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Office of the City Administrator Carmen Chu, City Administrator David Serrano Sewell, Executive Director Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

March 12, 2024

Subject: Report on 2023 and 2024 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 February 29, 2024. During the period of January 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 131. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in February 2024 is 64.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 is 36 and 42, respectively. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam from January 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024 is 6 and 3, respectively.

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 March 5, 2024, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death.

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, fixed address location, and death location.

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 and alcoholinvolved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

Luke N. Rodda, Ph.D.

Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

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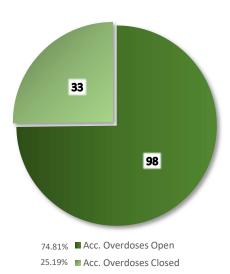
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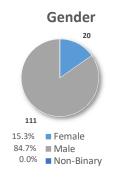


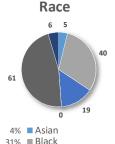
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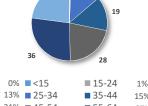
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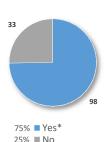
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Fixed Address Location



Fixed Address



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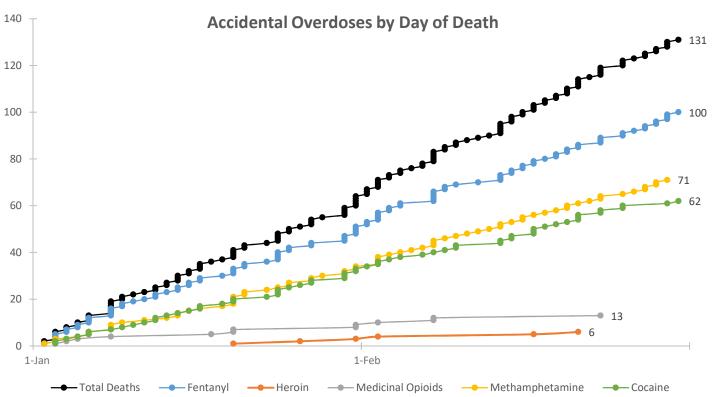
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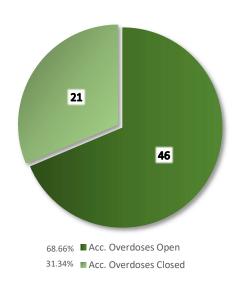
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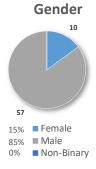


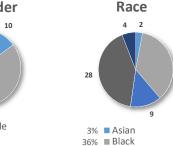
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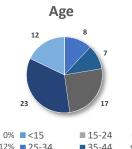
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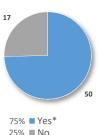


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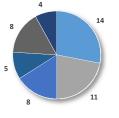
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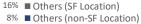
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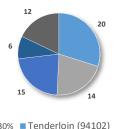
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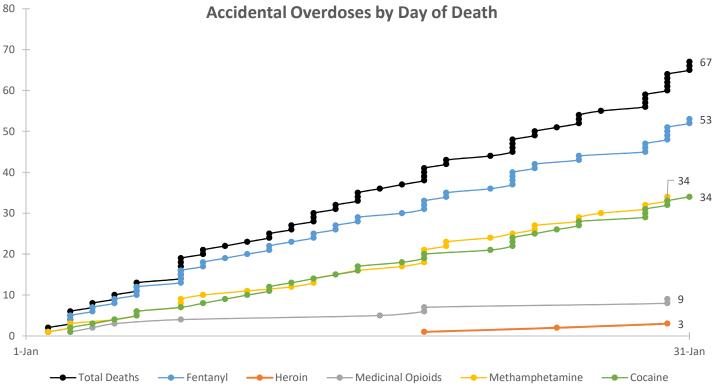








18% ■ Others



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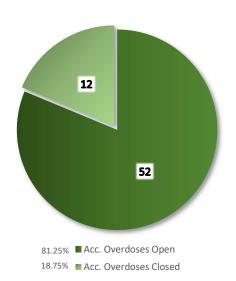
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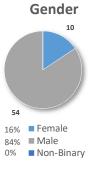


