May 12, 2023

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, 2023, to April 30, 2023. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in April 2023 is 66.

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 8, 2023, 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 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-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the City Administrator
enclosures: Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2023 through April 2023
Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report for
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**JAN-APR 2023**

- **Gender**: 1 Female, 44 Male, 223 Non-Binary
- **Race**: 110 Asian, 47 Black, 80 Latinx, 4 Native American, 64 White, 32 Other/Unknown
- **Age**: 86 15-24, 53 25-34, 66 35-44, 6 45-54, 2 55-64, 1 65+

- **Fixed Address**: 79 Yes (see residence), 10 No, 179 Unknown
- **Residence**: 64 Tenderloin (94102), 44 SOMA (94103), 27 Inner Mission (94110), 12 Polk/Russian Hill (94109), 32 Others
- **Location of Death**: 76 Tenderloin (94102), 56 SOMA (94103), 44 Inner Mission (94110), 58 Others

**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**

- **Total Deaths**: 268
- **Fentanyl**: 211
- **Heroin**: 132
- **Medicinal Opioids**: 118
- **Methamphetamine**: 18
- **Cocaine**: 13

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*as of testing to May 8, 2023*

**MARCH 2023**

**Gender**
- 15 Female (22%)
- 54 Male (78%)
- 0 Non-Binary (0%)

**Race**
- 6 Asian (6%)
- 29 Black (29%)
- 17 Latinx (17%)
- 0 Native American (0%)
- 39 White (39%)
- 9 Other/Unknown (9%)

**Age**
- <15: 21 (3%)
- 25-34: 7 (22%)
- 35-44: 15 (26%)
- 45-54: 7 (25%)
- 55-64: 0 (10%)
- >=65: 15 (10%)
- Unknown: 32 (5%)

**Fixed Address**
- Yes (see residence): 24 (58%)
- No: 40 (58%)
- Unknown: 5 (7%)

**Residence**
- Tenderloin (94102): 16 (40%)
- Inner Mission (94110): 2 (5%)
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 4 (10%)
- SOMA (94103): 16 (40%)
- Others: 7 (17%)

**Location of Death**
- Tenderloin (94102): 13 (30%)
- Inner Mission (94110): 22 (44%)
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 10 (22%)
- SOMA (94103): 19 (41%)
- Others: 21 (44%)

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APRIL 2023

Gender
Female: 14%
Male: 86%
Non-Binary: 0%

Race
Asian: 3%
Black: 21%
Latinx: 20%
Native American: 0%
White: 52%
Other/Unknown: 5%

Age
<15: 13%
15-24: 5%
25-34: 14%
35-44: 17%
45-54: 17%
55-64: 7%
>=65: 19%
Unknown: 26%

Fixed Address
Yes (see residence): 73%
No: 26%
Unknown: 2%

Residence
Tenderloin (94102): 17%
SOMA (94103): 15%
Potrero Hill (94107): 10%
Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 9%
Others: 48%

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

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