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Office of the City Administrator Carmen Chu, City Administrator David Serrano Sewell, Executive Director Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

January 17, 2024

Subject: Report on 2023 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides preliminary data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. During this period, the preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths is 806. The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths in December 2023 is 52.

The preliminary number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 is 37 and 42, respectively.

The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to comply with local and state reporting guidelines and further OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers. Please note, these results are preliminary as of testing to January 8, 2024, and are subject to change as the OCME finalizes the manner and cause of each death.

Pertinent for accurate use of these reports is understanding the source of the data and its subsequent summarization process. Decedent demographic and case information were obtained from the OCME case management system. Additionally, specific details from investigator narratives, forensic toxicology results, and where available, preliminary autopsy findings, were utilized. Collected demographic information included race, gender, age, fixed address status, fixed address location, and death location.

Due to their significance in accidental overdose deaths, the reported drugs for open cases were specific to fentanyl, heroin, medicinal opioids, methamphetamine and cocaine. Their detection in blood was captured to best determine relevance in each case. Medicinal opioid-positive cases required the presence of codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, hydromorphone, oxymorphone, buprenorphine, tramadol, and/or methadone. Heroin-likely determination was more closely evaluated, requiring the presence of specific heroin markers in blood or urine, expected morphine to codeine ratios, and/or case details consistent with heroin use. Closed casework included any drug and alcohol-involved accidental overdose where the death has been certified.

Sincerely,

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Chief Forensic Toxicologist and Director, Forensic Laboratory Division

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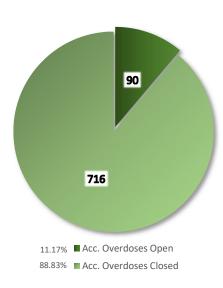
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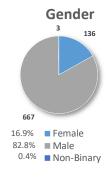


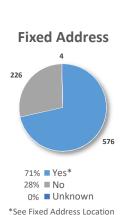
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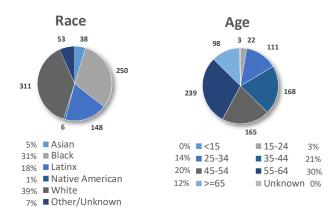
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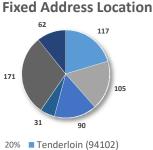
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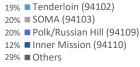


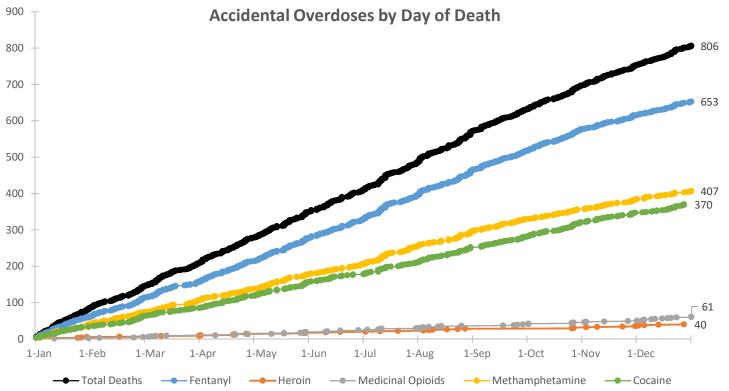












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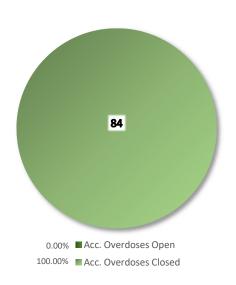
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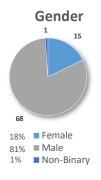


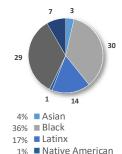
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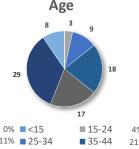
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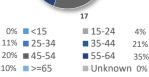


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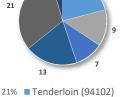


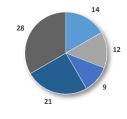
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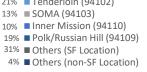


