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

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution Charges

update: 10/20/2026

COUNTY	2013-2025* All Med/Drug Fatalities	2013-2025* Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	2013-2025* % Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	POP	SHERIFF	Pros. DIST.	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019	
Alamance #5	496	284	57%	183,040	Johnson	17	Boone	13	#5
Alexander	105	47	45%	36,693	Pennell	32	Kirkman	1	
Alleghany	29	8	28%	11,693	Glenn	34	Horner	0	
Anson	59	35	59%	22,432	Howell	21	Adams	0	
Ashe	70	32	46%	27,266	Howell	34	Horner	0	
Avery	51	29	57%	17,811	Henley	35	Banks	0	
Beaufort	190	110	58%	44,576	Hammonds	2	Anglim	7	
Bertie	56	33	59%	16,939	Ruffin	7	Gourrier Scott	0	
Bladen	164	101	62%	29,777	McVicker	15	David	0	
Brunswick	538	310	58%	167,112	Chism	15	David	1	
Buncombe	1196	777	65%	279,210	Miller	40	Williams	2	
Burke	494	257	52%	88,545	Hinceman	36	Reilly	0	
Cabarrus	673	443	66%	244,925	Shaw	25	Shanley	6	
Caldwell	364	189	52%	80,739	Bean	36	Reilly	4	
Camden	23	15	65%	11,184	Jones	1	Cruden	1	
Carteret #1	**308**	**187**	**61%**	**70,259**	**Nyberg**	**4**	**Wareham**	**32**	#1
Caswell	70	42	60%	22,363	Durden	22	Gregg	0	
Catawba	630	383	61%	167,054	Brown	36	Reilly	10	
Chatham	170	103	61%	83,874	Maynor	18	Nieman	4	
Cherokee	137	69	50%	30,373	Chriswood	43	Hornsby Welch	0	
Chowan	55	31	56%	13,891	Basnight	1	Cruden	3	
Clay	44	19	43%	12,042	Buchanan	43	Hornsby Welch	0	
Cleveland	305	145	48%	102,194	Norman	39	Miller	6	
Columbus	220	136	62%	50,054	Rogers	15	David	0	
Craven	563	380	67%	104,167	Hughes	4	Wareham	6	
Cumberland	1480	969	65%	338,430	Morgan	14	West	4	
Currituck	86	53	62%	32,278	Beickert	1	Womble	1	
Dare	146	88	60%	38,183	Doughtie	1	Cruden	8	
Davidson #4	**803**	**521**	**65%**	**177,809**	**Simmons**	**33**	**Frank**	**18**	#4
Davie	149	87	58%	45,383	Hartman	33	Frank	5	
Duplin	131	66	50%	50,539	Weaver-int	5	Lee	4	
Durham	**876**	**551**	**63%**	**343,628**	**Birkhead**	**16**	**Deberry**	**0**	
Edgecombe	222	133	60%	49,124	Atkinson	8	Marsigli	3	
Forsyth	1350	818	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	31	O'Neill	2	
Franklin	218	131	60%	79,771	White	11	Waters	5	
Gaston	931	543	58%	242,010	Hawkins	38	Page	10	
Gates	35	24	69%	10,299	Campbell	1	Cruden	0	
Graham	31	18	58%	8,179	Moody	43	Hornsby Welch	2	
Granville	188	111	59%	61,544	Fountain	11	Waters	1	
Greene	44	23	52%	20,671	Sasser	9	Delbridge	0	
Guilford	1817	1172	65%	558,816	Rogers	24	Crump	10	
Halifax	176	112	64%	46,992	Davis	7	Gourrier Scott	2	
Harnett #2	**488**	**327**	**67%**	**146,096**	**Coats**	**12**	**Matthews**	**30**	#2
Haywood	267	140	52%	63,048	Wilke	43	Hornsby Welch	1	
Henderson	336	198	59%	120,771	Griffin	42	Murray	3	
Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	7	Gourrier Scott	0	
Hoke	164	101	62%	55,382	Virgil	29	Hardin	0	
Hyde	17	8	47%	4,583	Cahoon	2	Anglim	0	

