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

December 14, 2023

Subject: Report on 2023 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 November 30, 2023. During this period, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 752. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in November 2023 is 57.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine from January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023, is 30.

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 December 6, 2023, 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,

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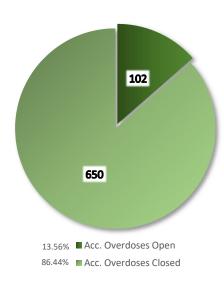
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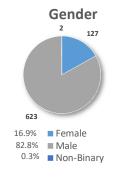


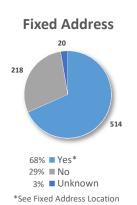
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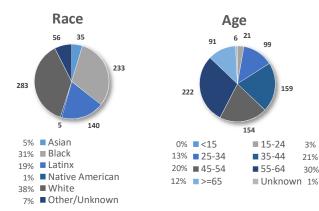
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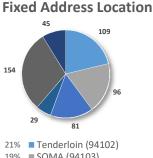
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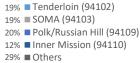


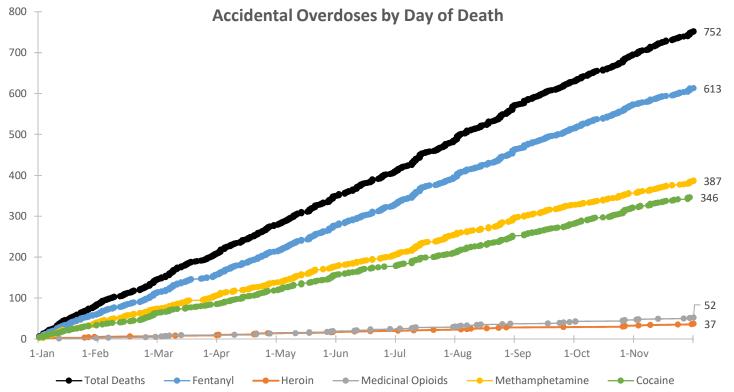












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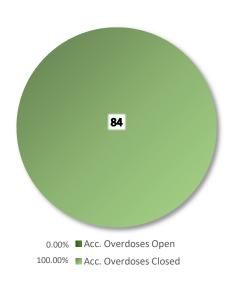
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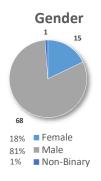


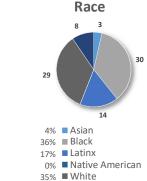
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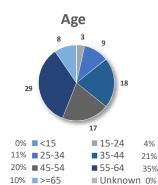
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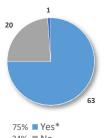












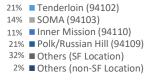


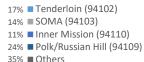
10% ■ Other/Unknown

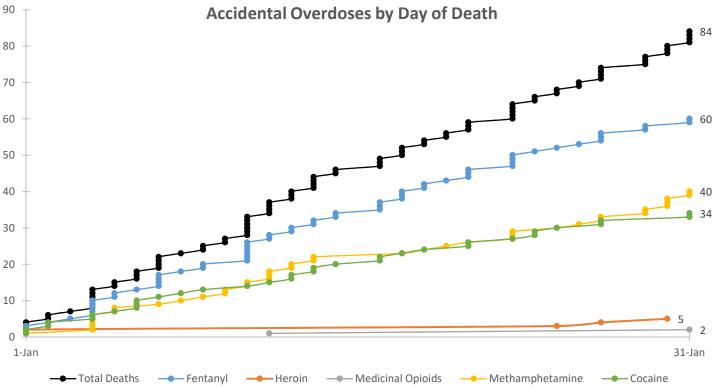




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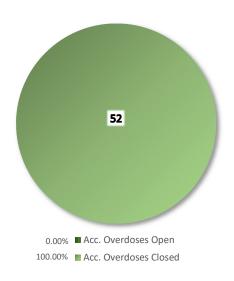
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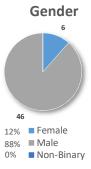


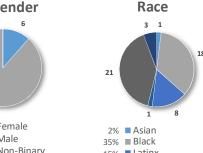
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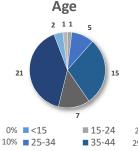
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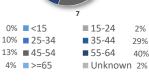


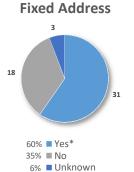




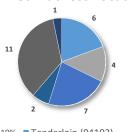


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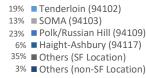


