

NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution



update: 8/12/25

Pros. DIST.	COUNTY	2013-June 2024			POP	SHERIFF	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019	Total for District
		All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
1	Camden	22	14	64%	11,184	Jones	Cruden	1	16
1	Chowan	51	30	59%	13,891	Basnight	Cruden	3	
1	Cumtuck	78	49	63%	32,278	Beickert	Cruden	1	
1	Dare	136	83	61%	38,183	Doughtie	Cruden	8	
1	Gates	34	23	68%	10,299	Campbell	Cruden	0	
1	Pasquotank	134	104	78%	41,418	Wooten	Cruden	1	
1	Perquimans	41	28	68%	13,600	White	Cruden	2	
2	Beaufort	171	103	60%	44,576	Hammonds	Anglin	2	7
2	Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglin	0	
2	Martin	66	39	59%	21,523	Manning	Anglin	5	
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	Anglin	0	
2	Washington	22	12	55%	10,654	Barnes	Anglin	0	
3	Pitt	538	336	62%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3
4	Carteret	283	171	60%	70,259	Buck	Wareham	35	44
4	Craven	521	356	68%	104,167	Hughes	Wareham	2	
4	Pamlico	76	55	72%	12,550	Davis	Wareham	7	
5	Duplin	112	54	48%	53,900	Stokes	Lee	2	11
5	Jones	35	20	57%	9,462	Wineman	Lee	0	
5	Onslow	574	355	62%	212,954	Thomas	Lee	8	
5	Sampson	165	83	50%	60,404	Thomton	Lee	1	
6	New Hanover	887	560	63%	243,333	McMahon	Smith	15	18
6	Pender	186	102	55%	70,077	Cutler	Smith	3	
7	Bertie	52	31	60%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourier Scott	0	2
7	Halifax	158	102	65%	46,992	Davis	Gourier Scott	2	
7	Hertford	42	25	60%	19,169	Hayes	Gourier Scott	0	
7	Northampton	40	22	55%	16,580	Smith	Gourier Scott	0	
8	Edgecombe	201	126	63%	49,124	Atkinson	Marsigli	3	8
8	Nash	288	180	63%	97,990	Stone	Marsigli	1	
8	Wilson	233	151	65%	87,958	Woodward	Marsigli	4	
9	Greene	42	22	52%	20,671	Sasser	Delbridge	0	2
9	Lenoir	155	108	70%	55,332	Rogers	Delbridge	2	
9	Wayne	302	190	63%	120,338	Pierce	Delbridge	0	
10	Wake	1779	1061	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	Freeman	3	3
11	Franklin	201	120	60%	79,771	White	Waters	5	6
11	Granville	163	98	60%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	0	
11	Person	104	47	45%	40,143	Wilborn	Waters	0	
11	Vance	159	113	71%	42,337	Brame	Waters	1	
11	Warren	40	27	68%	19,081	Branch	Waters	0	
12	Hamett	439	290	66%	133,556	Coats	Matthews	27	32
12	Lee	243	177	73%	68,537	Estes	Matthews	5	
13	Johnston	483	268	55%	249,794	Bizzell	Waller	3	3
14	Cumberland	1310	856	65%	338,430	Wright	West	3	3
15	Bladen	142	83	58%	29,777	McVicker	David	0	0
15	Brunswick	489	284	58%	167,112	Ingram	David	0	
15	Columbus	198	123	62%	50,054	Rogers	David	0	
16	Durham	760	469	62%	343,628	Birkhead	Deberry	0	0
17	Alamance	445	264	59%	183,040	Johnson	Boone	12	12
18	Chatham	153	91	59%	83,874	Roberson	Nieman	3	10
18	Orange	234	132	56%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7	
20	Robeson	666	442	66%	118,624	Wilkins	Scott	7	7
21	Anson	54	32	59%	22,432	Howell	Adams	0	3
21	Richmond	227	135	59%	41,990	Gulledge	Adams	2	
21	Scotland	125	73	58%	33,898	Kersey	Adams	1	
22	Caswell	56	32	57%	22,363	Durden	Gregg	0	12
22	Rockingham	391	254	65%	93,517	Page	Gregg	12	

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23	Stokes	211	113	54%	45,857	Lemons	Watson	0	4
23	Sunny	255	126	49%	71,547	Haft	Watson	4	
24	Guilford	1615	1045	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	4	4
25	Cabarrus	616	397	64%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7
26	Mecklenburg	2335	1468	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	Memweather	0	0
27	Rowan	724	483	67%	153,384	Allen	Cook	5	5
28	Montgomery	87	65	75%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	2	9
28	Stanly	226	135	60%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	
29	Hoke	142	85	60%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0	4
29	Moore	253	156	62%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	4	
30	Union	418	244	58%	263,386	Cathey	Robison	19	19
31	Forsyth	1221	737	60%	398,143	Kimbrough	O'Neill	2	2
32	Alexander	91	42	46%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1	8
32	Iredell	410	224	55%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	
33	Davidson	736	471	64%	177,809	Simmons	Frank	14	19
33	Davie	133	81	61%	45,383	Hartman	Frank	5	
34	Alleghany	25	6	24%	11,379	Maines	Homer	0	6
34	Ashe	61	28	46%	27,266	Howell	Homer	0	
34	Wilkes	278	101	36%	66,186	Shew	Homer	0	
34	Yadkin	137	79	58%	37,995	Smitherman	Homer	6	
35	Avery	43	25	58%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0	3
35	Madison	63	33	52%	22,352	Harwood	Banks	0	
35	Mitchell	43	17	40%	15,030	Street	Banks	0	
35	Watauga	91	39	43%	54,997	Hagaman	Banks	1	
35	Yancey	57	18	32%	18,993	Hilliard	Banks	2	
36	Burke	430	215	50%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0	12
36	Caldwell	320	159	50%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4	
36	Catawba	546	330	60%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	8	
37	Randolph	683	456	67%	148,389	Seabolt	Gregson	6	6
38	Gaston	819	453	55%	242,010	Hawkins	Page	8	8
39	Cleveland	270	123	46%	102,194	Norman	Miller	5	8
39	Lincoln	250	131	52%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	
40	Buncombe	1080	702	65%	279,210	Miller	Williams	2	2
41	McDowell	155	79	51%	45,269	Buchanan	Bell	2	8
41	Rutherford	280	143	51%	65,587	Ellenburg	Bell	6	
42	Henderson	309	181	59%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	2	5
42	Polk	52	27	52%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3	
42	Transylvania	77	36	47%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	
43	Cherokee	122	59	48%	30,373	Smith	Homsby Welch	0	5
43	Clay	37	17	46%	12,042	Buchanan	Homsby Welch	0	
43	Graham	28	16	57%	8,179	Hoxit	Homsby Welch	2	
43	Haywood	242	127	52%	63,048	Wilke	Homsby Welch	1	
43	Jackson	171	109	64%	45,281	Famer	Homsby Welch	0	
43	Macon	122	62	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	Homsby Welch	1	
43	Swain	71	48	68%	13,945	Cochran	Homsby Welch	1	
42	100	30,870	18,713	61%	11,053,985				346
Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD	COUNTIES 63%=63/100 Counties filed DbD	All med/drug Fatalities 2013-6/2024	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-6/2024	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-6/2024	NC POPULATION			# of DbD CHARGES since 2019	

Fatal Overdoses and Fentanyl-Involved^ Overdose Deaths North Carolina

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.injuryfree.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2019-2023)

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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.

