

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

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges



update: 8/17/26

COUNTY	2013-May 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	99	44	44%	36,693	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1
Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,693	Glenn	34	Homer	0
Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	21	Adams	0
Ashe	66	30	45%	27,266	Howell	34	Homer	0
Avery	51	29	57%	17,811	Henley	35	Banks	0
Beaufort	180	106	59%	44,576	Hammonds	2	Anglim	7
Bertie	55	32	58%	16,939	Ruffin	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Bladen	155	94	61%	29,777	McVicker	15	David	0
Brunswick	522	300	57%	167,112	Chism	15	David	0
Buncombe	1158	757	65%	279,210	Miller	40	Williams	2
Burke	477	245	51%	88,545	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0
Cabarrus	655	428	65%	244,925	Shaw	25	Shanley	6
Caldwell	339	176	52%	80,739	Bean	36	Reilly	4
Camden	22	14	64%	11,184	Jones	1	Cruden	1
Carteret #1	298	181	61%	70,259	Nyberg	4	Wareham	32
Caswell	66	39	59%	22,363	Durden	22	Gregg	0
Catawba	604	367	61%	167,054	Brown	36	Reilly	9
Chatham	165	99	60%	83,874	Maynor	18	Nieman	4
Cherokee	129	64	50%	30,373	Chriswood	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Chowan	54	31	57%	13,891	Basnight	1	Cruden	3
Clay	39	17	44%	12,042	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Cleveland	292	135	46%	102,194	Norman	39	Miller	6
Columbus	211	130	62%	50,054	Rogers	15	David	0
Craven	553	377	68%	104,167	Hughes	4	Wareham	6
Cumberland	1411	924	65%	338,430	Morgan	14	West	4
Cumtuck	85	53	62%	32,278	Beickert	1	Womble	1
Dare	143	86	60%	38,183	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8
Davidson #4	781	506	65%	177,809	Simmons	33	Frank	18
Davie	145	85	59%	45,383	Hartman	33	Frank	5
Duplin	126	63	50%	50,539	Weaver-int	5	Lee	2
Durham	838	521	62%	343,628	Birkhead	16	Deberry	0
Edgecombe	211	129	61%	49,124	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	3
Forsyth	1304	793	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2
Franklin	215	129	60%	79,771	White	11	Waters	5
Gaston	895	517	58%	242,010	Hawkins	38	Page	10
Gates	35	24	69%	10,299	Campbell	1	Cruden	0
Graham	29	17	59%	8,179	Moody	43	Hornsby Welch	2
Granville	177	106	60%	61,544	Fountain	11	Waters	1
Greene	44	23	52%	20,671	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0
Guilford	1749	1131	65%	558,816	Rogers	24	Crump	10
Halifax	168	107	64%	46,992	Davis	7	Gourrier Scott	2
Harnett #2	474	315	66%	146,096	Coats	12	Matthews	28
Haywood	260	137	53%	63,048	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Henderson	334	196	59%	120,771	Griffin	42	Murray	2
Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Hoke	156	96	62%	55,382	Virgil	29	Hardin	0
Hyde	17	8	47%	4,583	Cahoon	2	Anglim	0
Iredell	438	239	55%	206,361	Campbell	32	Kirkman	8
Jackson	177	113	64%	45,281	Famer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	516	291	56%	249,794	Bizzell	13	Weller	4
Jones	38	21	55%	9,462	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	266	196	74%	68,537	Estes	12	Matthews	7

#1

#4

#2



COUNTY	2013-May 2025*			POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019
	All Med/Drug Fatalities	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities					
Lenoir	164	115	70%	55,332	Rogers	9	Delbridge	4
Lincoln	272	144	53%	97,611	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	168	83	49%	45,269	Mace-int	41	Bell	3
Macon	129	67	52%	38,717	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Madison	69	36	52%	22,352	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	72	42	58%	21,523	Robinson	2	Anglim	6
Mecklenburg	2542	1612	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	26	Merriweather	0
Mitchell	46	18	39%	15,030	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	91	69	76%	26,364	Herron	28	Clodfelter	3
Moore	275	175	64%	108,417	Fields	29	Hardin	5
Nash	303	189	62%	97,990	Stone	8	Marsigli	3
New Hanover #5	955	608	64%	243,333	McMahon	6	Smith	17
Northampton	42	22	52%	16,580	Smith	7	Gourier Scott	0
Onslow	623	392	63%	212,954	Thomas	5	Lee	10
Orange	251	139	55%	152,877	Blackwood	18	Nieman	7
Pamlico	83	62	75%	12,550	Davis	4	Wareham	7
Pasquotank	146	115	79%	41,418	Wooten	1	Cruden	1
Pender	198	110	56%	70,077	Cutler	6	smith	5
Perquimans	47	33	70%	13,460	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	114	54	47%	40,143	Wilbom	11	Waters	1
Pitt	551	345	63%	180,783	Dance	3	Dixon	3
Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	730	494	68%	148,389	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	250	153	61%	41,990	Gulledge	21	Adams	2
Robeson	727	483	66%	118,624	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	459	285	62%	93,517	Parker	22	Gregg	12
Rowan	776	519	67%	153,384	Allen	27	Cook	5
Rutherford	305	160	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	41	Bell	9
Sampson	180	92	51%	60,404	Thomton	5	Lee	5
Scotland	138	81	59%	33,898	Kersey	21	Adams	3
Stanly	243	144	59%	67,326	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	225	124	55%	45,857	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Surry	278	140	50%	71,547	Haitt	23	Watson	4
Swain	80	56	70%	13,945	Kirkland	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Transylvania	85	40	47%	34,103	Owenby	42	Murray	0
Tyrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	2	Anglim	0
Union #3	455	274	60%	263,386	Cathey	30	Robison	22
Vance	182	127	70%	42,337	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	1938	1158	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	10	Freeman	4
Warren	48	31	65%	19,081	Branche	11	Waters	0
Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Norman	2	Anglim	0
Watauga	97	40	41%	54,997	Hagaman	35	Banks	1
Wayne	325	203	62%	120,338	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	301	109	36%	66,186	Shew	34	Homer	0
Wilson	258	172	67%	79,958	Woodward	8	Marsigli	5
Yadkin	150	91	61%	37,995	Smitherman	34	Homer	6
Yancey	64	20	31%	18,993	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100 COUNTIES 69%=69/100 County LE DbD Investigations	33,355 All med/drug Fatalities 2013-4/25*	20,341 Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	61% % Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	11,046,338 NC POPULATION		42 Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD		403 # 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.injuryreencnrdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

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