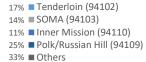


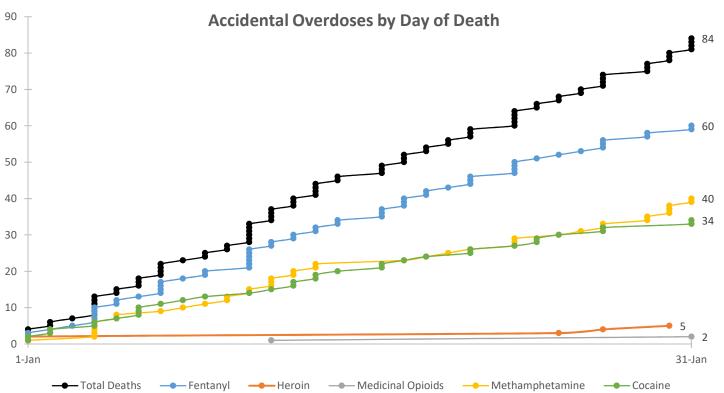


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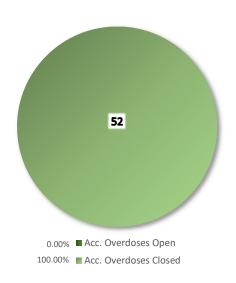
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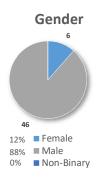


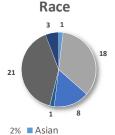
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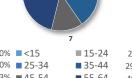
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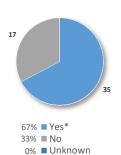


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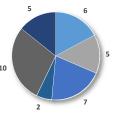
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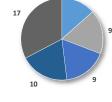
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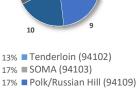


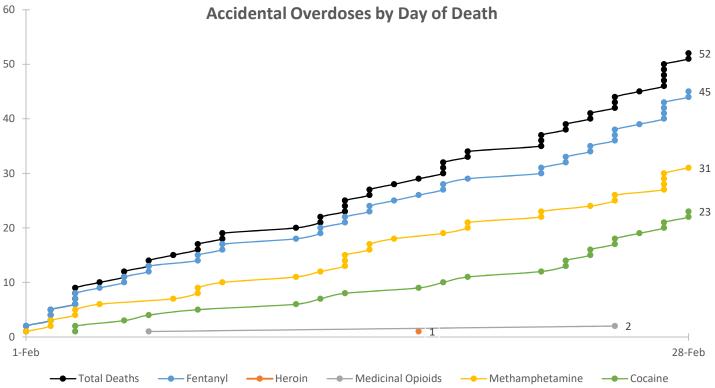






19% ■ Inner Mission (94110) 29% ■ Others (SF Location) 33% ■ Others 14% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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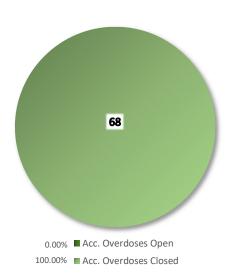
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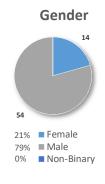


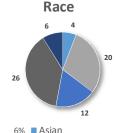
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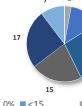
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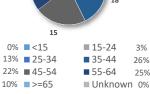
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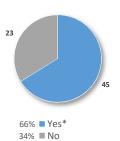
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38% ■ White
9% ■ Other/Unknown

Fixed Address Location



Fixed Address



0% ■ Unknown

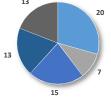
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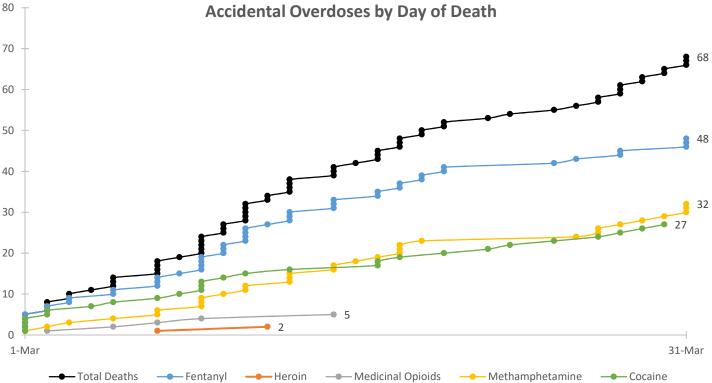
7% Polk/Russian Hill (94109)
9% Bayview (94124)
22% Others (SF Location)
18% Others (non-SF Location)





