

NC 100 COUNTY REPORT: FENTANYL^ INVOLVED FATALITIES 2013-April 2025*

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges



update: 4/18/26

COUNTY	2013-April 2025*			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Alamance	483	278	58%	183,040	Johnson	17	Boone	13
Alexander	96	43	45%	36,693	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1
Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,693	Glenn	34	Horner	0
Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	21	Adams	0
Ashe	66	30	45%	27,266	Howell	34	Horner	0
Avery	50	28	56%	17,811	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	179	106	59%	44,576	Hammonds	2	Anglim	6
Bertie	55	32	58%	16,939	Ruffin	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Bladen	152	90	59%	29,777	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	521	299	57%	167,112	Ingram	15	David	0
Buncombe	1147	750	65%	279,210	Miller	40	Williams	2
Burke	466	239	51%	88,545	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	650	424	65%	244,925	Shaw	25	Shanley	6
Caldwell	336	172	51%	80,739	Bean	36	Reilly	4
Camden	22	14	64%	11,184	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret #1	296	180	61%	70,259	Buck	4	Wareham	32
Caswell	66	39	59%	22,363	Durden	22	Gregg	0
Catawba	599	365	61%	167,054	Brown	36	Reilly	9
Chatham	164	99	60%	83,874	Roberson	18	Nieman	3
Cherokee	128	63	49%	30,373	Chriswood	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	53	30	57%	13,891	Wood	1	Cruden	3
Clay	39	17	44%	12,042	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	290	133	46%	102,194	Norman	39	Miller	5
Columbus	210	129	61%	50,054	Rogers	15	David	0
Craven	551	376	68%	104,167	Hughes	4	Wareham	5
Cumberland	1401	919	66%	338,430	Morgan	14	West	4
Currituck	84	53	63%	32,278	Beickert	1	Womble	1
Dare	142	86	61%	38,183	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson #4	772	499	65%	177,809	Simmons	33	Frank	18
Davie	145	85	59%	45,383	Hartman	33	Frank	5
Duplin	125	63	50%	50,539	Stokes	5	Lee	2
Durham	831	517	62%	343,628	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	211	129	61%	49,124	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	3
Forsyth	1297	789	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	214	128	60%	79,771	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	886	508	57%	242,010	Hawkins	38	Page	9
Gates	35	24	69%	10,299	Campbell	1	Cruden	0
Graham	28	16	57%	8,179	Hoxit	43	Hornsby Welch	2
Granville	175	105	60%	61,544	Fountain	11	Waters	0
Greene	44	23	52%	20,671	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1727	1117	65%	558,816	Rogers	24	Crump	10
Halifax	167	107	64%	46,992	Davis	7	Gourrier Scott	2
Harnett #2	472	313	66%	146,096	Coats	12	Matthews	28
Haywood	255	134	53%	63,048	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	330	194	59%	120,771	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Hoke	154	94	61%	55,382	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	17	8	47%	4,583	Cahoon	2	Anglim	0

#1

#4

#2



Iredell	430	234	54%	206,361	Campbell	32	Kirkman	8
Jackson	176	112	64%	45,281	Farmer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	511	288	56%	249,794	Bizzell	13	Weller	3
Jones	38	21	55%	9,462	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	260	190	73%	68,537	Estes	12	Matthews	5




COUNTY	2013-April 2025*			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Lenoir	163	114	70%	55,332	Rogers	9	Delbridge	3
Lincoln	269	143	53%	97,611	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	165	81	49%	45,269	Buchanan	41	Bell	3
Macon	126	65	52%	38,717	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Madison	68	36	53%	22,352	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	72	42	58%	21,523	Robinson	2	Anglim	5
Mecklenburg	2533	1605	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	26	Merriweather	0
Mitchell	45	18	40%	15,030	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	91	69	76%	26,364	Herron	28	Clodfelter	3
Moore	272	173	64%	108,417	Fields	29	Hardin	5
Nash	301	188	62%	97,990	Stone	8	Marsigli	1
New Hanover #5	951	605	64%	243,333	McMahon	6	Smith	17
Northampton	42	22	52%	16,580	Smith	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Onslow	616	386	63%	212,954	Thomas	5	Lee	8
Orange	250	139	56%	152,877	Blackwood	18	Nieman	7
Pamlico	82	61	74%	12,550	Davis	4	Wareham	7
Pasquotank	145	114	79%	41,418	Wooten	1	Cruden	1
Pender	195	109	56%	70,077	Cutler	6	smith	3
Perquimans	47	33	70%	13,460	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	112	53	47%	40,143	Wilborn	11	Waters	1
Pitt	549	345	63%	180,783	Dance	3	Dixon	3
Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	725	490	68%	148,389	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	249	151	61%	41,990	Gulledge	21	Adams	2
Robeson	720	478	66%	118,624	Wilkins	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	455	283	62%	93,517	Page	22	Gregg	12
Rowan	772	515	67%	153,384	Allen	27	Cook	5
Rutherford	301	158	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	41	Bell	9
Sampson	178	91	51%	60,404	Thornton	5	Lee	5
Scotland	135	79	59%	33,898	Kersey	21	Adams	3
Stanly	240	142	59%	67,326	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	223	123	55%	45,857	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Surry	275	138	50%	71,547	Haitt	23	Watson	4
Swain	77	53	69%	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	Anglim	0
Union #3	452	270	60%	263,386	Cathey	30	Robison	20
Vance	180	126	70%	42,337	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	1922	1149	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	10	Freeman	4
Warren	46	29	63%	19,081	Branch	11	Waters	0
Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Barnes	2	Anglim	0
Watauga	97	40	41%	54,997	Hagaman	35	Banks	1
Wayne	322	200	62%	120,338	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	298	109	37%	66,186	Shew	34	Horner	0
Wilson	252	165	65%	79,958	Woodward	8	Marsigli	5
Yadkin	148	89	60%	37,995	Smitherman	34	Horner	6
Yancey	63	20	32%	18,993	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100	33,069	20,146	61%	11,046,338		42		384

#5

#3



COUNTIES 69%=69/100 County LE DbD Investigations	All med/drug Fatalities 2013-4/25*	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	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.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>
Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2013-April 2025)

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.



