

City & County of San Francisco  
London N. Breed, Mayor



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Carmen Chu, City Administrator  
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Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

September 25, 2023

**Subject: Report on 2021 Accidental Overdose Deaths**

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2021 was 642.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke N. Rodda".

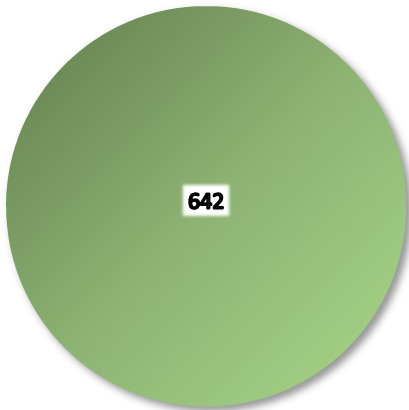
Luke N. Rodda, Ph.D.  
Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

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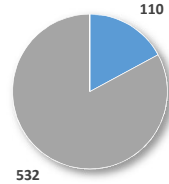


# JAN-DEC 2021



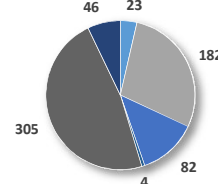
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Gender



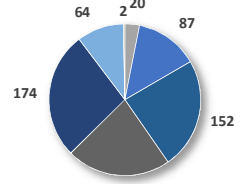
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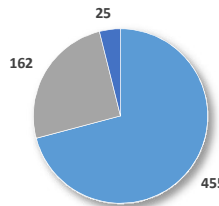
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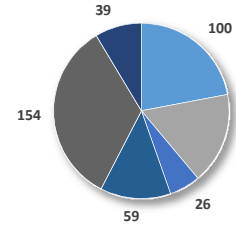
Fixed Address



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25% No  
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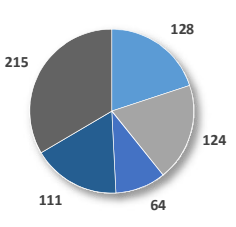
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Fixed Address Location



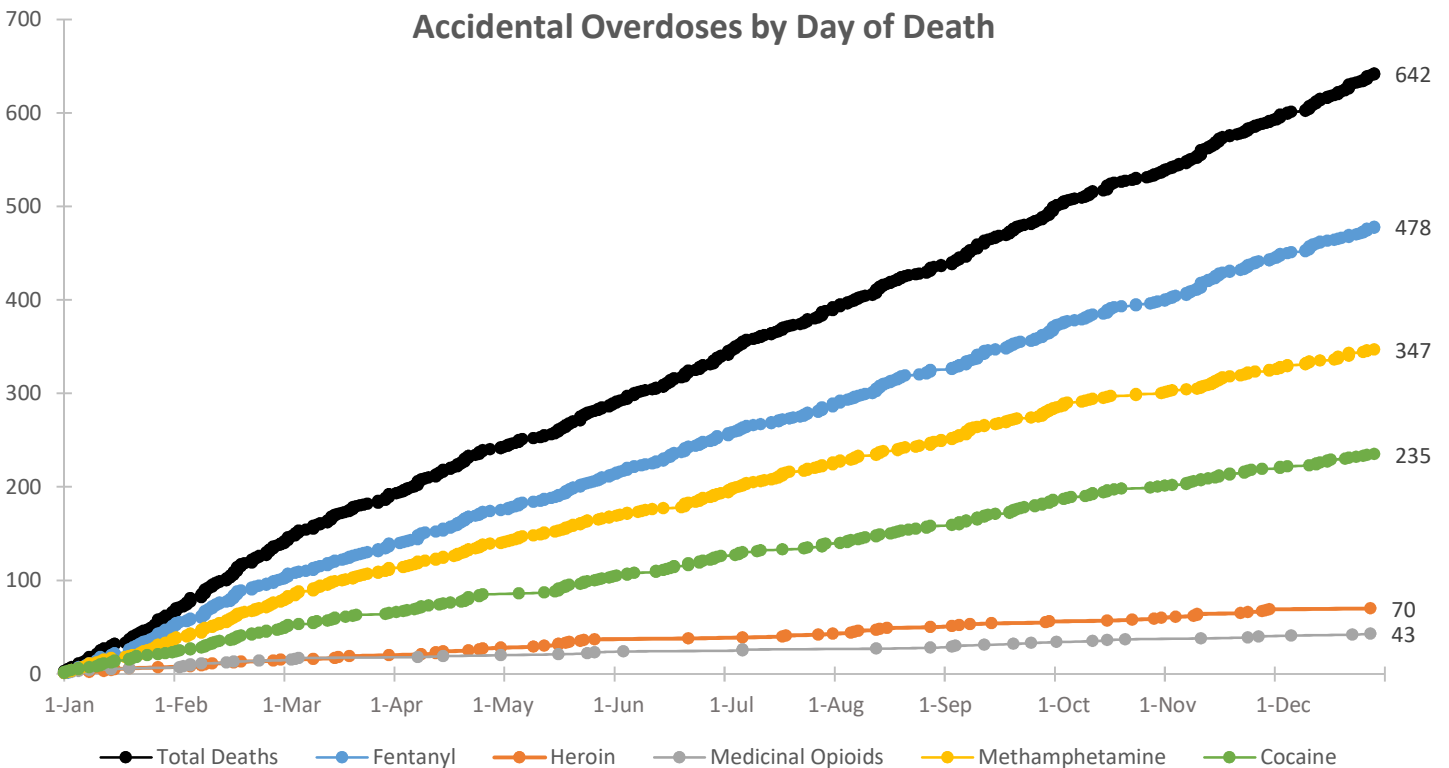
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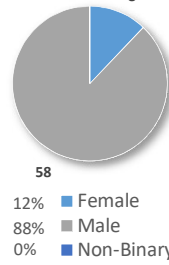
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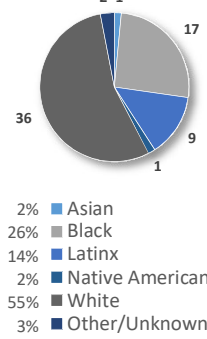


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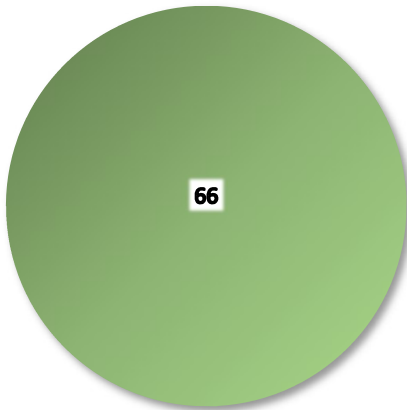
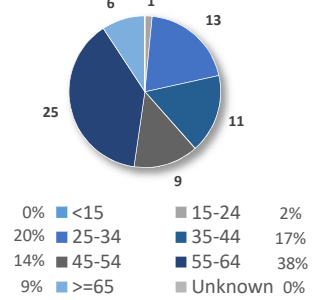
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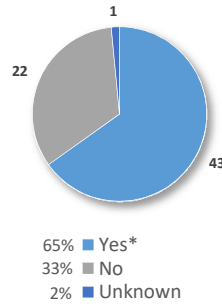


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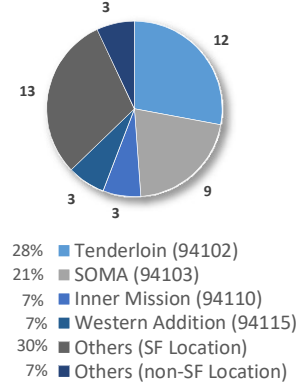
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Fixed Address

