

Rutherford County NC Fentanyl Involved Fatalities*^ 2013-2023 (Jan-Mar 2023) Population: 67,800

	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	13	1	12	8%	92%
2014	12	1	11	8%	92%
2015	24	2	22	8%	92%
2016	17	4	13	24%	76%
2017	22	7	15	32%	68%
2018	17	6	11	35%	65%
2019	11	4	7	36%	64%
2020	23	13	10	57%	43%
2021	34	23	11	68%	32%
2022*	46	34	12	74%	26%
(Jan - Mar Only) 2023*	8	8	0	100%	0%
Total 2013-2023*	227	103	124	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 = 18, 2021 Illicit Opioid Fatalities



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