

NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution



update: 8/17/26

Pros. DIST.	COUNTY	2013 - May 2025*			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	54	31	57%	13,891	Basnight	Cruden	3		
1	Cumtuck	85	53	62%	32,278	Beickert	Cruden	1		
1	Dare	143	86	60%	38,183	Doughtie	Cruden	8		
1	Gates	35	24	69%	10,299	Campbell	Cruden	0		
1	Pasquotank	146	115	79%	41,418	Wooten	Cruden	1		
1	Perquimans	47	33	70%	13,600	White	Cruden	2		
2	Beaufort	180	106	59%	44,576	Hammonds	Anglim	7	13	
2	Hyde	17	8	47%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglim	0		
2	Martin	72	42	58%	21,523	Manning	Anglim	6		
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	Anglim	0		
2	Washington	24	12	50%	10,654	Norman	Anglim	0		
3	Pitt	551	345	63%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3	
4	Carteret	298	181	61%	70,259	Nyberg	Wareham	32	45	#1
4	Craven	553	377	68%	104,167	Hughes	Wareham	6		
4	Pamlico	83	62	75%	12,550	Davis	Wareham	7		
5	Duplin	126	63	50%	53,900	Weaver-int	Lee	2	17	
5	Jones	38	21	55%	9,462	Wineman	Lee	0		
5	Onslow	623	392	63%	212,954	Thomas	Lee	10		
5	Sampson	180	92	51%	60,404	Thomton	Lee	5		
6	New Hanover	955	608	64%	243,333	McMahon	Smith	17	22	#4
6	Pender	198	110	56%	70,077	Cutler	Smith	5		
7	Bertie	55	33	60%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourier Scott	0	2	
7	Halifax	167	107	64%	46,992	Davis	Gourier Scott	2		
7	Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	Gourier Scott	0		
7	Northampton	42	22	52%	16,580	Smith	Gourier Scott	0		
8	Edgecombe	211	129	61%	49,124	Atkinson	Marsigli	3	11	
8	Nash	303	189	62%	97,990	Stone	Marsigli	3		
8	Wilson	258	172	67%	87,958	Woodward	Marsigli	5		
9	Greene	44	23	52%	20,671	Sasser	Delbridge	0	4	
9	Lenoir	164	115	70%	55,332	Rogers	Delbridge	4		
9	Wayne	325	203	62%	120,338	Pierce	Delbridge	0		
10	Wake	1938	1158	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	Freeman	4	4	
11	Franklin	215	129	60%	79,771	White	Waters	6	9	
11	Granville	177	106	60%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	1		
11	Person	114	54	47%	40,143	Wilborn	Waters	1		
11	Vance	182	127	70%	42,337	Brame	Waters	1		
11	Warren	48	31	65%	19,081	Branche	Waters	0		
12	Harnett	474	315	66%	133,556	Coats	Matthews	28	35	#2
12	Lee	266	196	74%	68,537	Estes	Matthews	7		
13	Johnston	516	291	56%	249,794	Bizzell	Waller	3	3	
14	Cumberland	1411	924	65%	338,430	Morgan	West	4	4	
15	Bladen	155	94	61%	29,777	McVicker	David	0	0	
15	Brunswick	522	300	57%	167,112	Chism	David	0		
15	Columbus	211	130	62%	50,054	Rogers	David	0		
16	Durham	838	521	62%	343,628	Birkhead	Deberry	0	0	
17	Alamance	483	278	58%	183,040	Johnson	Boone	13	13	
18	Chatham	165	99	60%	83,874	Maynor	Nieman	4	11	
18	Orange	251	139	55%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7		
20	Robeson	727	483	66%	118,624	Wilkins	Scott	7	7	
21	Anson	55	33	60%	22,432	Howell	Adams	0	5	
21	Richmond	250	153	61%	41,990	Gulledge	Adams	2		
21	Scotland	138	81	59%	33,898	Kersey	Adams	3		
22	Caswell	66	39	59%	22,363	Durden	Gregg	0	12	
22	Rockingham	459	285	62%	93,517	Parker	Gregg	12		

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23	Stokes	225	124	55%	45,857	Lemons	Watson	0		
23	Sunny	278	140	50%	71,547	Haft	Watson	4	4	
24	Guilford	1749	1131	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	10	10	
25	Cabarrus	655	428	65%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7	
26	Mecklenburg	2542	1612	63%	1,206,285	McFadden	Merrweather	0	0	
27	Rowan	776	519	67%	153,384	Allen	Cook	5	5	
28	Montgomery	91	69	76%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	3		
28	Stanly	243	144	59%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	10	
29	Hoke	156	96	62%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0		
29	Moore	275	175	64%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	5	5	
30	Union	455	274	60%	263,386	Cathey	Robison	22	22	#4
31	Forsyth	1304	793	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	O'Neill	2	2	
32	Alexander	99	44	44%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1		
32	Iredell	438	239	55%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	8	
33	Davidson	781	506	65%	177,809	Simmons	Frank	18		#3
33	Davie	145	85	59%	45,383	Hartman	Frank	5	23	
34	Alleghany	26	6	23%	11,379	Maines	Homer	0		
34	Ashe	66	30	45%	27,266	Howell	Homer	0		
34	Wilkes	298	109	37%	66,186	Shew	Homer	0		
34	Yadkin	150	91	61%	37,995	Smitherman	Homer	6	6	
35	Avery	51	29	57%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0		
35	Madison	69	36	52%	22,352	Harwood	Banks	0		
35	Mitchell	46	18	39%	15,030	Street	Banks	0		
35	Watauga	97	40	41%	54,997	Hagaman	Banks	1		
35	Yancey	64	20	31%	18,993	Hilliard	Banks	2	3	
36	Burke	477	245	51%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0		
36	Caldwell	339	176	52%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4		
36	Catawba	604	367	61%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	9	13	
37	Randolph	730	494	68%	148,389	Seabolt	Gregson	6	6	
38	Gaston	895	517	58%	242,010	Hawkins	Page	10	10	
39	Cleveland	292	135	46%	102,194	Norman	Miller	6		
39	Lincoln	272	144	53%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	9	
40	Buncombe	1158	757	65%	279,210	Miller	Williams	2	2	
41	McDowell	168	83	49%	45,269	Mace-int	Bell	3		
41	Rutherford	305	160	52%	65,587	Ellenburg	Bell	9	12	
42	Henderson	334	196	59%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	2		
42	Polk	53	28	53%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3		
42	Transylvania	85	40	47%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	5	
43	Cherokee	129	64	50%	30,373	Chriswood	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Clay	39	17	44%	12,042	Buchanan	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Graham	29	17	59%	8,179	Moody	Homsby Welch	2		
43	Haywood	260	137	53%	63,048	Wilke	Homsby Welch	1		
43	Jackson	177	113	64%	45,281	Famer	Homsby Welch	0		
43	Macon	129	67	52%	38,717	Holbrooks	Homsby Welch	1		
43	Swain	80	56	70%	13,945	Kirkland	Homsby Welch	1	5	
42	100	33,351	20,342	61%	11,053,985				403	
Prosecut. Districts 92% (39/42) filed DbD	COUNTIES 68%=68/100 NC Counties filed DbD	All med/drug Fatalities 2013 - 4/2025	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 - 4/2025*	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 - 4/2025*	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.injuryfreenctdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2019-5/2025*)

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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.

