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

January 10, 2024

Subject: Report on 2020 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2020 was 726.

The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to comply with local and state reporting guidelines and further OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers. These reports are not intended to replace other death statistics within the City that rely on finalized death certificates.

Pertinent for accurate use of these reports is understanding the source of the data and its subsequent summarization process. Decedent demographic and case information were obtained from the OCME case management system. Additionally, specific details from investigator narratives, forensic toxicology results, and where available, preliminary autopsy findings, were utilized. Collected demographic information included race, gender, age, fixed address status, and locations of residence and death.

Closed casework included any drug and alcohol-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

Luke N. Rodda, Ph.D.

Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

cc: Office of the City Administrator

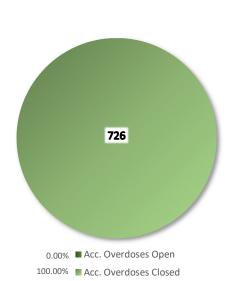
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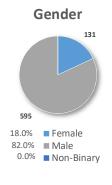
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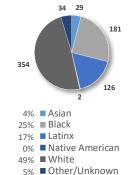


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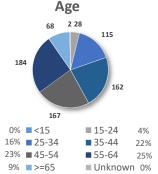
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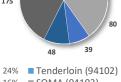
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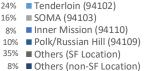


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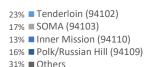


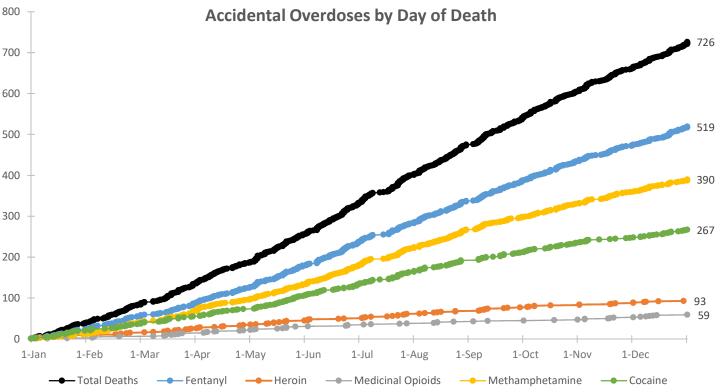












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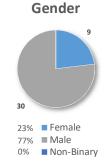
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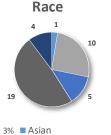
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JANUARY 2020

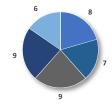




26% ■ Black

13% ■ Latinx

49% ■ White 10% ■ Other/Unknown



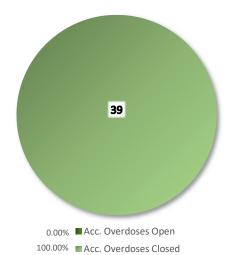
Age



0% <15 21% 25-34 23% 45-54 15% =>=65

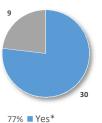
■ 15-24 0% ■ 35-44 18% **55-64** 23%

■ Unknown 0%



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Fixed Address



23% ■ No

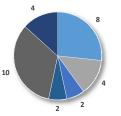
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*See Fixed Address Location



Fixed Address Location

0% ■ Native American

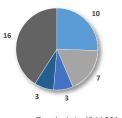




7% ■ Potrero Hill (94107) 33% ■ Others (SF Location) 13% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

Methamphetamine

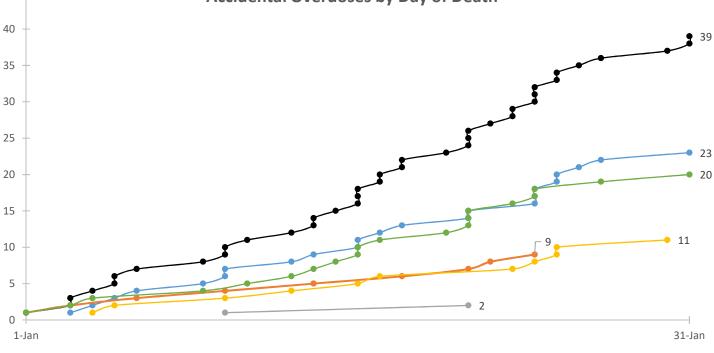






■ North Beach (94133) 8% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109 41% ■ Others





