Subject: Report on Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in March 2021 is 57.

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 April 16, 2021, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death. These reports are not intended to replace other death statistics within the City that rely on finalized death certificates.

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, and locations of residence and death.

Due to their significance in accidental overdose deaths, the reported drugs 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 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.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the City Administrator
enclosures: Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2021 through March 2021
Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2020 through December 2020
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as of April 16, 2021

JAN-MAR 2021

Gender
- 13% Female
- 87% Male

Race
- 1% Asian
- 28% Black
- 16% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 50% White
- 4% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 12% 15-24
- 35-34
- 19% 45-54
- 11% 55-64
- 1% 65+

Fixed Address
- 71% Yes (see residence)
- 27% No
- 2% Unknown

Residence
- 25% Tenderloin (94102)
- 19% SOMA (94103)
- 12% Inner Mission (94110)
- 1% Nob Hill (94109)
- 3% Others

Location of Death
- 21% Tenderloin (94102)
- 21% SOMA (94103)
- 18% Nob Hill (94109)
- 9% Inner Mission (94110)
- 19% Others

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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JANUARY 2021

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FEBRUARY 2021

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**as of April 16, 2021**

**JAN-DEC 2020**

**Gender**
- 19% Female
- 81% Male

**Race**
- 4% Asian
- 25% Black
- 17% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 49% White
- 5% Other/Unknown

**Age**
- 0% <15
- 16% 15-24
- 22% 25-34
- 29% 35-44
- 23% 45-54
- 25% 55-64
- 10% >65

**Fixed Address**
- 72% Yes (see residence)
- 27% No
- 2% Unknown

**Residence**
- 26% Tenderloin (94102)
- 16% SOMA (94103)
- 9% Nob Hill (94109)
- 7% Inner Mission (94110)
- 42% Others

**Location of Death**
- 23% Tenderloin (94102)
- 17% SOMA (94103)
- 16% Nob Hill (94109)
- 13% Inner Mission (94110)
- 31% Others

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JANUARY 2020

Gender

Female: 24%  Male: 76%

Race

- Asian: 3%
- Black: 26%
- Latinx: 11%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 50%
- Other/Unknown: 11%

Age

- 0% <15
- 21% 15-24
- 21% 25-34
- 21% 35-44
- 18% 45-54
- 24% 55-64
- 16% 65+

Fixed Address

- 79% Yes (see residence)
- 21% No
- 0% Unknown

Residence

- Tenderloin (94102): 27%
- SOMA (94103): 13%
- Ingleside (94112): 7%
- North Beach (94133): 7%
- Others: 47%

Location of Death

- Tenderloin (94102): 26%
- North Beach (94133): 8%
- Nob Hill (94109): 8%
- Inner Mission (94110): 16%
- Others: 42%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 69.84%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 30.16%

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FEBRUARY 2020

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- Female: 23%
- Male: 77%

Race
- Asian: 5%
- Black: 28%
- Latinx: 7%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 58%
- Other/Unknown: 2%

Age
- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 16%
- 25-34: 21%
- 35-44: 23%
- 45-54: 21%
- 55-64: 16%
- >=65: 9%

Fixed Address
- Yes (see residence): 65%
- No: 35%
- Unknown: 0%

Residence
- Tenderloin (94102): 32%
- SOMA (94103): 14%
- Inner Mission (94110): 11%
- Bayview (94124): 11%
- Others: 32%

Location of Death
- Tenderloin (94102): 35%
- SOMA (94103): 12%
- Inner Mission (94110): 12%
- Nob Hill (94109): 19%
- Others: 23%

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MARCH 2020

Gender
- Female: 18%
- Male: 82%

Race
- Asian: 2%
- Black: 25%
- Latinx: 18%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 47%
- Other/Unknown: 8%

Age
- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 31%
- 25-34: 16%
- 35-44: 16%
- 45-54: 8%
- 55-64: 27%
- >=65: 2%

Fixed Address
- Yes (see residence): 71%
- No: 27%
- Unknown: 2%

Residence
- Tenderloin (94102): 25%
- SOMA (94103): 24%
- Nob Hill (94109): 12%
- Inner Mission (94110): 10%
- Twin Peaks (94131): 13%
- Others: 27%

Location of Death
- Tenderloin (94102): 25%
- SOMA (94103): 24%
- Nob Hill (94109): 12%
- Inner Mission (94110): 10%
- Others: 27%

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MAY 2020

Gender

- Female: 12%
- Male: 88%

Race

- Asian: 4%
- Black: 26%
- Latinx: 16%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 52%
- Other/Unknown: 1%

Age

- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 14%
- 25-34: 28%
- 35-44: 28%
- 45-54: 14%
- 55-64: 15%
- >=65: 3%

