

NC 100 COUNTY REPORT: FENTANYL^ INVOLVED FATALITIES 2013-2023*(jan-may 2023 only)

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges




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COUNTY	2013-23* (jan-may 2023 only)			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Alamance	395	236	60%	152,900	Johnson	17	Boone	12
Alexander	81	36	44%	37,200	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1
Alleghany	21	4	19%	10,700	Maines	34	Homer	0
Anson	45	24	53%	25,300	Howell	21	Saunders	0
Ashe	53	22	42%	27,400	Howell	34	Homer	0
Avery	33	16	48%	18,000	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	145	84	58%	47,500	Hammonds	2	Edwards	2
Bertie	45	27	60%	19,800	Ruffin	7	Gourier Scott	0
Bladen	120	65	54%	34,000	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	436	243	56%	154,700	Ingram	15	David	0
Buncombe	926	581	63%	257,600	Miller	40	Williams	2
Burke	361	170	47%	92,000	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	553	351	63%	225,900	Shaw	25	Shanley	6
Caldwell	273	130	48%	82,178	Jones	36	Reilly	1
Camden	19	12	63%	10,300	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret	261	157	60%	69,800	Buck	4	Thomas	18
Caswell	44	23	52%	23,500	Durden	22	Ramey	0
Catawba	448	250	56%	161,300	Brown	36	Reilly	6
Chatham	131	78	60%	70,928	Roberson	18	Nieman	4
Cherokee	101	46	46%	24,300	Smith	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	43	23	53%	14,500	Basnight	1	Cruden	0
Clay	32	13	41%	9,900	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	221	88	40%	104,000	Norman	39	Miller	5
Columbus	165	96	58%	54,000	Rogers	15	David	0
Craven	460	305	66%	103,200	Hughes	4	Thomas	1
Cumberland	1109	708	64%	303,000	Wright	14	West	3
Cumtuck	70	42	60%	23,500	Beickert	1	Womble	0
Dare	128	79	62%	40,000	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson	643	397	62%	165,500	Simmons	33	Frank	9
Davie	117	68	58%	42,600	Hartman	33	Frank	4
Duplin	94	40	43%	53,900	Stokes	5	Lee	0
Durham	633	382	60%	311,600	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	158	87	55%	55,600	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	2
Forsyth	1080	625	58%	382,300	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	172	100	58%	65,000	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	685	342	50%	209,400	Hawkins	38	Page	8
Gates	30	21	70%	13,200	Campbell	1	Cruden	0
Graham	22	12	55%	12,000	Hoxit	43	Hornsby Welch	2
Granville	134	79	59%	59,900	Fountain	11	Waters	0
Greene	35	16	46%	21,500	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1354	844	62%	433,000	Rogers	24	Crump	0
Halifax	136	84	62%	54,200	Davis	7	Gourier Scott	2
Hamett	377	245	65%	136,000	Coats	12	Matthews	22
Haywood	202	99	49%	62,300	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	280	154	55%	107,200	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	39	23	59%	22,700	Hayes	7	Gourier Scott	0
Hoke	119	71	60%	53,200	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	15	6	40%	5,800	Cahoon	2	Edwards	0
Iredell	353	182	52%	175,100	Campbell	32	Kirkman	7
Jackson	146	90	62%	41,000	Farmer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	414	222	54%	196,900	Bizzell	13	Doyle	3
Jones	33	18	55%	10,500	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	207	147	71%	60,100	Estes	12	Matthews	4





Lenoir	137	93	68%	58,000	Rogers	9	Delbridge	1
Lincoln	208	101	49%	83,500	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	137	66	48%	42,200	Buchanan	41	Bell	2
Macon	102	49	48%	31,200	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Madison	55	30	55%	21,000	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	58	32	55%	24,500	Manning	2	Edwards	5
Mecklenburg	1991	1203	60%	1,077,000	McFadden	26	Meriweather	0
Mitchell	41	16	39%	15,900	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	72	52	72%	27,300	Herron	28	Clodfelter	2
Moore	221	133	60%	94,500	Fields	29	Hardin	4
Nash	248	147	59%	90,800	Stone	8	Marsigli	1
New Hanover	783	480	61%	238,800	McMahon	6	David	10
Northampton	34	17	50%	22,100	Smith	7	Gourier Scott	0
Onslow	490	295	60%	194,900	Thomas	5	Lee	8
Orange	203	114	56%	148,500	Blackwood	18	Nieman	3
Pamlico	69	49	71%	13,900	Davis	4	Thomas	3
Pasquotank	114	86	75%	40,661	Wooten	1	Cruden	0
Pender	167	87	52%	55,600	Cutler	6	David	2
Perquimans	39	26	67%	13,600	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	88	38	43%	39,500	Wilbom	11	Waters	0
Pitt	473	285	60%	152,100	Dance	3	Dixon	2
Polk	50	25	50%	19,700	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	612	403	66%	141,800	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	187	103	55%	45,600	Gulledge	21	Saunders	1
Robeson	561	368	66%	130,100	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	361	217	60%	91,900	Page	22	Ramey	8
Rowan	626	400	64%	136,300	Allen	27	Cook	4
Rutherford	230	104	45%	67,800	Ellenburg	41	Bell	3
Sampson	141	69	49%	64,000	Thomton	5	Lee	0
Scotland	102	57	56%	36,800	Kersey	21	Saunders	1
Stanly	199	119	60%	60,200	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	185	97	52%	47,200	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Sury	221	103	47%	72,000	Haitt	23	Watson	4
Swain	58	39	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	359	197	55%	240,000	Cathey	30	Robison	15
Vance	129	87	67%	45,000	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	1557	904	58%	1,111,800	Rowe	10	Freeman	2
Warren	35	23	66%	20,600	Branch	11	Waters	0
Washington	20	11	55%	13,200	Bames	2	Edwards	0
Watauga	78	31	40%	56,000	Hagaman	35	Banks	2
Wayne	254	153	60%	130,000	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	248	83	33%	69,000	Shew	34	Homer	0
Wilson	196	121	62%	81,900	Woodward	8	Marsigli	3
Yadkin	124	67	54%	37,800	Smitherman	34	Homer	6
Yancey	46	14	30%	18,400	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100	26,585	15,494	58%	10,217,717		42		267
COUNTIES	All	Fentanyl	% Fentanyl			Prosecut.		# of DbD
60%=60/100	med/drug	Involved^	Involved^	NC		Districts		related
Counties	Fatalities	Fatalities	Fatalities	POPULATION		90% (38/42)		CHARGES
filed DbD	2013-23*	2013-23*	2013-23*			filed DbD		since 12/2019

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-may 2023 only and provisional & subject to change

