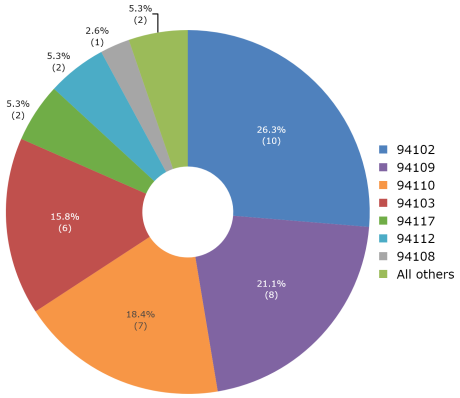

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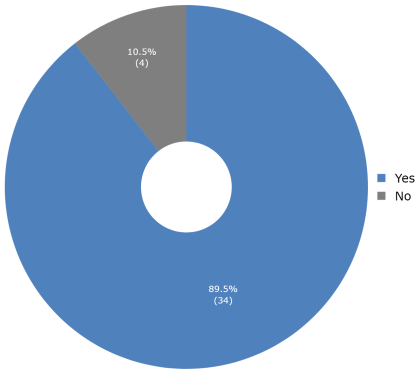

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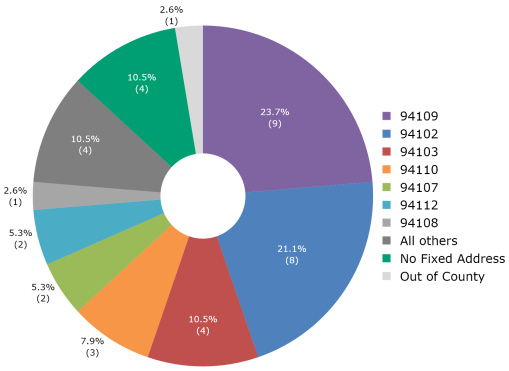

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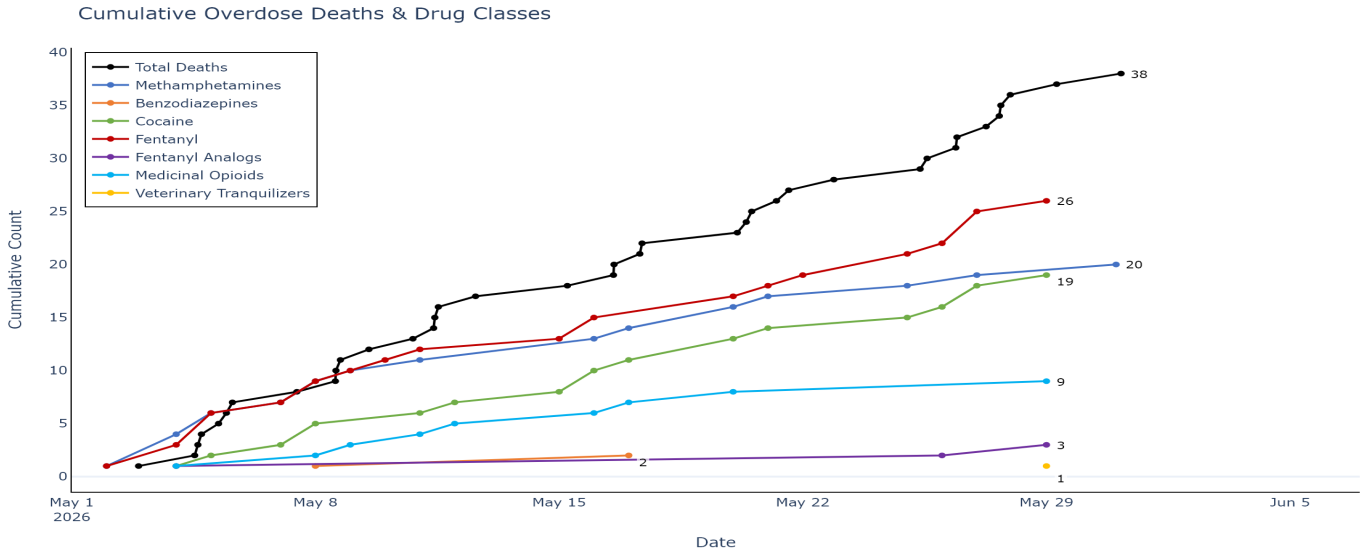

