NC DA REPORT: DEATH by DISTRIBUTION PROSECUTIONS by DISTRICT

Every Drug Related Death Deserves an Investigation

*DbD is short for Death by Distribution

update: 11/4/26

Pros. DIST.	COUNTY	2013 - 2025* All Med/Drug Fatalities	2013 - 2025* Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	2013 - 2025* % Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities	POP	SHERIFF	DA	# of DbD CHARGES since 12/2019	Total for District	
1	Camden	23	15	65%	11,184	Jones	Cruden	1		
1	Chowan	55	31	56%	13,891	Basnight	Cruden	3		
1	Currituck	86	53	62%	32,278	Walker	Cruden	1		
1	Dare	146	88	60%	38,183	Rawls	Cruden	8		
1	Gates	35	24	69%	10,299	Campbell	Cruden	0		
1	Pasquotank	148	117	79%	41,418	Wooten	Cruden	1		
1	Perquimans	51	35	69%	13,600	White	Cruden	2	16	
2	Beaufort	190	110	58%	44,576	Hammonds	Anglim	7		
2	Hyde	17	8	47%	4,583	Cahoon	Anglim	0		
2	Martin	74	44	59%	21,523	Manning	Anglim	6		
2	Tyrrell	13	10	77%	3,517	Shively	Anglim	0		
2	Washington	25	12	48%	10,654	Norman	Anglim	0	13	
3	Pitt	565	353	62%	180,783	Dance	Dixon	2	3	
4	**Carteret #1**	**308**	**187**	**61%**	**70,259**	**Nyberg**	**Wareham**	**32**		**#1**
4	**Craven #1**	**563**	**380**	**67%**	**104,167**	**Hughes**	**Wareham**	**6**		
4	**Pamlico #1**	**85**	**64**	**75%**	**12,550**	**Davis**	**Wareham**	**7**	**45**	
5	Duplin	131	66	50%	53,900	Southland	Lee	4		
5	Jones	38	21	55%	9,462	Wineman	Lee	0		
5	Onslow	649	407	63%	212,954	Thomas	Lee	10		
5	Sampson	185	95	51%	60,404	Thornton	Lee	5	19	
6	**New Hanover #3**	**988**	**626**	**63%**	**243,333**	**McMahon**	**Smith**	**18**		**#3**
6	**Pender #3**	**206**	**116**	**56%**	**70,077**	**Cutler**	**Smith**	**5**	**23**	
7	Bertie	56	33	59%	16,939	Ruffin	Gourrier Scott	0		
7	Halifax	176	112	64%	46,992	Davis	Gourrier Scott	2		
7	Hertford	44	27	61%	19,169	Hayes	Gourrier Scott	0		
7	Northampton	44	23	52%	16,580	Smith	Gourrier Scott	0	2	
8	Edgecombe	222	133	60%	49,124	Atkinson	Somers	3		
8	Nash	314	195	62%	97,990	Stone	Somers	3		
8	Wilson	270	181	67%	87,958	Barberry	Somers	5	11	
9	Greene	44	23	52%	20,671	Sasser	Cannon	0		
9	Lenoir	167	117	70%	55,332	Rogers	Cannon	4		
9	Wayne	335	208	62%	120,338	Pierce	Cannon	0	4	
10	Wake	2010	1197	60%	1,232,444	Rowe	Nickel	6	6	
11	Franklin	218	131	60%	79,771	White	Waters	6		
11	Granville	188	111	59%	61,544	Fountain	Waters	1		
11	Person	117	56	48%	40,143	Allen	Waters	1		
11	Vance	188	131	70%	42,337	Brame	Waters	1		
11	Warren	49	31	63%	19,081	Branche	Waters	0	9	
12	**Harnett #2**	**488**	**327**	**67%**	**133,556**	**Meredith**	**Matthews**	**30**		**#2**
12	**Lee #2**	**276**	**202**	**73%**	**68,537**	**Estes**	**Matthews**	**7**	**37**	
13	Johnston	535	303	57%	249,794	Bizzell	Waller	3	3	
14	Cumberland	1480	969	65%	338,430	McDuffie	West	4	4	
15	Bladen	164	101	62%	29,777	Marlowe	Somers	0		
15	Brunswick	538	310	58%	167,112	Chism	Somers	1		
15	Columbus	220	136	62%	50,054	Rogers	Somers	0	1	
16	**Durham**	**876**	**551**	**63%**	**343,628**	**Birkhead**	**Deberry**	**0**	**0**	
17	Alamance	496	284	57%	183,040	Long	Drorbough	13	13	
18	Chatham	170	103	61%	83,874	Maynor	Nieman	4		
18	Orange	265	145	55%	152,877	Blackwood	Nieman	7	11	
20	Robeson	764	505	66%	118,624	Wilkens	Scott	7	7	
21	Anson	59	35	59%	22,432	Howell	Adams	0		
21	Richmond	256	157	61%	41,990	Gulledge	Adams	2		
21	Scotland	148	91	61%	33,898	Alford	Adams	3	5	
22	Caswell	70	42	60%	22,363	Durden	Gregg	0		
22	Rockingham	472	295	63%	93,517	Parker	Gregg	12	12	