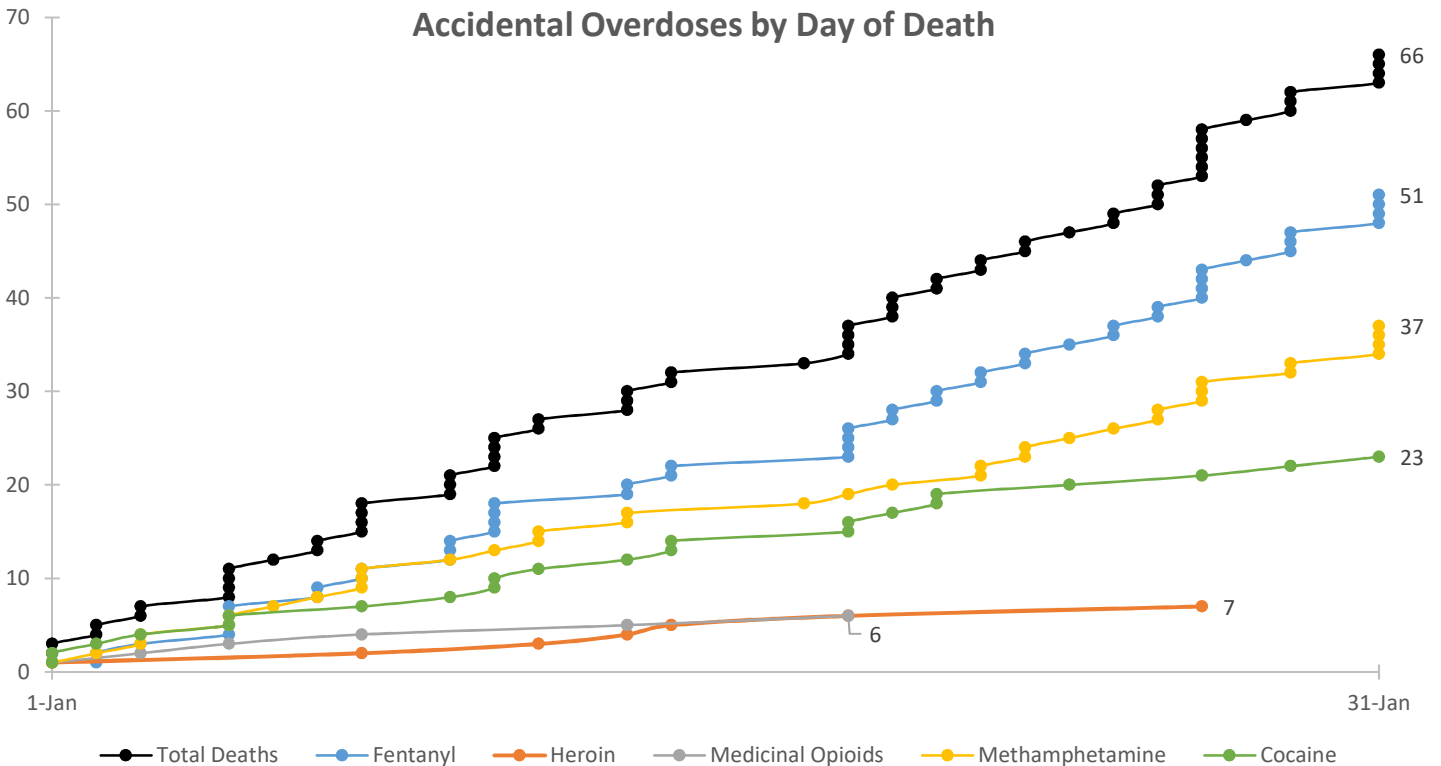
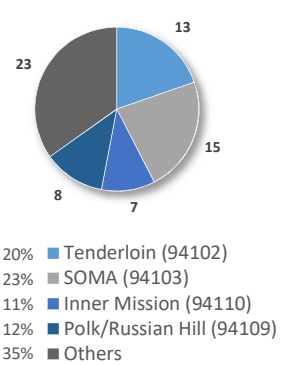


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Death Location

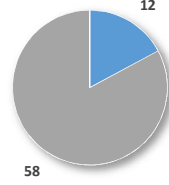


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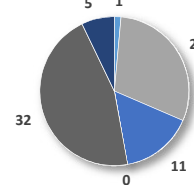
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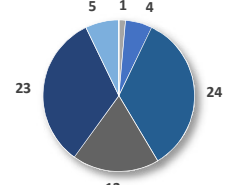
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Race

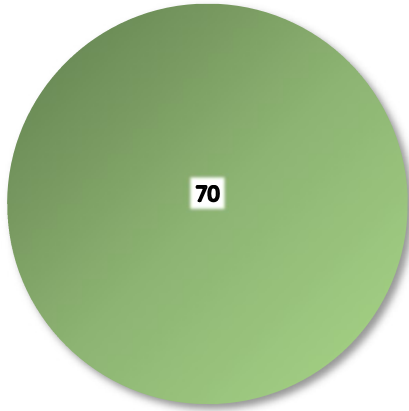


1% Asian  
30% Black  
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46% White  
7% Other/Unknown

Age

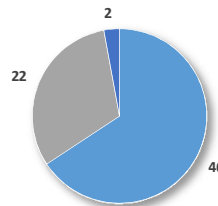


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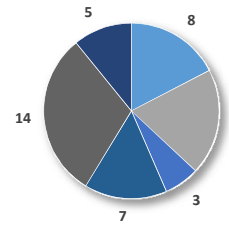
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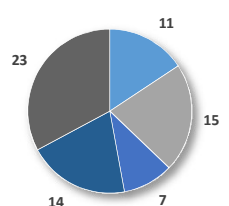
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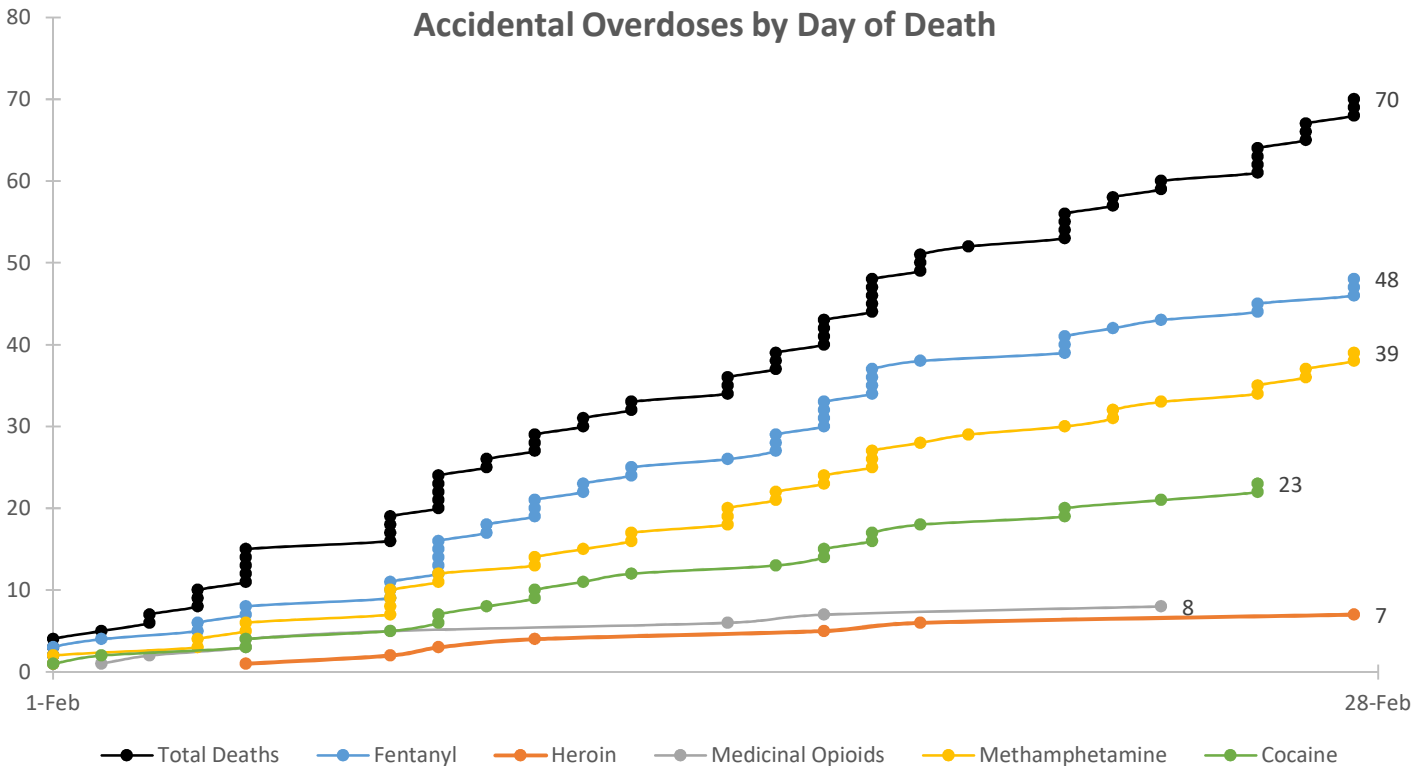
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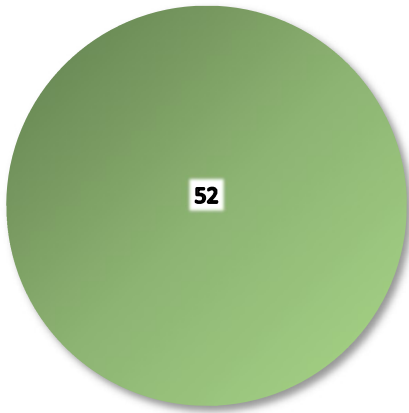
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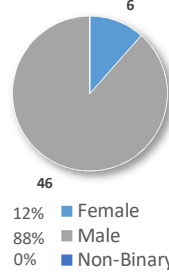


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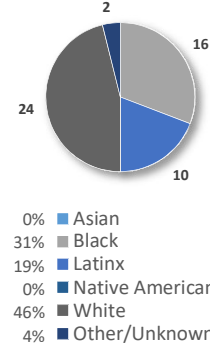


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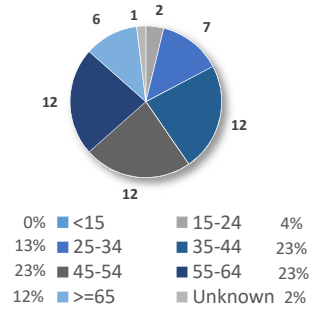
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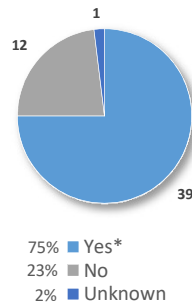
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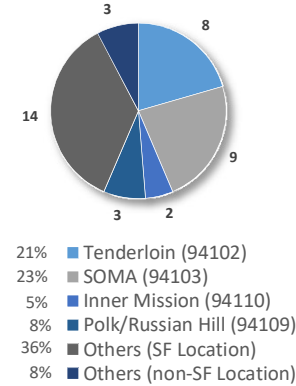