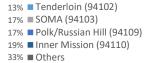


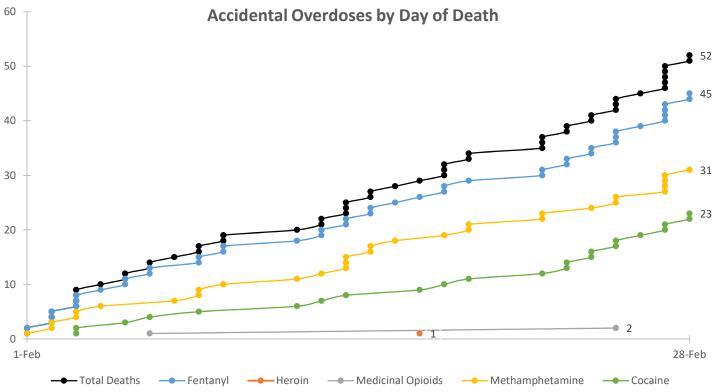
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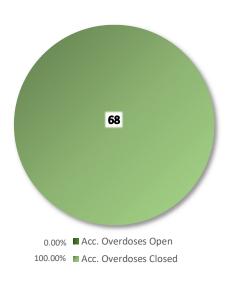
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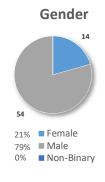


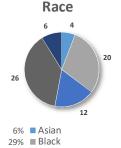
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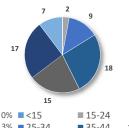
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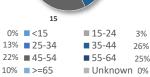


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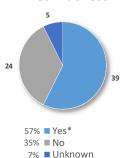


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38% ■ White 9% ■ Other/Unknown

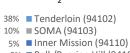


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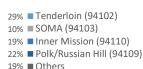
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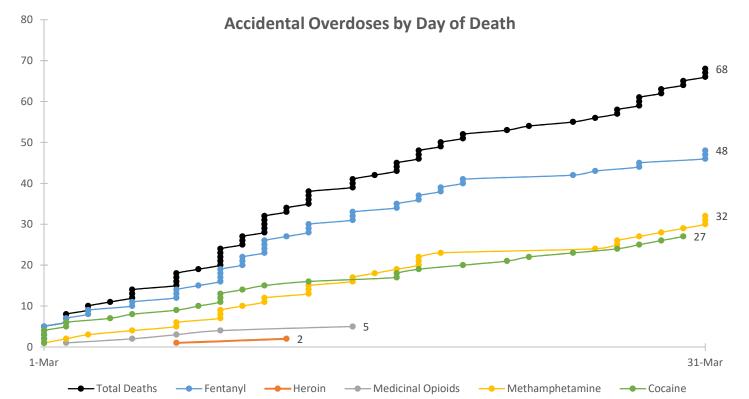




5% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 31% ■ Others (SF Location) 10% ■ Others (non-SF Location)







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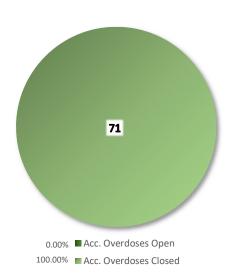
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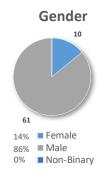


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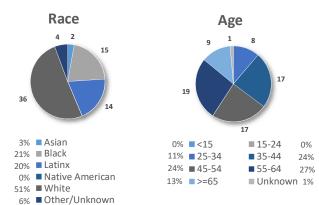
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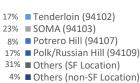




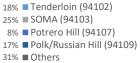
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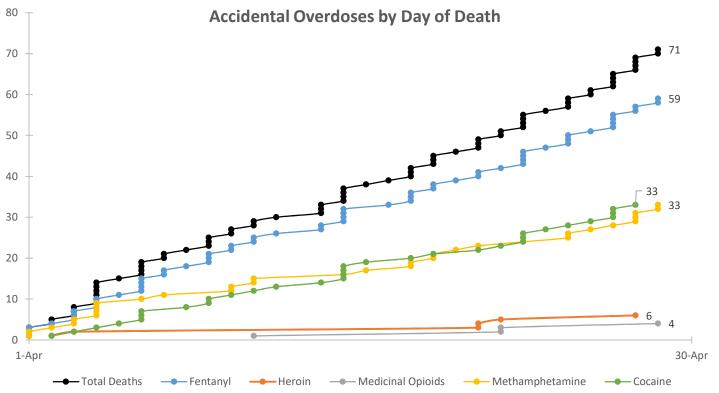