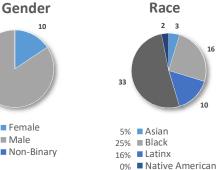
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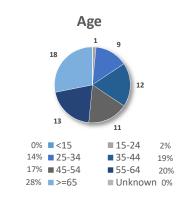
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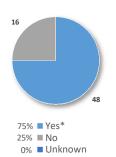








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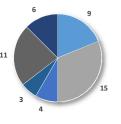


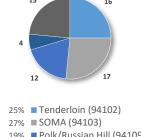
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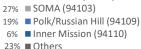
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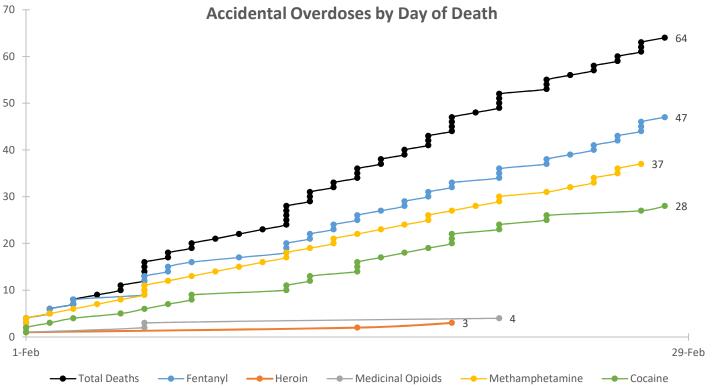




Death Location

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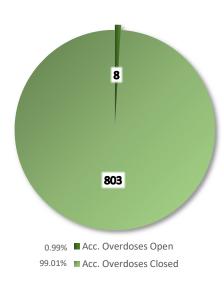
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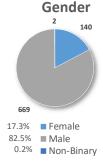


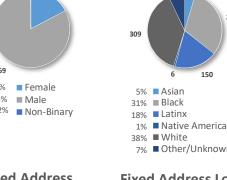
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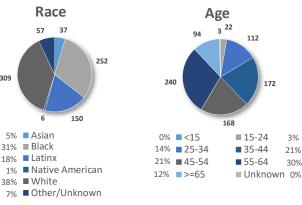
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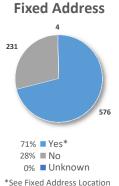
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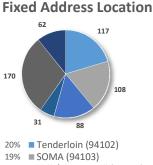






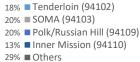


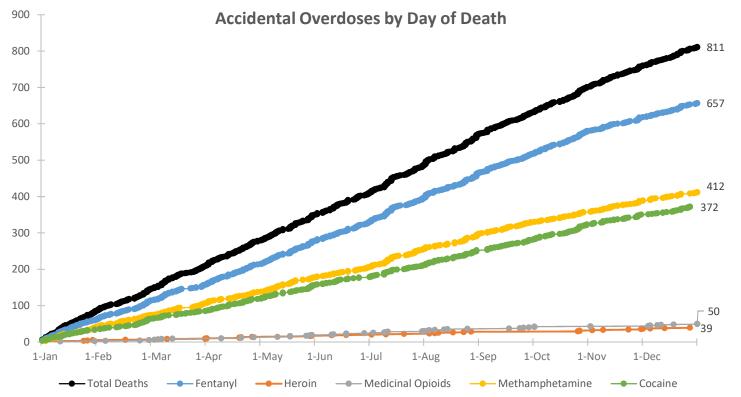












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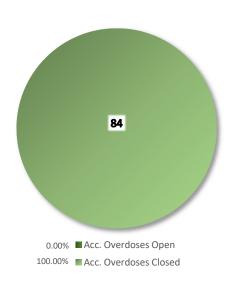
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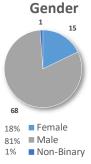


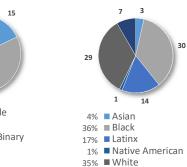
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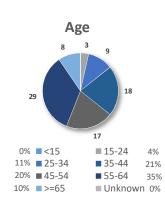
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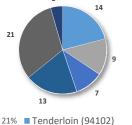