Fixed Address

- Yes (see residence): 61%
- No: 39%
- Unknown: 0%

Residence

- Tenderloin (94102): 24%
- SOMA (94103): 29%
- Inner Mission (94110): 5%
- Lake Merced (94132): 7%
- Others: 36%

Location of Death

- Tenderloin (94102): 19%
- SOMA (94103): 25%
- Nob Hill (94109): 16%
- Inner Mission (94110): 16%
- Others: 25%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 51.75%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 48.25%

Other Causes: Acc. Overdoses Open: 61%
Other Causes: Acc. Overdoses Closed: 39%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 54%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 46%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 37%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 63%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 32%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 68%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 10%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 90%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 8%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 92%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 69%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 31%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 1%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 99%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 16%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 84%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 19%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 81%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 25%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 75%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 7%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 93%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 28%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 72%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 20%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 80%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 0%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 100%

Acc. Overdoses Open: 1%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 99%

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**JUNE 2020**

- **Gender**: 7% Female, 93% Male
- **Race**: 4% Asian, 18% Black, 26% Latinx, 0% Native American, 46% White, 6% Other/Unknown
- **Age**: 0% <15, 15-24: 8%, 25-34: 24%, 35-44: 24%, 45-54: 26%, 55-64: 10%, >65: 7%
- **Fixed Address**: 72% Yes (see residence), 26% No, 1% Unknown
- **Residence**: 29% Tenderloin (94102), 12% SOMA (94103), 8% Chinatown (94108), 12% Nob Hill (94109), 42% Others
- **Location of Death**: 24% Tenderloin (94102), 18% SOMA (94103), 18% Nob Hill (94109), 10% Inner Mission (94110), 31% Others

**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**

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JULY 2020

Gender
- Female: 22%
- Male: 78%

Race
- Asian: 0%
- Black: 32%
- Latinx: 14%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 46%
- Other/Unknown: 7%

Age
- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 1%
- 25-34: 2%
- 35-44: 23%
- 45-54: 14%
- >=65: 23%

Fixed Address
- Yes (see residence): 77%
- No: 23%
- Unknown: 0%

Residence
- Tenderloin (94102): 15%
- SOMA (94103): 15%
- Inner Mission (94110): 9%
- Nob Hill (94109): 13%
- Others: 43%

Location of Death
- Tenderloin (94102): 13%
- SOMA (94103): 16%
- Nob Hill (94109): 20%
- Inner Mission (94110): 18%
- Others: 38%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 54.61%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 1.32%
Other Causes: 44.08%

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AUGUST 2020

Gender
- 29% Female
- 71% Male

Race
- 4% Asian
- 27% Black
- 19% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 41% White
- 8% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 21% 15-24
- 23% 25-34
- 45% 35-44
- 8% 45-54
- 19% 55-64
- 4% 55-64

Fixed Address
- 75% Yes (see residence)
- 19% No
- 5% Unknown

Residence
- 24% Tenderloin (94102)
- 15% SOMA (94103)
- 13% Inner Mission (94110)
- 13% Nob Hill (94109)
- 36% Others

Location of Death
- 18% Tenderloin (94102)
- 12% SOMA (94103)
- 22% Nob Hill (94109)
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- 30% Others

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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OCTOBER 2020

Gender
- 24% Female
- 76% Male

Race
- 5% Asian
- 18% Black
- 12% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 61% White
- 5% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 18% 15-24
- 35-44
- 24% 25-34
- 24% 45-54
- 6% >65

Fixed Address
- 74% Yes (see residence)
- 18% No
- 8% Unknown

Residence
- 27% Tenderloin (94102)
- 18% SOMA (94103)
- 6% Inner Mission (94110)
- 6% Western Addition (94115)
- 43% Others

Location of Death
- 26% Tenderloin (94102)
- 18% SOMA (94103)
- 11% Nob Hill (94109)
- 15% Inner Mission (94110)
- 30% Others

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**NOVEMBER 2020**

- **Gender**: 11% Female, 89% Male
- **Race**: 4% Asian, 23% Black, 16% Latinx, 0% Native American, 50% White, 7% Other/Unknown
- **Age**: 14% <15, 16% 15-24, 21% 25-34, 21% 35-44, 14% 45-54, 20% 55-64, 29% 65+

- **Fixed Address**: 66% Yes (see residence), 34% No, 0% Unknown
- **Residence**: 32% Tenderloin (94102), 11% SOMA (94103), 11% Nob Hill (94109), 8% North Beach (94133), 38% Others

- **Location of Death**: 21% Tenderloin (94102), 16% SOMA (94103), 20% Nob Hill (94109), 13% Inner Mission (94110), 30% Others

**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**

- **Total Deaths**: 56
- **Fentanyl**: 40
- **Heroin**: 34
- **Medicinal Opioids**: 13
- **Methamphetamine**: 7
- **Cocaine**: 7

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DECEMBER 2020

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