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Subject: Report on 2020 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2020 was 725.

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. 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.

Closed casework included any drug-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the City Administrator
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Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report

JANUARY 2020

Gender
- 23% Female
- 77% Male

Race
- 3% Asian
- 26% Black
- 13% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 49% White
- 10% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 21% 15-24
- 18% 25-34
- 23% 35-44
- 15% 45-54
- 23% 55-64
- 0% >=65

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

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

Location of Death
- 26% Tenderloin (94102)
- 8% North Beach (94133)
- 8% Nob Hill (94109)
- 18% Inner Mission (94110)
- 41% Others

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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%
- >=65: 27%

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

Residence
- Tenderloin (94102): 17%
- SOMA (94103): 28%
- Inner Mission (94110): 8%
- Twin Peaks (94131): 8%
- Others: 39%

Location of Death
- Tenderloin (94102): 25%
- SOMA (94103): 24%
- Nob Hill (94109): 12%
- Inner Mission (94110): 10%
- Others: 29%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 0.00%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 100.00%

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APRIL 2020

Gender
- Female: 10
- Male: 41

Race
- Asian: 27
- Black: 10
- Latinx: 10
- Native American: 4
- White: 14
- Other/Unknown: 16

Age
- <15: 1
- 15-24: 11
- 25-34: 14
- 35-44: 11
- 45-54: 7
- 55-64: 5
- >=65: 3

Race
- Asian: 8%
- Black: 20%
- Latinx: 20%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 53%
- Other/Unknown: 0%

Gender
- Female: 20%
- Male: 80%

Residence
- Tenderloin (94102): 41%
- Nob Hill (94109): 11%
- Haight-Ashbury (94117): 11%
- Inner Mission (94110): 26%
- Others: 3%

Location of Death
- Tenderloin (94102): 31%
- SOMA (94103): 14%
- Nob Hill (94109): 24%
- Inner Mission (94110): 14%
- Others: 18%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 0.00%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 100.00%

Accidental Overdoses Open: 51%
Accidental Overdoses Closed: 49%

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Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report

**MAY 2020**

- **Gender:**
  - 8Female
  - 62Male
  - 11% Female
  - 89% Male

- **Race:**
  - 4% Asian
  - 26% Black
  - 16% Latinx
  - 1% Native American
  - 51% White
  - 3% Other/Unknown

- **Age:**
  - 0% <15
  - 14% 15-24
  - 29% 25-34
  - 29% 35-44
  - 7% 45-54
  - 3% >=65

- **Fixed Address:**
  - 27Yes (see residence)
  - 43No
  - 61% Yes (see residence)
  - 39% No
  - 0% Unknown

- **Residence:**
  - 23% Tenderloin (94102)
  - 28% SOMA (94103)
  - 5% Inner Mission (94110)
  - 7% Lake Merced (94132)
  - 37% Others

- **Location of Death:**
  - 19% Tenderloin (94102)
  - 24% SOMA (94103)
  - 16% Nob Hill (94109)
  - 16% Inner Mission (94110)
  - 26% Others

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**Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report**

**JUNE 2020**

**Gender**
- 7% Female
- 93% Male

**Race**
- 4% Asian
- 19% Black
- 26% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 45% White
- 5% Other/Unknown

**Age**
- 0% <15
- 8% 25-34
- 26% 45-54
- 26% 55-64
- 10% >=65

**Fixed Address**
- 67% Yes (see residence)
- 32% No
- 1% Unknown

**Residence**
- 27% Tenderloin (94102)
- 12% SOMA (94103)
- 10% Chinatown (94108)
- 43% Others

**Location of Death**
- 25% Tenderloin (94102)
- 18% SOMA (94103)
- 16% Nob Hill (94109)
- 11% Inner Mission (94110)
- 30% Others

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**JULY 2020**

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AUGUST 2020

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SEPTEMBER 2020

- **Gender**
  - 8% Female
  - 92% Male

- **Race**
  - 6% Asian
  - 26% Black
  - 23% Latinx
  - 3% Native American
  - 38% White
  - 6% Other/Unknown

- **Age**
  - 0% <15
  - 15% 15-24
  - 25% 25-34
  - 14% 35-44
  - 8% 45-54
  - 25% 55-64

- **Fixed Address**
  - 82% Yes (see residence)
  - 17% No
  - 1% Unknown

- **Residence**
  - 23% Tenderloin (94102)
  - 9% SOMA (94103)
  - 8% Ingleside (94112)
  - 17% Nob Hill (94109)
  - 43% Others

- **Location of Death**
  - 25% Tenderloin (94102)
  - 14% SOMA (94103)
  - 18% Ingleside (94112)
  - 8% Nob Hill (94109)
  - 35% Inner Mission (94110)
  - 6% Others

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OCTOBER 2020

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NOVEMBER 2020

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Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report

DECEMBER 2020

Gender
- 20% Female
- 80% Male

Race
- 5% Asian
- 28% Black
- 17% Latinx
- 2% Native American
- 44% White
- 5% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 19% 25-34
- 31% 45-54
- 9% >=65

Fixed Address
- 81% Yes (see residence)
- 17% No
- 2% Unknown

Residence
- 23% Tenderloin (94102)
- 17% SOMA (94103)
- 8% Sunset (94122)
- 10% Nob Hill (94109)
- 42% Others

Location of Death
- 22% Tenderloin (94102)
- 19% SOMA (94103)
- 13% Nob Hill (94109)
- 13% Inner Mission (94110)
- 34% Others

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