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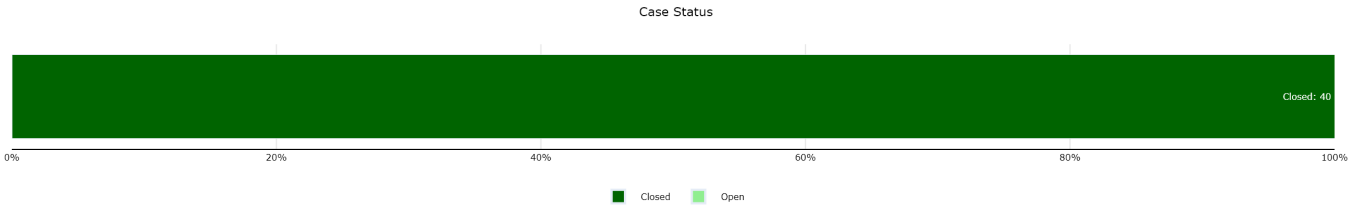

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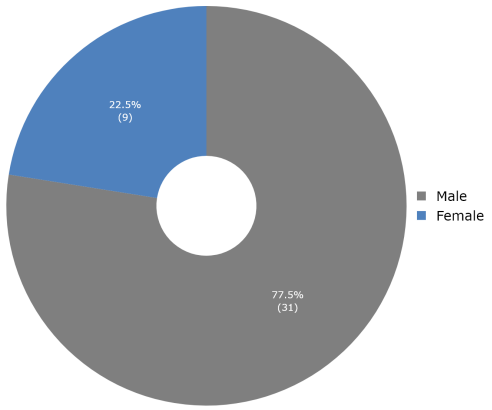

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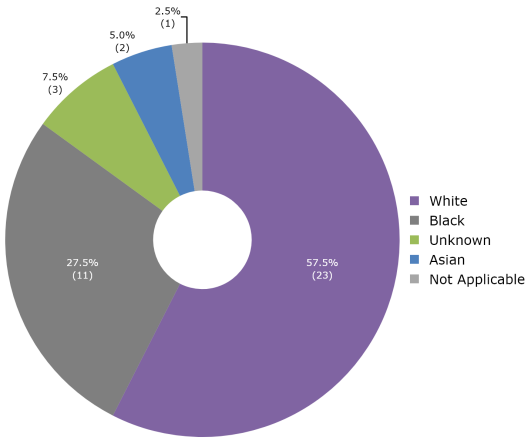

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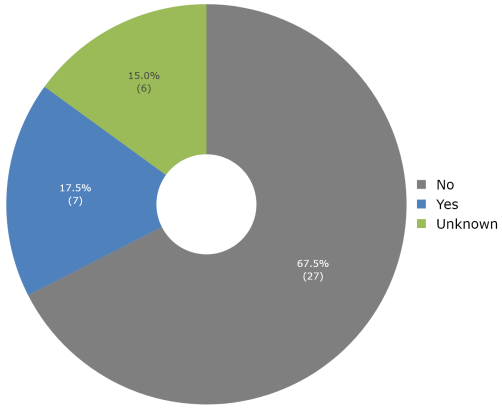

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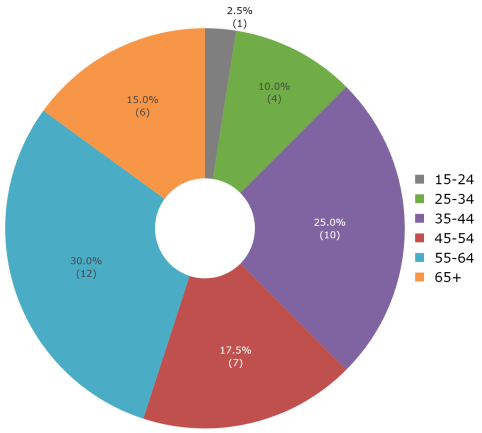

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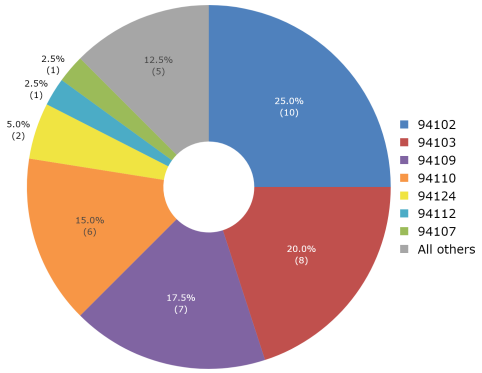

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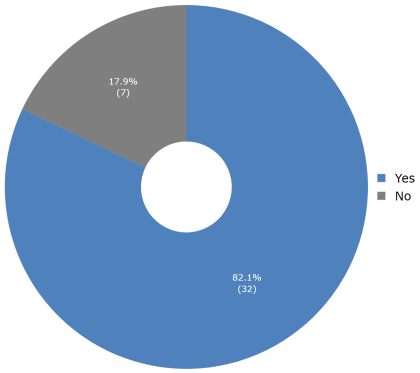

