March 12, 2024

Subject: Report on 2023 and 2024 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 February 29, 2024. During the period of January 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 131. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in February 2024 is 64.

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 February 29, 2024 is 6 and 3, 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 March 5, 2024, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death.

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

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the City Administrator
enclosures: Preliminary Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2024 through February 2024
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JANUARY 2024

68.66% Acc. Overdoses Open
31.34% Acc. Overdoses Closed

Gender
- 15% Female
- 85% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

Race
- 3% Asian
- 36% Black
- 13% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 42% White
- 6% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 12% 15-24
- 36% 25-34
- 25% 35-44
- 10% 45-54
- 34% 55-64
- 18% >=65

Fixed Address
- 75% Yes*
- 25% No
- 0% Unknown

*See Fixed Address Location

Fixed Address Location
- 28% Tenderloin (94102)
- 22% SOMA (94103)
- 16% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 16% Inner Mission (94110)
- 8% Others (SF Location)
- 3% Others (non-SF Location)

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FEBRUARY 2024

Gender

- Female: 16%
- Male: 84%
- Non-Binary: 0%

Race

- Asian: 5%
- Black: 25%
- Latinx: 16%
- Native American: 0%
- White: 52%
- Other/Unknown: 3%

Age

- <15: 0%
- 15-24: 14%
- 25-34: 26%
- 35-44: 17%
- 45-54: 45%
- 55-64: 19%
- >=65: 20%

Fixed Address

- Yes*: 75%
- No: 25%
- Unknown: 0%

Fixed Address Location

- Tenderloin (94102): 19%
- SOMA (94103): 31%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 8%
- Visitacion Valley (94134): 6%
- Others (SF Location): 23%
- Others (non-SF Location): 13%

Death Location

- Tenderloin (94102): 25%
- SOMA (94103): 27%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 19%
- Inner Mission (94110): 6%
- Others: 23%

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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

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JAN-DEC 2023

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 811 (0.99%)
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 722 (99.01%)

Gender
- Female: 2 (17.3%)
- Male: 140 (82.5%)
- Non-Binary: 2 (0.2%)

Race
- Asian: 669 (53.7%)
- Black: 309 (25.7%)
- Latinx: 150 (12.2%)
- Native American: 6 (0.5%)
- White: 37 (3.0%)
- Other/Unknown: 2 (0.1%)

Age
- <15: 44 (3.6%)
- 15-24: 112 (9.2%)
- 25-34: 22 (1.8%)
- 35-44: 108 (8.9%)
- 45-54: 62 (5.1%)
- 55-64: 17 (1.4%)
- >=65: 31 (2.5%)
- Unknown: 108 (8.9%)

Fixed Address
- Yes*: 718 (60.0%)
- No: 256 (21.4%)
- Unknown: 14 (1.2%)

Fixed Address Location
- Tenderloin (94102): 233 (19.5%)
- SOMA (94103): 231 (19.2%)
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 217 (18.1%)
- Inner Mission (94110): 166 (14.0%)
- Others (non-SF): 159 (13.4%)
- Others (SF): 103 (8.6%)

Death Location
- Tenderloin (94102): 150 (12.6%)
- SOMA (94103): 145 (12.3%)
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 121 (10.2%)
- Inner Mission (94110): 110 (9.4%)
- Others: 50 (4.2%)

Acc. Overdoses Open: 22 (1.9%)
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 888 (78.5%)

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MARCH 2023

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- 79% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

Race
- 6% Asian
- 29% Black
- 18% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 38% White
- 9% Other/Unknown

Age
- 0% <15
- 13% 15-24
- 22% 25-34
- 22% 35-44
- 13% 45-54
- 10% 55-64
- 10% >=65
- 0% Unknown

Race
- 7% Asian
- 26% Black
- 25% Latinx
- 26% Native American
- 25% White
- 18% Other/Unknown

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open
- 0.00%

Acc. Overdoses Closed
- 100.00%

*See Fixed Address Location

Acc. Overdoses Open
- 66%

Acc. Overdoses Closed
- 34%

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**Gender**

- 14% Female
- 86% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

**Race**

- 3% Asian
- 31% Black
- 20% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 51% White
- 4% Other/Unknown

**Age**

- 1% <15
- 13% 25-34
- 24% 35-44
- 27% 45-54
- 13% 55-64
- 0% >65
- 17% Unknown

**Fixed Address**

- 75% Yes*
- 25% No
- 0% Unknown

*See Fixed Address Location

**Fixed Address Location**

- 17% Tenderloin (94102)
- 23% SOMA (94103)
- 8% Potrero Hill (94107)
- 17% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 32% Others (SF Location)
- 4% Others (non-SF Location)

**Death Location**

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- 25% SOMA (94103)
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- 17% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 31% Others

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- Total Deaths
- Fentanyl
- Heroin
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MAY 2023

Gender
- 14 Female (19%)
- 59 Male (81%)
- 0 Non-Binary

Race
- 28 Asian (38%)
- 28 Black (21%)
- 15 Latinx (21%)
- 10 Native American (13%)
- 15 White (25%)
- 9 Other/Unknown (13%)

Age
- 18 <15
- 9 15-24
- 12 25-34
- 20 35-44
- 25 45-54
- 15 55-64
- 11 65+

Fixed Address
- 53 Yes*
- 19 No
- 1 Unknown

Fixed Address Location
- 13 Tenderloin (94102)
- 14 SOMA (94103)
- 3 Inner Mission (94110)
- 10 Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 3 Others (SF Location)
- 8 Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location
- 21 Tenderloin (94102)
- 14 SOMA (94103)
- 14 Inner Mission (94110)
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- 9 Others

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Acc. Overdoses Open 0.00%
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OCTOBER 2023

Gender

- 21% Female
- 79% Male
- 0% Non-Binary

Race

- 3% Asian
- 31% Black
- 19% Latinx
- 0% Native American
- 40% White
- 7% Other/Unknown

Age

- 15-24: 22%
- 25-34: 31%
- 35-44: 21%
- 45-54: 13%
- 55-64: 19%
- >=65: 3%

固定地址

- Yes*: 66%
- No: 31%
- Unknown: 3%

死亡地点

- Tenderloin (94102): 27%
- SOMA (94103): 22%
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 12%
- Bayview-Hunter’s Point (94124): 10%
- Others (SF Location): 9%
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"Total Deaths" denotes Accidental Overdoses where one or more drugs contribute to the cause of death; however, every point for each drug series is inclusive, but not necessarily exclusive, of that drug. "Total deaths" represents all accidental overdoses including ones for drugs not specified above.

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