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



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

February 14, 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 2023 and 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 October 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023. This report satisfies the ordinance's reporting criteria. For your reference, reports of preliminary data for accidental overdose deaths from January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024, are enclosed. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in January 2024 is 66.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 is 36 and 42, respectively. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam from January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024 is 4 and 2, respectively.

The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to comply with local and state reporting guidelines and further OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers. Please note, these results are preliminary as of testing to February 7, 2024, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death.

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

Due to their significance in accidental overdose deaths, the reported drugs for open cases were specific to fentanyl, heroin, medicinal opioids, methamphetamine and cocaine. Their detection in blood was captured to best determine relevance in each case. Medicinal opioid-positive cases required the presence of codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, hydromorphone, oxymorphone, buprenorphine, tramadol, and/or methadone. Heroin-likely determination was more closely evaluated, requiring the presence of specific heroin markers in blood or urine, expected morphine to codeine ratios, and/or case details consistent with heroin use. Closed casework included any drug and alcoholinvolved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

Luke N. Rodda, Ph.D. MRACI CChem

Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

cc: Office of the City Administrator

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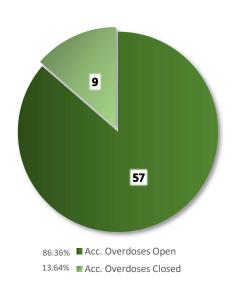
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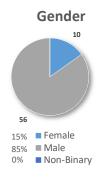


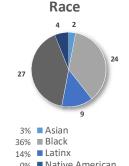
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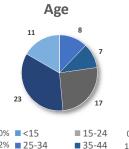
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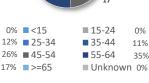








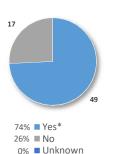




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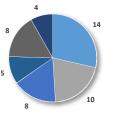
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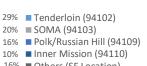


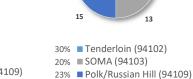
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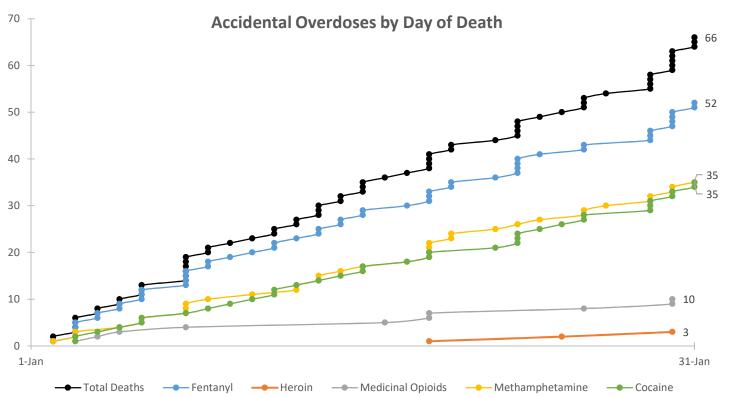
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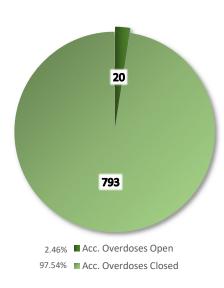
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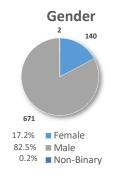


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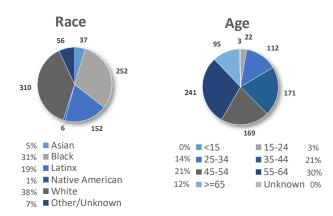
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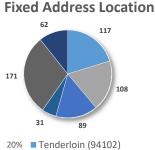


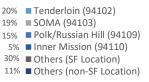




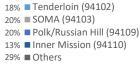
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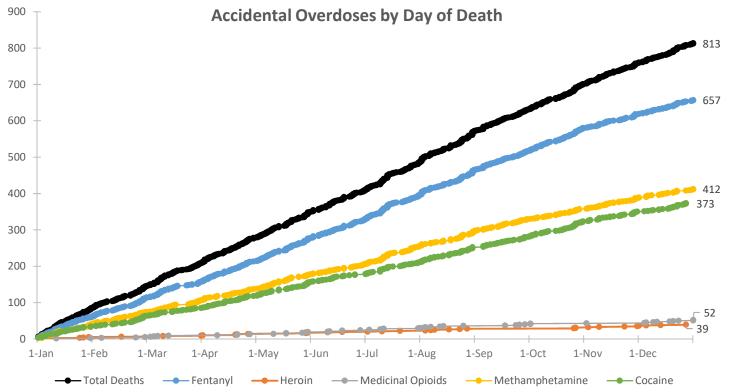












