

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



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Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

October 16, 2024

The Honorable London N. Breed, Mayor  
City and County of San Francisco

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, President  
Board of Supervisors

Grant Colfax, M.D., Director  
Department of Public Health

**Subject: Report on 2024 Accidental Overdose Deaths**

Dear Mayor Breed, President Peskin, and Director Colfax:

The enclosed report includes preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from the recent four months of June 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. This report satisfies the ordinance's reporting criteria. For your reference, reports of preliminary data for accidental overdose deaths from January 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, are enclosed. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in September 2024 is 41.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine, Bromazolam, and Fluoro Fentanyl from January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Xylazine, 55
- Bromazolam, 20
- Fluoro Fentanyl, 65

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 October 2, 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 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. MRACI CChem  
Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

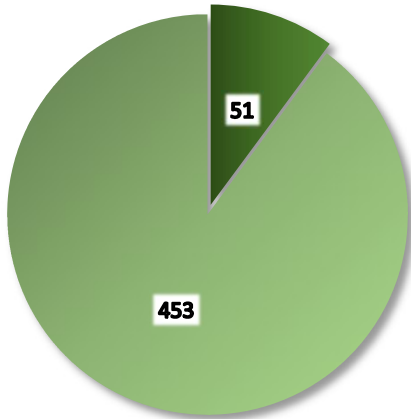
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**Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Report for  
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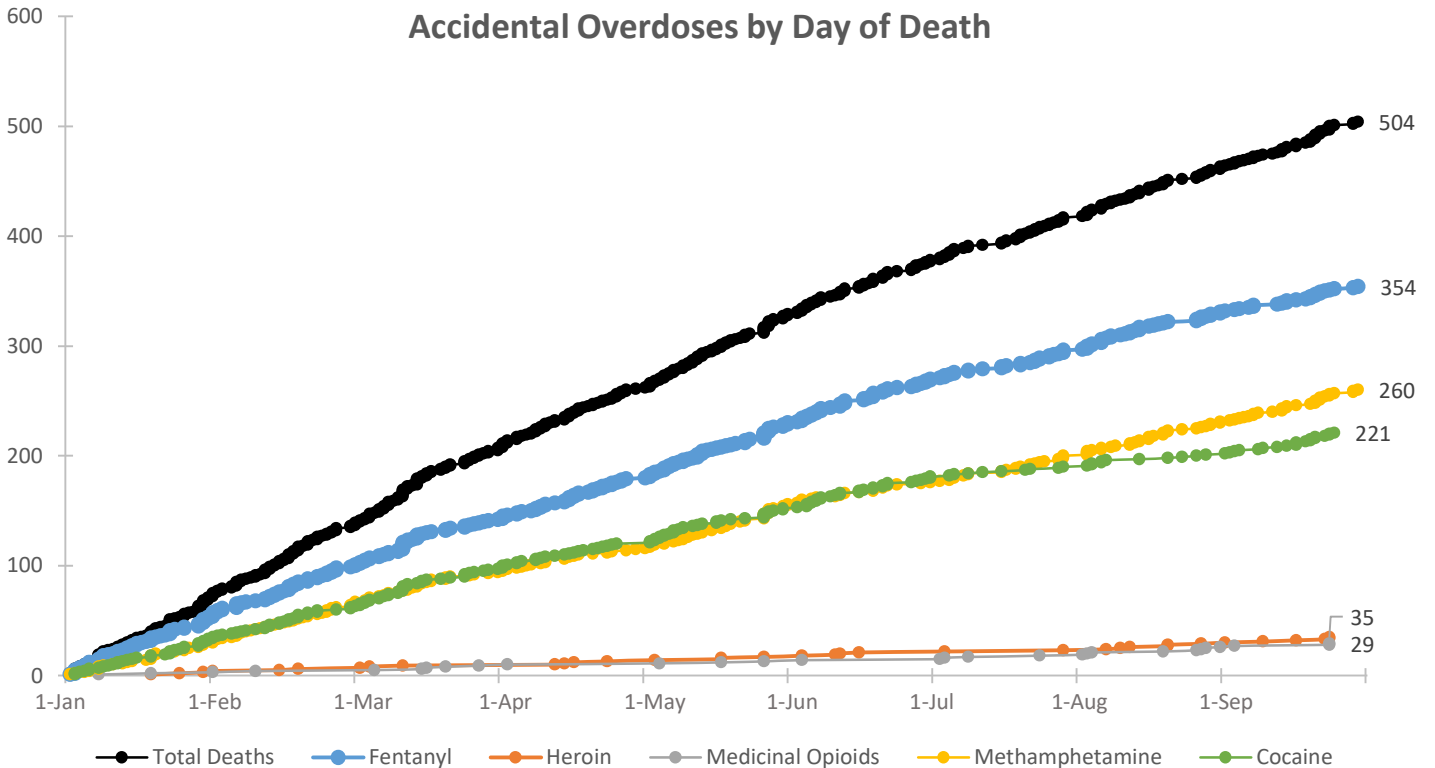
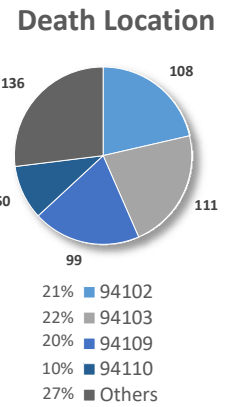
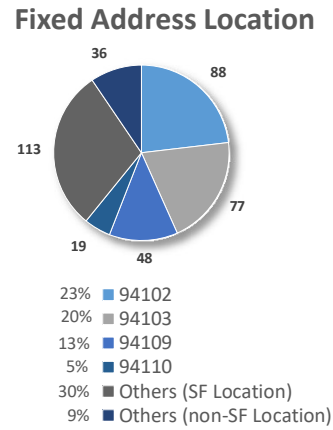
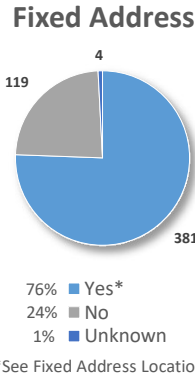
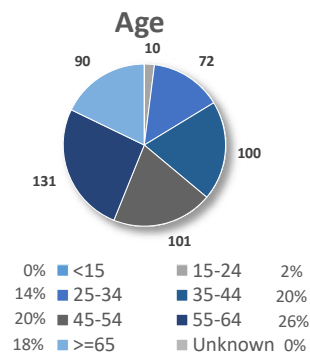
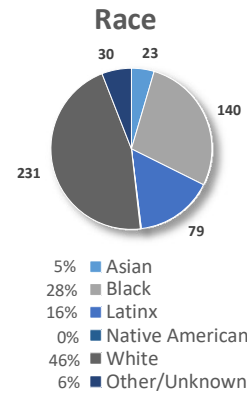
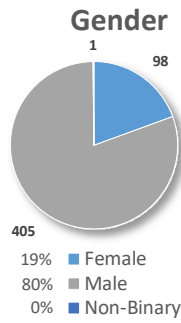


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# JAN-SEP 2024



10.12% ■ Acc. Overdoses Open  
89.88% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed



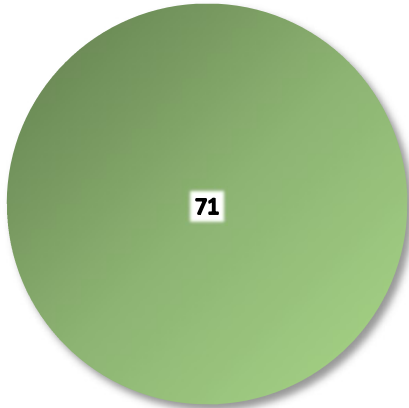
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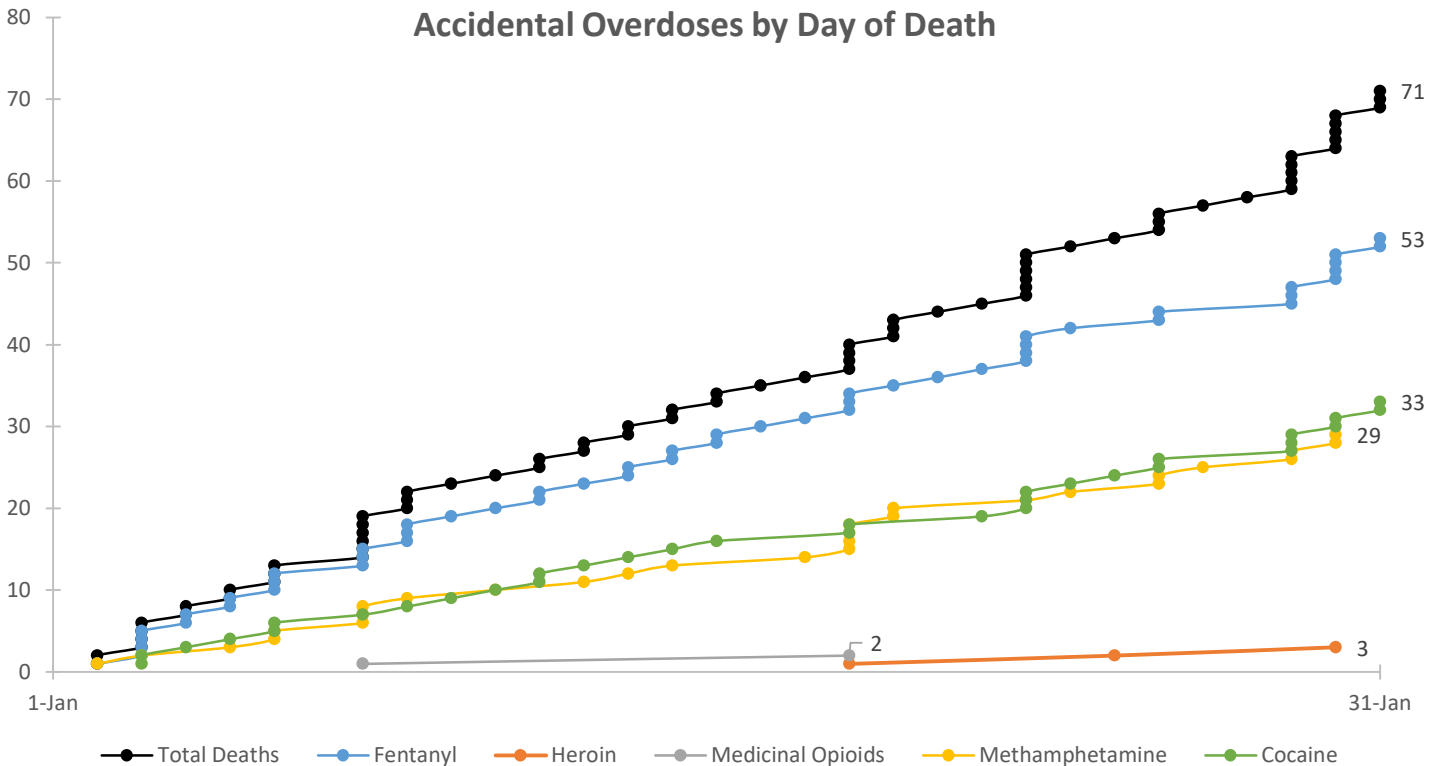
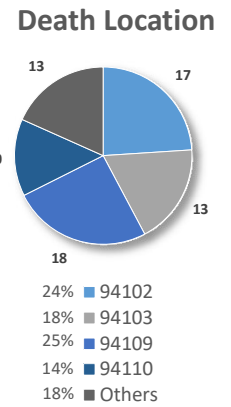
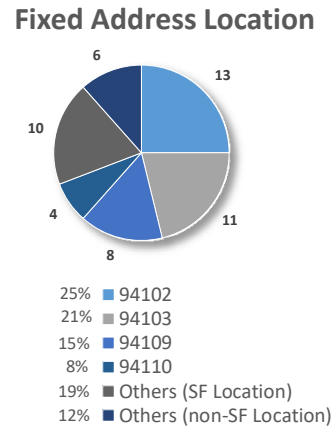
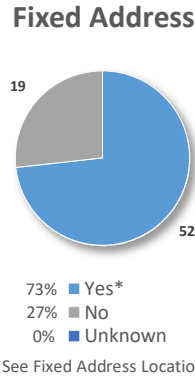
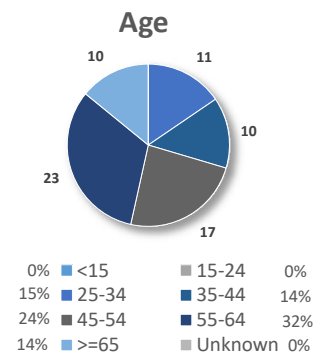
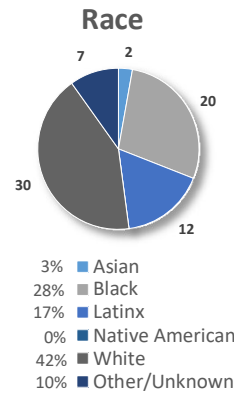
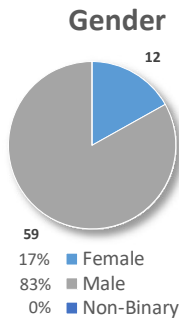


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# JANUARY 2024



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100.00% Acc. Overdoses Closed

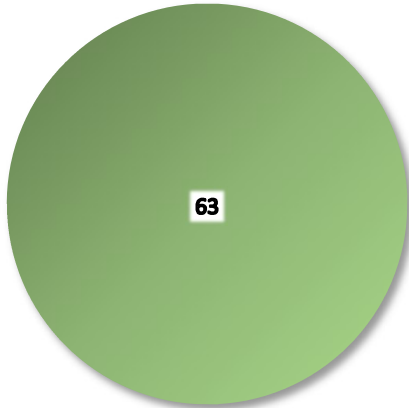


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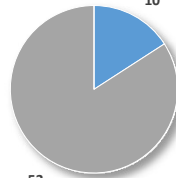
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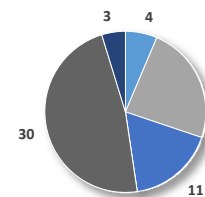
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Gender



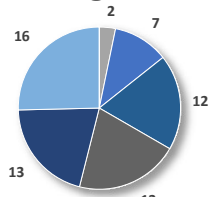
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84% Male  
0% Non-Binary

Race



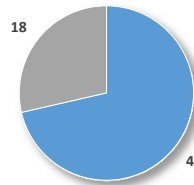
6% Asian  
24% Black  
17% Latinx  
0% Native American  
48% White  
5% Other/Unknown

Age



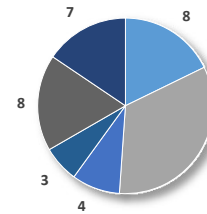
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11% 15-24  
21% 25-34  
25% 35-44  
48% 45-54  
5% 55-64  
1% >=65

Fixed Address



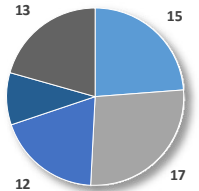
71% Yes\*  
29% No  
0% Unknown  
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Fixed Address Location