29% ■ Tenderloin (94102) 10% ■ SOMA (94103)

22% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 19% ■ Inner Mission (94110) 19% ■ Others



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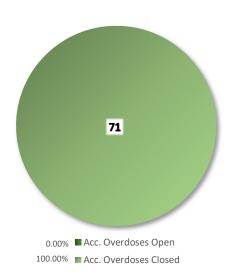
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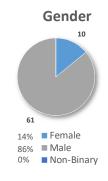


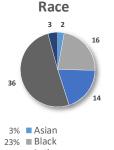
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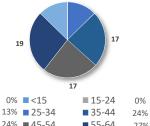
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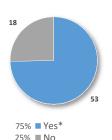
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Fixed Address Location

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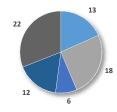
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17% ■ Tenderloin (94102) 23% ■ SOMA (94103)

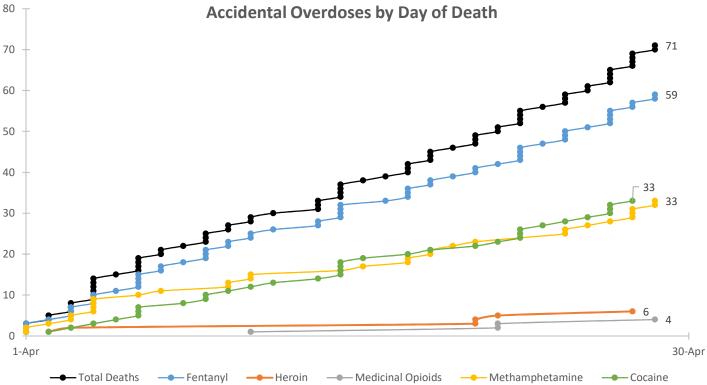
8% Potrero Hill (94107) 17% ■ Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 32% ■ Others (SF Location) 4% ■ Others (non-SF Location)

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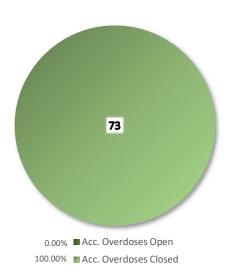


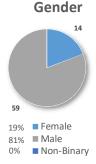
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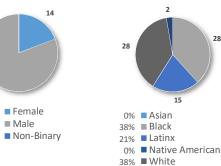
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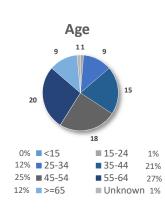
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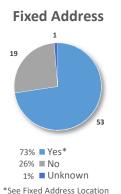
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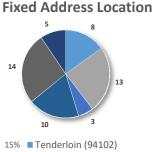






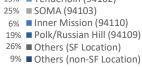


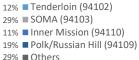


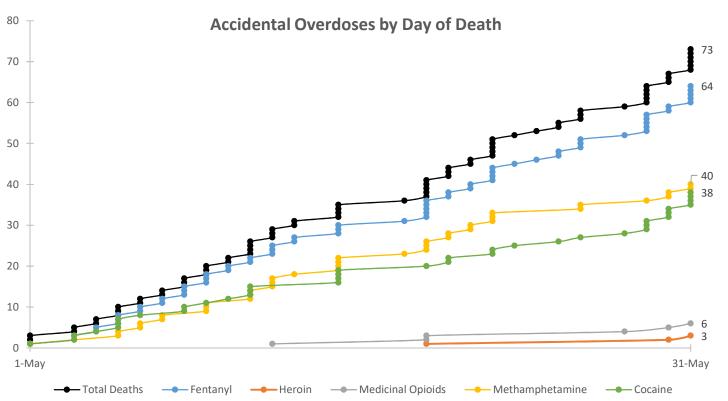


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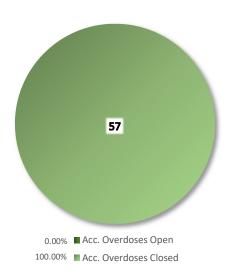
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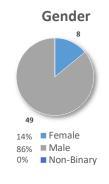


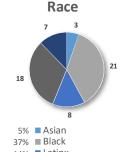
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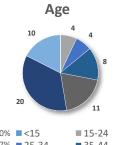
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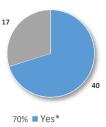


