January 10, 2024

Subject: Report on 2022 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2022 was 649.

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,

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Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

cc: Office of the City Administrator
enclosures: Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2022 through December 2022
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**Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death**

- **Total Deaths**
- **Fentanyl**
- **Heroin**
- **Medicinal Opioids**
- **Methamphetamine**
- **Cocaine**

**Gender**
- 3 Female
- 132 Male
- 514 Non-Binary

**Race**
- 25 Asian
- 2 City and County of San Francisco
- 181 Other
- 102 Other
- 20% White
- 16% Latina
- 4 Native American
- 0% Native American
- 6% Other

**Age**
- 15-24 2%
- 25-34 20%
- 35-44 29%
- 45-54 12%
- 55-64 12%
- >=65 0%

**Fixed Address**
- Yes* 71%
- No 25%
- Unknown 4%

**Fixed Address Location**
- Tenderloin (94102) 21%
- SOMA (94103) 17%
- Inner Mission (94110) 7%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 13%
- Others (SF Location) 32%
- Others (non-SF Location) 10%

**Death Location**
- Tenderloin (94102) 20%
- SOMA (94103) 15%
- Inner Mission (94110) 13%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 19%
- Others 33%

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JANUARY 2022

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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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Accidental Overdoses

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FEBRUARY 2022

Gender

- 17% Female
- 83% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

Race

- 6% Asian
- 35% Black
- 13% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 42% White
- 4% Other/Unknown

Age

- 0% <15
- 12% 15-24
- 35% 25-34
- 10% 35-44
- 27% 45-54
- 38% 55-64
- 13% >=65
- 0% Unknown

Fixed Address

- 83% Yes*
- 15% No
- 2% Unknown

Fixed Address Location

- 14% Tenderloin (94102)
- 28% SOMA (94103)
- 7% Inner Mission (94110)
- 14% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 35% Others (SF Location)
- 2% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location

- 15% Tenderloin (94102)
- 23% SOMA (94103)
- 8% Inner Mission (94110)
- 23% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 31% Others

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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

- Gender
  - Female: 1
  - Male: 8
  - Non-Binary: 32

- Race
  - Asian: 2
  - Black: 2
  - Latinx: 4
  - Native American: 10
  - White: 25
  - Other/Unknown: 10

- Age
  - <15: 1
  - 15-24: 8
  - 25-34: 7
  - 35-44: 10
  - 45-54: 5
  - 55-64: 4
  - >=65: 7
  - Unknown: 2

- Fixed Address
  - Yes*: 9
  - No: 2
  - Unknown: 3

- Fixed Address Location
  - Tenderloin (94102): 33%
  - SOMA (94103): 12%
  - Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 7%
  - Haight-Ashbury (94112): 23%
  - Others (SF Location): 10%
  - Others (non-SF Location): 3%

- Death Location
  - Tenderloin (94102): 29%
  - SOMA (94103): 12%
  - Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 15%
  - Inner Mission (94110): 12%
  - Others: 32%

- Total Deaths: 41

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MAY 2022

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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Gender
- 20% Female
- 80% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

Race
- 8% Asian
- 24% Black
- 18% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 45% White
- 6% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 12% 15-24
- 35% 25-34
- 35% 35-44
- 18% 45-54
- 24% 55-64
- 10% >=65
- 0% Unknown

Fixed Address
- 75% Yes*
- 20% No
- 6% Unknown

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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Total Deaths 51  Fentanyl 37  Heroin 30  Medicinal Opioids 21  Methamphetamine 4  Cocaine 4

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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

- Gender
  - 16% Female
  - 84% Male
  - 0% Non-Binary
- Race
  - 31% Black
  - 21% Latinx
  - 41% White
  - 7% Other/Unknown
- Age
  - 6% <15
  - 15% 15-24
  - 3% 25-34
  - 8% 35-44
  - 38% 45-54
  - 11% 55-64
  - 2% 65+
- Fixed Address
  - 79% Yes*
  - 18% No
  - 3% Unknown
*See Fixed Address Location
- Fixed Address Location
  - 21% Tenderloin (94102)
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  - 13% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
  - 8% Ingleside-Excelsior (94112)
  - 25% Others (SF Location)
  - 17% Others (non-SF Location)
- Death Location
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  - 28% Others

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**NOVEMBER 2022**

- **Gender**
  - 20% Female
  - 79% Male
  - 2% Non-Binary

- **Race**
  - 2% Asian
  - 21% Black
  - 13% Latinx
  - 0% Native American
  - 59% White
  - 5% Other/Unknown

- **Age**
  - 0% <15
  - 20% 15-24
  - 67% 25-64
  - 13% 65+
  - 15% >=65

- **Fixed Address**
  - 67% Yes*
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