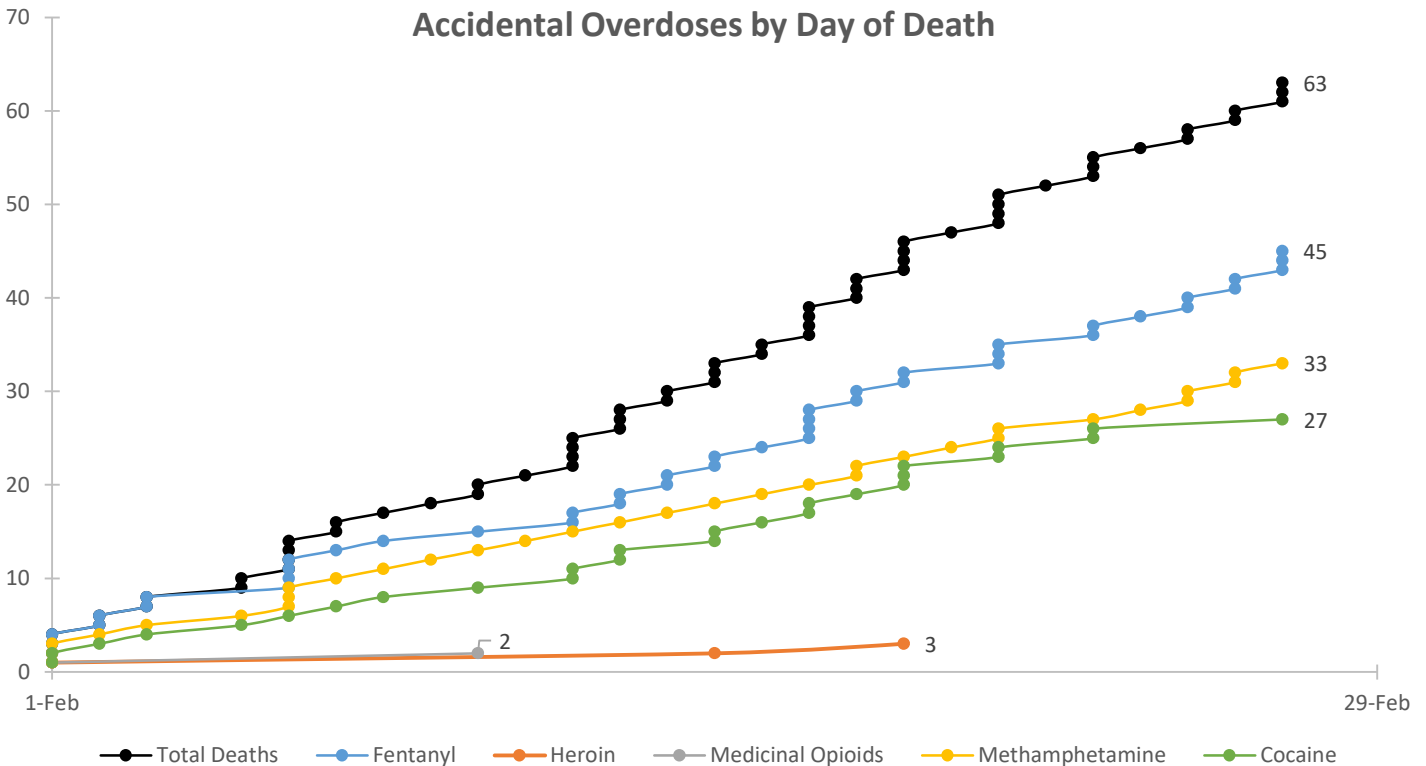
18% 94102  
33% 94103  
9% 94109  
7% 94134  
18% Others (SF Location)  
16% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location



24% 94102  
27% 94103  
19% 94109  
10% 94110  
21% Others

## Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death



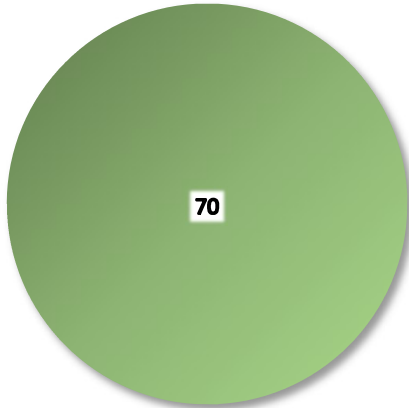
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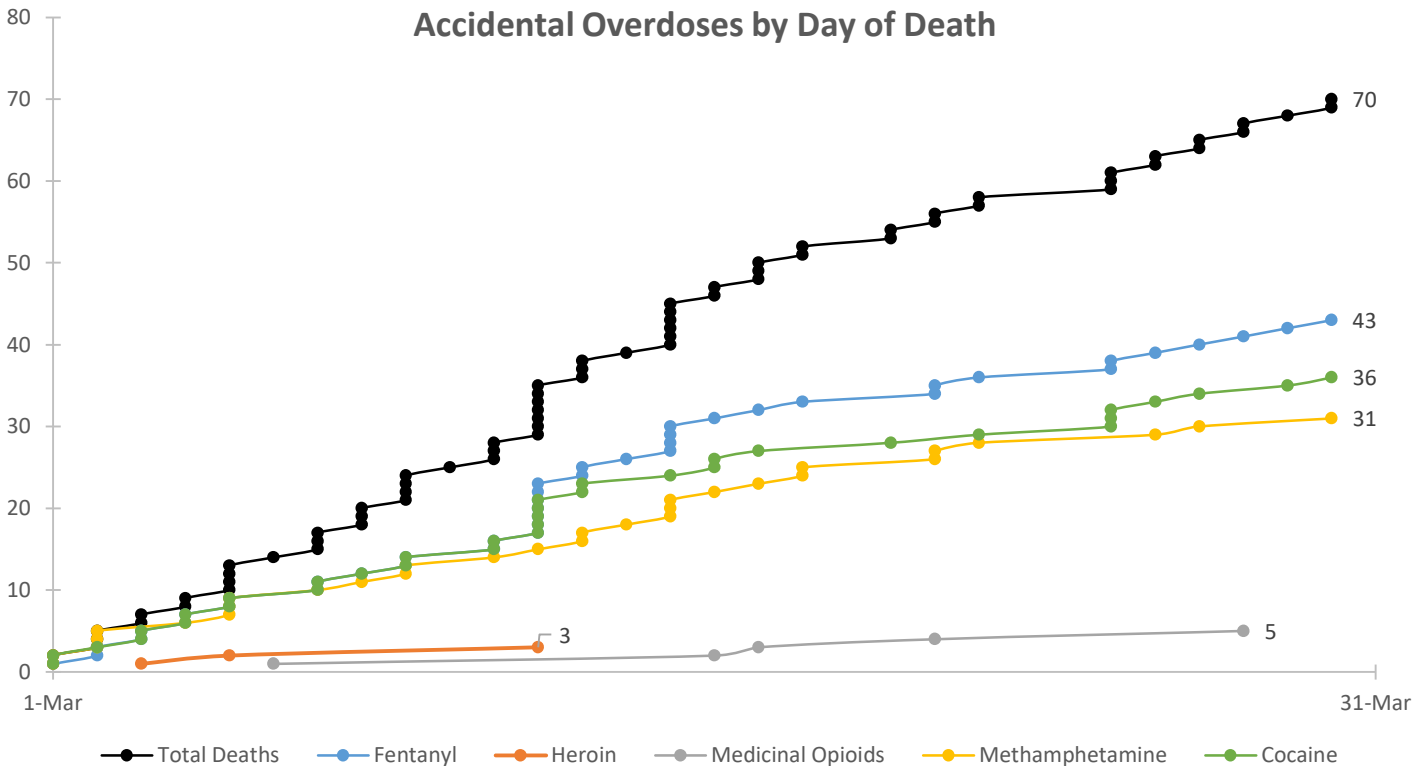
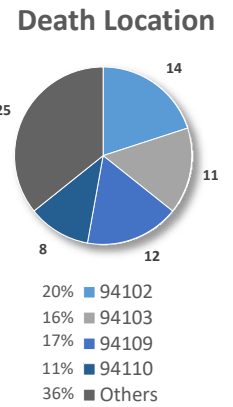
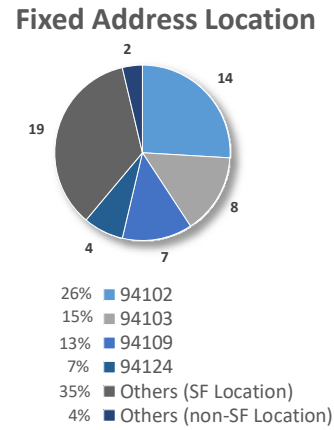
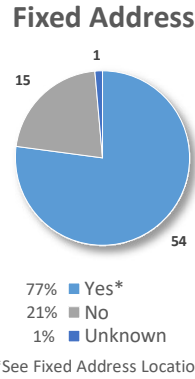
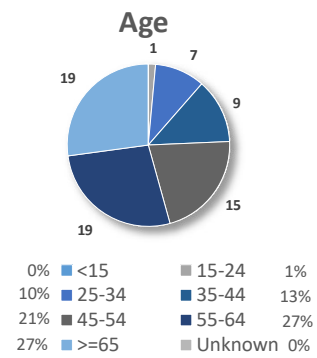
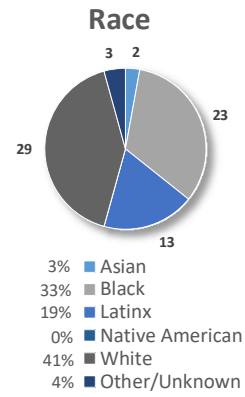
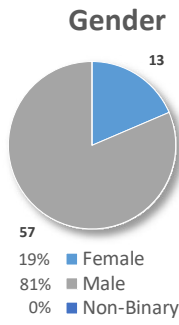


