

Cherokee County NC Fentanyl Involved Fatalities*^ 2013-2023 (Jan-Mar 2023) Population: 24,300

	Total of All med/drug Fatalities	Number of Fentanyl-Involved^ Fatalities	Number of Non-Fentanyl med/drug Fatalities	Percent Fentanyl-Involved^ Fatalities	Percent Non-Fentanyl med/drug Fatalities
2013	5	0	5	0%	100%
2014	5	2	3	40%	60%
2015	4	1	3	25%	75%
2016	7	2	5	29%	71%
2017	8	1	7	13%	88%
2018	7	1	6	14%	86%
2019	11	4	7	36%	64%
2020	9	6	3	67%	33%
2021	21	16	5	76%	24%
2022*	14	7	7	50%	50%
(Jan - Mar Only) 2023*	7	4	3	57%	43%
Total 2013-2023*	98	44	54	45%	55%
NC STATEWIDE	25931	14971	10960	58%	42%

. 2023 data January - March only.

^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.

data source: NC State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2013-202*)

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n = 15, 2021 Illicit Opioid Fatalities



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