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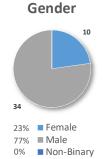
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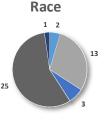
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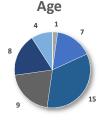


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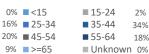


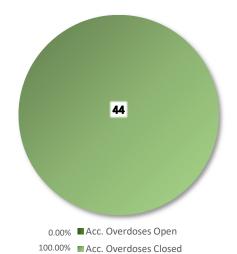
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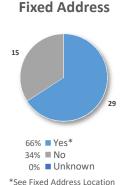
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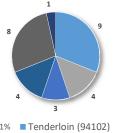
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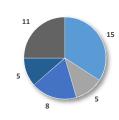
20% **45-54** 9% =>=65









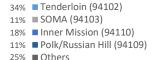


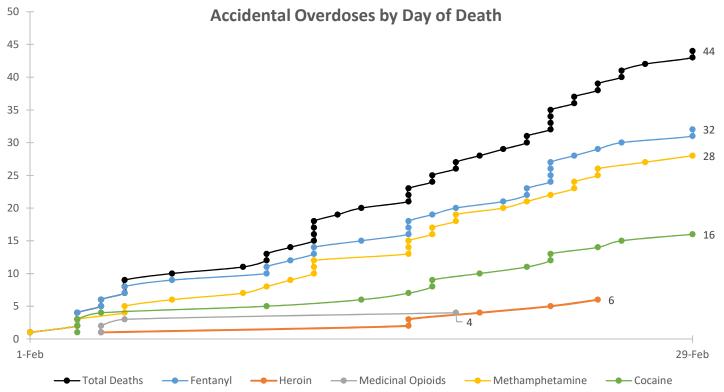
Death Location



10% ■ Inner Mission (94110) 14% ■ Bayview (94124)

28% ■ Others (SF Location) 3% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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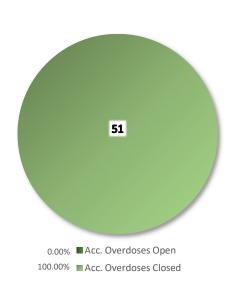
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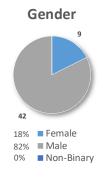
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MARCH 2020





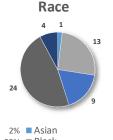
Fixed Address

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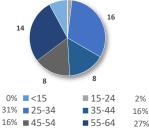
2% ■ Unknown

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27% ■ No







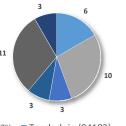
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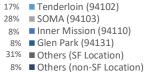
Age





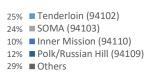






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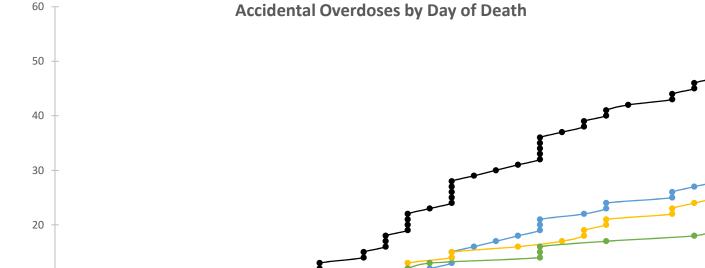




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31-Mar



Heroin

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→ Total Deaths

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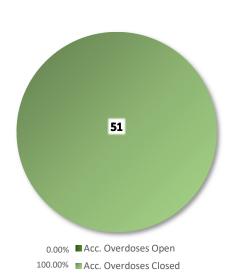
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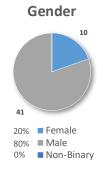
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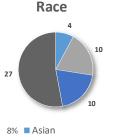


