September 25, 2023

Subject: Report on 2022 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2022 was 649.

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 and alcohol-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the City Administrator

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**JAN-DEC 2022**

**Gender**
- Female: 20.3%
- Male: 79.2%
- Non-Binary: 0.5%

**Race**
- Asian: 4%
- Black: 28%
- Latinx: 15%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 47%
- Other/Unknown: 7%

**Age**
- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 15%
- 25-34: 23%
- 35-44: 20%
- 45-54: 29%
- 55-64: 29%
- >=65: 29%

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**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**
- **Total Deaths**
- **Fentanyl**
- **Heroin**
- **Medicinal Opioids**
- **Methamphetamine**
- **Cocaine**

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**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**

- **Total Deaths**: 52
- **Fentanyl**: 35
- **Heroin**: 21
- **Medicinal Opioids**: 27
- **Methamphetamine**: 8
- **Cocaine**: 6

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MARCH 2022

**Gender**
- Female: 20%
- Male: 78%
- Non-Binary: 2%

**Race**
- Asian: 2%
- Black: 24%
- Latinx: 12%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 61%
- Other/Unknown: 0%

**Age**
- <15: 10%
- 15-24: 24%
- 25-34: 78%
- 35-44: 33%
- 45-54: 13%
- 55-64: 13%
- >=65: 7%
- Unknown: 23%

**Fixed Address**
- Yes*: 73%
- No: 22%
- Unknown: 5%

**Fixed Address Location**
- Tenderloin (94102): 33%
- SOMA (94103): 13%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 13%
- Inner Mission (94110): 7%
- Others (SF Location): 23%
- Others (non-SF Location): 10%

**Death Location**
- Tenderloin (94102): 29%
- SOMA (94103): 12%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 15%
- Haight-Ashbury (94112): 4%
- Inner Mission (94110): 12%
- Others: 32%

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AUGUST 2022

**Gender**
- 20% Female
- 80% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

**Race**
- 2% Asian
- 38% Black
- 14% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 42% White
- 4% Other/Unknown

**Race**
- 0% <15
- 16% 15-24
- 16% 25-34
- 24% 35-44
- 22% 45-54
- 20% 55-64
- 0% >=65

**Age**
- 17% <15
- 20% 15-24
- 11% 25-34
- 14% 35-44
- 31% 45-54
- 6% 55-64
- 4% >=65

**Fixed Address**
- 70% Yes*
- 30% No
- 0% Unknown

*See Fixed Address Location

**Fixed Address Location**
- 17% Tenderloin (94102)
- 20% SOMA (94103)
- 11% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 14% Inner Mission (94110)
- 31% Others (SF Location)
- 6% Others (non-SF Location)

**Death Location**
- 18% Tenderloin (94102)
- 16% SOMA (94103)
- 12% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 20% Inner Mission (94110)
- 34% Others

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DECEMBER 2022

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- Male: 77%
- Non-Binary: 0%

Race
- Asian: 4%
- Black: 29%
- Latinx: 15%
- Native American: 1%
- White: 43%
- Other/Unknown: 8%

Age
- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 15%
- 25-34: 24%
- 35-44: 28%
- 45-54: 17%
- 55-64: 12%
- >=65: 9%

Fixed Address
- Yes*: 75%
- No: 21%
- Unknown: 4%

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