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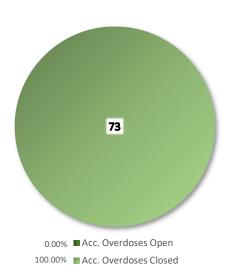
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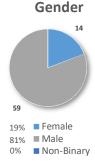


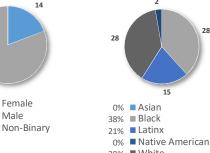
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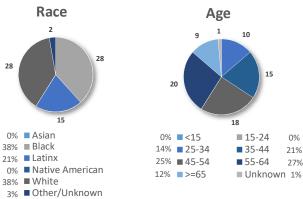
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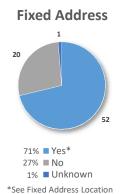
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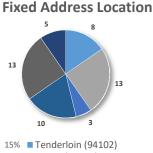




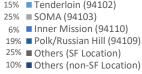


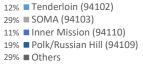


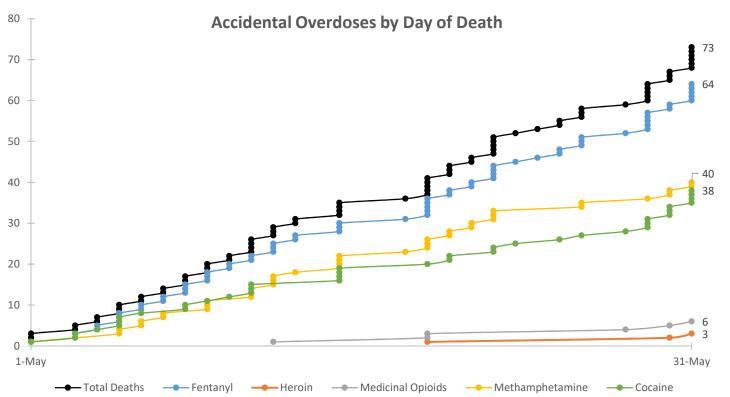












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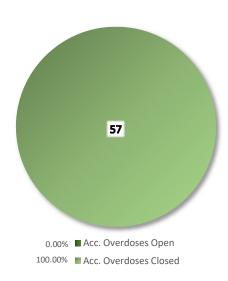
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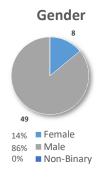


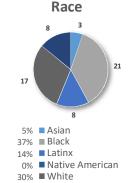
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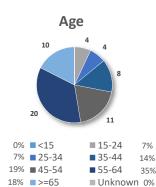
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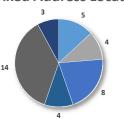










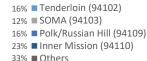


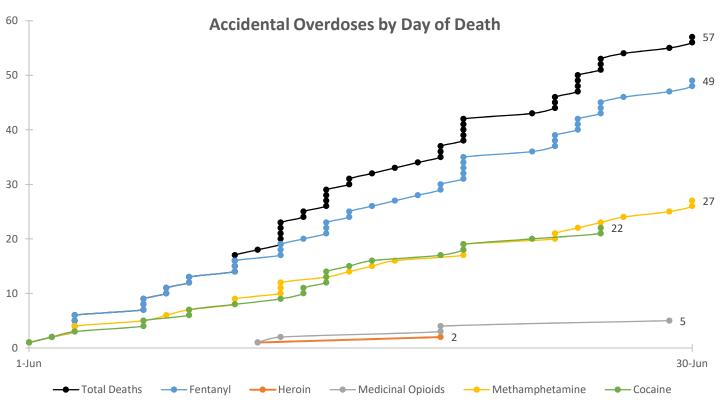






37% ■ Others (SF Location)
8% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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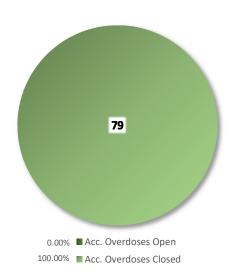
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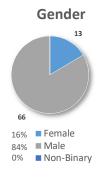


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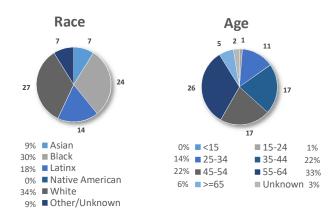
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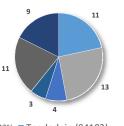