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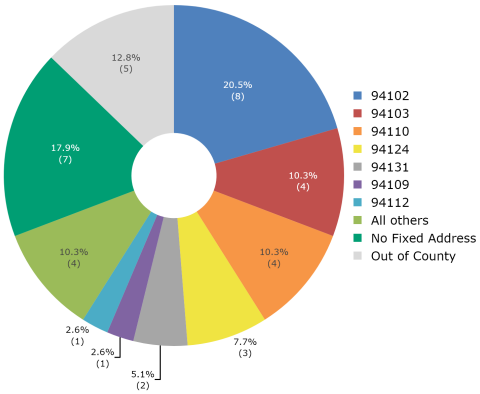

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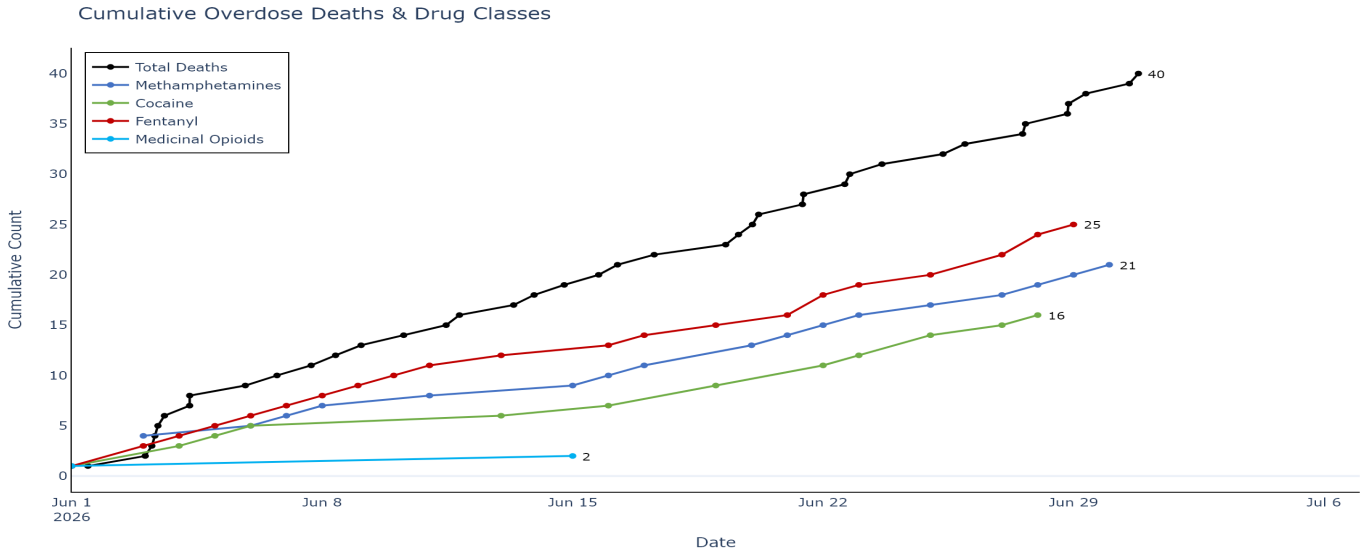

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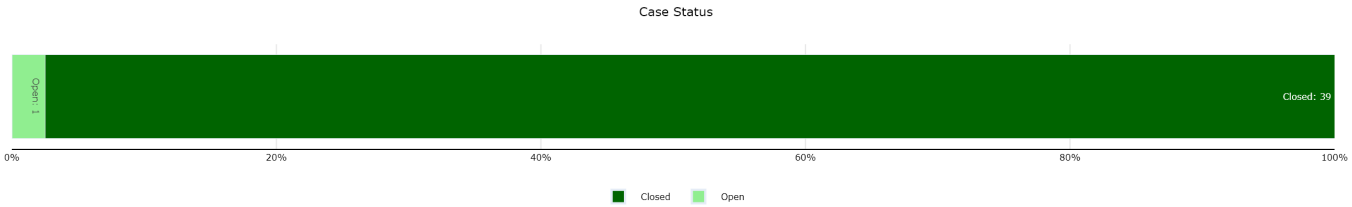

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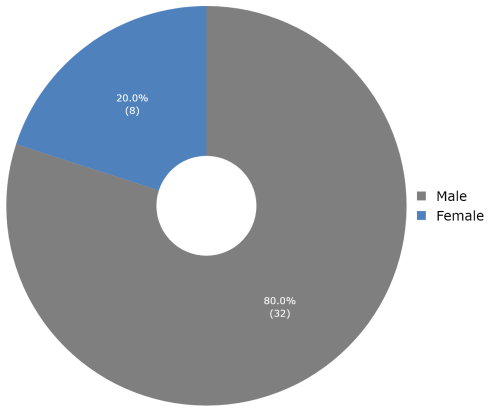