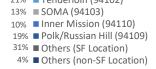


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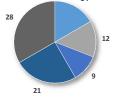
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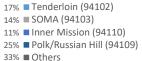
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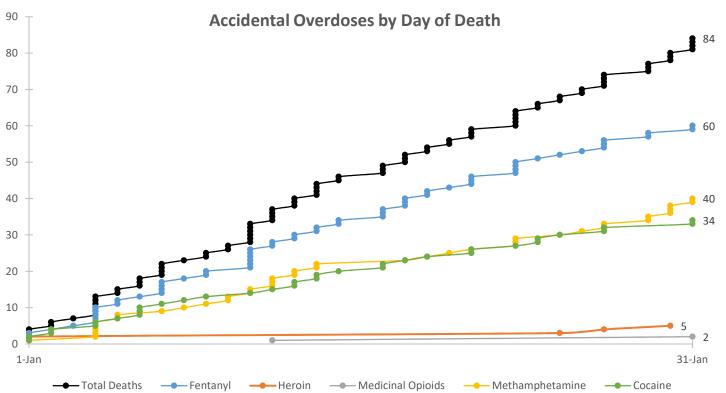












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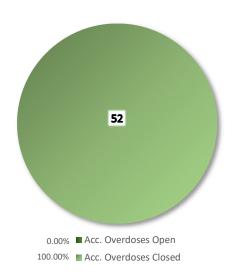
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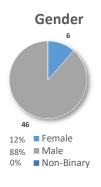


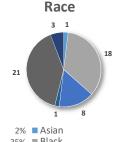
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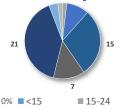
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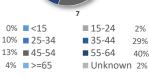
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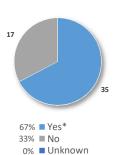


15% Latinx 2% Native American

40% ■ White 6% ■ Other/Unknown

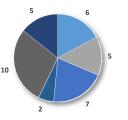


Fixed Address



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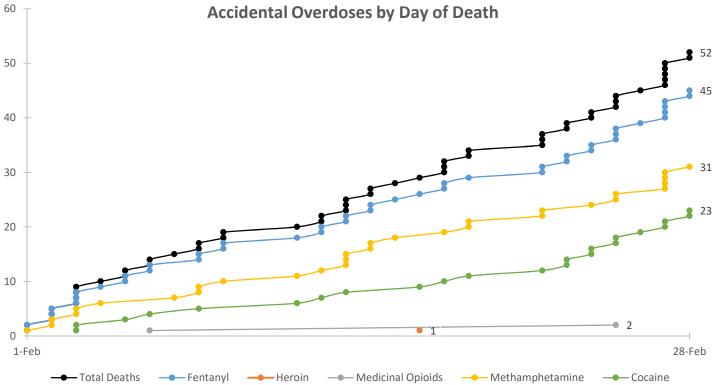


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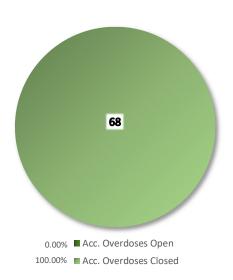
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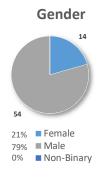


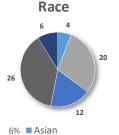
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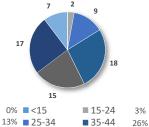
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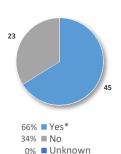
38% ■ White 9% ■ Other/Unknown

Fixed Address Location

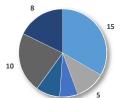


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Fixed Address



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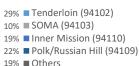


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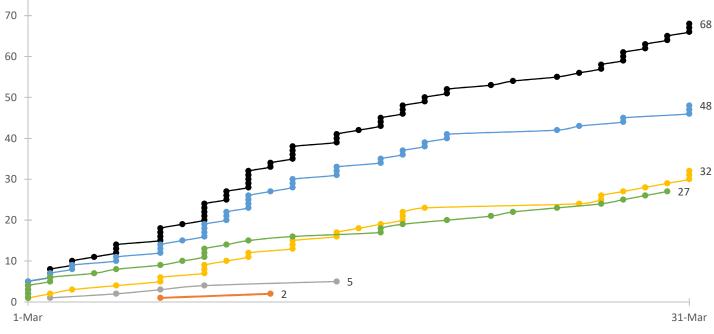
18% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