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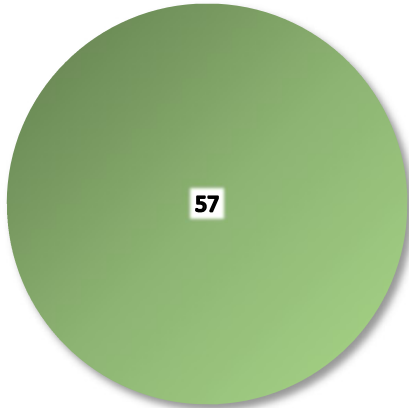


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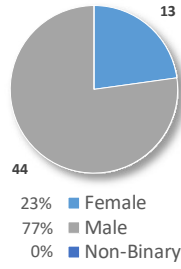
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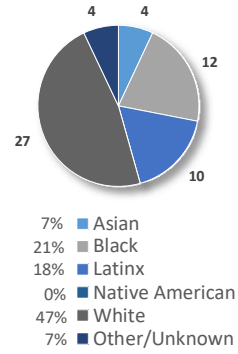


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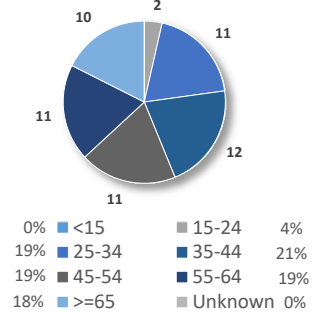
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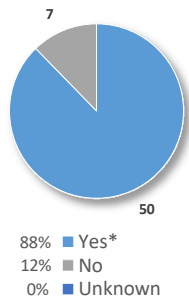
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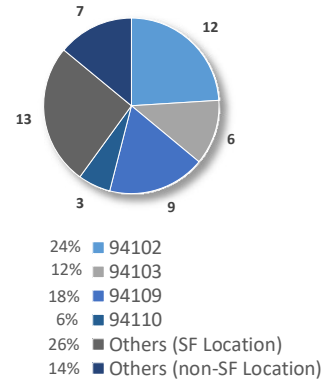


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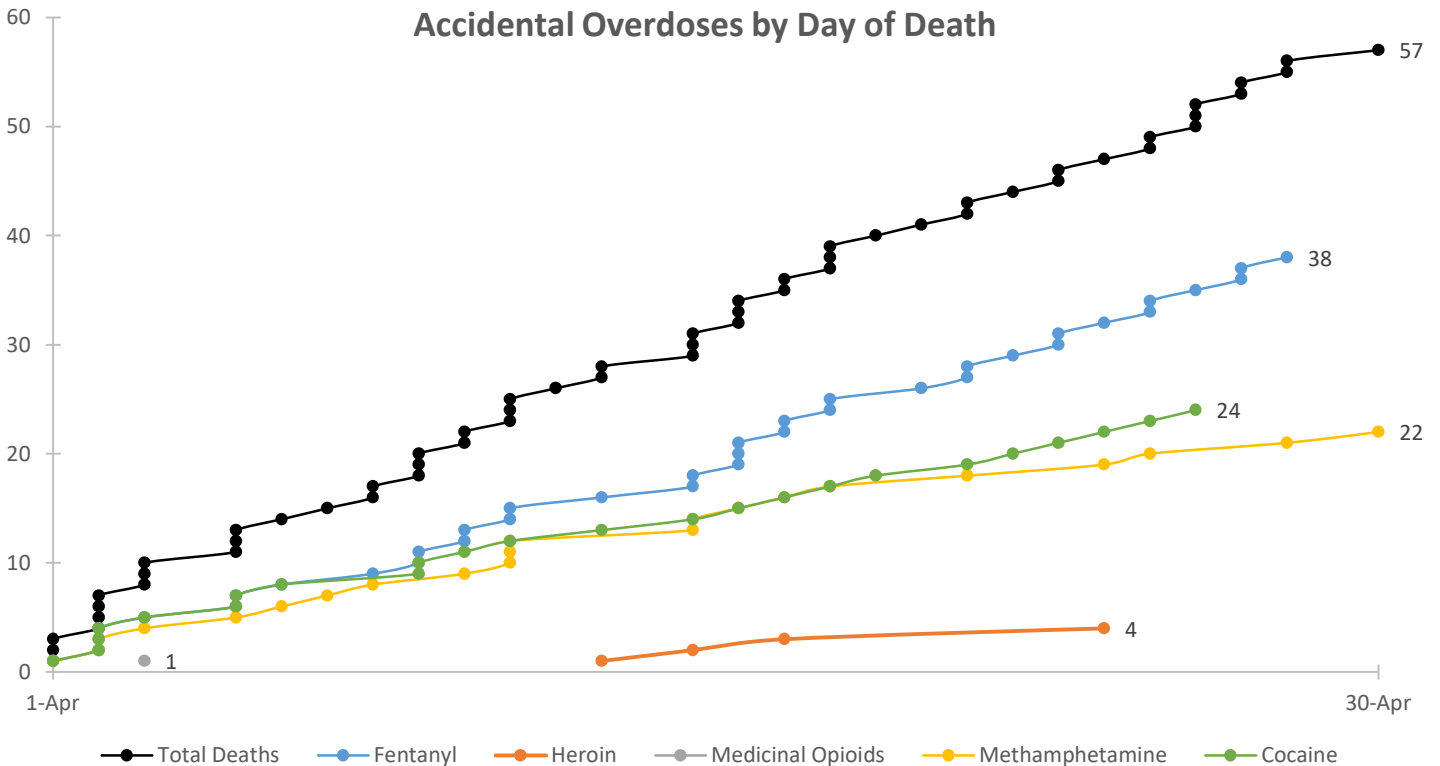
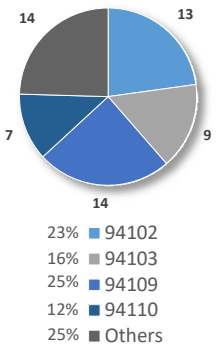