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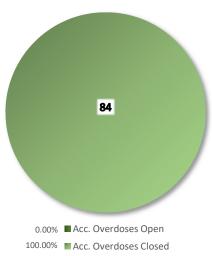
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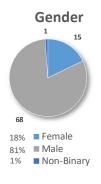


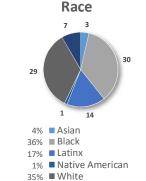
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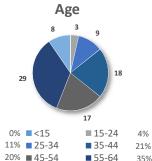
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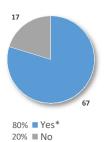




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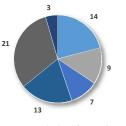
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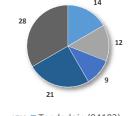




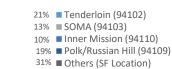
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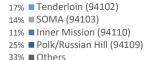


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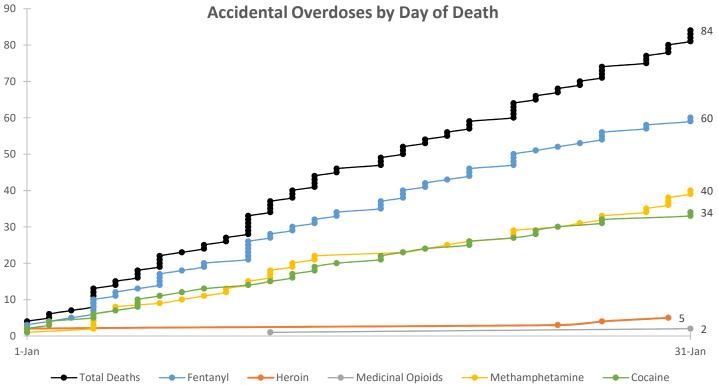


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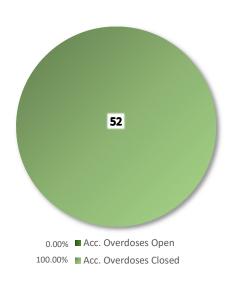
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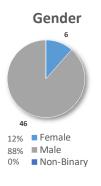


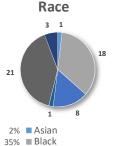
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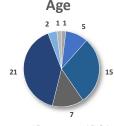
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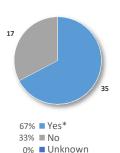




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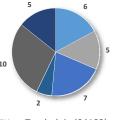


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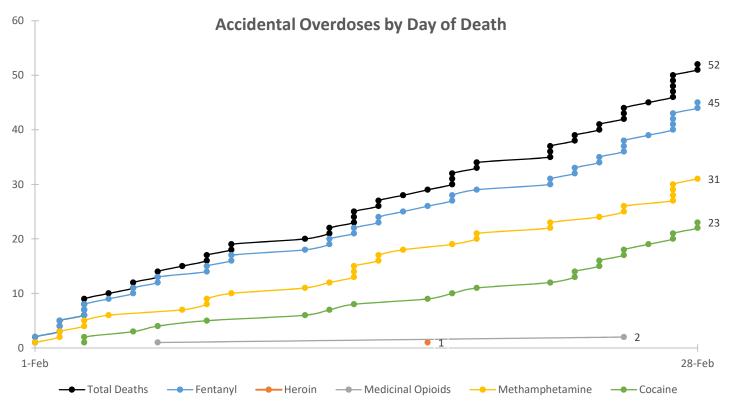








33% ■ Others 14% ■ Others (non-SF Location)



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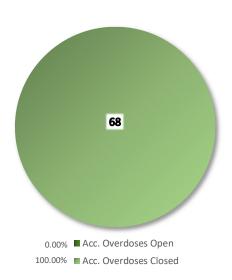
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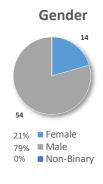


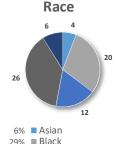
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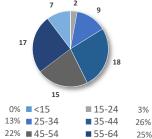
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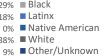




