

Gaston County NC Fentanyl Involved Fatalities^ 2013-2023 Population: 209,400

| | 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 | 48 | 5 | 43 | 10% | 90% |
| 2014 | 46 | 7 | 39 | 15% | 85% |
| 2015 | 44 | 7 | 37 | 16% | 84% |
| 2016 | 70 | 18 | 52 | 26% | 74% |
| 2017 | 62 | 25 | 37 | 40% | 60% |
| 2018 | 45 | 21 | 24 | 47% | 53% |
| 2019 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 50% | 50% |
| 2020 | 57 | 35 | 22 | 61% | 39% |
| 2021 | 71 | 47 | 24 | 66% | 34% |
| 2022 | 152 | 117 | 35 | 77% | 23% |
| 2023 | 134 | 111 | 23 | 83% | 17% |
| Total 2013-2023 | 769 | 413 | 356 | 54% | 46% |
| NC STATEWIDE | 29368 | 17584 | 11784 | 60% | 40% |

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.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/poisoning/SummaryTableforPoisoningDefinitions.pdf>

Data source: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data (2019-2023)

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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.