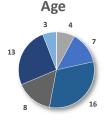
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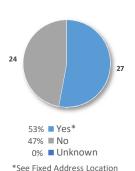
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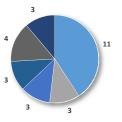
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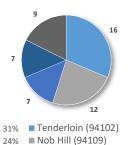
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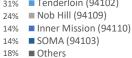


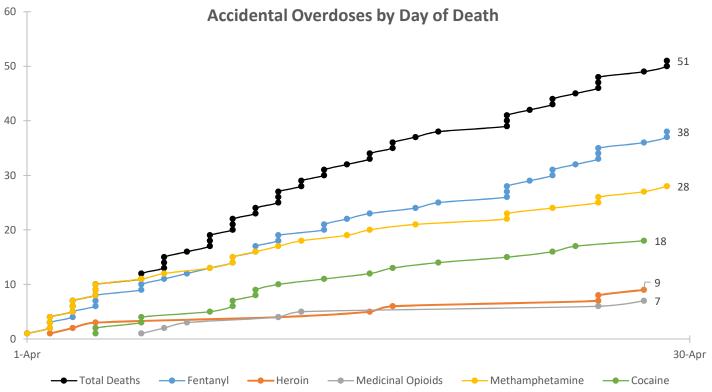


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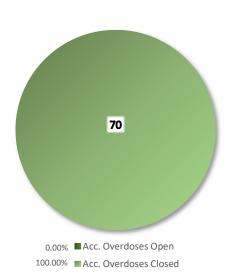
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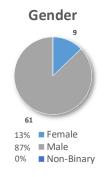
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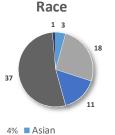


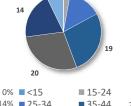
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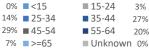




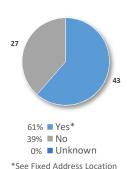
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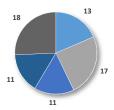


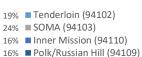




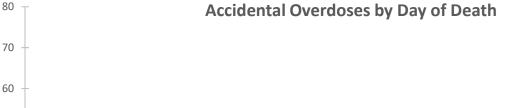
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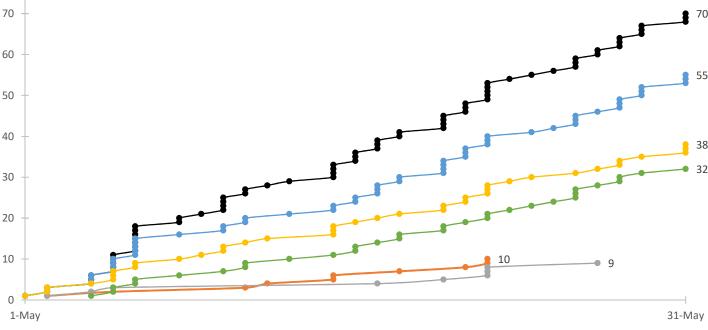






26% ■ Others





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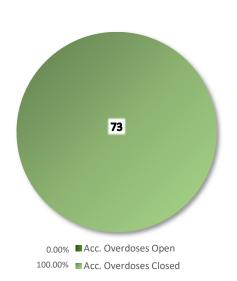
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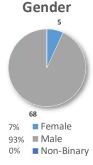
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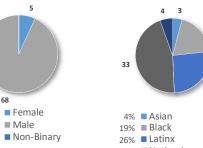


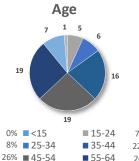
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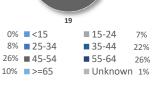






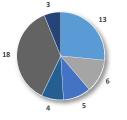


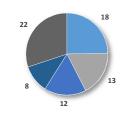
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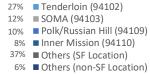
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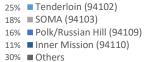