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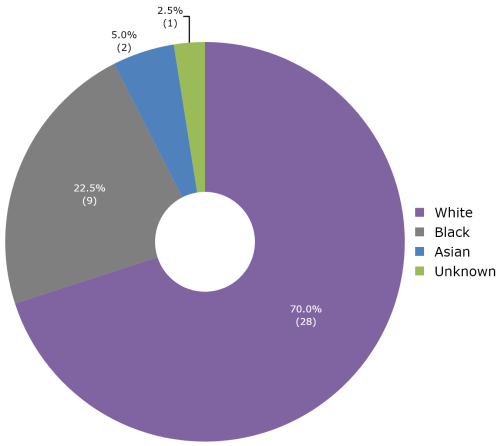

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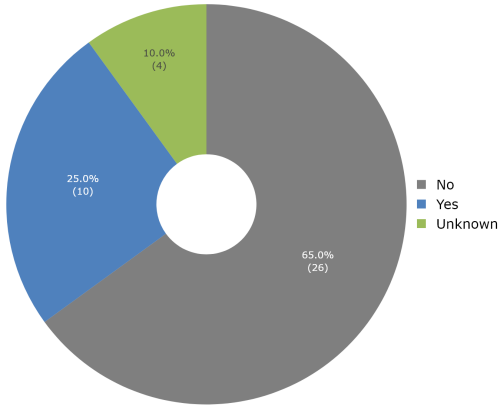

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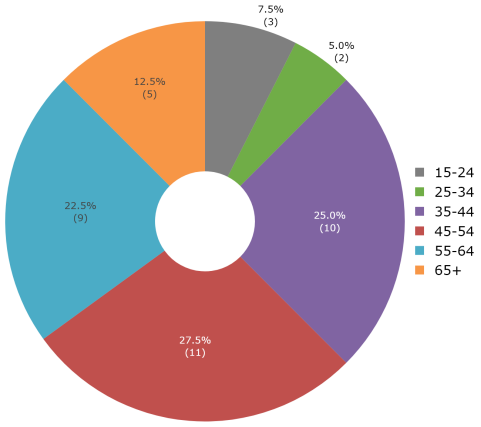

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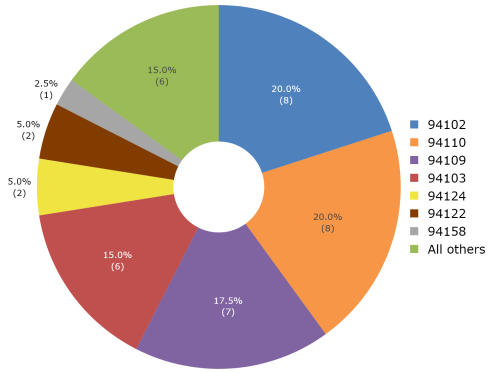

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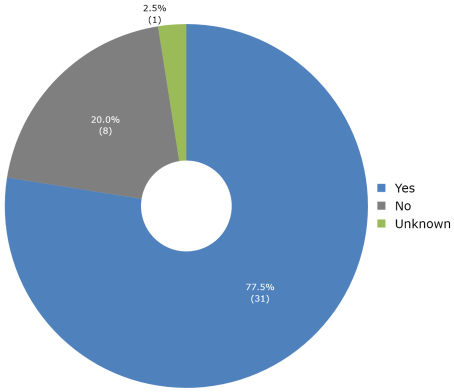

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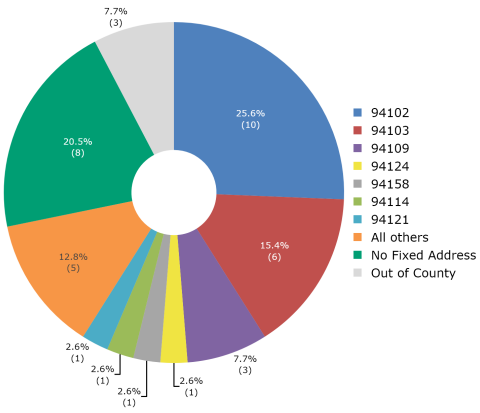