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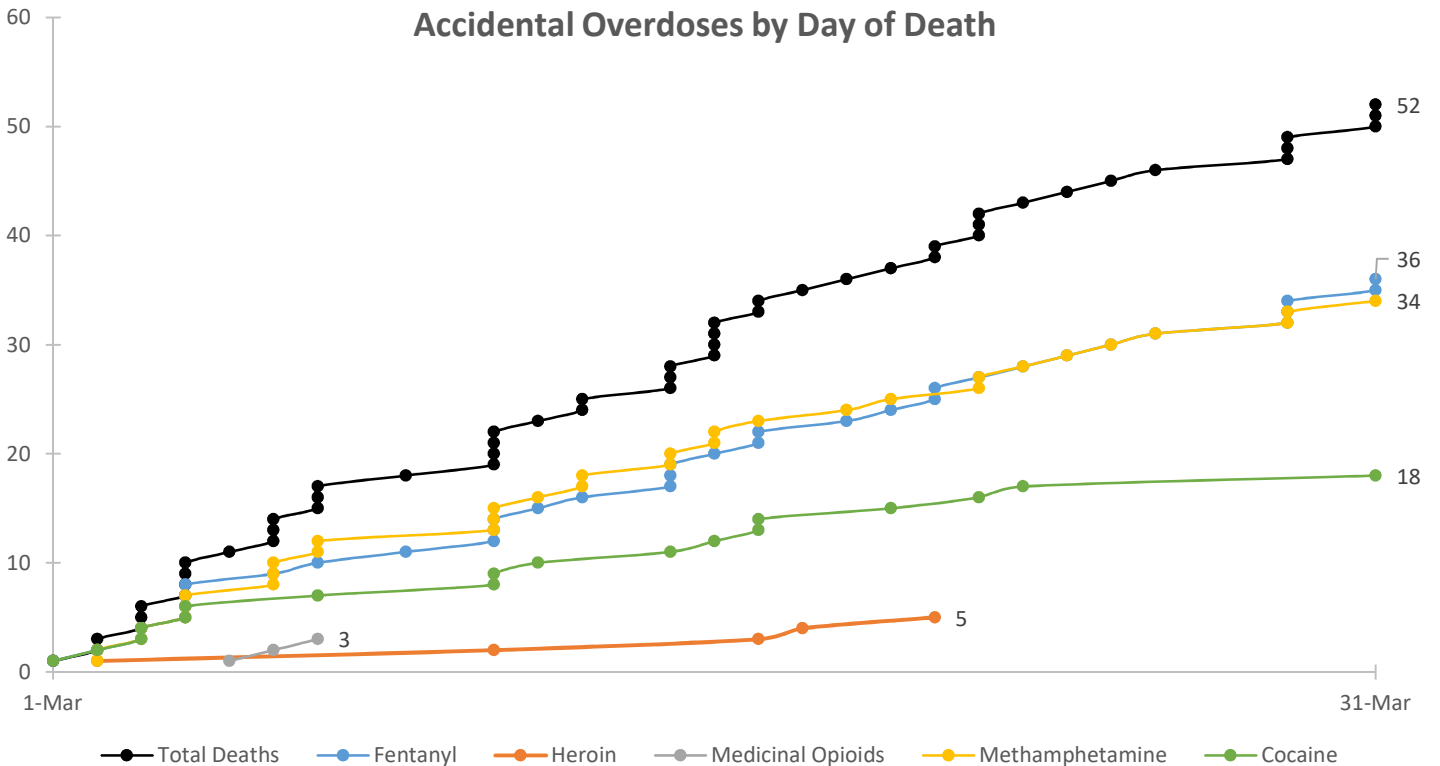
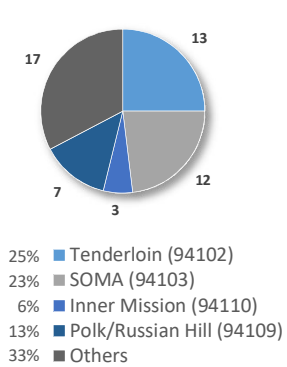


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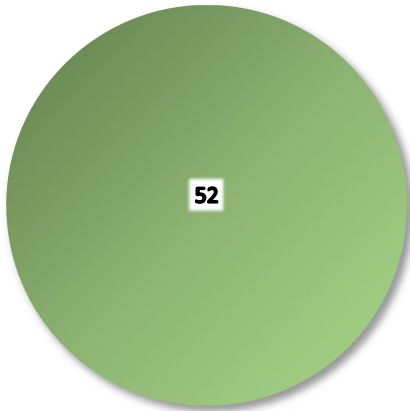
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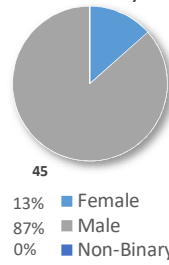


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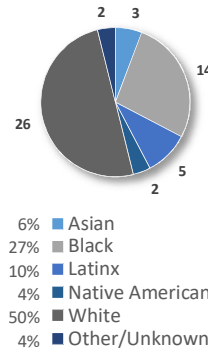


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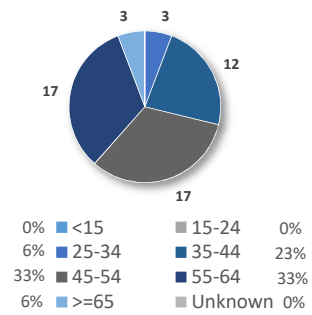
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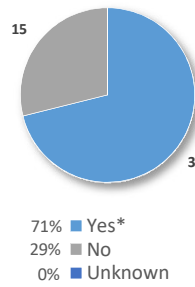
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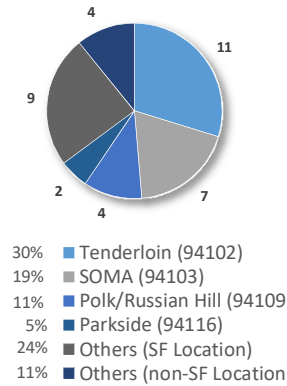


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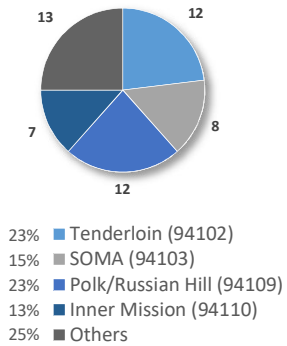


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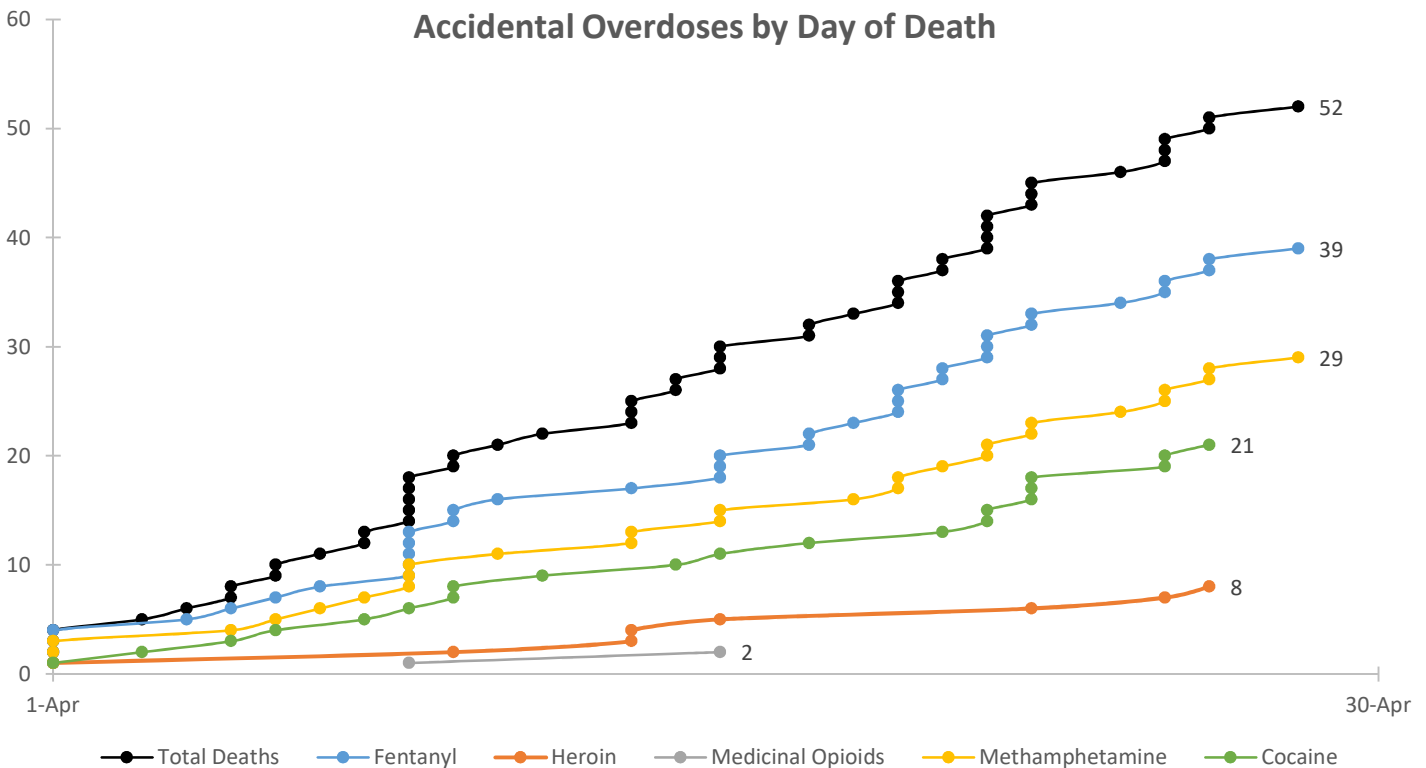
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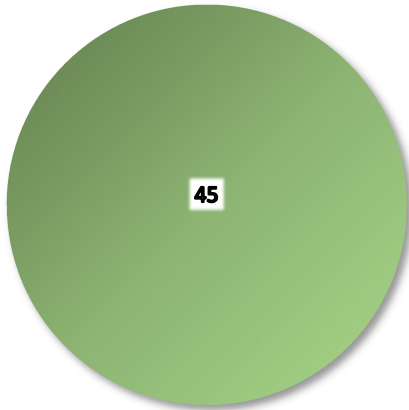
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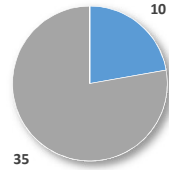