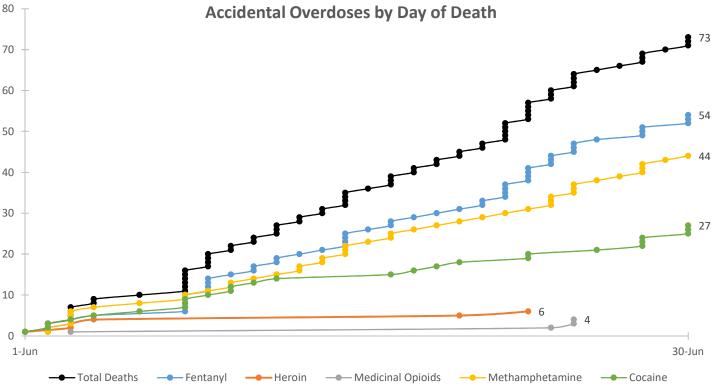












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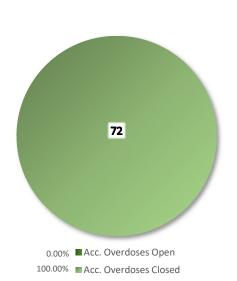
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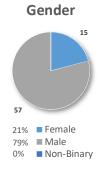
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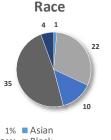


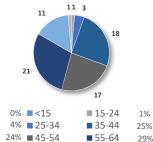
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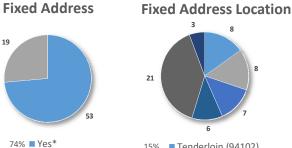
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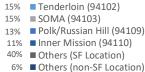
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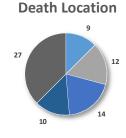


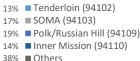
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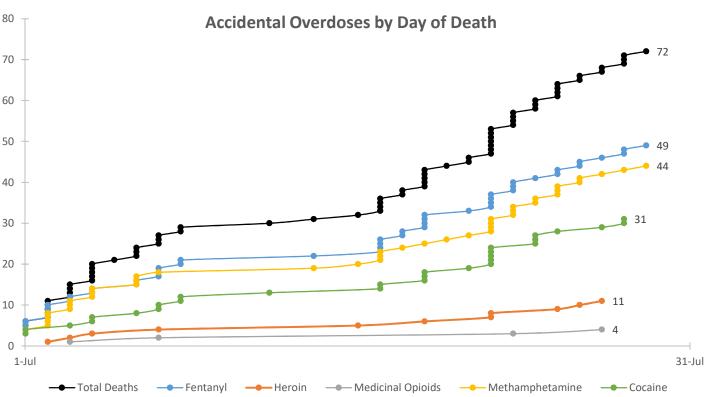
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26% ■ No.

0% ■ Unknown

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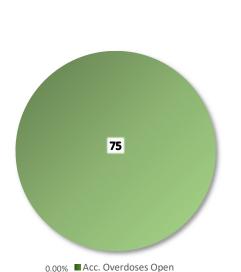
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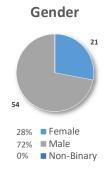


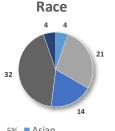
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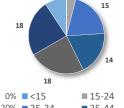
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100.00% ■ Acc. Overdoses Closed







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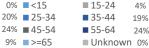
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0% ■ Native American

43% ■ White 5% ■ Other/Unknown

Fixed Address Location

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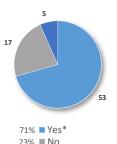