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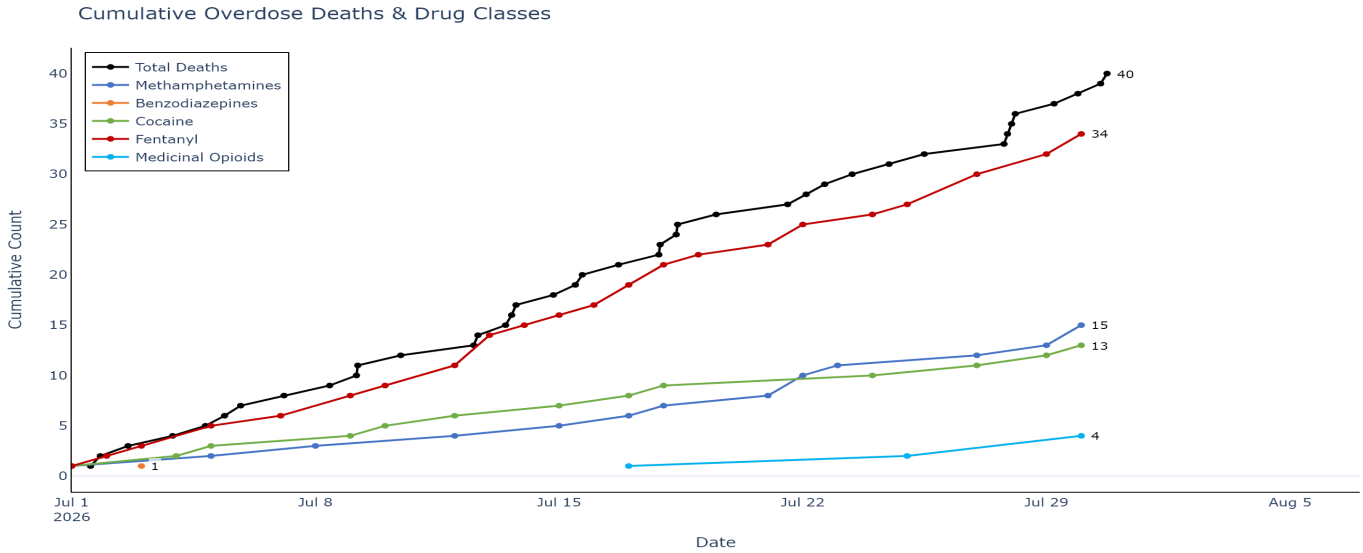

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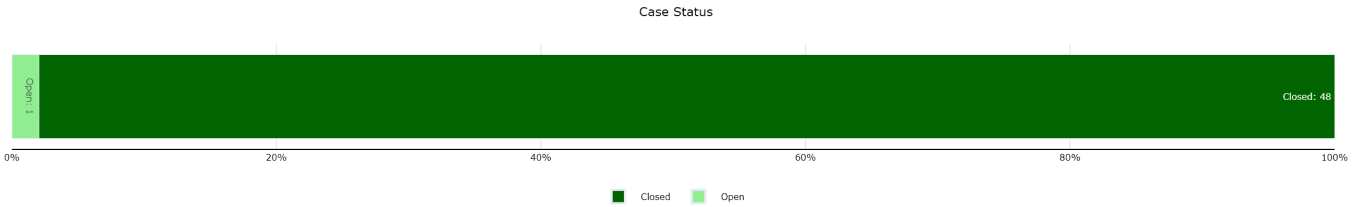

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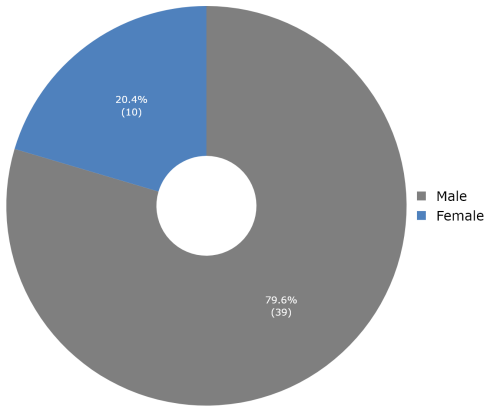

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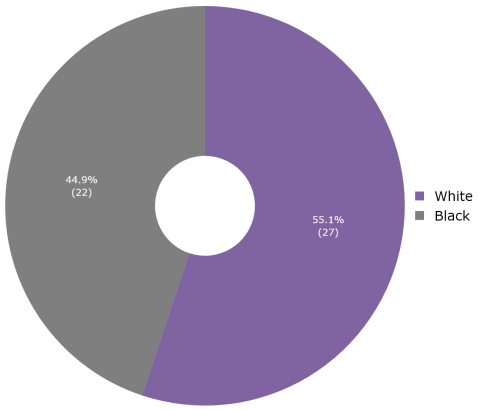

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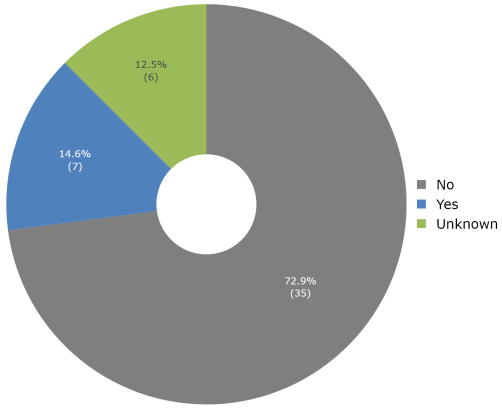