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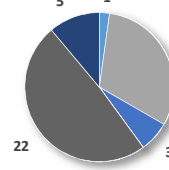
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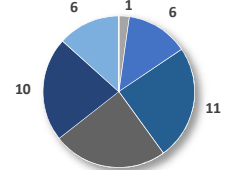
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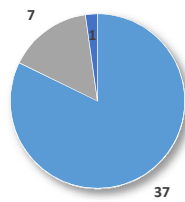
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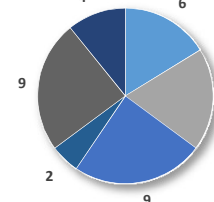
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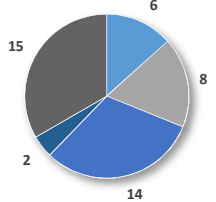
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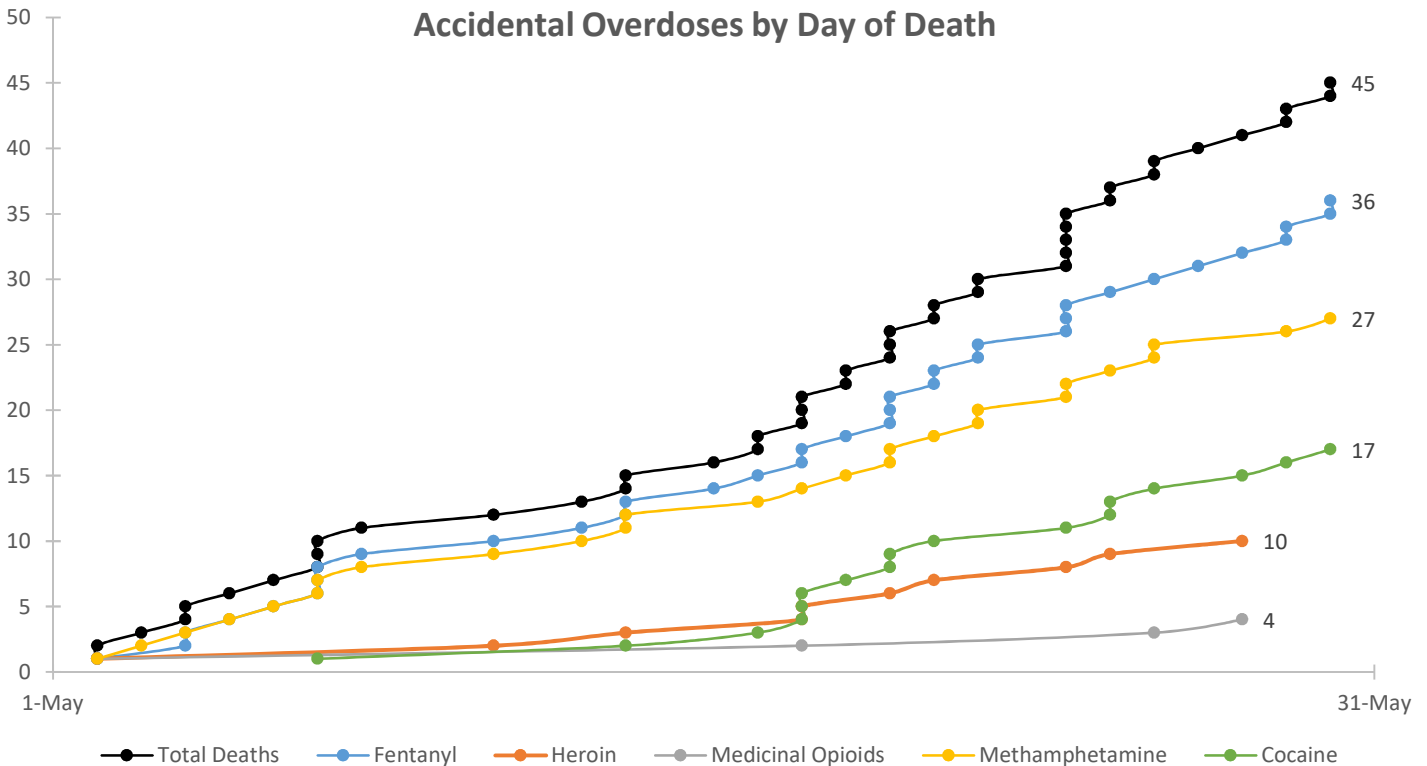
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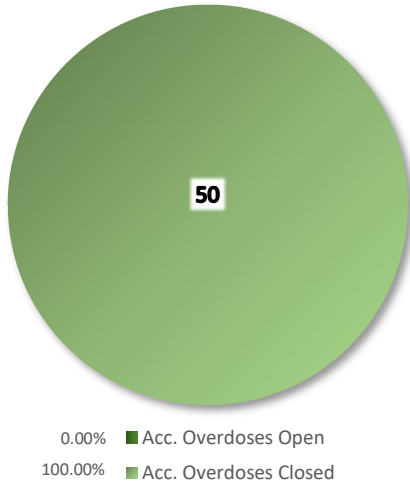


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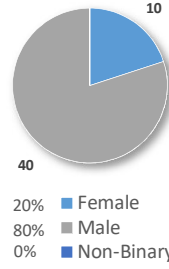




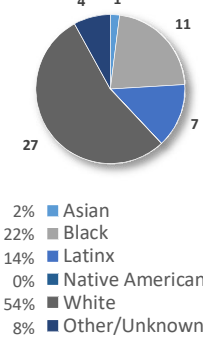
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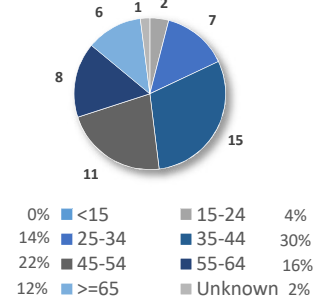
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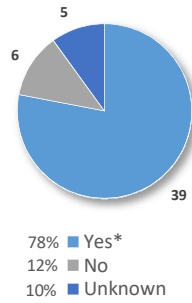
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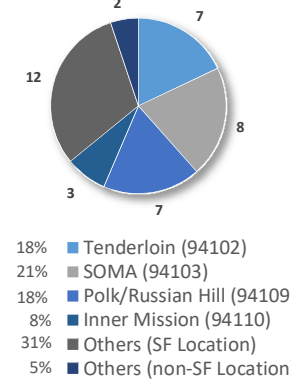


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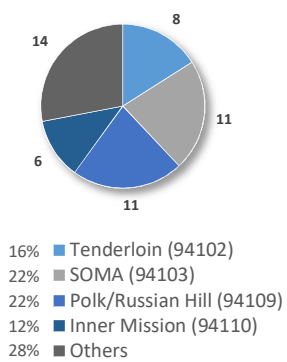