4%

19%

24%

Fixed Address



7% ■ Unknown

*See Fixed Address Location



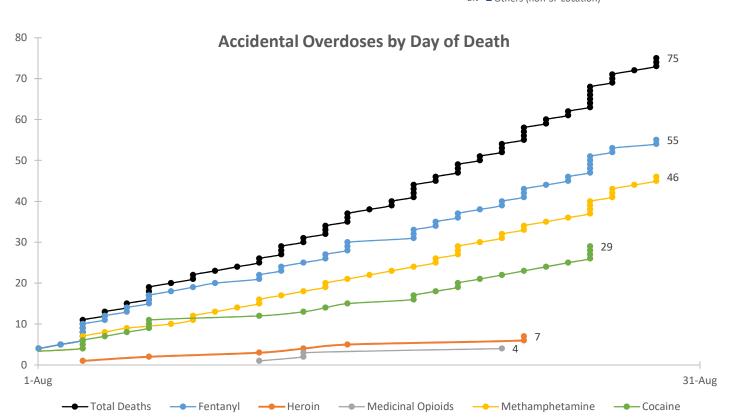
13% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 11% ■ Inner Mission (94110) 36% ■ Others (SF Location) 2% Others (non-SF Location)





23% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 16% ■ Inner Mission (94110)

31% ■ Others



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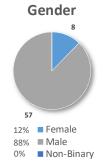
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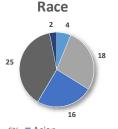
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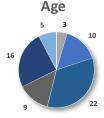


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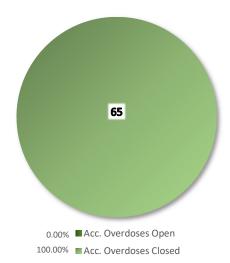


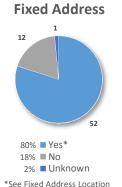
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25% Latinx
0% Native American

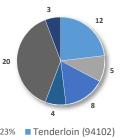
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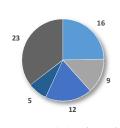
Fixed Address Location











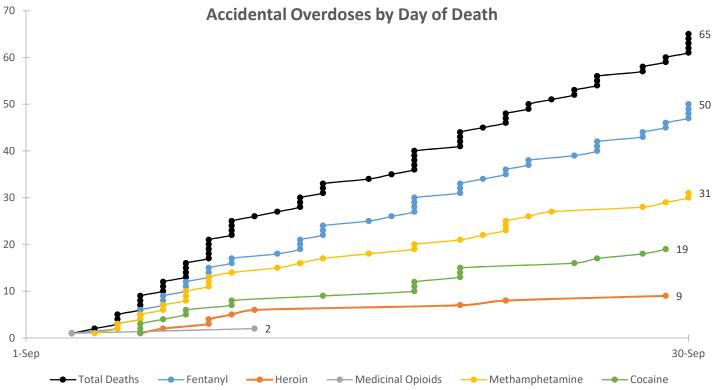
Death Location



8% ■ Inner Mission (94110)
38% ■ Others (SF Location)
6% ■ Others (non-SF Location)



35% ■ Others



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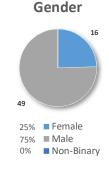
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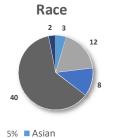
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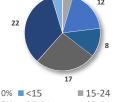


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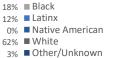
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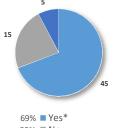


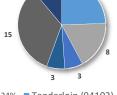
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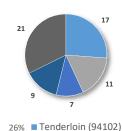


Death Location





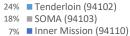




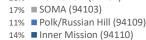


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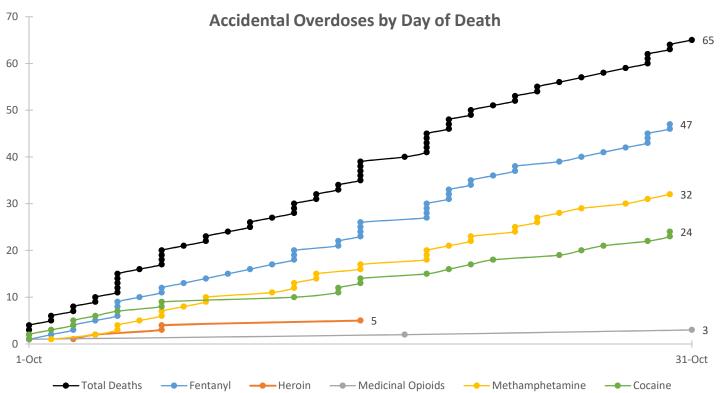