Iredell	453	252	56%	206,361	Campbell	32	Kirkman	8
Jackson	185	119	64%	45,281	Farmer	43	Hornsby Welch	0
Johnston	535	303	57%	249,794	Bizzell	13	Weller	4
Jones	38	21	55%	9,462	Wineman	5	Lee	0
Lee	276	202	73%	68,537	Estes	12	Matthews	7

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Lenoir	167	117	70%	55,332	Rogers	9	Delbridge	4
Lincoln	286	151	53%	97,611	Beam	39	Miller	3
McDowell	176	87	49%	45,269	Mace-int	41	Bell	3
Macon	133	68	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	43	Hornsby Welch	3
Madison	72	38	53%	22,352	Harwood	35	Banks	0
Martin	74	44	59%	21,523	Robinson	2	Anglim	6
Mecklenburg	**2658**	**1696**	**64%**	**1,206,285**	**McFadden**	**26**	**Merriweather**	**0**
Mitchell	49	18	37%	15,030	Street	35	Banks	0
Montgomery	96	73	76%	26,364	Herron	28	Clodfelter	3
Moore	287	181	63%	108,417	Fields	29	Hardin	5
Nash	314	195	62%	97,990	Stone	8	Marsigli	3
New Hanover #4	**988**	**626**	**63%**	**243,333**	**McMahon**	**6**	**Smith**	**18**
Northampton	44	23	52%	16,580	Smith	7	Gourrier Scott	0
Onslow	649	407	63%	212,954	Thomas	5	Lee	10
Orange	265	145	55%	152,877	Blackwood	18	Nieman	7
Pamlico	85	64	75%	12,550	Davis	4	Wareham	7
Pasquotank	148	117	79%	41,418	Wooten	1	Cruden	1
Pender	206	116	56%	70,077	Cutler	6	smith	5
Perquimans	51	35	69%	13,460	White	1	Cruden	2
Person	117	56	48%	40,143	Wilborn	11	Waters	1
Pitt	565	353	62%	180,783	Dance	3	Dixon	3
Polk	55	30	55%	20,320	Wright	42	Murray	3
Randolph	754	506	67%	148,389	Seabolt	37	Gregson	6
Richmond	256	157	61%	41,990	Gulledge	21	Adams	2
Robeson	764	505	66%	118,624	Wilkens	20	Scott	7
Rockingham	472	295	63%	93,517	Parker	22	Gregg	12
Rowan	807	539	67%	153,384	Allen	27	Cook	5
Rutherford	323	171	53%	65,587	Ellenburg	41	Bell	9
Sampson	185	95	51%	60,404	Thornton	5	Lee	5
Scotland	148	91	61%	33,898	Kersey	21	Adams	3
Stanly	250	151	60%	67,326	Crisco	28	Clodfelter	7
Stokes	229	128	56%	45,857	Lemons	23	Watson	0
Surry	290	148	51%	71,547	Haitt	23	Watson	4
Swain	87	60	69%	13,945	Kirkland	43	Hornsby Welch	1
Transylvania	89	41	46%	34,103	Owenby	42	Murray	0
Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Sawyer	2	Anglim	0
Union #3	**472**	**287**	**61%**	**263,386**	**Cathey**	**30**	**Robison**	**22**
Vance	188	131	70%	42,337	Brame	11	Waters	1
Wake	2010	1197	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	10	Freeman	6
Warren	49	31	63%	19,081	Branche	11	Waters	0
Washington	25	12	48%	10,654	Norman	2	Anglim	0
Watauga	100	42	42%	54,997	Hagaman	35	Banks	4
Wayne	335	208	62%	120,338	Pierce	9	Delbridge	0
Wilkes	313	114	36%	66,186	Shew	34	Horner	0
Wilson	270	181	67%	79,958	Woodward	8	Marsigli	5
Yadkin	154	95	62%	37,995	Smitherman	34	Horner	6
Yancey	66	21	32%	18,993	Hilliard	35	Banks	2
100	34,630	21,139	61%	11,046,338		**42**		**418**

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COUNTIES 71%=71/100 County LE DbD Investigations	All med/drug Fatalities 2013-2025*	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013-4/25*	NC POPULATION		**Prosecut. Districts** 95% (40/42) 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 definitons see: https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2013-2025)

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.