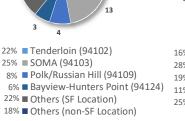


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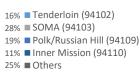


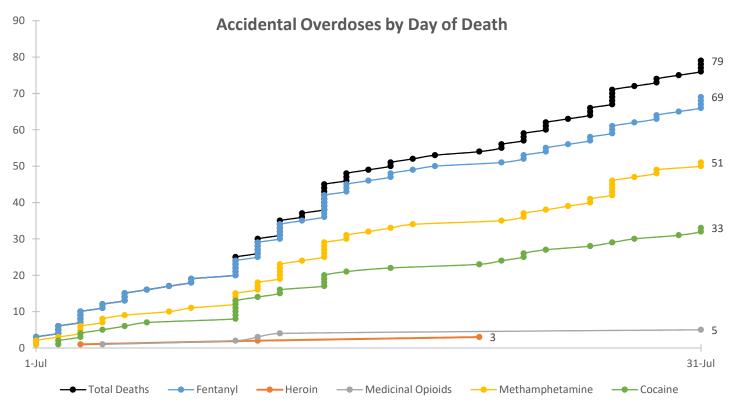


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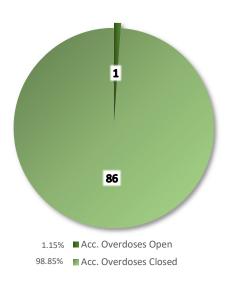
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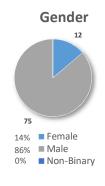


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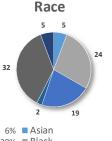
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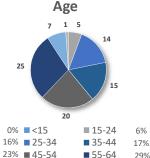
74% Yes*

0% ■ Unknown

*See Fixed Address Location

26% ■ No.





55-64

■ Unknown 1%

29%

28% ■ Black 22% Latinx

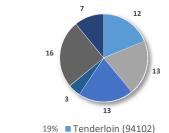
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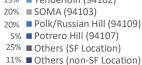
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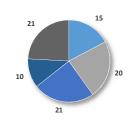
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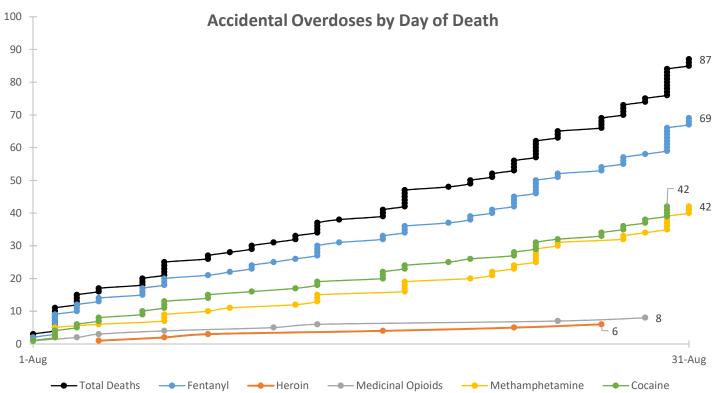
8% =>=65







17% ■ Tenderloin (94102) 23% ■ SOMA (94103) 24% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 11% ■ Inner Richmond (94110) 24% ■ Others



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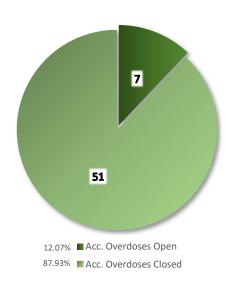
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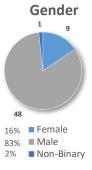


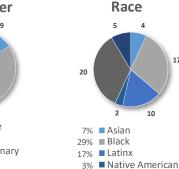
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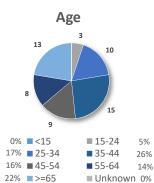
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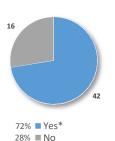