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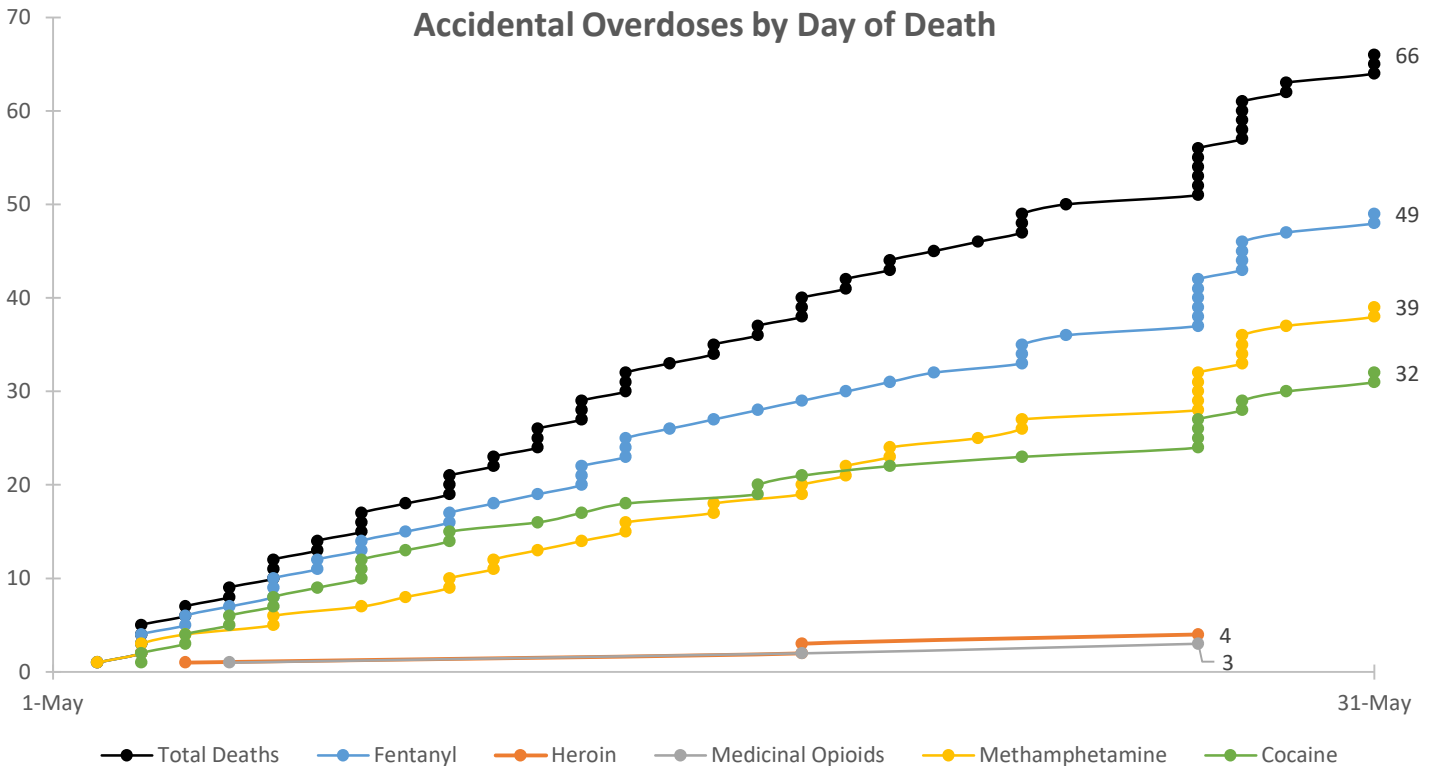
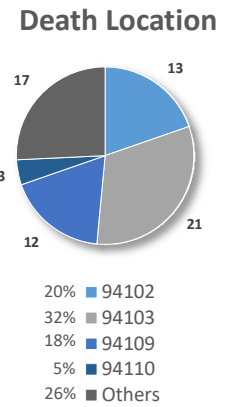
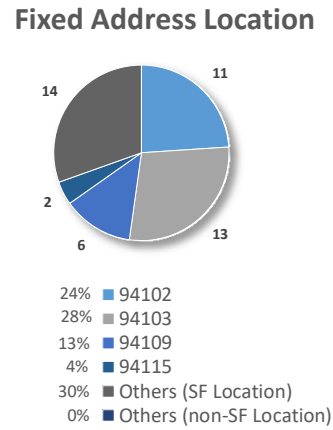
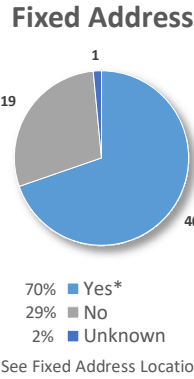
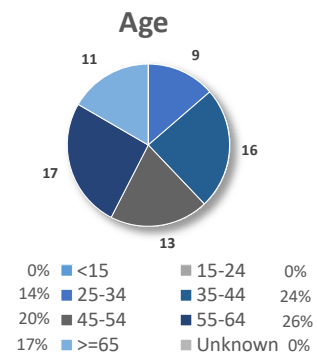
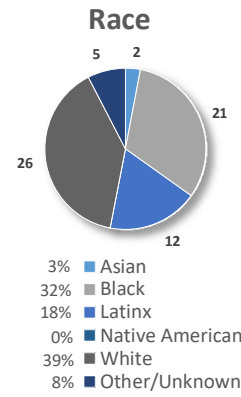
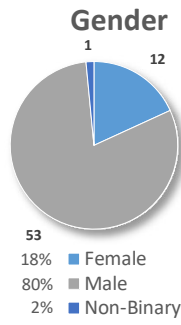
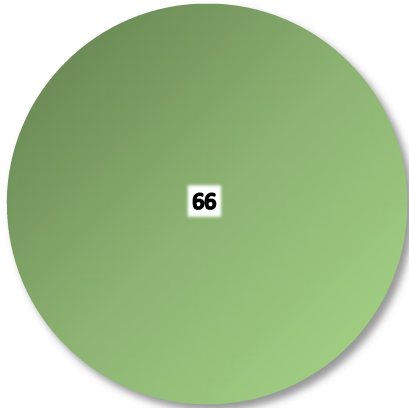
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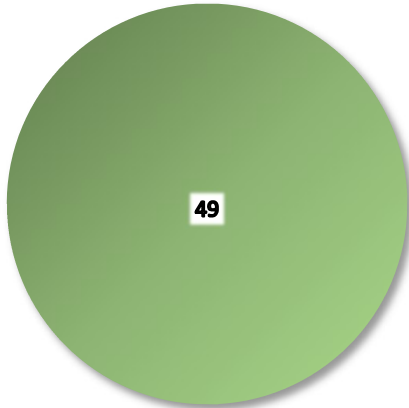
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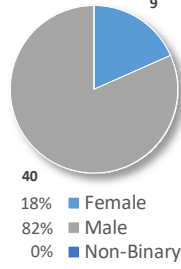
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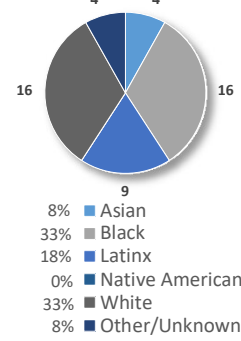