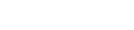
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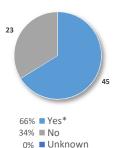
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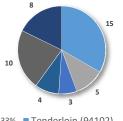
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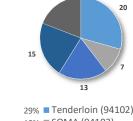
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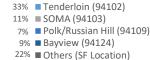




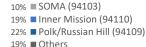
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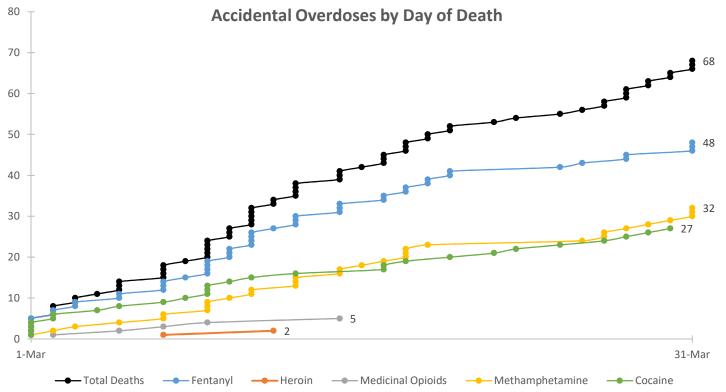






18% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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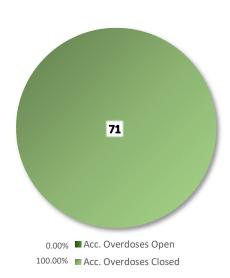
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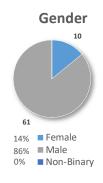


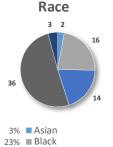
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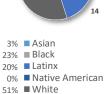
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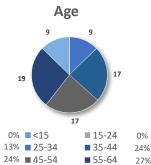
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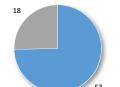






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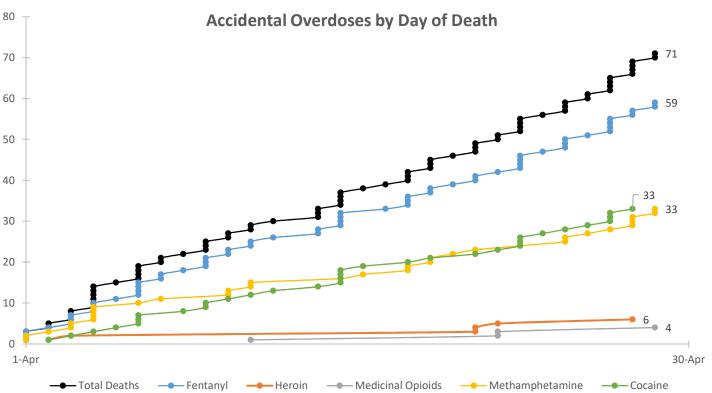




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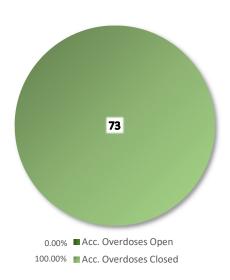
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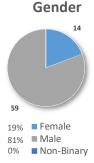


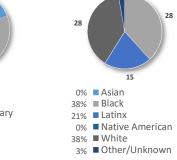
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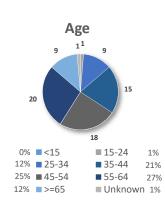
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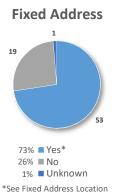


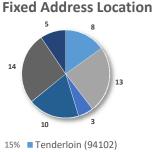




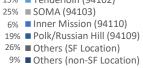
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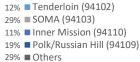


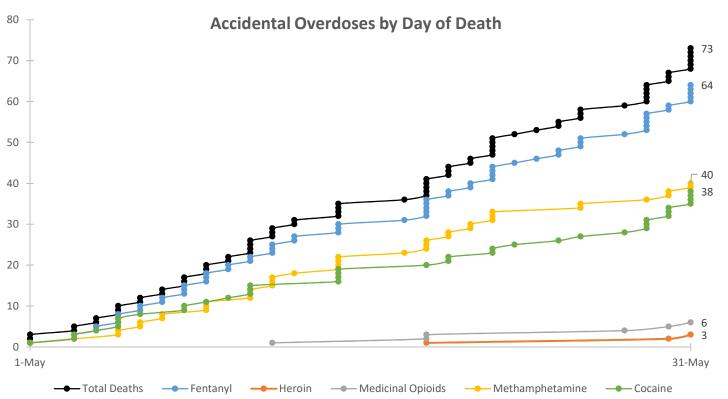












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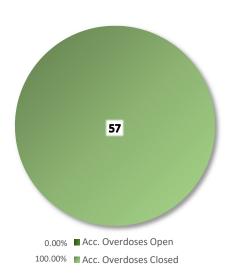
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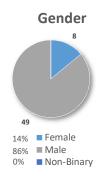