Methamphetamine









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Medicinal Opioids

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Fentanyl

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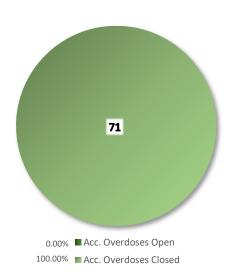
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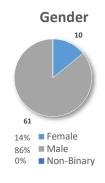


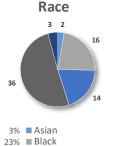
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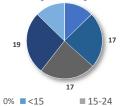
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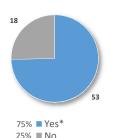
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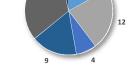


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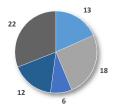
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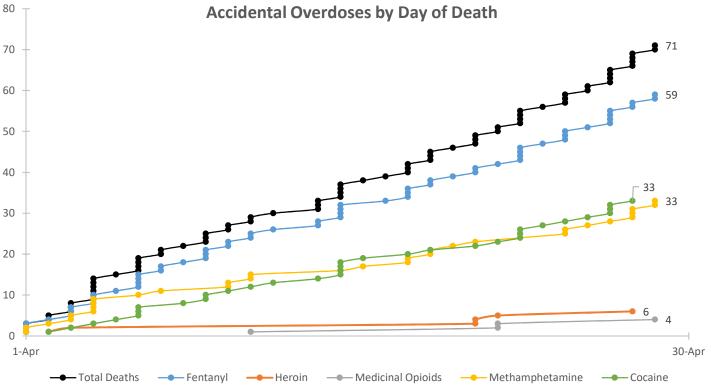
32% ■ Others (SF Location) 4% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





18% ■ Tenderloin (94102) 25% ■ SOMA (94103)

8% ■ Potrero Hill (94107) 17% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 31% ■ Others



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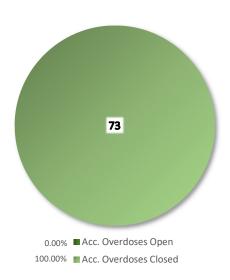
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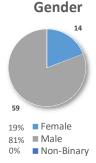


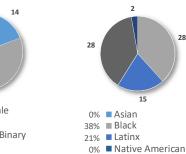
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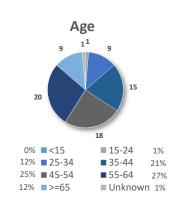


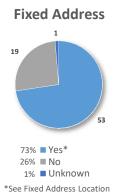


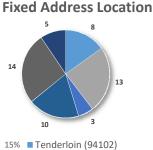


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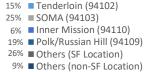


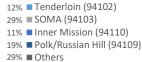


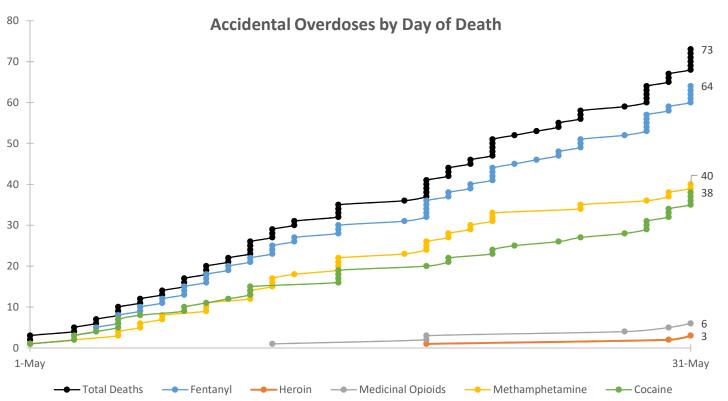


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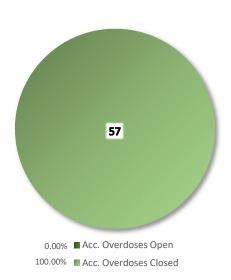
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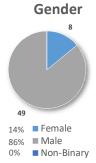