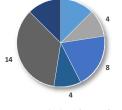


Fixed Address Location



Fixed Address





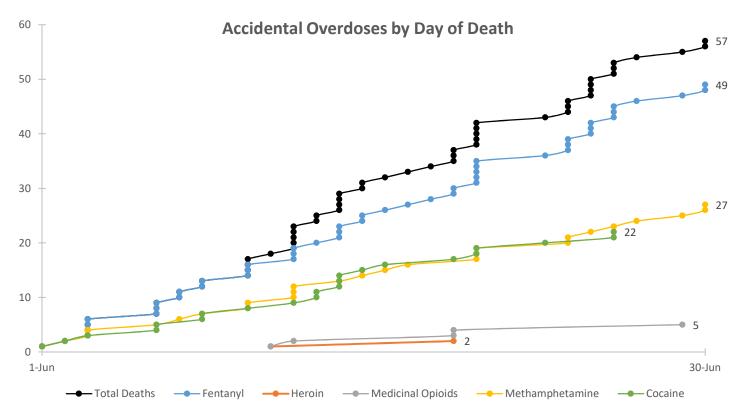






13% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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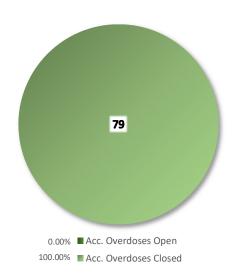
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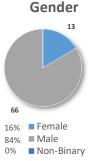


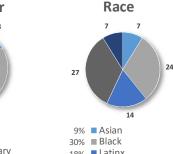
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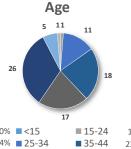
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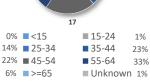




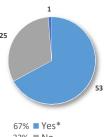


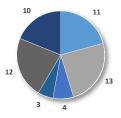


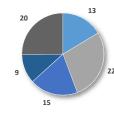
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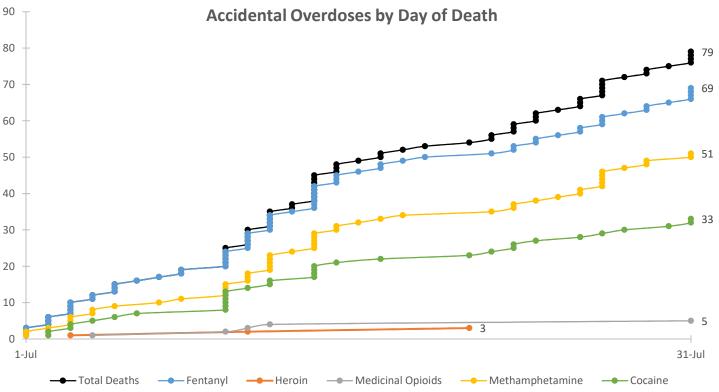


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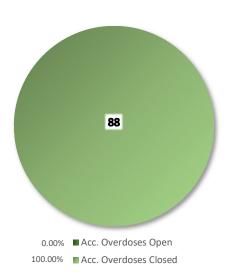
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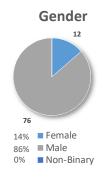


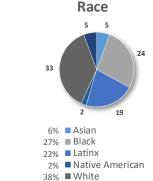
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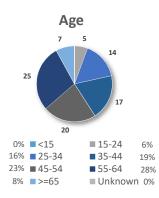
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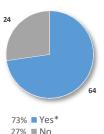








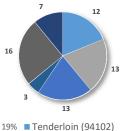


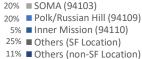




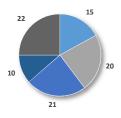
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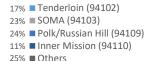
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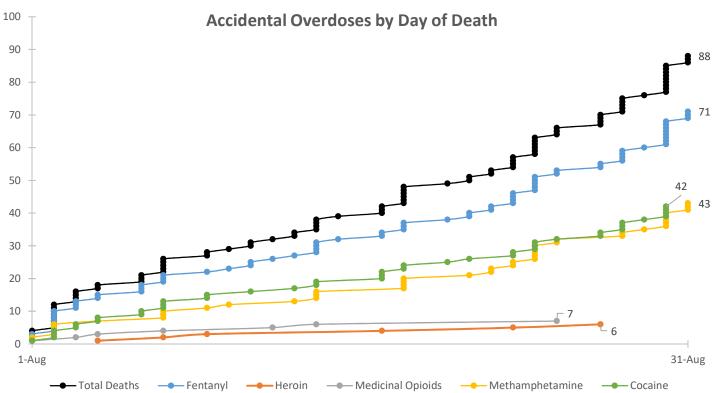