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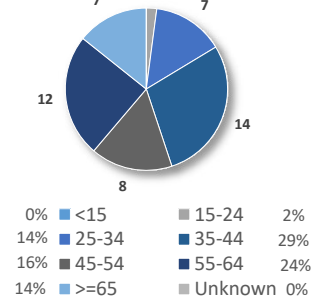
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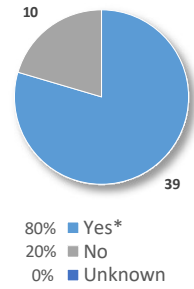
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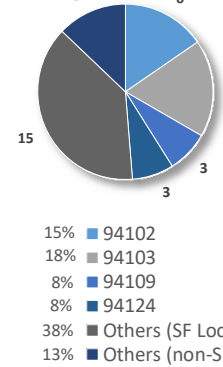


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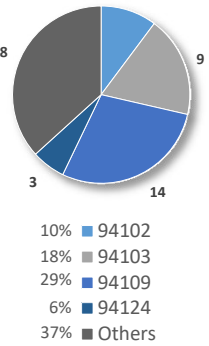


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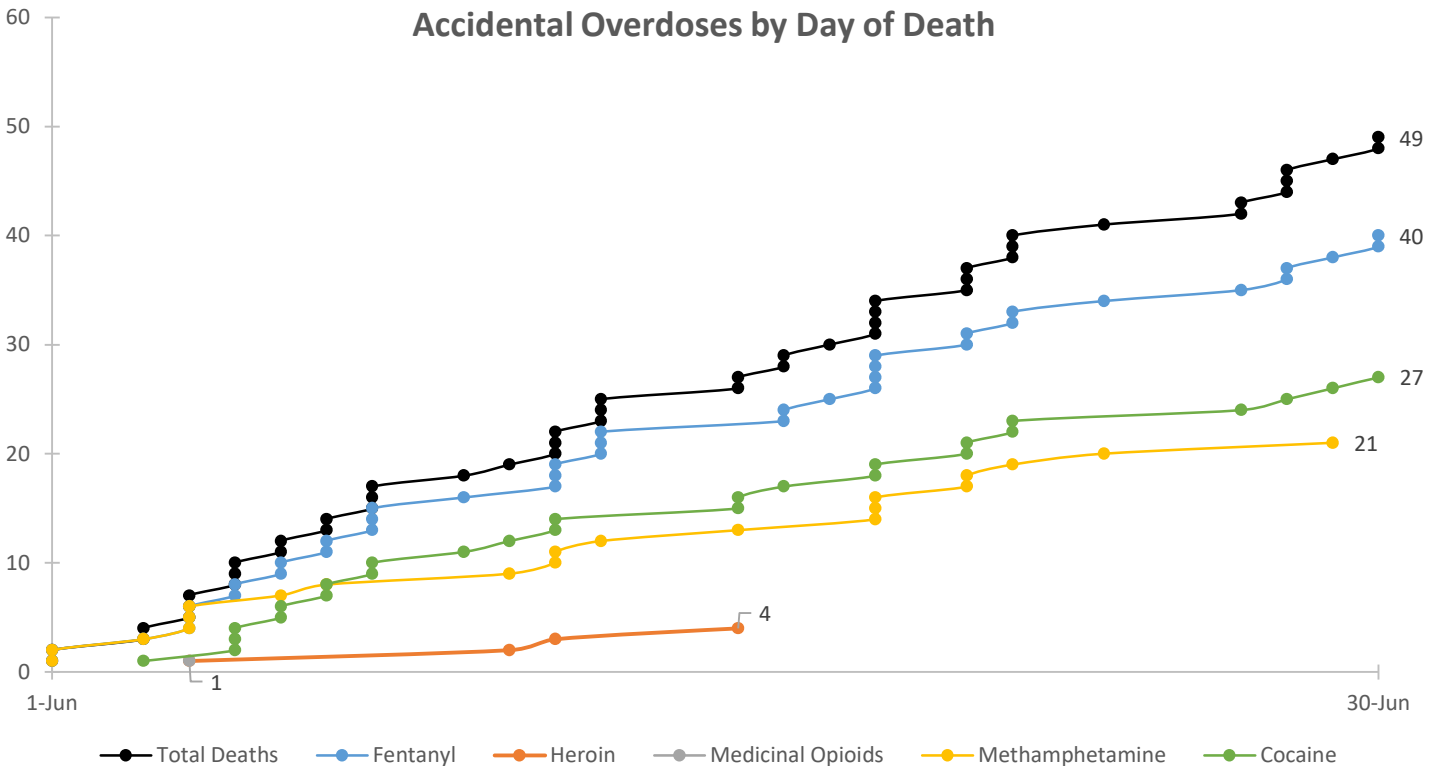
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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death



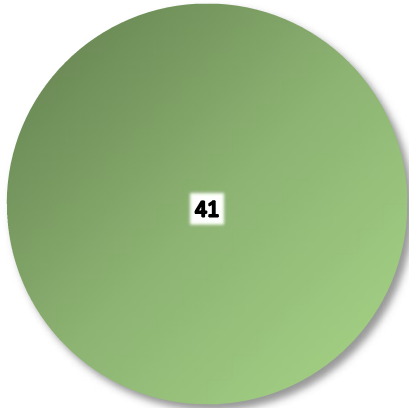
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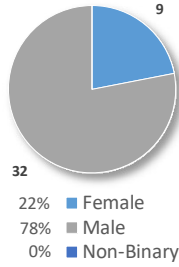
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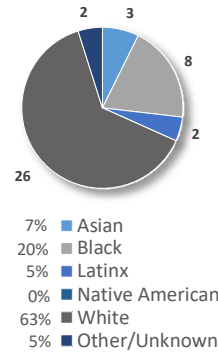


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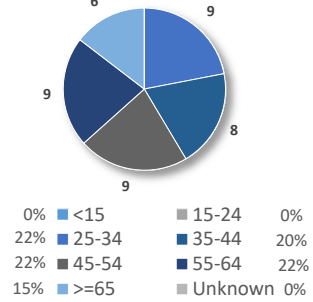
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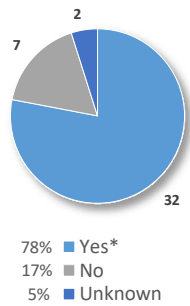
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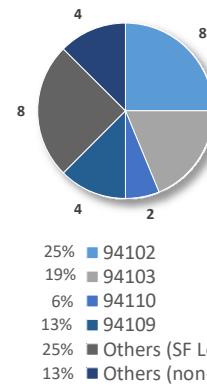


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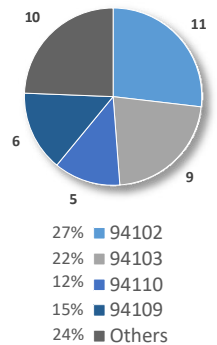