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23	Stokes	229	128	56%	45,857	Lemons	Harris	0		
23	Surry	290	148	51%	71,547	Johnson	Harris	4	4	
24	Guilford	1817	1172	65%	558,816	Rogers	Crump	10	10	
25	Cabarrus	673	443	66%	244,925	Shaw	Shanley	7	7	
26	**Mecklenburg**	**2658**	**1696**	**64%**	**1,206,285**	**McFadden**	**Merriweather**	**0**	**0**	
27	Rowan	807	539	67%	153,384	Burleyson	Cook	5	5	
28	Montgomery	96	73	76%	26,364	Herron	Clodfelter	3		
28	Stanly	250	151	60%	67,326	Crisco	Clodfelter	7	10	
29	Hoke	164	101	62%	55,382	Virgil	Hardin	0		
29	Moore	287	181	63%	108,417	Fields	Hardin	5	5	
30	**Union #4**	**472**	**287**	**61%**	**263,386**	**Cathey**	**Robison**	**22**	**22**	**#4**
31	Forsyth	1350	818	61%	398,143	Kimbrough	Hunter	2	2	
32	Alexander	105	47	45%	36,693	Pennell	Kirkman	1		
32	Iredell	453	252	56%	206,361	Campbell	Kirkman	7	8	
33	**Davidson #3**	**803**	**521**	**65%**	**177,809**	**Simmons**	**Taylor**	**18**		**#3**
33	**Davie #3**	**149**	**87**	**58%**	**45,383**	**Hartman**	**Taylor**	**5**	**23**	
34	Alleghany	29	8	28%	11,379	Maines	Bollenger	0		
34	Ashe	70	32	46%	27,266	Howell	Bollenger	0		
34	Wilkes	313	114	36%	66,186	Shew	Bollenger	0		
34	Yadkin	154	95	62%	37,995	Smitherman	Bollenger	6	6	
35	Avery	51	29	57%	17,811	Henley	Banks	0		
35	Madison	72	38	53%	22,352	Harwood	Banks	0		
35	Mitchell	49	18	37%	15,030	Vance	Banks	0		
35	Watauga	100	42	42%	54,997	Hagaman	Banks	4		
35	Yancey	66	21	32%	18,993	Hilliard	Banks	2	6	
36	Burke	494	257	52%	88,545	Hinceman	Reilly	0		
36	Caldwell	364	189	52%	80,739	Bean	Reilly	4		
36	Catawba	630	383	61%	167,054	Brown	Reilly	10	14	
37	Randolph	754	506	67%	148,389	Seabolt	Gregson	6	6	
38	Gaston	931	543	58%	242,010	Hawkins	Page	10	10	
39	Cleveland	305	145	48%	102,194	Norman	Miller	6		
39	Lincoln	286	151	53%	97,611	Beam	Miller	3	9	
40	Buncombe	1196	777	65%	279,210	Miller	Moore	2	2	
41	McDowell	176	87	49%	45,269	Mace	Norris	3		
41	Rutherford	323	171	53%	65,587	Ellenburg	Norris	9	12	
42	Henderson	336	198	59%	120,771	Griffin	Murray	3		
42	Polk	55	30	55%	20,320	Wright	Murray	3		
42	Transylvania	89	41	46%	43,103	Owenby	Murray	0	6	
43	Cherokee	137	69	50%	30,373	Wood	Hornsby Welch	0		
43	Clay	44	19	43%	12,042	Buchanan	Hornsby Welch	0		
43	Graham	31	18	58%	8,179	Stiles	Hornsby Welch	2		
43	Haywood	267	140	52%	63,048	Mease	Hornsby Welch	1		
43	Jackson	185	119	64%	45,281	Farmer	Hornsby Welch	0		
43	Macon	133	68	51%	38,717	Holbrooks	Hornsby Welch	3		
43	Swain	87	60	69%	13,945	Kirkland	Hornsby Welch	1	7	
42	**100**	34,630	21,139	61%	11,053,985				418	
Prosecut. Districts 95% (40/42) filed DbD	**COUNTIES 71%=71/100** NC Counties filed DbD	All med/drug Fatalities 2013 -2025*	Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 -2025*	% Fentanyl Involved^ Fatalities 2013 -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 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 (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.