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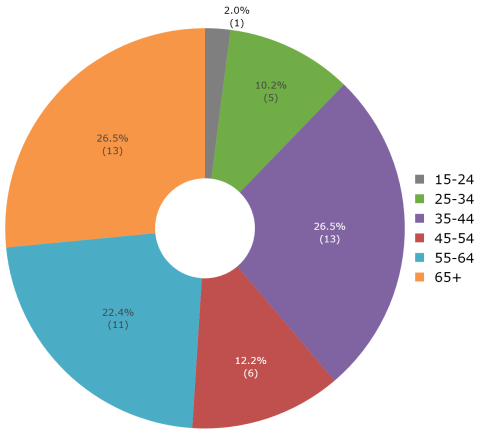

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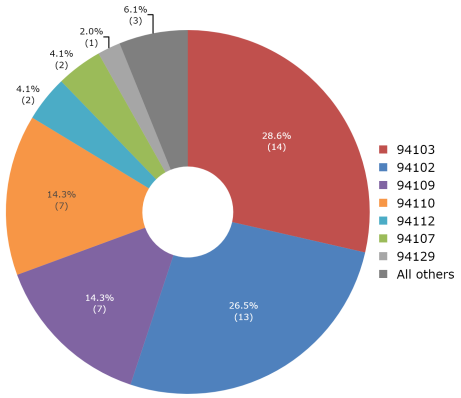

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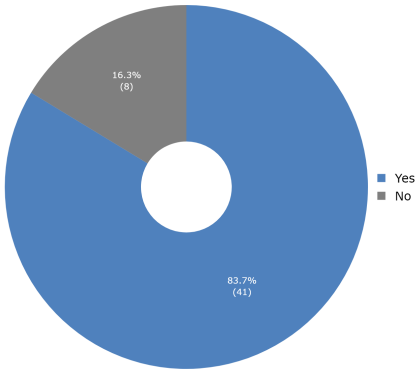

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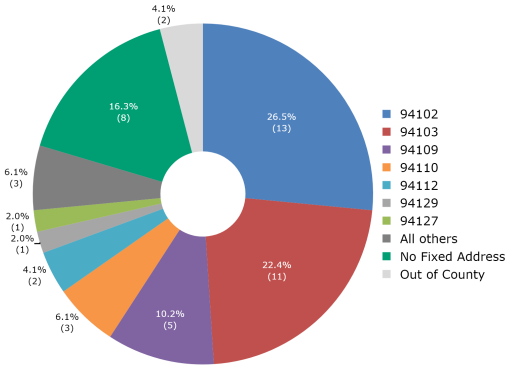

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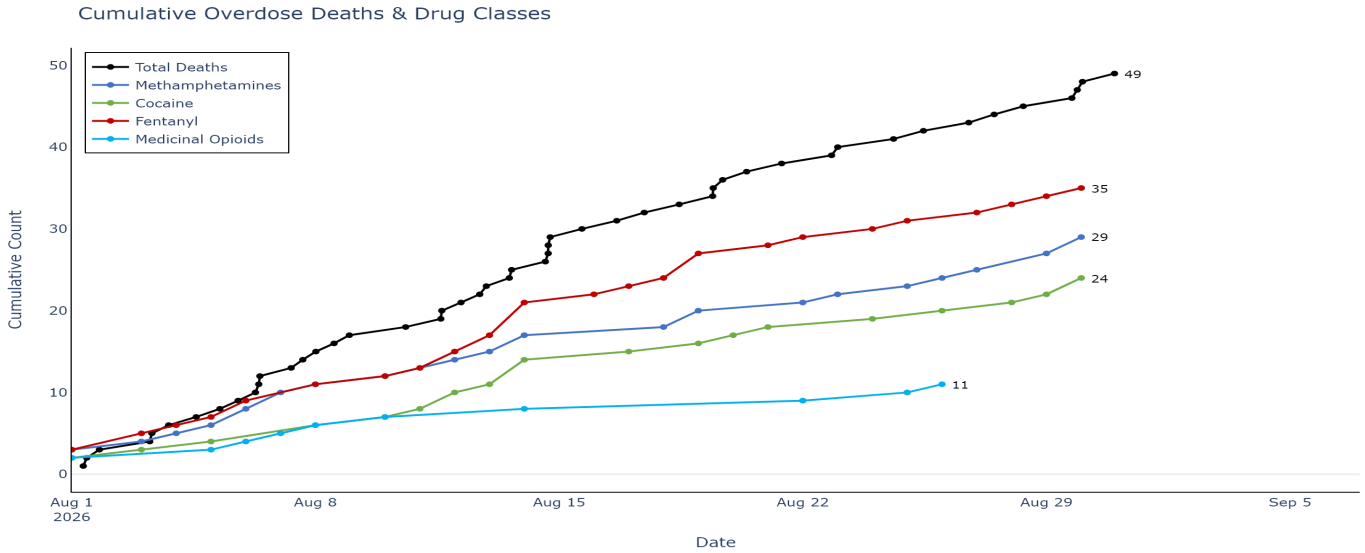

