

NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution

update: 11/2/25



Pros. DIST.	COUNTY	2013-Sept 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	52	30	58%	13,891	Basnight	Cruden	3	
1	Cumtuck	80	50	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	136	106	78%	41,418	Wooten	Cruden	1	
1	Perquimans	44	31	70%	13,600	White	Cruden	2	
2	Beaufort	172	103	60%	44,576	Hammonds	Anglin	2	7
2	Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglin	0	
2	Martin	67	39	58%	21,523	Manning	Anglin	5	
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	Anglin	0	
2	Washington	23	12	52%	10,654	Bames	Anglin	0	
3	Pitt	536	338	63%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3
4	Carteret	288	175	61%	70,259	Buck	Wareham	38	49
4	Craven	529	361	68%	104,167	Hughes	Wareham	4	
4	Pamlico	78	57	73%	12,550	Davis	Wareham	7	
5	Duplin	115	57	50%	53,900	Stokes	Lee	2	11
5	Jones	35	20	57%	9,462	Wineman	Lee	0	
5	Onslow	584	361	62%	212,954	Thomas	Lee	8	
5	Sampson	169	86	51%	60,404	Thomton	Lee	1	
6	New Hanover	911	580	64%	243,333	McMahon	Smith	15	18
6	Pender	189	105	56%	70,077	Cutler	Smith	3	
7	Bertie	52	31	60%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourier Scott	0	2
7	Halifax	162	104	64%	46,992	Davis	Gourier Scott	2	
7	Hertford	43	26	60%	19,169	Hayes	Gourier Scott	0	
7	Northampton	40	22	55%	16,580	Smith	Gourier Scott	0	
8	Edgecombe	204	127	62%	49,124	Atkinson	Marsigli	3	9
8	Nash	293	182	62%	97,990	Stone	Marsigli	1	
8	Wilson	235	153	65%	87,958	Woodward	Marsigli	5	
9	Greene	43	23	53%	20,671	Sasser	Delbridge	0	2
9	Lenoir	157	110	70%	55,332	Rogers	Delbridge	2	
9	Wayne	307	194	63%	120,338	Pierce	Delbridge	0	
10	Wake	1831	1093	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	Freeman	4	4
11	Franklin	206	123	60%	79,771	White	Waters	5	6
11	Granville	169	101	60%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	0	
11	Person	106	49	46%	40,143	Wilbom	Waters	0	
11	Vance	167	120	72%	42,337	Brame	Waters	1	
11	Warren	42	27	64%	19,081	Branch	Waters	0	
12	Hamett	451	299	66%	133,556	Coats	Matthews	28	33
12	Lee	253	185	73%	68,537	Estes	Matthews	5	
13	Johnston	492	275	56%	249,794	Bizzell	Waller	3	3
14	Cumberland	1346	881	65%	338,430	Morgan	West	3	3
15	Bladen	144	84	58%	29,777	McVicker	David	0	0
15	Brunswick	497	287	58%	167,112	Ingram	David	0	
15	Columbus	202	125	62%	50,054	Rogers	David	0	
16	Durham	784	484	62%	343,628	Birkhead	Deberry	0	0
17	Alamance	460	269	58%	183,040	Johnson	Boone	13	13
18	Chatham	158	95	60%	83,874	Roberson	Nieman	3	10
18	Orange	241	134	56%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7	
20	Robeson	683	452	66%	118,624	Wilkins	Scott	7	7
21	Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	Adams	0	3
21	Richmond	234	140	60%	41,990	Gulledge	Adams	2	
21	Scotland	128	76	59%	33,898	Kersey	Adams	1	
22	Caswell	58	33	57%	22,363	Durden	Gregg	0	12
22	Rockingham	428	261	61%	93,517	Page	Gregg	12	

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23	Stokes	215	117	54%	45,857	Lemons	Watson	0	4
23	Sury	264	131	50%	71,547	Haitt	Watson	4	
24	Guilford	1653	1070	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	6	6
25	Cabarrus	626	407	65%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7
26	Mecklenburg	2396	1511	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	Memweather	0	0
27	Rowan	740	494	67%	153,384	Allen	Cook	5	5
28	Montgomery	89	67	75%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	2	9
28	Stanly	232	139	60%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	
29	Hoke	146	89	61%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0	5
29	Moore	260	162	62%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	5	
30	Union	430	253	59%	263,386	Cathey	Robison	20	20
31	Forsyth	1242	753	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	O'Neill	2	2
32	Alexander	93	42	45%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1	8
32	Iredell	415	228	55%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	
33	Davidson	740	474	64%	177,809	Simmons	Frank	14	19
33	Davie	138	83	60%	45,383	Hartman	Frank	5	
34	Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,379	Maines	Homer	0	6
34	Ashe	64	30	47%	27,266	Howell	Homer	0	
34	Wilkes	281	102	36%	66,186	Shew	Homer	0	
34	Yadkin	141	82	58%	37,995	Smitheman	Homer	6	
35	Avery	46	26	57%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0	3
35	Madison	66	35	53%	22,352	Harwood	Banks	0	
35	Mitchell	43	17	40%	15,030	Street	Banks	0	
35	Watauga	92	39	42%	54,997	Hagaman	Banks	1	
35	Yancey	60	20	33%	18,993	Hilliard	Banks	2	
36	Burke	440	219	50%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0	12
36	Caldwell	324	162	50%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4	
36	Catawba	558	336	60%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	8	
37	Randolph	696	467	67%	148,389	Seabolt	Gregson	6	6
38	Gaston	833	464	56%	242,010	Hawkins	Page	9	9
39	Cleveland	275	125	45%	102,194	Norman	Miller	5	8
39	Lincoln	255	133	52%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	
40	Buncombe	1099	718	65%	279,210	Miller	Williams	2	2
41	McDowell	158	79	50%	45,269	Buchanan	Bell	2	10
41	Rutherford	287	147	51%	65,587	Ellenburg	Bell	8	
42	Henderson	316	183	58%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	2	5
42	Polk	52	27	52%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3	
42	Transylvania	79	38	48%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	
43	Cherokee	125	61	49%	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	247	130	53%	63,048	Wilke	Homsby Welch	1	
43	Jackson	175	112	64%	45,281	Famer	Homsby Welch	0	
43	Macon	124	64	52%	38,717	Holbrooks	Homsby Welch	1	
43	Swain	74	50	68%	13,945	Cochran	Homsby Welch	1	
42	100 COUNTIES 63%=63/100 Counties filed DbD	31,580	19,171	61%	11,053,985				362
Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD		All med/drug Fatalities 2013-9/2024	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-9/2024	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-9/2024	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 (2019-2024)

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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.

