

# NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

\*DbD is short for Death by Distribution



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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	Currituck	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	Anglim	6	11
2	Hyde	16	7	44%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglim	0	
2	Martin	71	42	59%	21,523	Manning	Anglim	5	
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	Anglim	0	
2	Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Barnes	Anglim	0	
3	Pitt	545	342	63%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3
4	Carteret	293	178	61%	70,259	Buck	Wareham	32	44
4	Craven	540	369	68%	104,167	Hughes	Wareham	5	
4	Pamlico	81	60	74%	12,550	Davis	Wareham	7	
5	Duplin	120	60	50%	53,900	Stokes	Lee	2	15
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	Thornton	Lee	5	
6	New Hanover	934	593	63%	243,333	McMahon	Smith	17	20
6	Pender	192	108	56%	70,077	Cutler	Smith	3	
7	Bertie	54	32	59%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourrier Scott	0	2
7	Halifax	164	105	64%	46,992	Davis	Gourrier Scott	2	
7	Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	Gourrier Scott	0	
7	Northampton	41	22	54%	16,580	Smith	Gourrier 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	7
11	Granville	173	104	60%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	0	
11	Person	108	50	46%	40,143	Wilborn	Waters	1	
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
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	

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18	Orange	246	137	56%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7	10
20	Robeson	704	468	66%	118,624	Wilkens	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	4
23	Surry	267	133	50%	71,547	Haitt	Watson	4	
24	Guilford	1692	1093	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	10	10
25	Cabarrus	635	415	65%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7
26	Mecklenburg	2456	1551	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	Merriweather	0	0
27	Rowan	753	503	67%	153,384	Allen	Cook	5	5
28	Montgomery	89	67	75%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	3	10
28	Stanly	236	140	59%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	
29	Hoke	150	92	61%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0	5
29	Moore	265	166	63%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	5	
30	Union	440	261	59%	263,386	Cathey	Robison	20	20
31	Forsyth	1263	767	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	O'Neill	2	2
32	Alexander	94	43	46%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1	8
32	Iredell	421	231	55%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	
33	Davidson	753	484	64%	177,809	Simmons	Frank	18	23
33	Davie	141	83	59%	45,383	Hartman	Frank	5	
34	Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,379	Maines	Homer	0	6
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	
35	Avery	50	28	56%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0	3
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	
36	Burke	453	230	51%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0	13
36	Caldwell	329	167	51%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4	
36	Catawba	575	348	61%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	9	
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	8
39	Lincoln	264	140	53%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	
40	Buncombe	1123	732	65%	279,210	Miller	Williams	2	2
41	McDowell	161	80	50%	45,269	Buchanan	Bell	3	12
41	Rutherford	295	153	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	Bell	9	
42	Henderson	323	188	58%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	2	5
42	Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3	
42	Transylvania	84	39	46%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	
43	Cherokee	128	63	49%	30,373	Chriswood	Hornsby Welch	0	5
43	Clay	38	17	45%	12,042	Buchanan	Hornsby Welch	0	
43	Graham	28	16	57%	8,179	Hoxit	Hornsby Welch	2	
43	Haywood	253	132	52%	63,048	Wilke	Hornsby Welch	1	
43	Jackson	176	112	64%	45,281	Farmer	Hornsby Welch	0	
43	Macon	125	64	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	Hornsby Welch	1	
43	Swain	75	51	68%	13,945	Cochran	Hornsby Welch	1	
42	100	32,302	19,650	61%	11,053,985				384
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	



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## Fatal Overdoses and Fentanyl-Involved<sup>A</sup> 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<sup>A</sup>, 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 (2019-2024)

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<sup>A</sup>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.