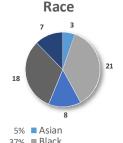
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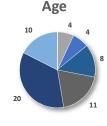
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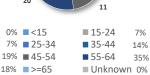




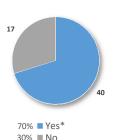


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32% ■ White 12% ■ Other/Unknown



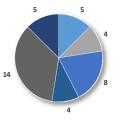
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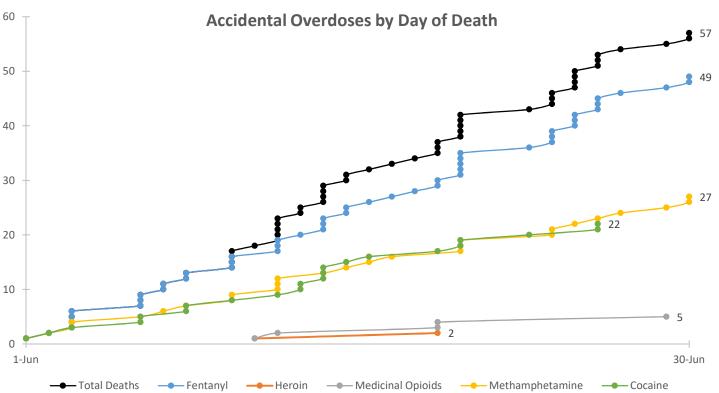
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35% ■ Others (SF Location) 13% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





16% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 23% ■ Inner Mission (94110) 33% ■ Others



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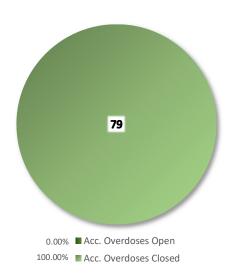
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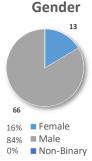


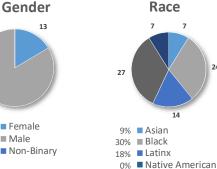
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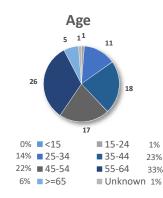
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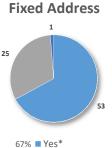
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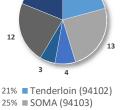






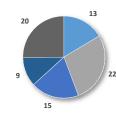






**Fixed Address Location** 

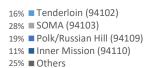
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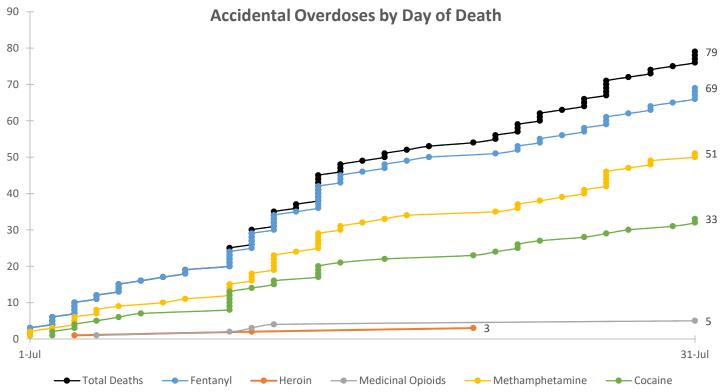


**Death Location** 









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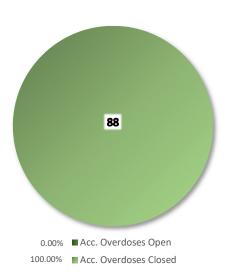
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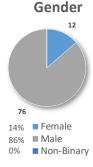