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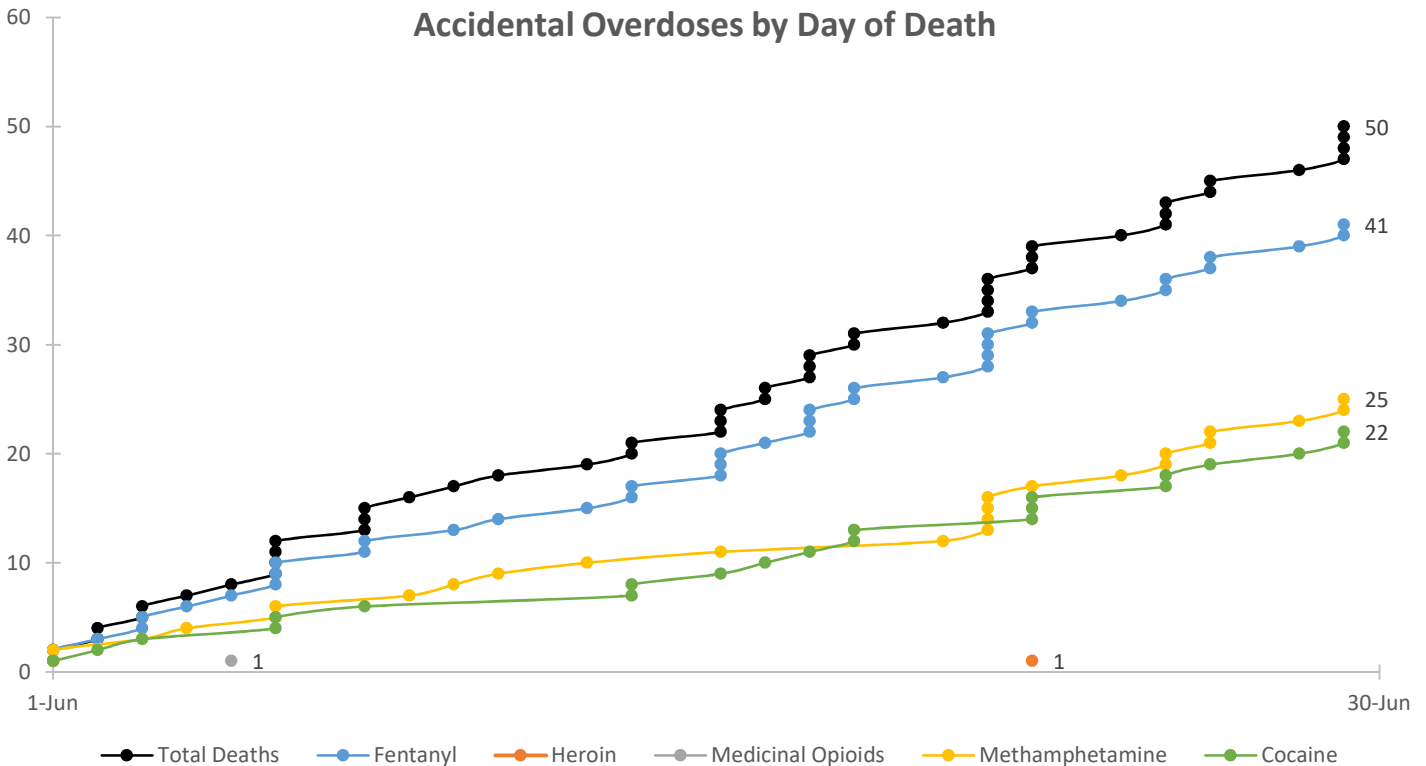
Fixed Address Location



Death Location



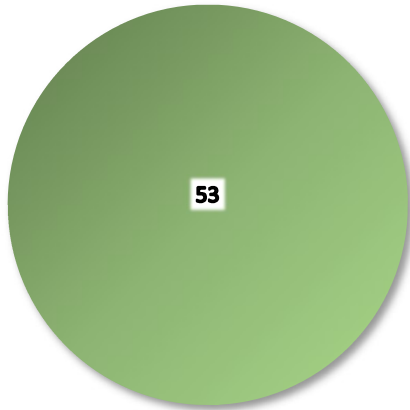
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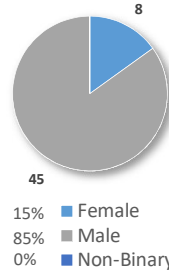


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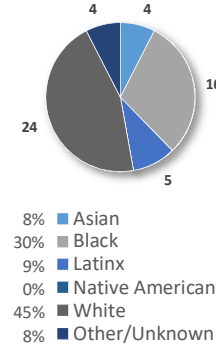


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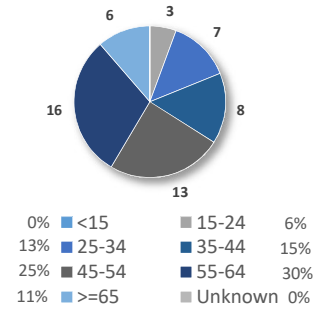
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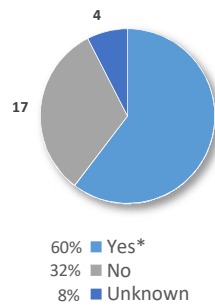
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Age

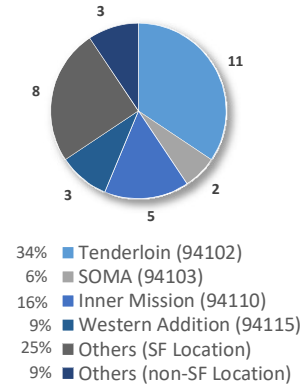


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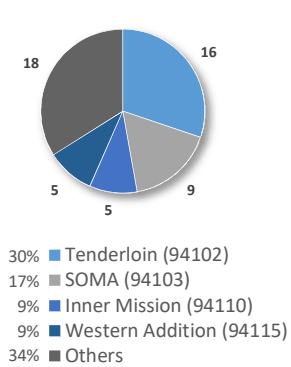


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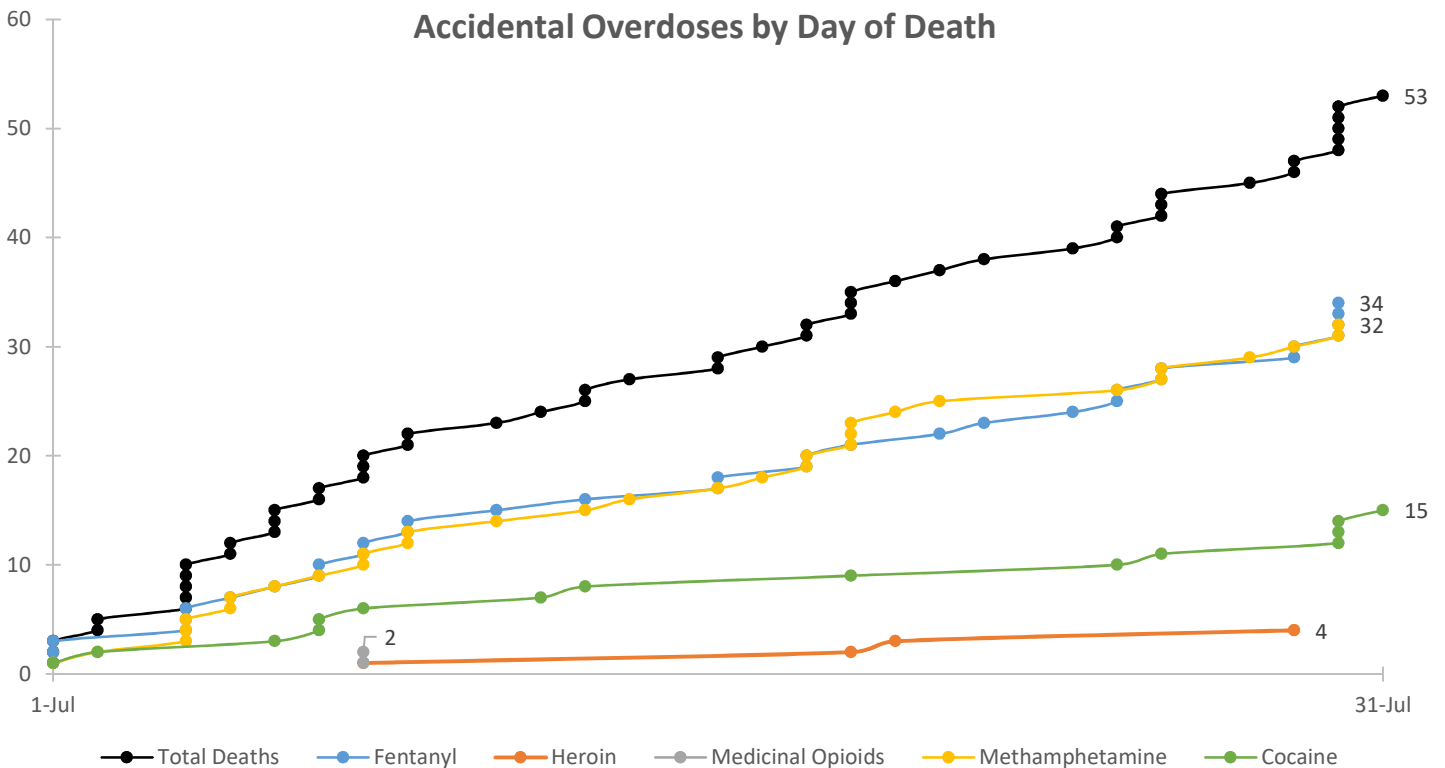
Fixed Address Location