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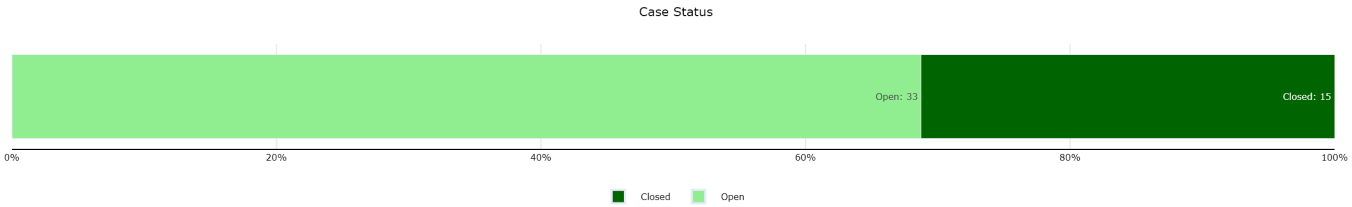

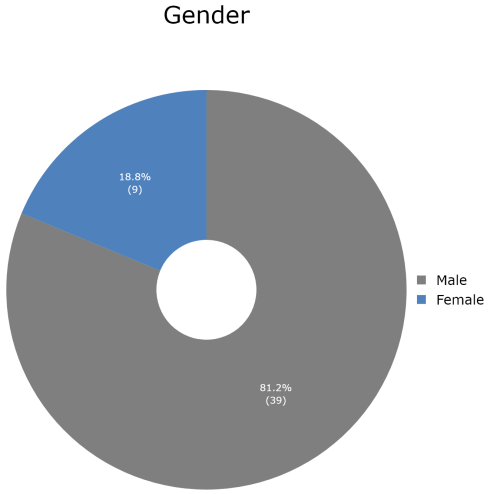

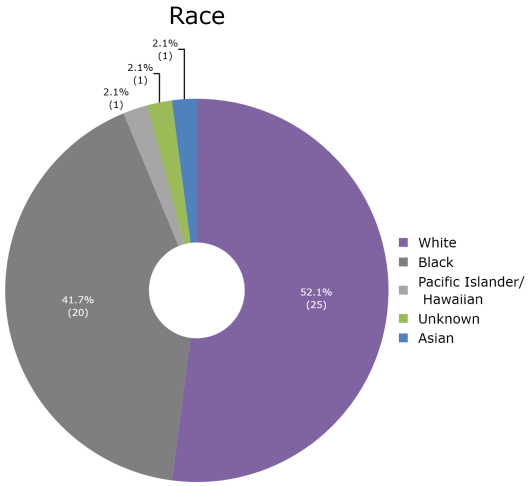

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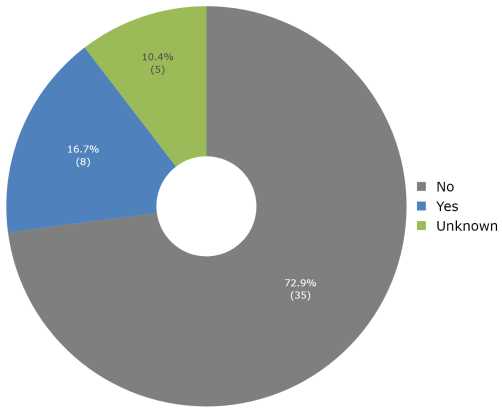

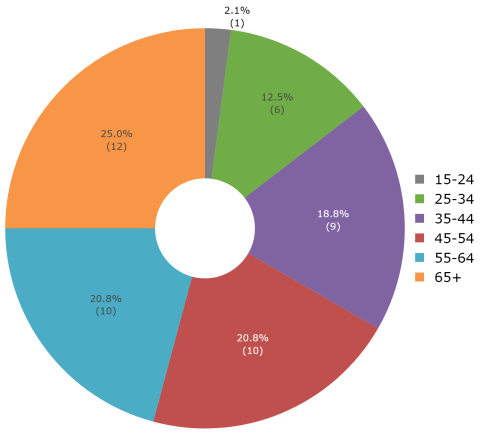

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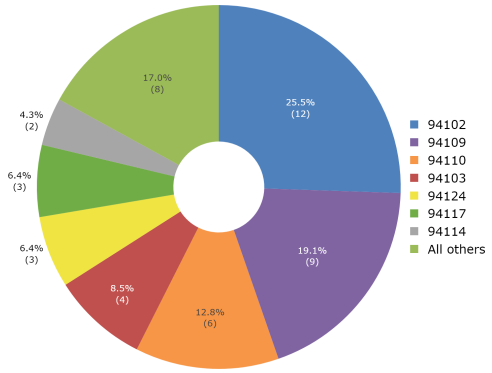

