April 11, 2024

Subject: Report on 2023 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2023 was 810.

The number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam in 2023 was 36 and 42, 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. 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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cc:   Office of the City Administrator

enclosures:  Accidental Drug Overdose Data Reports for January 2023 through December 2023
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JAN-DEC 2023

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open
0.00%  Acc. Overdoses Closed
100.00%

Gender
- Female: 140
- Male: 668
- Non-Binary: 2

Race
- Asian: 37
- Black: 251
- Latinx: 150
- Native American: 6
- White: 309
- Other/Unknown: 2

Age
- <15: 1
- 15-24: 112
- 25-34: 172
- 35-44: 168
- 45-54: 233
- 55-64: 240
- >=65: 93
- Unknown: 57

Fixed Address
- Yes*: 71%
- No: 29%
- Unknown: 0%

Fixed Address Location
- Tenderloin (94102): 575
- SOMA (94103): 62
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 117
- Inner Mission (94110): 108
- Others (SF Location): 93
- Others (non-SF Location): 2

Death Location
- Tenderloin (94102): 150
- SOMA (94103): 13
- Polk/Russian Hill (94109): 168
- Inner Mission (94110): 158
- Others: 103

Acc. Overdoses Open: 0.00%
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*See Fixed Address Location

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FEBRUARY 2023

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March 2023

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open: 0.00%
Acc. Overdoses Closed: 100.00%
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APRIL 2023

Gender
- 10 Female
- 63 Male
- 0 Non-Binary
14% Female
86% Male
0% Non-Binary

Race
- 3 Asian
- 16 Black
- 14 Latinx
- 0 Native American
- 51 White
- 4 Other/Unknown
3% Asian
23% Black
20% Latinx
0% Native American
51% White
4% Other/Unknown

Age
0% <15
13% 15-24
24% 25-34
27% 35-44
13% 45-54
24% 55-64
17% 65+
9% Unknown

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

Fixed Address Location
- 9 Tenderloin (94102)
- 4 SOMA (94103)
- 12 Potrero Hill (94107)
- 17 Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 9 Others (SF Location)
- 2 Others (non-SF 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
- 22 Tenderloin (94102)
- 6 SOMA (94103)
- 18 Potrero Hill (94107)
- 17 Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 18 Others
18% Tenderloin (94102)
25% SOMA (94103)
8% Potrero Hill (94107)
17% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
31% Others

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MAY 2023

0.00%  Acc. Overdoses Open
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JUNE 2023

Gender

- 66% Male
- 14% Female
- 0% Non-Binary

Race

- 32% White
- 19% Latinx
- 14% Black
- 14% Native American
- 0% Asian
- 0% Other/Unknown

Age

- 12% <15
- 19% 15-24
- 20% 25-34
- 10% 35-44
- 35% 45-54
- 18% 55-64
- 7% 65+

Fixed Address

- 70% Yes*
- 30% No
- 0% Unknown

Fixed Address Location

- 33% Tenderloin (94102)
- 23% SOMA (94103)
- 16% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 12% Ingleside-Excelsior (94112)
- 10% Others SF Location
- 9% Others non-SF Location

Death Location

- 26% Tenderloin (94102)
- 16% SOMA (94103)
- 12% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 12% Inner Mission (94110)
- 10% Others

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

- 57 Total Deaths
- 49 Fentanyl
- 22 Heroin
- 10 Medicinal Opioids
- 8 Methamphetamine
- 5 Cocaine

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JULY 2023

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- 13 Female
- 66 Male
- 0 Non-Binary

Race
- 8 Asian
- 14 Black
- 27 Latinx
- 24 Native American
- 9 White
- 7 Other/Unknown

Age
- 11 <15
- 22 15-24
- 33 25-34
- 16 35-44
- 9 45-54
- 2 55-64
- 1 >65

Fixed Address
- 25 Yes*
- 10 No
- 13 Unknown

Fixed Address Location
- 12 Tenderloin (94102)
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- 9 Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 17 Inner Mission (94110)
- 4 Others (SF Location)
- 13 Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location
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- 19 Others (non-SF Location)

Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

Acc. Overdoses Open 0.00%
Acc. Overdoses Closed 100.00%

Accidental Overdoses
- 79 Total Deaths
- 67 Fentanyl
- 32 Heroin
- 8 Medicinal Opioids
- 3 Methamphetamine
- 9 Cocaine

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Accidental Overdoses by Day of Death

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Accidental Overdoses Closed: 100.00%

Gender:
- 15% Female
- 83% Male
- 2% Non-Binary

Race:
- 7% Asian
- 31% Black
- 17% Latinx
- 3% Native American
- 34% White
- 8% Other/Unknown

Age:
- 0% <15
- 17% 15-24
- 25% 25-34
- 15% 35-44
- 15% 45-54
- 15% 55-64
- 15% >=65
- 0% Unknown

Fixed Address:
- 73% Yes*
- 27% No
- 0% Unknown

Fixed Address Location:
- 26% Tenderloin (94102)
- 23% SOMA (94103)
- 9% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
- 7% Ingleside-Excelsior (94112)
- 30% Others (SF Location)
- 5% Others (non-SF Location)

Death Location:
- 22% Tenderloin (94102)
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**OCTOBER**  
2023

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0.00%  
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