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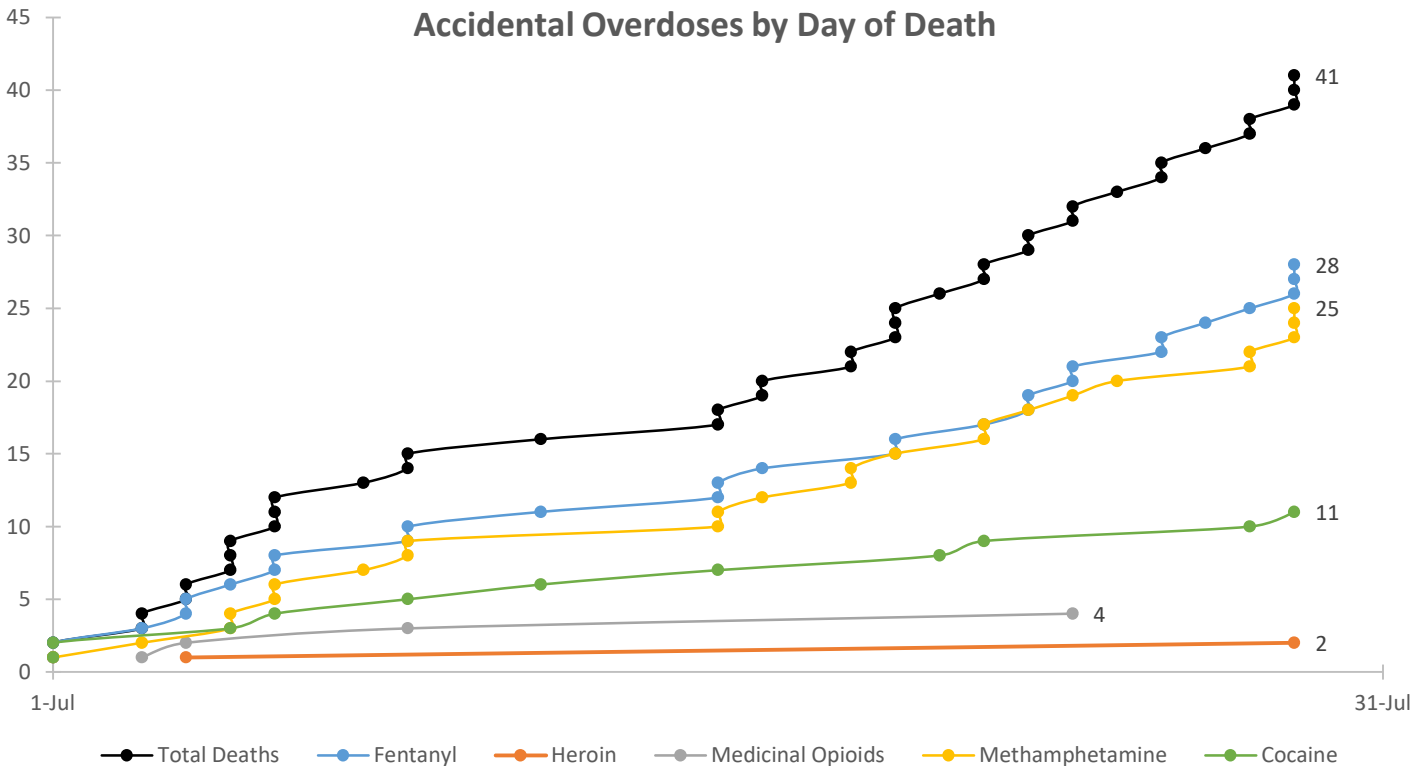
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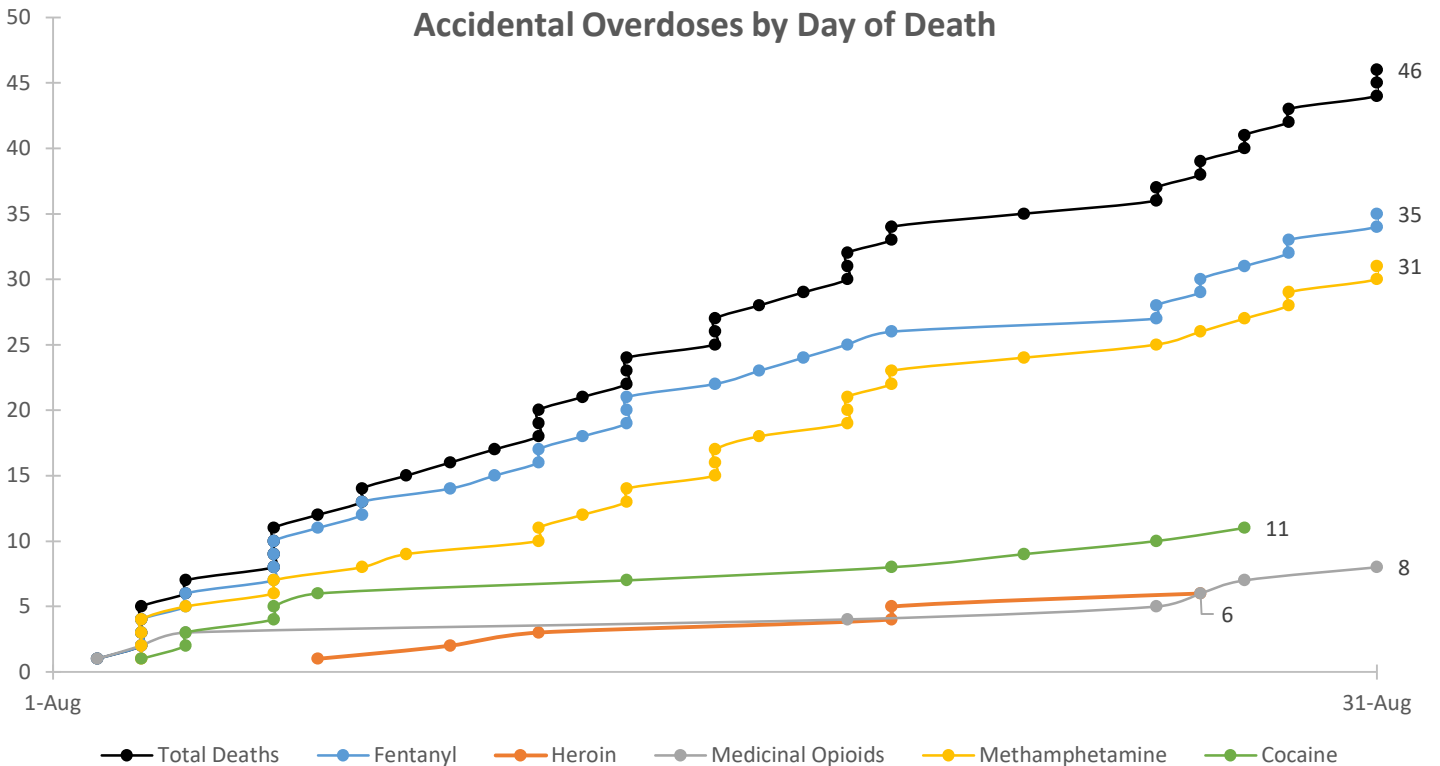
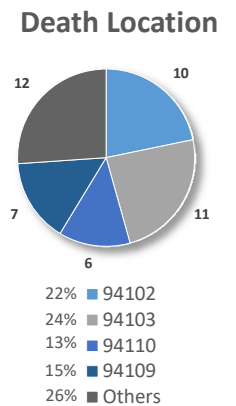
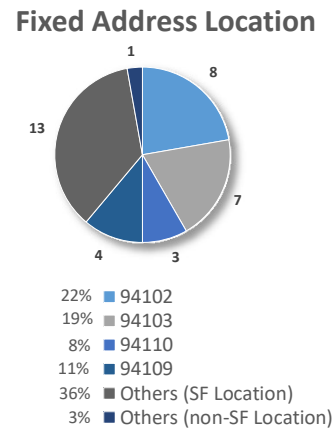
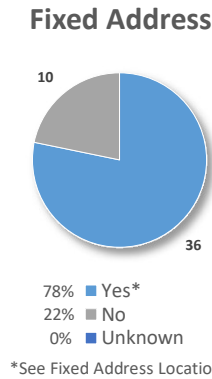
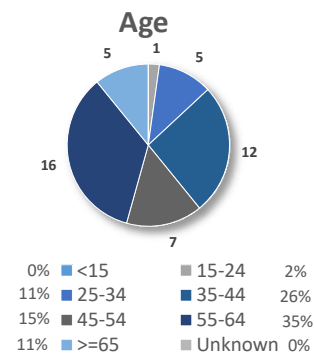
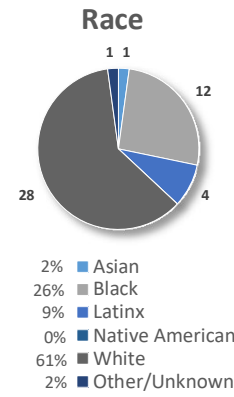
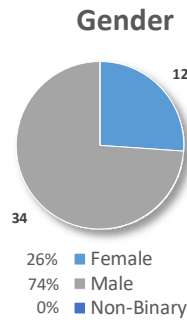
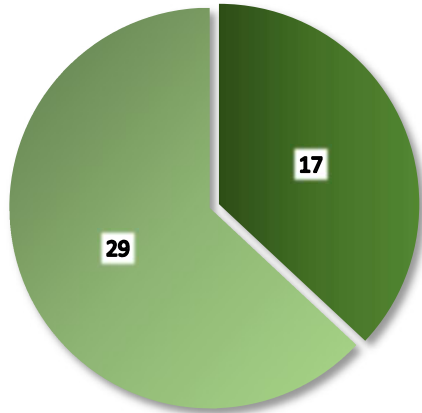