Death Location



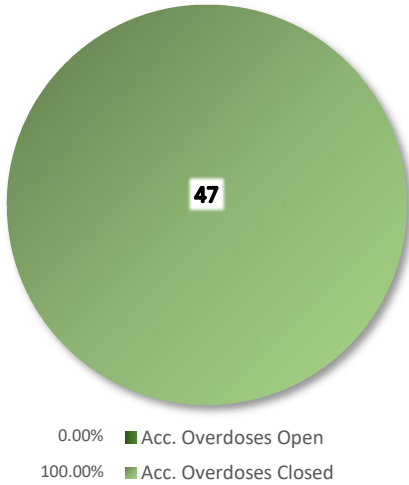
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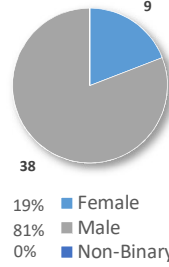
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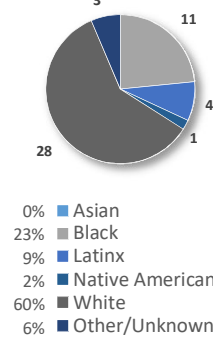
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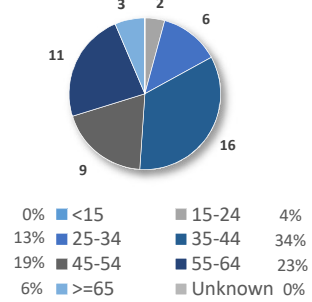
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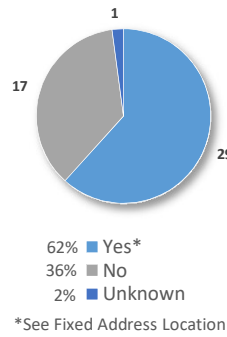
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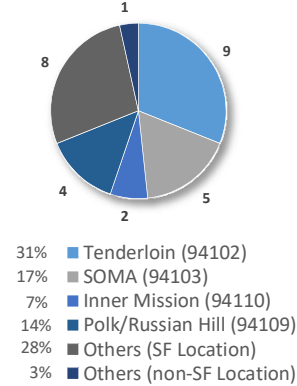
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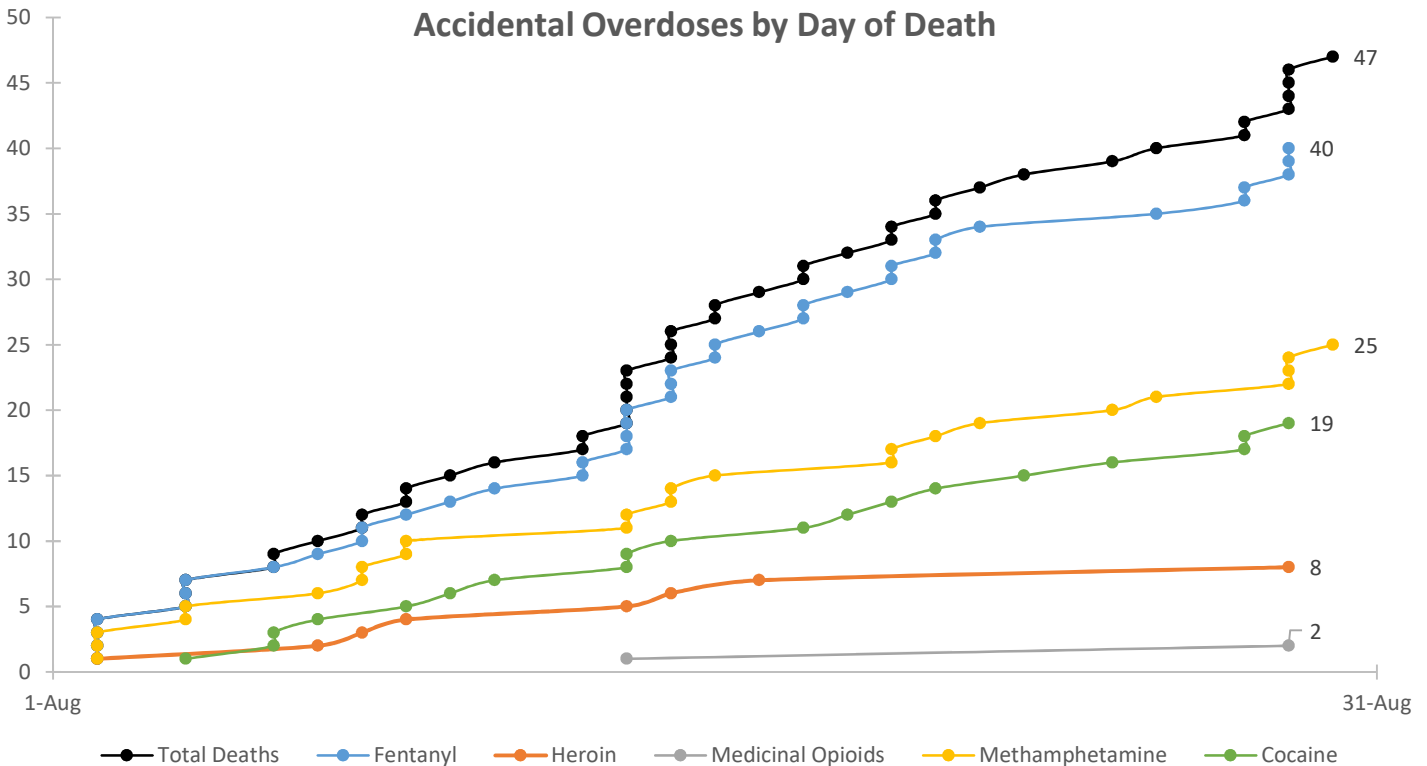
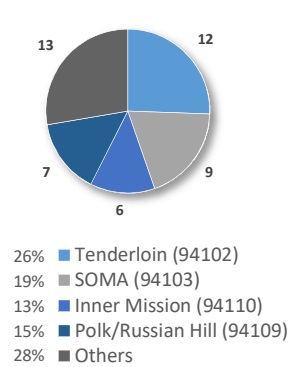
Fixed Address



Fixed Address Location



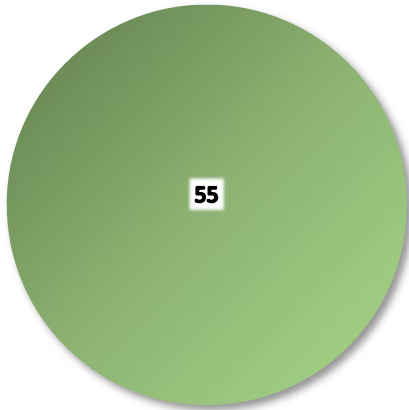
Death Location



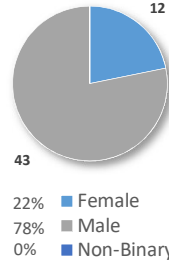
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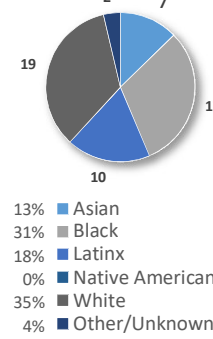
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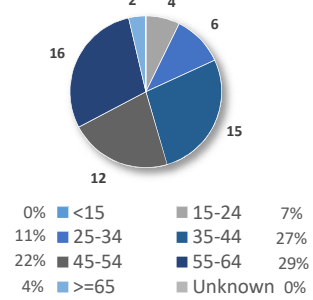
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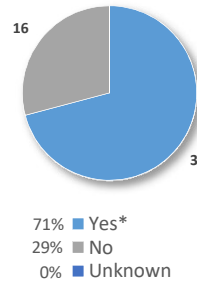
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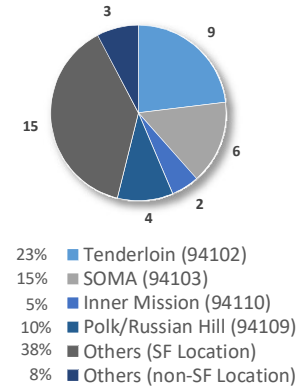
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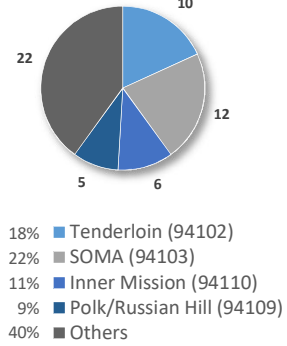
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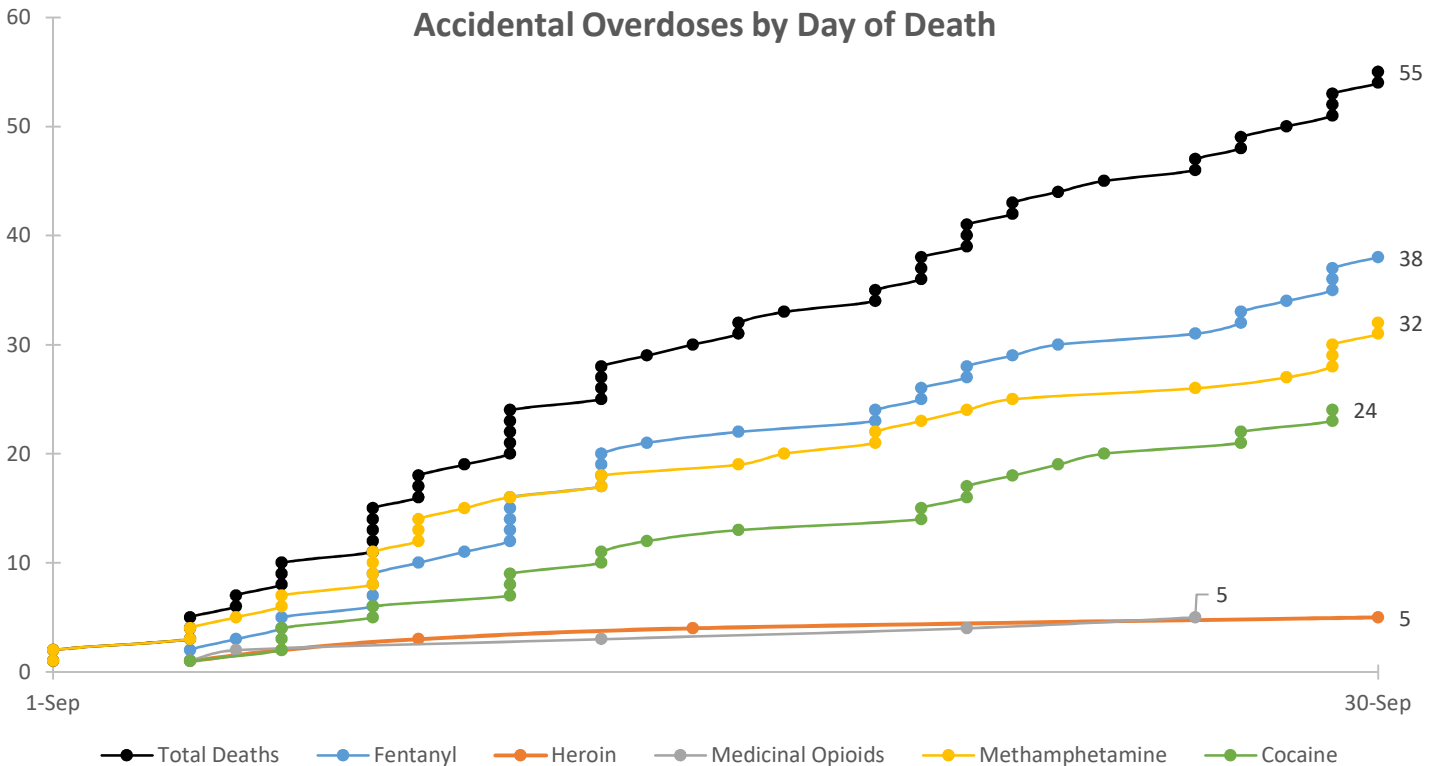
Fixed Address Location



