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Every Drug Induced Homicide Warrants an Investigation

NC Fentanyl[^] Involved Fatalities all 100 Counties, Sheriffs & DAs 2013-2023*(jan-mar 2023 only)

COUNTY	2013-23*(jan-mar 2023 only)			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DIH CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved [^] Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved [^] Fatalities					
Alamance	383	226	59%	152,900	Johnson	17	Boone	12
Alexander	79	33	42%	37,200	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1
Alleghany	21	4	19%	10,700	Maines	34	Homer	0
Anson	43	22	51%	25,300	Howell	21	Saunders	0
Ashe	51	20	39%	27,400	Howell	34	Homer	0
Avery	31	14	45%	18,000	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	143	82	57%	47,500	Hammonds	2	Edwards	2
Bertie	43	25	58%	19,800	Ruffin	7	Gourier Scott	0
Bladen	118	63	53%	34,000	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	424	231	54%	154,700	Ingram	15	David	0
Buncombe	909	567	62%	257,600	Miller	40	Williams	3
Burke	349	160	46%	92,000	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	546	344	63%	225,900	Shaw	25	Shanley	5
Caldwell	266	125	47%	82,178	Jones	36	Reilly	1
Camden	19	12	63%	10,300	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret	256	153	60%	69,800	Buck	4	Thomas	18
Caswell	42	22	52%	23,500	Durden	22	Ramey	0
Catawba	438	242	55%	161,300	Brown	36	Reilly	5
Chatham	129	76	59%	70,928	Roberson	18	Nieman	3
Cherokee	98	44	45%	24,300	Smith	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	39	19	49%	14,500	Basnight	1	Cruden	0
Clay	32	13	41%	9,900	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	212	82	39%	104,000	Norman	39	Miller	5
Columbus	163	95	58%	54,000	Rogers	15	David	1
Craven	448	293	65%	103,200	Hughes	4	Thomas	1
Cumberland	1091	695	64%	303,000	Wright	14	West	4
Cumtuck	70	42	60%	23,500	Beickert	1	Womble	0
Dare	127	78	61%	40,000	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson	625	381	61%	165,500	Simmons	33	Frank	7
Davie	115	67	58%	42,600	Hartman	33	Frank	0
Duplin	91	39	43%	53,900	Stokes	5	Lee	4
Durham	614	365	59%	311,600	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	151	81	54%	55,600	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	0
Forsyth	1049	603	57%	382,300	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	169	98	58%	65,000	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	664	325	49%	209,400	Hawkins	38	Page	8
Gates	29	20	69%	13,200	Campbell	1	Cruden	0
Graham	22	12	55%	12,000	Hoxit	43	Hornsby Welch	2
Granville	131	77	59%	59,900	Fountain	11	Waters	0
Greene	34	16	47%	21,500	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1323	826	62%	433,000	Rogers	24	Crump	0
Halifax	135	83	61%	54,200	Davis	7	Gourier Scott	2
Hamett	362	232	64%	136,000	Coats	12	Matthews	20
Haywood	202	99	49%	62,300	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	276	151	55%	107,200	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	39	23	59%	22,700	Hayes	7	Gourier Scott	0
Hoke	113	67	59%	53,200	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	15	6	40%	5,800	Cahoon	2	Edwards	0
Iredell	349	178	51%	175,100	Campbell	32	Kirkman	7
Jackson	142	87	61%	41,000	Farmer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	402	212	53%	196,900	Bizzell	13	Doyle	3
Jones	32	17	53%	10,500	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	202	142	70%	60,100	Estes	12	Matthews	3

Lenoir	131	89	68%	58,000	Rogers	9	Delbridge	1
Lincoln	203	97	48%	83,500	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	132	62	47%	42,200	Buchanan	41	Bell	1
Macon	100	47	47%	31,200	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Madison	54	29	54%	21,000	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	58	32	55%	24,500	Manning	2	Edwards	5
Mecklenburg	1916	1136	59%	1,077,000	McFadden	26	Meriweather	0
Mitchell	40	15	38%	15,900	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	66	47	71%	27,300	Herron	28	Clodfelter	1
Moore	212	128	60%	94,500	Fields	29	Hardin	4
Nash	244	143	59%	90,800	Stone	8	Marsigli	0
New Hanover	768	469	61%	238,800	McMahon	6	David	9
Northampton	43	17	40%	22,100	Smith	7	Gourier Scott	0
Onslow	478	276	58%	194,900	Thomas	5	Lee	8
Orange	202	113	56%	148,500	Blackwood	18	Nieman	3
Pamlico	67	48	72%	13,900	Davis	4	Thomas	0
Pasquotank	112	84	75%	40,661	Wooten	1	Cruden	0
Pender	164	85	52%	55,600	Cutler	6	David	1
Perquimans	37	25	68%	13,600	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	85	36	42%	39,500	Wilbom	11	Waters	0
Pitt	461	275	60%	152,100	Dance	3	Dixon	2
Polk	48	23	48%	19,700	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	597	389	65%	141,800	Seabolt	37	Gregson	5
Richmond	180	98	54%	45,600	Gulledge	21	Saunders	1
Robeson	544	353	65%	130,100	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	352	210	60%	91,900	Page	22	Ramey	8
Rowan	602	379	63%	136,300	Allen	27	Cook	4
Rutherford	227	103	45%	67,800	Ellenburg	41	Bell	2
Sampson	137	66	48%	64,000	Thomton	5	Lee	0
Scotland	100	55	55%	36,800	Kersey	21	Saunders	1
Stanly	195	116	59%	60,200	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	184	97	53%	47,200	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Sury	216	99	46%	72,000	Haitt	23	Watson	3
Swain	55	37	67%	13,500	Cochran	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Transylvania	67	28	42%	29,500	Owenby	42	Murray	0
Tyrrell	12	9	75%	4,150	Sawyer	2	Edwards	0
Union	354	194	55%	240,000	Cathey	30	Robison	16
Vance	126	85	67%	45,000	Brame	11	Waters	0
Wake	1499	867	58%	1,111,800	Rowe	10	Freeman	6
Warren	34	23	68%	20,600	Branch	11	Waters	0
Washington	19	11	58%	13,200	Bames	2	Edwards	0
Watauga	75	29	39%	56,000	Hagaman	35	Banks	2
Wayne	253	152	60%	130,000	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	246	81	33%	69,000	Shew	34	Homer	0
Wilson	190	118	62%	81,900	Woodward	8	Marsigli	3
Yadkin	120	64	53%	37,800	Smitherman	34	Homer	6
Yancey	46	14	30%	18,400	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100	25,907	14,942	58%	10,217,717		42		253
COUNTIES	All	Fentanyl	% Fentanyl			Prosecut.		# of DIH
57%=57/100	med/drug	Involved^	Involved^	NC		Districts		CHARGES
Counties	Fatalities	Fatalities	Fatalities	POPULATION		93% (39/42)		12/2019-24
filed DIH	2013-23*	2013-23*	2013-23*			filed DIH		

Number of deaths due to a medication and/or drug overdose of any intent, as well as the subset of overdoses which involved fentanyl[^], by county limited to North Carolina Residents

For detailed case definitions see: <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2020-2022*)

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[^]There is no individual code for fentanyl involvement on a death certificate; instead, the code T40.4 - an overdose involving an other synthetic narcotic is used as a proxy for fentanyl involvement. Fentanyl gets coded using the 'other' synthetic narcotic code, but there may be other drugs included in this category; however, we know from toxicology data that the majority of deaths receiving this code involved fentanyl.

*2022 data are provisional and subject to change. *2023 data are jan-march 2023 only and provisional & subject to change