

NC 100 COUNTY REPORT: FENTANYL ^ INVOLVED FATALITIES 2013-Sept 2024

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges



update: 11/2/25

COUNTY	2013-Sept 2024			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Alamance	460	269	58%	183,040	Johnson	17	Boone	13
Alexander	93	42	45%	36,693	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1
Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,693	Maines	34	Homer	0
Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	21	Adams	0
Ashe	64	30	47%	27,266	Howell	34	Homer	0
Avery	46	26	57%	17,811	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	172	103	60%	44,576	Hammonds	2	Anglin	2
Bertie	52	31	60%	16,939	Ruffin	7	Gourier Scott	0
Bladen	144	84	58%	29,777	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	497	287	58%	167,112	Ingram	15	David	0
Buncombe	1099	718	65%	279,210	Miller	40	Williams	2
Burke	440	219	50%	88,545	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	626	407	65%	244,925	Shaw	25	Shanley	6
Caldwell	324	162	50%	80,739	Bean	36	Reilly	4
Camden	22	14	64%	11,184	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret	288	175	61%	70,259	Buck	4	Wareham	38
Caswell	58	33	57%	22,363	Durden	22	Gregg	0
Catawba	558	336	60%	167,054	Brown	36	Reilly	8
Chatham	158	95	60%	83,874	Roberson	18	Nieman	3
Cherokee	125	61	49%	30,373	Smith	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	52	30	58%	13,891	Basnight	1	Cruden	3
Clay	37	17	46%	12,042	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	275	125	45%	102,194	Norman	39	Miller	5
Columbus	202	125	62%	50,054	Rogers	15	David	0
Craven	529	361	68%	104,167	Hughes	4	Wareham	4
Cumberland	1346	881	65%	338,430	Morgan	14	West	4
Cumtuck	80	50	63%	32,278	Beickert	1	Womble	1
Dare	136	83	61%	38,183	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson	740	474	64%	177,809	Simmons	33	Frank	12
Davie	138	83	60%	45,383	Hartman	33	Frank	5
Duplin	115	57	50%	50,539	Stokes	5	Lee	2
Durham	784	484	62%	343,628	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	204	127	62%	49,124	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	3
Forsyth	1242	753	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	206	123	60%	79,771	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	833	464	56%	242,010	Hawkins	38	Page	9
Gates	34	23	68%	10,299	Campbell	1	Cruden	0
Graham	28	16	57%	8,179	Hoxit	43	Hornsby Welch	2
Granville	169	101	60%	61,544	Fountain	11	Waters	0
Greene	43	23	53%	20,671	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1653	1070	65%	558,816	Rogers	24	Crump	6
Halifax	162	104	64%	46,992	Davis	7	Gourier Scott	2
Harnett	451	299	66%	146,096	Coats	12	Matthews	28
Haywood	247	130	53%	63,048	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	316	183	58%	120,771	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	43	26	60%	19,169	Hayes	7	Gourier Scott	0
Hoke	146	89	61%	55,382	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	2	Anglin	0
Iredell	415	228	55%	206,361	Campbell	32	Kirkman	8
Jackson	175	112	64%	45,281	Farmer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	492	275	56%	249,794	Bizzell	13	Weller	3
Jones	35	20	57%	9,462	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	253	185	73%	68,537	Estes	12	Matthews	5

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2013-Sept 2024								
COUNTY	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
Lenoir	157	110	70%	55,332	Rogers	9	Delbridge	3
Lincoln	255	133	52%	97,611	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	158	79	50%	45,269	Buchanan	41	Bell	2
Macon	124	64	52%	38,717	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Madison	66	35	53%	22,352	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	67	39	58%	21,523	Robinson	2	Anglim	5
Mecklenburg	2396	1511	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	26	Merriweather	0
Mitchell	43	17	40%	15,030	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	89	67	75%	26,364	Herron	28	Clodfelter	2
Moore	260	162	62%	108,417	Fields	29	Hardin	5
Nash	293	182	62%	97,990	Stone	8	Marsigli	1
New Hanover	911	580	64%	243,333	McMahon	6	Smith	15
Northampton	40	22	55%	16,580	Smith	7	Gourier Scott	0
Onslow	584	361	62%	212,954	Thomas	5	Lee	8
Orange	241	134	56%	152,877	Blackwood	18	Nieman	7
Pamlico	78	57	73%	12,550	Davis	4	Wareham	7
Pasquotank	136	106	78%	41,418	Wooten	1	Cruden	1
Pender	189	105	56%	70,077	Cutler	6	smith	3
Perquimans	44	31	70%	13,460	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	106	49	46%	40,143	Wilborn	11	Waters	0
Pitt	536	338	63%	180,783	Dance	3	Dixon	3
Polk	52	27	52%	20,320	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	696	467	67%	148,389	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	234	140	60%	41,990	Gulledge	21	Adams	2
Robeson	683	452	66%	118,624	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	428	261	61%	93,517	Page	22	Gregg	12
Rowan	740	494	67%	153,384	Allen	27	Cook	5
Rutherford	287	147	51%	65,587	Ellenburg	41	Bell	8
Sampson	169	86	51%	60,404	Thomton	5	Lee	1
Scotland	128	76	59%	33,898	Kersey	21	Adams	1
Stanly	232	139	60%	67,326	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	215	117	54%	45,857	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Surry	264	131	50%	71,547	Haft	23	Watson	4
Swain	74	50	68%	13,945	Cochran	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Transylvania	79	38	48%	34,103	Owenby	42	Murray	0
Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	2	Anglin	0
Union	430	253	59%	263,386	Cathey	30	Robison	20
Vance	167	120	72%	42,337	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	1831	1093	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	10	Freeman	4
Warren	42	27	64%	19,081	Branch	11	Waters	0
Washington	23	12	52%	10,654	Barnes	2	Anglin	0
Watauga	92	39	42%	54,997	Hagaman	35	Banks	1
Wayne	307	194	63%	120,338	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	281	102	36%	66,186	Shew	34	Homer	0
Wilson	235	153	65%	79,958	Woodward	8	Marsigli	5
Yadkin	141	82	58%	37,995	Smitheman	34	Homer	6
Yancey	60	20	33%	18,993	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100 COUNTIES	31,580	19,171	61%	11,046,338		42		362
64%=64/100 Counties filed DbD	All med/drug Fatalities 2013-9/24	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-9/24	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-9/24	NC POPULATION		Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD		# of DbD related CHARGES since 12/2019

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Fatal Overdoses and Fentanyl-Involved^ Deaths 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.injuryfreencnhdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2013-9/2024)

Analysis by: North Carolina Division of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Branch Epidemiology, Surveillance & Informatics Unit

^There is no individual code for fentanyl involvement on a death certificate; instead, the code T40.4 - an overdose involving another 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.