7% ■ Western Addition (94115)
33% ■ Others (SF Location)



32% ■ Others





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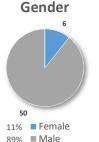
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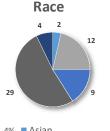
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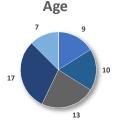


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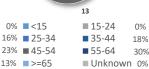


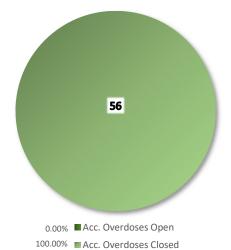


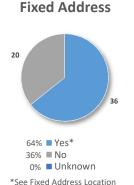




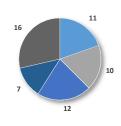








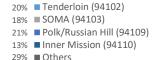


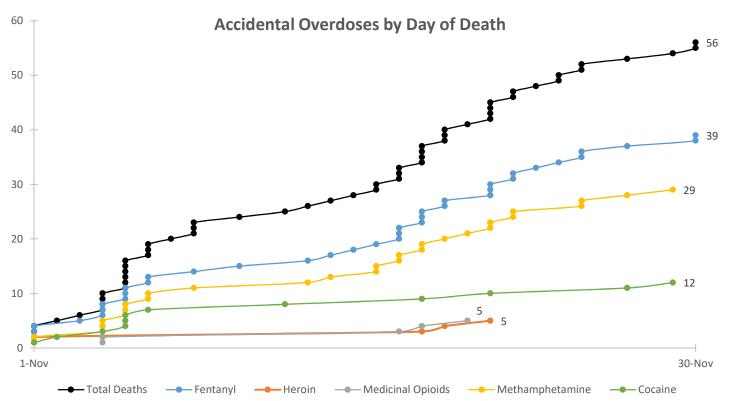


Death Location



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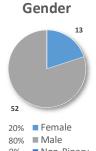
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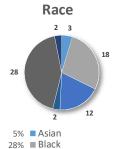
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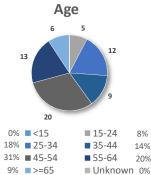
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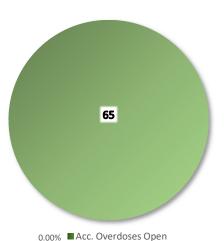




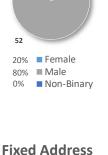
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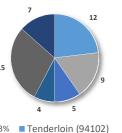


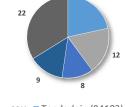
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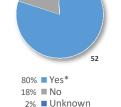


3% ■ Native American





Death Location



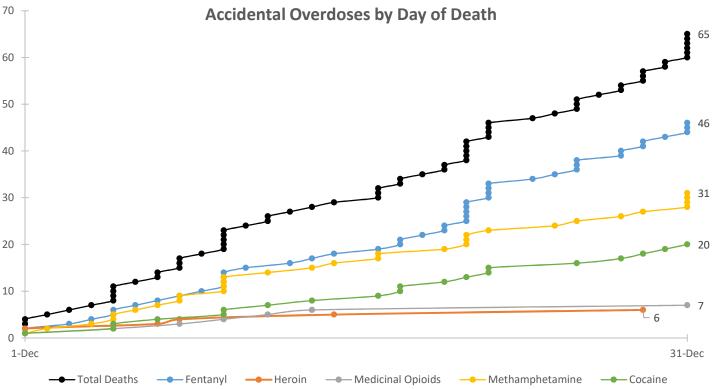
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