Death Location



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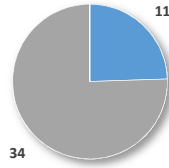


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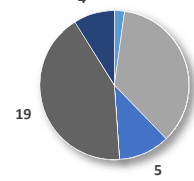
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Gender



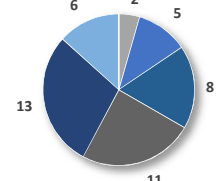
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76% Male  
0% Non-Binary

Race

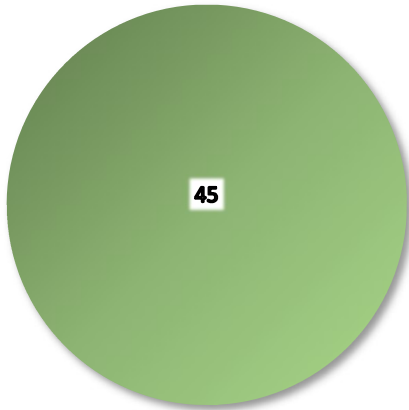


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36% Black  
11% Latinx  
0% Native American  
42% White  
9% Other/Unknown

Age

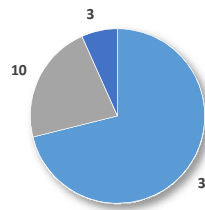


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11% 25-34 18% 35-44  
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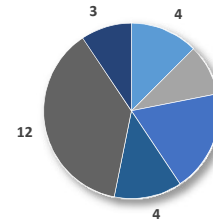
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Fixed Address



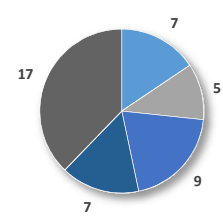
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\*See Fixed Address Location

Fixed Address Location



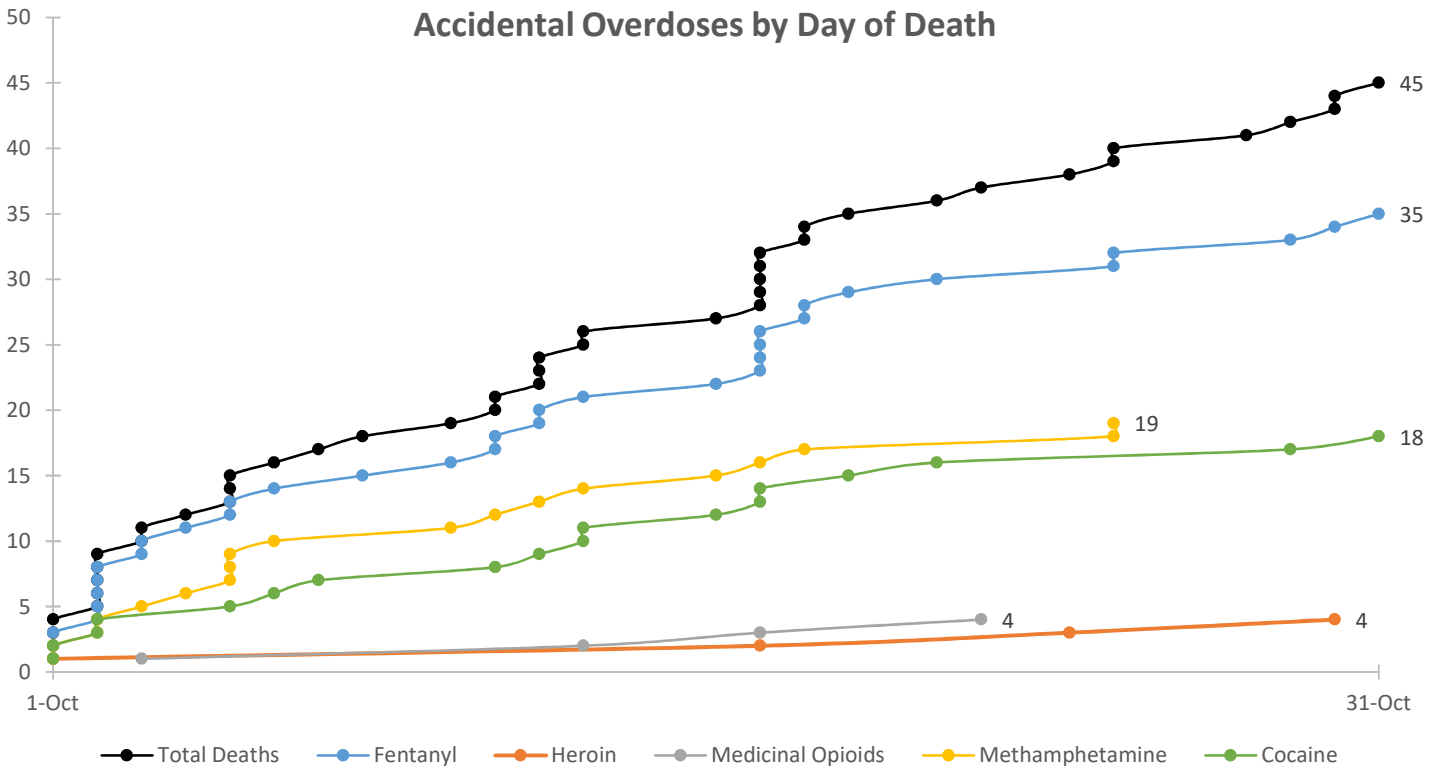
13% Tenderloin (94102)  
9% SOMA (94103)  
19% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
13% Haight-Ashbury (94117)  
38% Others (SF Location)  
9% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



16% Tenderloin (94102)  
11% SOMA (94103)  
20% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
16% Inner Mission (94110)  
38% Others

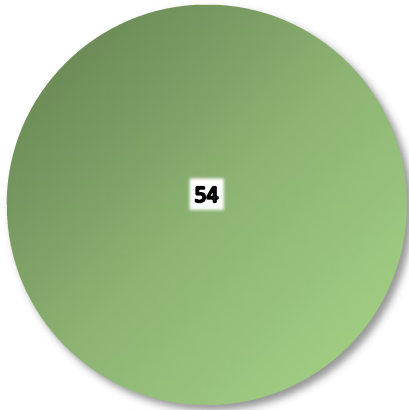
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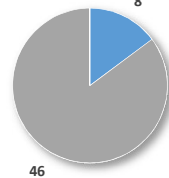


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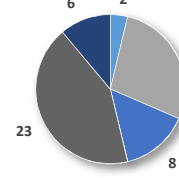
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Gender



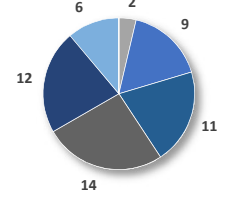
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Race



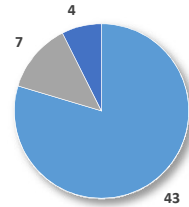
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11% Other/Unknown

Age



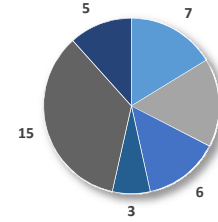
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Fixed Address



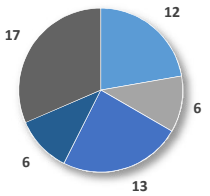
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Fixed Address Location