34% ■ White 9% ■ Other/Unknown



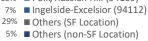




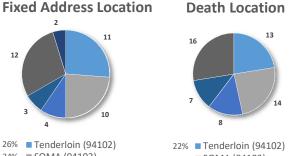
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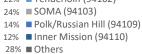
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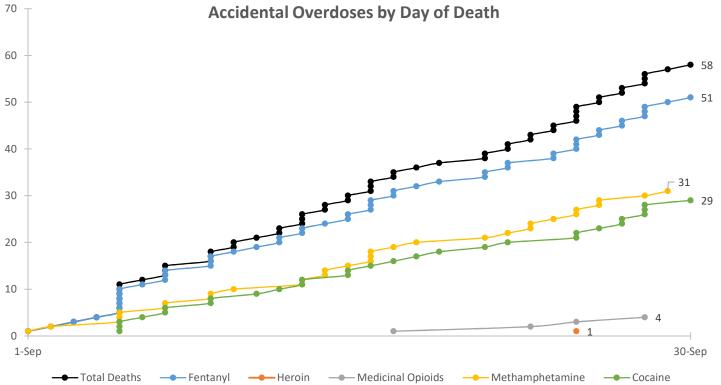




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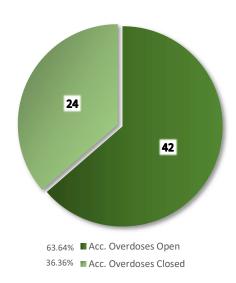
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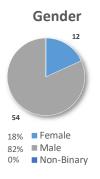


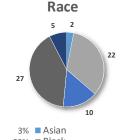
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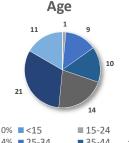
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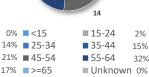




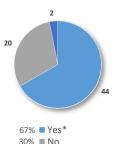
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41% ■ White 8% ■ Other/Unknown

Fixed Address Location



Fixed Address



3% ■ Unknown

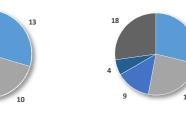
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11% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 5% ■ Bayview-Hunter's Point (94124)

18% ■ Others (SF Location) 14% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

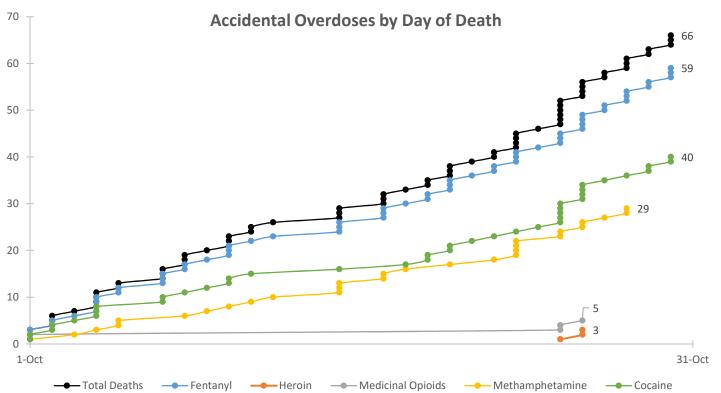




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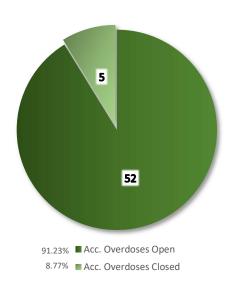
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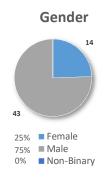


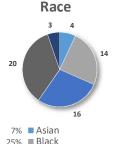
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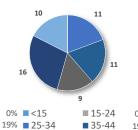
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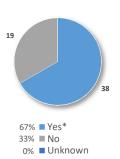
Age



0% ■ Native American 35% ■ White 5% ■ Other/Unknown

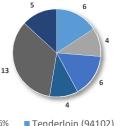


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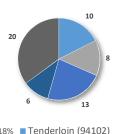
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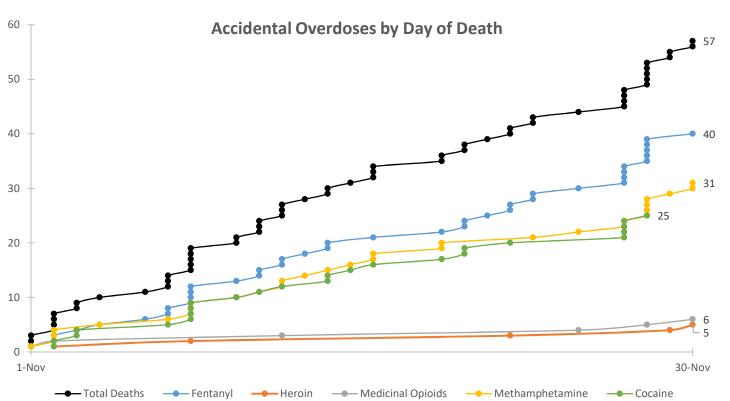








35% ■ Others ■ Others (non-SF Location)



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