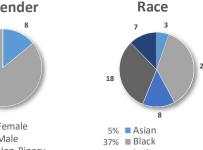
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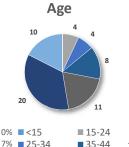
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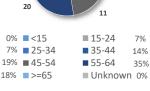




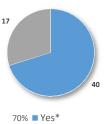


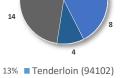


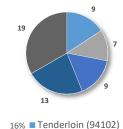
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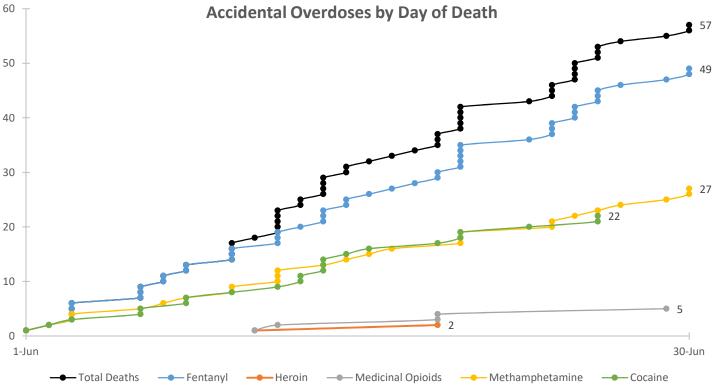
Death Location





13% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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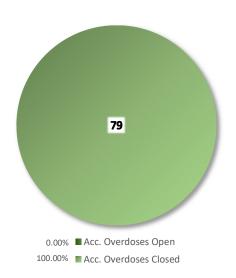
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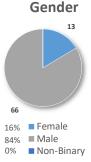


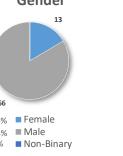
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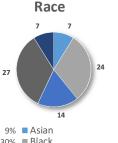
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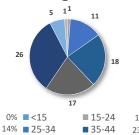
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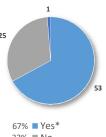
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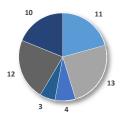




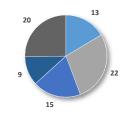


Fixed Address





Fixed Address Location



Death Location



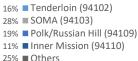
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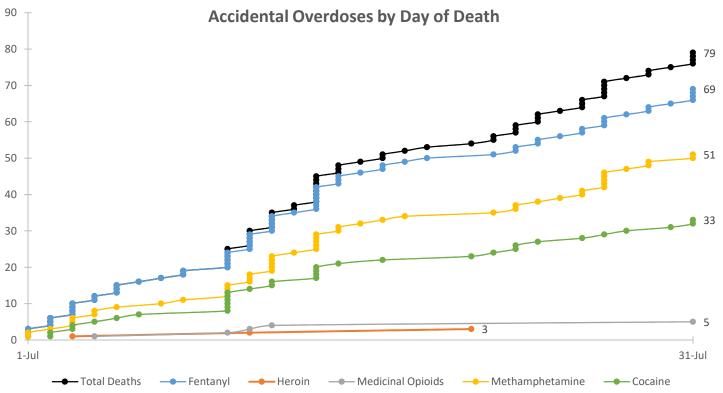


21% Tenderloin (94102)

25% ■ SOMA (94103)

23% ■ Others (SF Location) 19% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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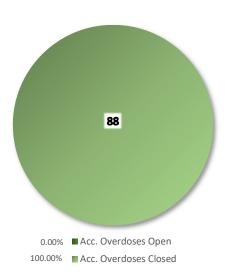
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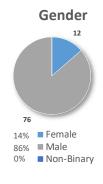


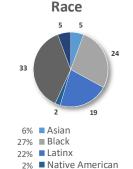
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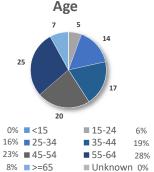
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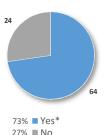