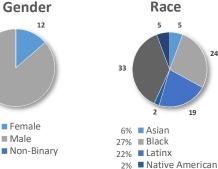
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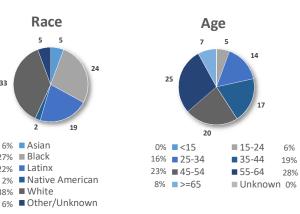
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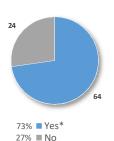








#### **Fixed Address**



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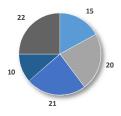


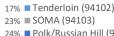
38% ■ White



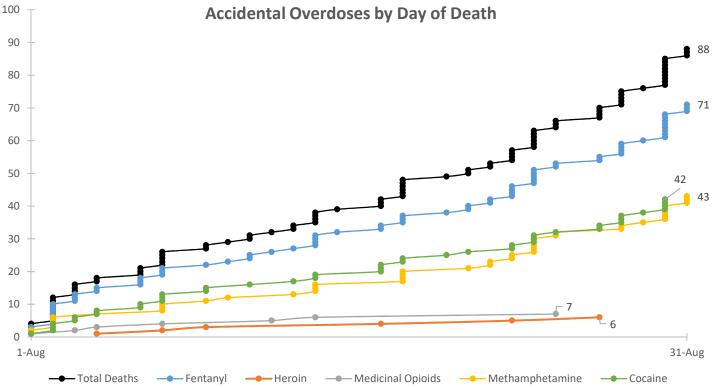
**Fixed Address Location** 







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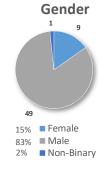
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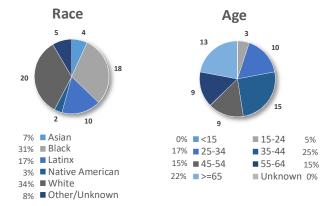


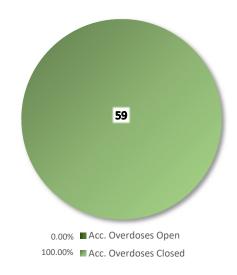
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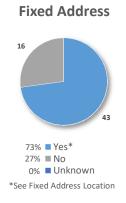
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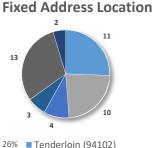
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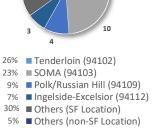


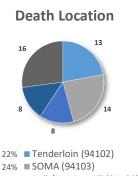


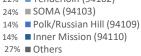


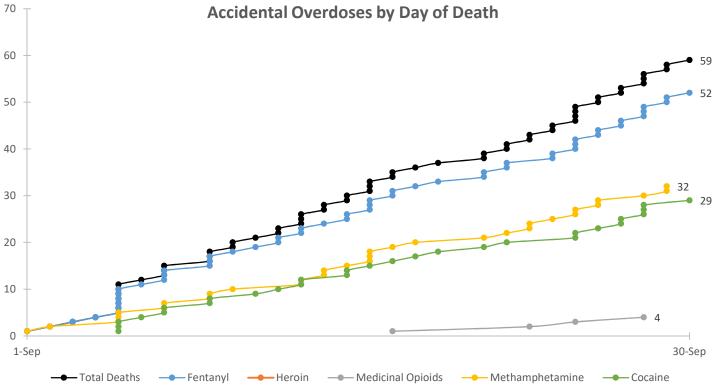












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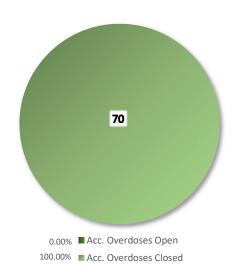
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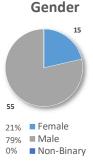


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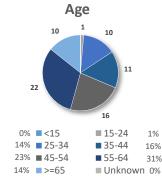
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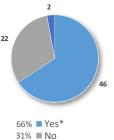












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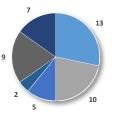


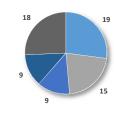
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40% ■ White