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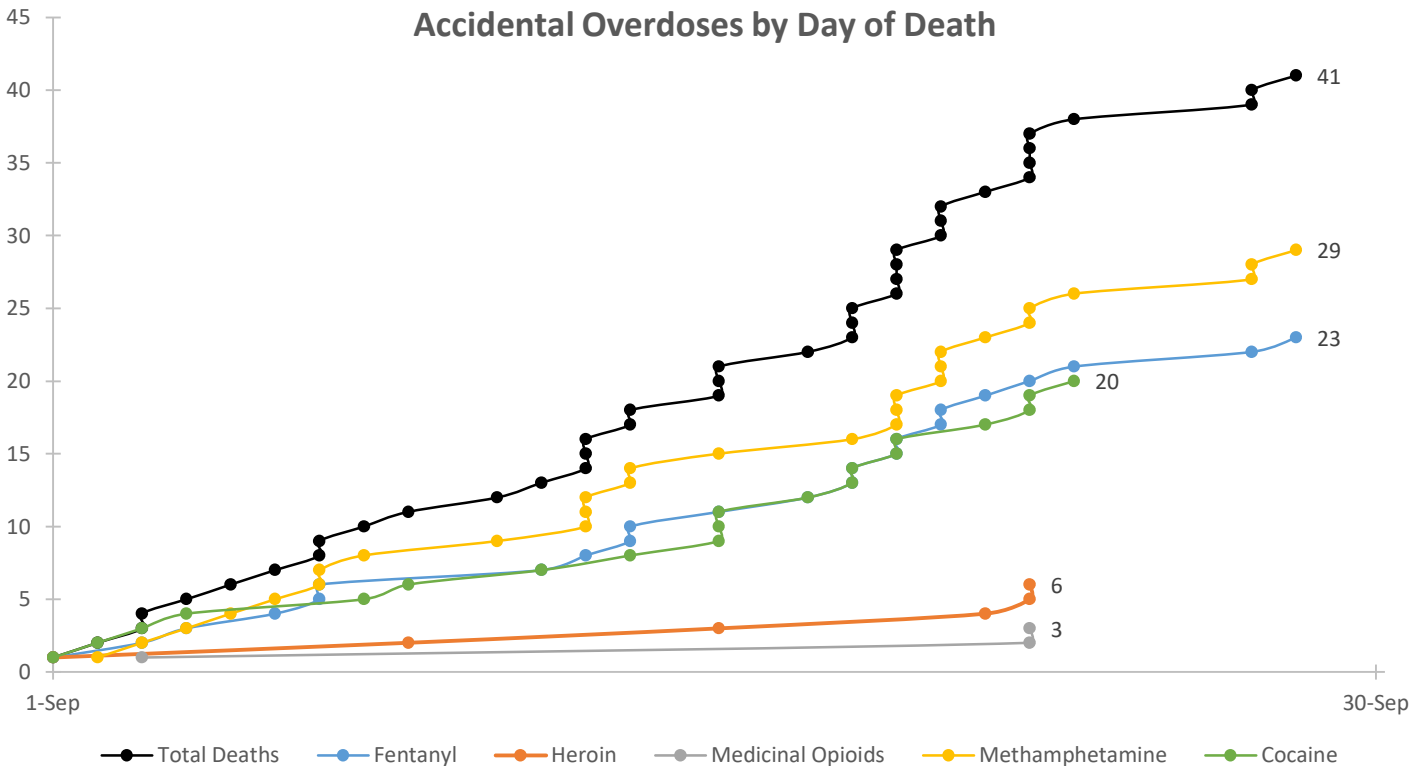
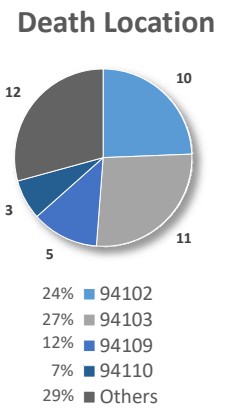
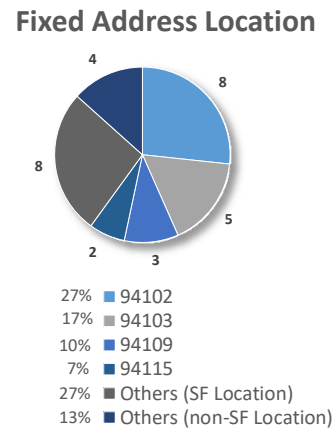
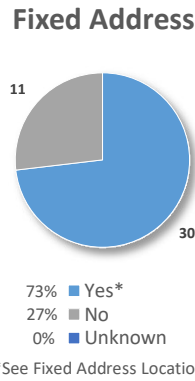
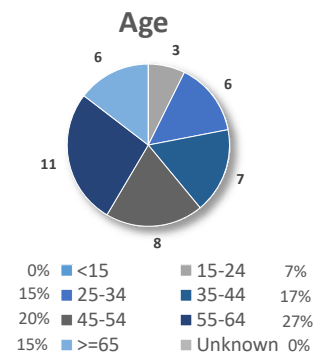
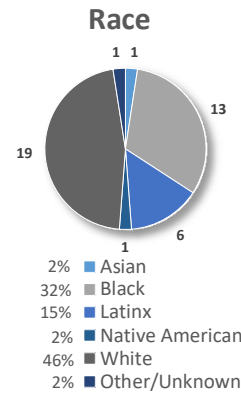
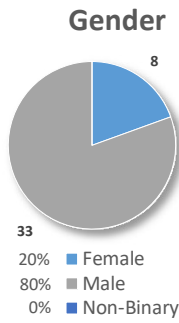
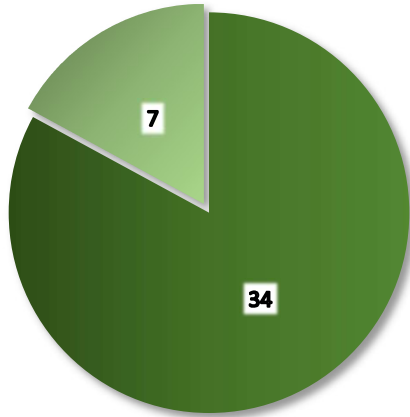


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