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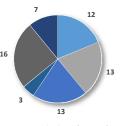
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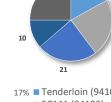






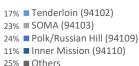
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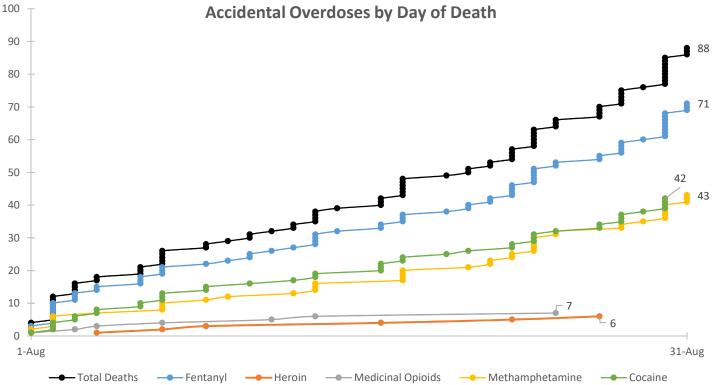






20% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
5% ■ Inner Mission (94110)
25% ■ Others (SF Location)
11% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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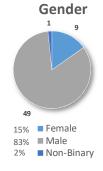
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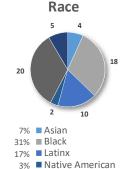


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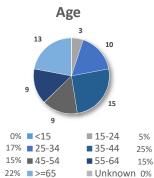
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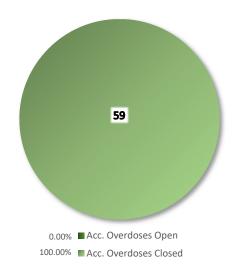
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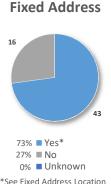


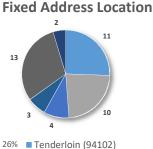


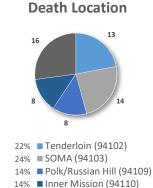
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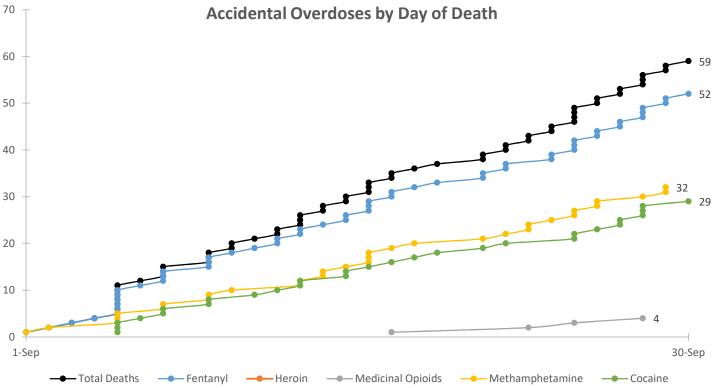


27% ■ Others





23% ■ SOMA (94103)



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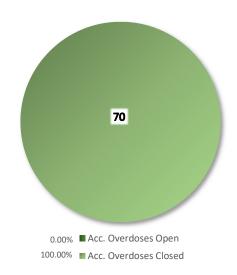
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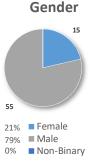


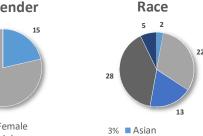
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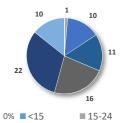
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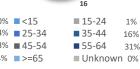


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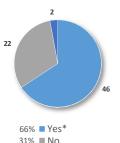


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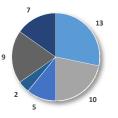
Fixed Address



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*See Fixed Address Location







11% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 4% ■ Bayview-Hunter's Point (94124)

