

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

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges



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COUNTY	2013-2024			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Alamance	472	275	58%	183,040	Johnson	17	Boone	13
Alexander	94	43	46%	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	65	30	46%	27,266	Howell	34	Homer	0
Avery	50	28	56%	17,811	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	173	104	60%	44,576	Hammonds	2	Anglin	6
Bertie	54	32	59%	16,939	Ruffin	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Bladen	149	87	58%	29,777	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	512	299	58%	167,112	Ingram	15	David	0
Buncombe	1123	732	65%	279,210	Miller	40	Williams	2
Burke	453	230	51%	88,545	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	635	415	65%	244,925	Shaw	25	Shanley	6
Caldwell	329	167	51%	80,739	Bean	36	Reilly	4
Camden	22	14	64%	11,184	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret #1	293	178	61%	70,259	Buck	4	Wareham	38
Caswell	64	38	59%	22,363	Durden	22	Gregg	0
Catawba	575	348	61%	167,054	Brown	36	Reilly	8
Chatham	163	98	60%	83,874	Roberson	18	Nieman	3
Cherokee	128	63	49%	30,373	Smith	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	53	30	57%	13,891	Basnight	1	Cruden	3
Clay	38	17	45%	12,042	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	280	130	46%	102,194	Norman	39	Miller	5
Columbus	206	127	62%	50,054	Rogers	15	David	0
Craven	540	369	68%	104,167	Hughes	4	Wareham	4
Cumberland	1378	904	66%	338,430	Morgan	14	West	4
Currituck	83	53	64%	32,278	Beickert	1	Womble	1
Dare	137	84	61%	38,183	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson #3	753	484	64%	177,809	Simmons	33	Frank	16
Davie	141	83	59%	45,383	Hartman	33	Frank	5
Duplin	120	60	50%	50,539	Stokes	5	Lee	2
Durham	809	503	62%	343,628	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	207	128	62%	49,124	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	3
Forsyth	1263	767	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	212	128	60%	79,771	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	853	481	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	173	104	60%	61,544	Fountain	11	Waters	0
Greene	43	23	53%	20,671	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1692	1093	65%	558,816	Rogers	24	Crump	9
Halifax	164	105	64%	46,992	Davis	7	Gourrier Scott	2
Harnett #2	459	304	66%	146,096	Coats	12	Matthews	28
Haywood	253	132	52%	63,048	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	323	188	58%	120,771	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Hoke	150	92	61%	55,382	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	2	Anglin	0
Iredell	421	231	55%	206,361	Campbell	32	Kirkman	8
Jackson	176	112	64%	45,281	Famer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	502	281	56%	249,794	Bizzell	13	Weller	3
Jones	37	21	57%	9,462	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	255	185	73%	68,537	Estes	12	Matthews	5



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Lenoir	157	110	70%	55,332	Rogers	9	Delbridge	3
Lincoln	264	140	53%	97,611	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	161	80	50%	45,269	Buchanan	41	Bell	2
Macon	125	64	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Madison	67	36	54%	22,352	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	71	42	59%	21,523	Robinson	2	Anglim	5
Mecklenburg	2456	1551	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	26	Merriweather	0
Mitchell	44	17	39%	15,030	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	89	67	75%	26,364	Herron	28	Clodfelter	3
Moore	265	166	63%	108,417	Fields	29	Hardin	5
Nash	298	186	62%	97,990	Stone	8	Marsigli	1
New Hanover	934	593	63%	243,333	McMahon	6	Smith	17
Northampton	41	22	54%	16,580	Smith	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Onslow	599	372	62%	212,954	Thomas	5	Lee	8
Orange	246	137	56%	152,877	Blackwood	18	Nieman	7
Pamlico	81	60	74%	12,550	Davis	4	Wareham	7
Pasquotank	142	111	78%	41,418	Wooten	1	Cruden	1
Pender	192	108	56%	70,077	Cutler	6	smith	3
Perquimans	45	32	71%	13,460	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	108	50	46%	40,143	Wilbom	11	Waters	0
Pitt	545	342	63%	180,783	Dance	3	Dixon	3
Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	708	476	67%	148,389	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	241	145	60%	41,990	Gulledge	21	Adams	2
Robeson	704	468	66%	118,624	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	440	271	62%	93,517	Page	22	Gregg	12
Rowan	753	503	67%	153,384	Allen	27	Cook	5
Rutherford	295	153	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	41	Bell	8
Sampson	175	90	51%	60,404	Thomton	5	Lee	4
Scotland	130	77	59%	33,898	Kersey	21	Adams	3
Stanly	236	140	59%	67,326	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	220	121	55%	45,857	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Surry	267	133	50%	71,547	Haitt	23	Watson	4
Swain	75	51	68%	13,945	Cochran	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Transylvania	84	39	46%	34,103	Owenby	42	Murray	0
Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	2	Anglin	0
Union	440	261	59%	263,386	Cathey	30	Robison	20
Vance	173	125	72%	42,337	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	1873	1120	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	10	Freeman	4
Warren	44	28	64%	19,081	Branch	11	Waters	0
Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Barnes	2	Anglin	0
Watauga	93	39	42%	54,997	Hagaman	35	Banks	1
Wayne	313	196	63%	120,338	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	291	104	36%	66,186	Shew	34	Homer	0
Wilson	243	158	65%	79,958	Woodward	8	Marsigli	5
Yadkin	143	84	59%	37,995	Smitherman	34	Homer	6
Yancey	63	20	32%	18,993	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100 COUNTIES	32,302	19,650	61%	11,046,338		42		381
68%=68/100 County LE DbD Investigations	All med/drug Fatalities 2013-2024	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-2024	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-2024	NC POPULATION		Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD		# of DbD related CHARGES since 12/2019

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.injuryfreenctndhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

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

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.