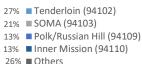


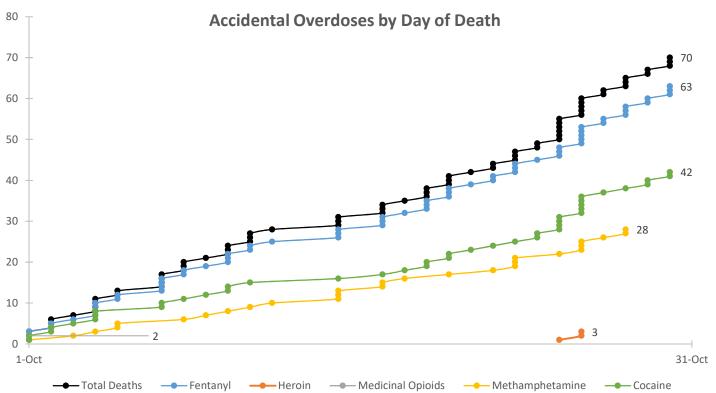
**Death Location** 



22% ■ SOMA (94103) 11% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 4% ■ Bayview-Hunter's Point (94124)

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





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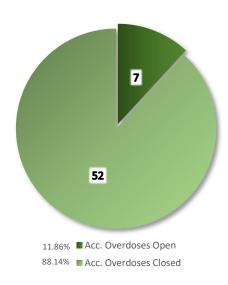
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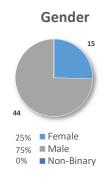


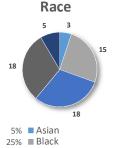
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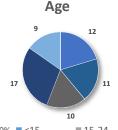
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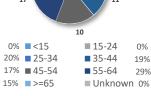




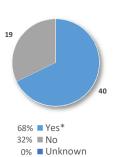


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31% ■ White 8% ■ Other/Unknown

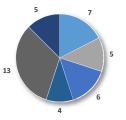


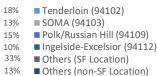
#### **Fixed Address**



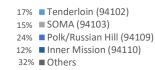
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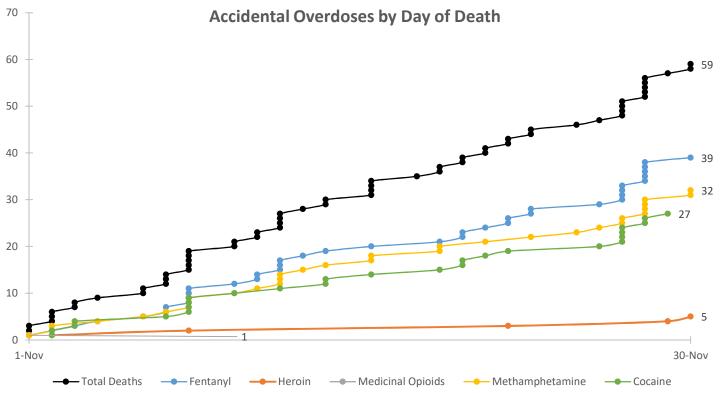












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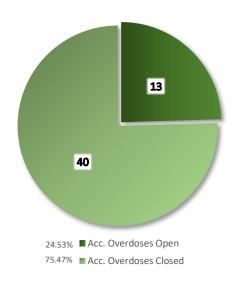
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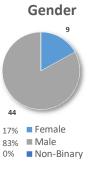


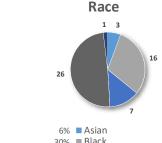
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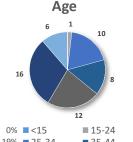
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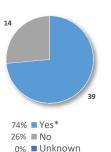


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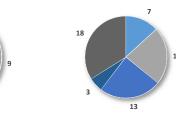


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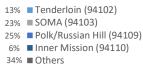


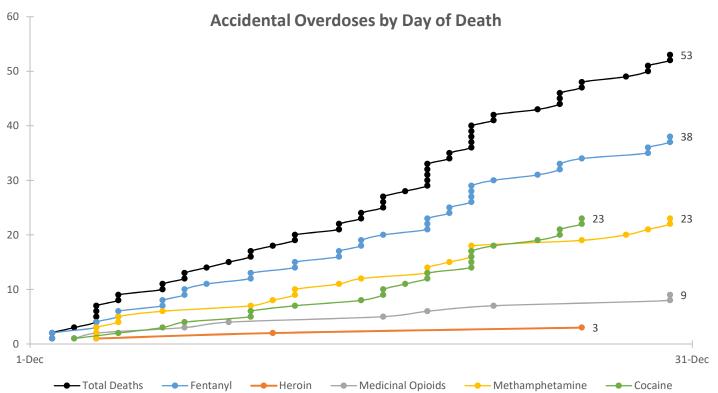












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