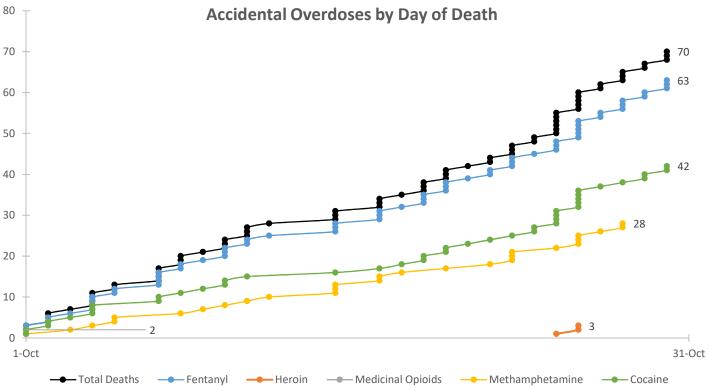
20% ■ Others (SF Location) 15% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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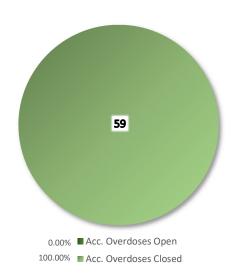
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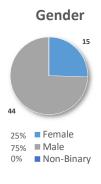


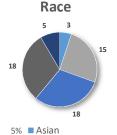
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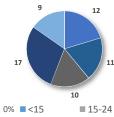
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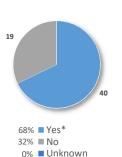
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31% ■ White 8% ■ Other/Unknown

Fixed Address Location

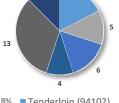


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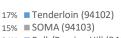




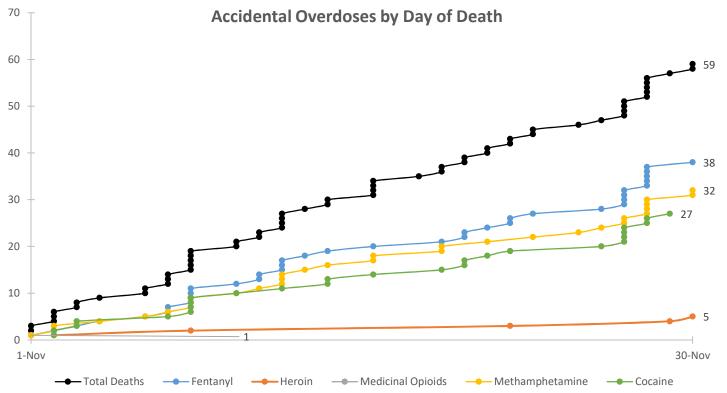
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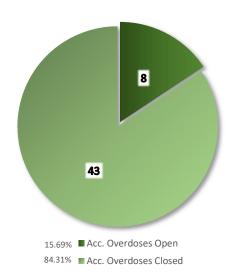
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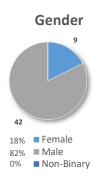


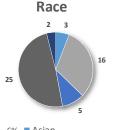
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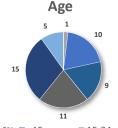
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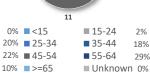




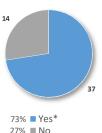


31% ■ Black 10% ■ Latinx 0% ■ Native American

6% ■ Native American
49% ■ White
4% ■ Other/Unknown

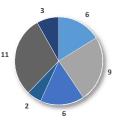


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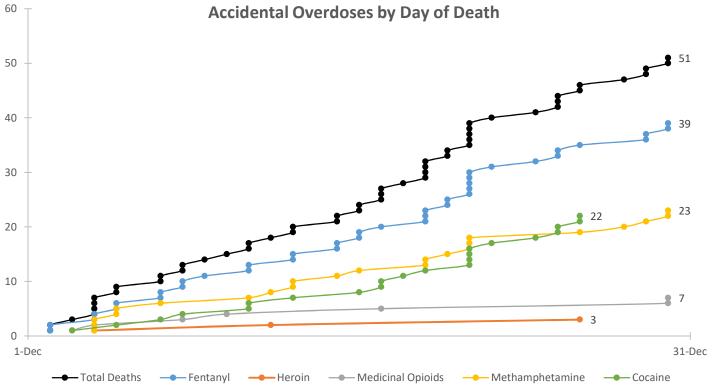


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30% ■ Others (SF Location)
8% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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