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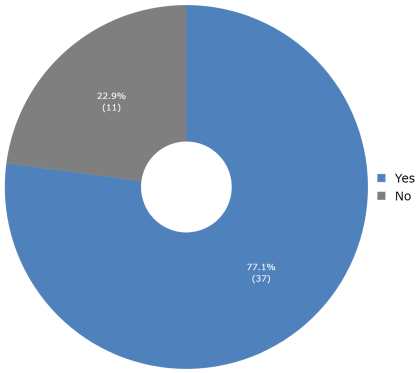
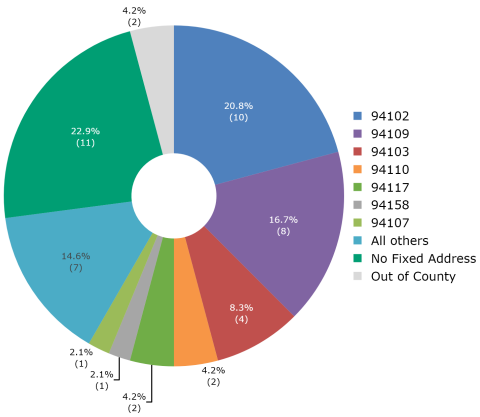


"Fixed Address" denotes a verifiable address associated with the decedent, which may indicate their residence; it is not intended to verify a decedent's legal domicile, which is a broader legal concept, pertaining to a person's permanent and primary residence for various legal matters.
"No Fixed Address" denotes a verifiable address associated with the decedent was unable to be determined (e.g., housing insecurity, multiple addresses in a short timeframe)
"Unknown Address" denotes the inability to identify any reliable address associated with the decedent, or information source

Fixed Address Location



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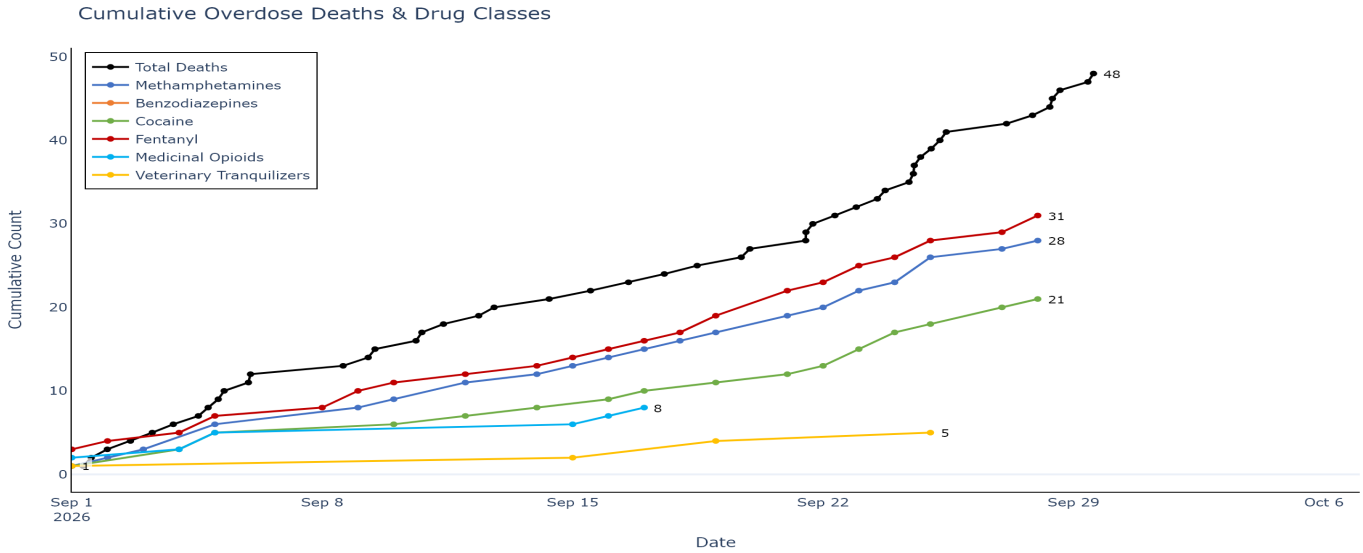

"Total Deaths" denotes Accidental Overdoses where one or more drugs contribute to the cause of death; however, every point for each drug series is inclusive, but not necessarily exclusive, of that drug. "Total Deaths" represents all accidental overdoses including ones for drugs not specified above.