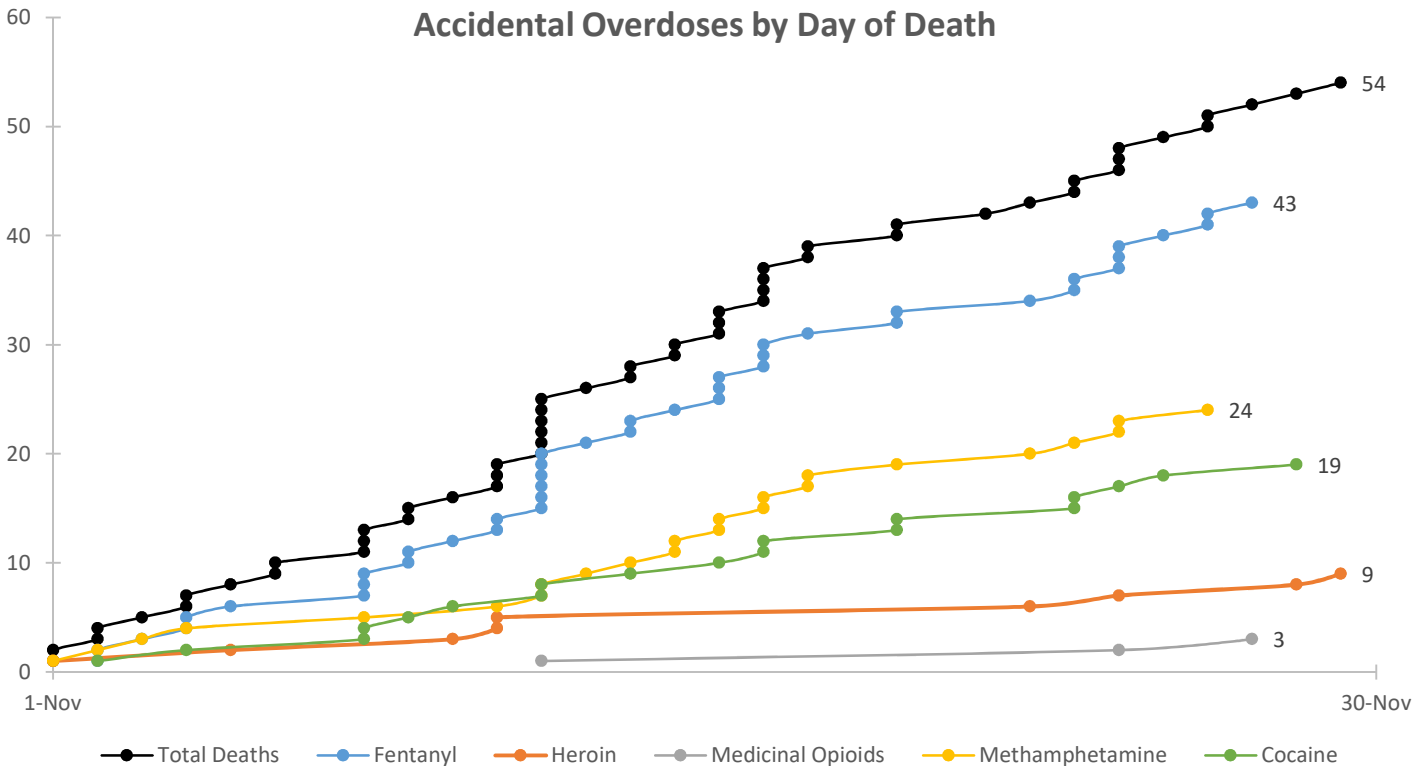
16% Tenderloin (94102)  
16% SOMA (94103)  
14% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
7% Inner Mission (94110)  
35% Others (SF Location)  
12% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



22% Tenderloin (94102)  
11% SOMA (94103)  
24% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
11% Inner Mission (94110)  
31% Others

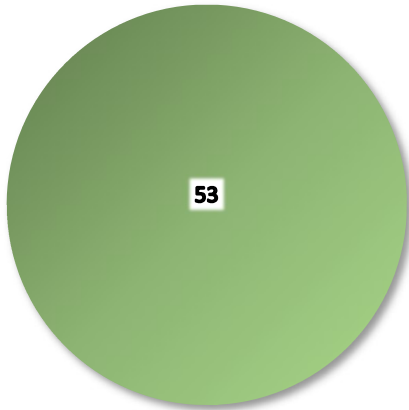
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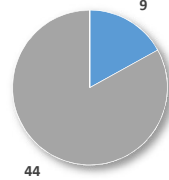


# DECEMBER 2021



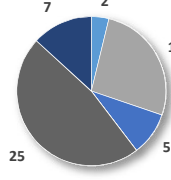
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Gender



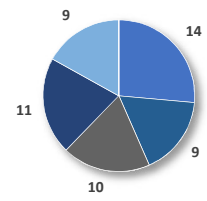
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Race



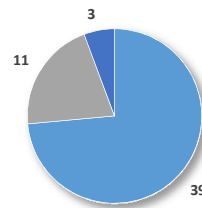
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0% ■ Native American  
47% ■ White  
13% ■ Other/Unknown

Age



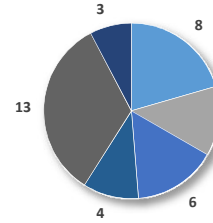
0% ■ <15  
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21% ■ 55-64  
0% ■ Unknown

Fixed Address



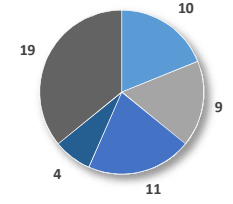
74% ■ Yes\*  
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6% ■ Unknown  
\*See Fixed Address Location

Fixed Address Location



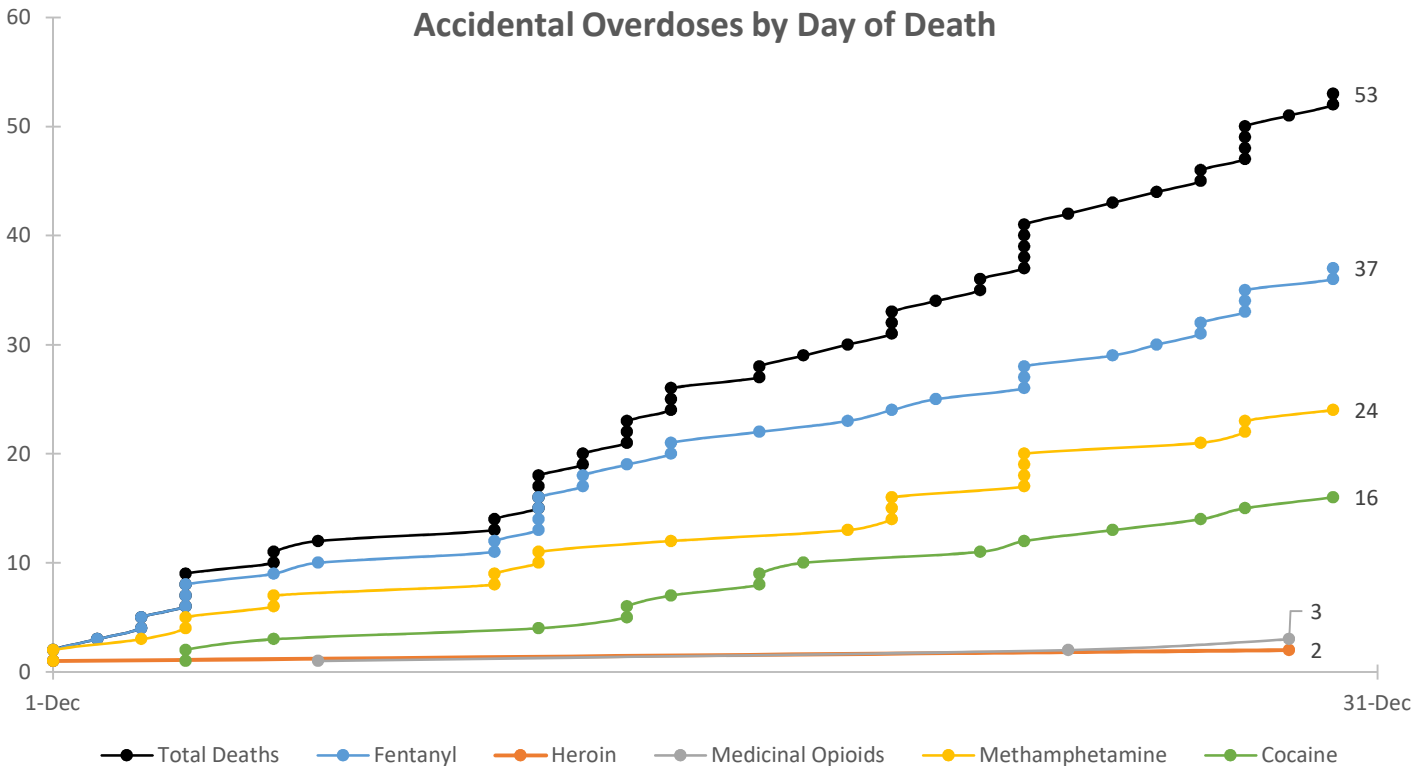
21% ■ Tenderloin (94102)  
13% ■ SOMA (94103)  
15% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
10% ■ Ingelside-Excelsior (94112)  
33% ■ Others (SF Location)  
8% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



19% ■ Tenderloin (94102)  
17% ■ SOMA (94103)  
21% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109)  
8% ■ Inner Mission (94110)  
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