

NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution

update: 1/26/26



Pros. DIST.	COUNTY	2013 - 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	53	30	57%	13,891	Basnight	Cruden	3		
1	Cumtuck	83	53	64%	32,278	Beickert	Cruden	1		
1	Dare	137	84	61%	38,183	Doughtie	Cruden	8		
1	Gates	34	23	68%	10,299	Campbell	Cruden	0		
1	Pasquotank	142	111	78%	41,418	Wooten	Cruden	1		
1	Perquimans	45	32	71%	13,600	White	Cruden	2		
2	Beaufort	173	104	60%	44,576	Hammonds	Anglin	6	11	
2	Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglin	0		
2	Martin	71	42	59%	21,523	Manning	Anglin	5		
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	Anglin	0		
2	Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Barnes	Anglin	0		
3	Pitt	545	342	63%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3	
4	Carteret	293	178	61%	70,259	Buck	Wareham	38	49	#1
4	Craven	540	369	68%	104,167	Hughes	Wareham	4		
4	Pamlico	81	60	74%	12,550	Davis	Wareham	7		
5	Duplin	120	60	50%	53,900	Stokes	Lee	2	14	
5	Jones	37	21	57%	9,462	Wineman	Lee	0		
5	Onslow	599	372	62%	212,954	Thomas	Lee	8		
5	Sampson	175	90	51%	60,404	Thomton	Lee	4		
6	New Hanover	934	593	63%	243,333	McMahon	Smith	17	20	#4
6	Pender	192	108	56%	70,077	Cutler	Smith	3		
7	Bertie	54	32	59%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourier Scott	0	2	
7	Halifax	164	105	64%	46,992	Davis	Gourier Scott	2		
7	Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	Gourier Scott	0		
7	Northampton	41	22	54%	16,580	Smith	Gourier Scott	0		
8	Edgecombe	207	128	62%	49,124	Atkinson	Marsigli	3	9	
8	Nash	298	186	62%	97,990	Stone	Marsigli	1		
8	Wilson	243	158	65%	87,958	Woodward	Marsigli	5		
9	Greene	43	23	53%	20,671	Sasser	Delbridge	0	3	
9	Lenoir	157	110	70%	55,332	Rogers	Delbridge	3		
9	Wayne	313	196	63%	120,338	Pierce	Delbridge	0		
10	Wake	1873	1120	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	Freeman	4	4	
11	Franklin	212	128	60%	79,771	White	Waters	5	6	
11	Granville	173	104	60%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	0		
11	Person	108	50	46%	40,143	Wilborn	Waters	0		
11	Vance	173	125	72%	42,337	Brame	Waters	1		
11	Warren	44	28	64%	19,081	Branch	Waters	0		
12	Harnett	459	304	66%	133,556	Coats	Matthews	28	33	#2
12	Lee	255	185	73%	68,537	Estes	Matthews	5		
13	Johnston	502	281	56%	249,794	Bizzell	Waller	3	3	
14	Cumberland	1378	904	66%	338,430	Morgan	West	4	4	
15	Bladen	149	87	58%	29,777	McVicker	David	0	0	
15	Brunswick	512	299	58%	167,112	Ingram	David	0		
15	Columbus	206	127	62%	50,054	Rogers	David	0		
16	Durham	809	503	62%	343,628	Birkhead	Deberry	0	0	
17	Alamance	472	275	58%	183,040	Johnson	Boone	13	13	
18	Chatham	163	98	60%	83,874	Roberson	Nieman	3	10	
18	Orange	246	137	56%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7		
20	Robeson	704	468	66%	118,624	Wilkins	Scott	7	7	
21	Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	Adams	0	5	
21	Richmond	241	145	60%	41,990	Gulledge	Adams	2		
21	Scotland	130	77	59%	33,898	Kersey	Adams	3		
22	Caswell	64	38	59%	22,363	Durden	Gregg	0	12	
22	Rockingham	440	271	62%	93,517	Page	Gregg	12		

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23	Stokes	220	121	55%	45,857	Lemons	Watson	0		
23	Sury	267	133	50%	71,547	Haft	Watson	4	4	
24	Guilford	1692	1093	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	9	9	
25	Cabarrus	635	415	65%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7	
26	Mecklenburg	2456	1551	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	Merrweather	0	0	
27	Rowan	753	503	67%	153,384	Allen	Cook	5	5	
28	Montgomery	89	67	75%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	3		
28	Stanly	236	140	59%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	10	
29	Hoke	150	92	61%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0		
29	Moore	265	166	63%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	5	5	
30	Union	440	261	59%	263,386	Cathey	Robison	20	20	#4
31	Forsyth	1263	767	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	O'Neill	2	2	
32	Alexander	94	43	46%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1		
32	Iredell	421	231	55%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	8	
33	Davidson	753	484	64%	177,809	Simmons	Frank	16		#3
33	Davie	141	83	59%	45,383	Hartman	Frank	5	21	
34	Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,379	Maines	Homer	0		
34	Ashe	65	30	46%	27,266	Howell	Homer	0		
34	Wilkes	291	104	36%	66,186	Shew	Homer	0		
34	Yadkin	143	84	59%	37,995	Smitherman	Homer	6	6	
35	Avery	50	28	56%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0		
35	Madison	67	36	54%	22,352	Harwood	Banks	0		
35	Mitchell	44	17	39%	15,030	Street	Banks	0		
35	Watauga	93	39	42%	54,997	Hagaman	Banks	1		
35	Yancey	63	20	32%	18,993	Hilliard	Banks	2	3	
36	Burke	453	230	51%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0		
36	Caldwell	329	167	51%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4		
36	Catawba	575	348	61%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	8	12	
37	Randolph	708	476	67%	148,389	Seabolt	Gregson	6	6	
38	Gaston	853	481	56%	242,010	Hawkins	Page	9	9	
39	Cleveland	280	130	46%	102,194	Norman	Miller	5		
39	Lincoln	264	140	53%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	8	
40	Buncombe	1123	732	65%	279,210	Miller	Williams	2	2	
41	McDowell	161	80	50%	45,269	Buchanan	Bell	2		
41	Rutherford	295	153	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	Bell	8	10	
42	Henderson	323	188	58%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	2		
42	Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3		
42	Transylvania	84	39	46%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	5	
43	Cherokee	128	63	49%	30,373	Smith	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Clay	38	17	45%	12,042	Buchanan	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Graham	28	16	57%	8,179	Hoxit	Homsby Welch	2		
43	Haywood	253	132	52%	63,048	Wilke	Homsby Welch	1		
43	Jackson	176	112	64%	45,281	Famer	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Macon	125	64	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	Homsby Welch	1		
43	Swain	75	51	68%	13,945	Cochran	Homsby Welch	1	5	
42	100	32,302	19,650	61%	11,053,985				381	
Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD	COUNTIES 68%=68/100 NC Counties filed DbD	All med/drug Fatalities 2013 - 2024	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 - 2024	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 - 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.