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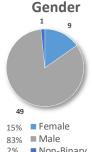
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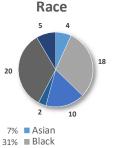


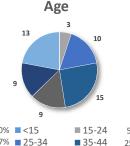
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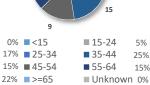


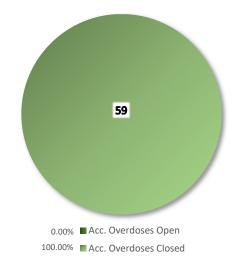


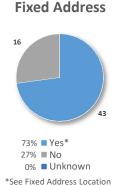


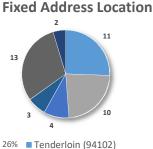


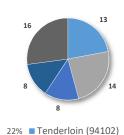




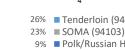








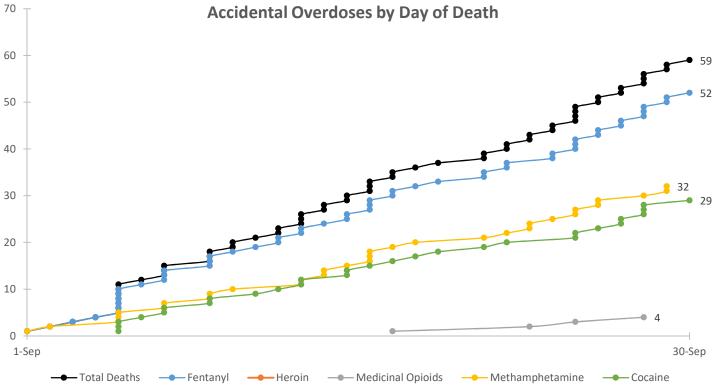
Death Location



9% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 7% ■ Ingelside-Excelsior (94112)

30% ■ Others (SF Location) 5% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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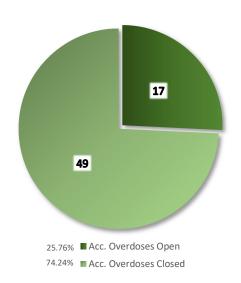
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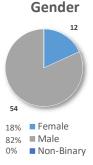


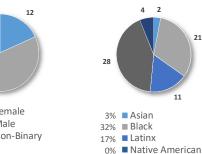
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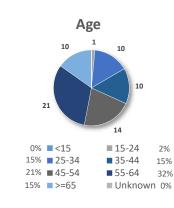
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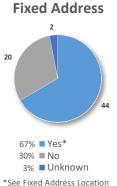
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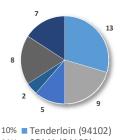








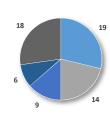




Fixed Address Location

42% ■ White 6% ■ Other/Unknown

Race

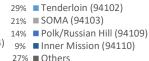


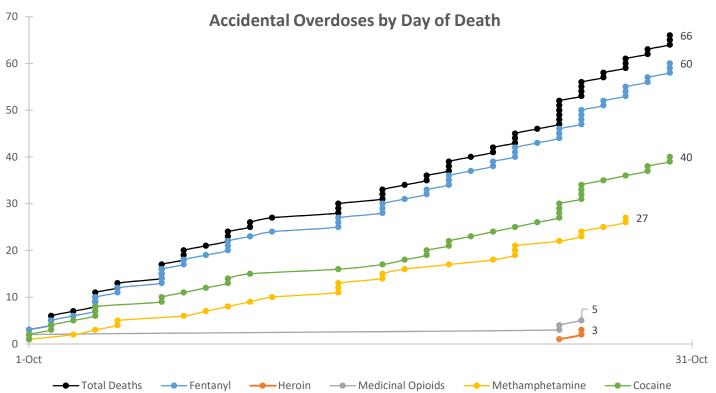
Death Location



20% ■ SOMA (94103) 11% Polk/Russian Hill (94109) 5% ■ Bayview-Hunter's Point (94124)

18% ■ Others (SF Location) 16% ■ Others (non-SF Location)





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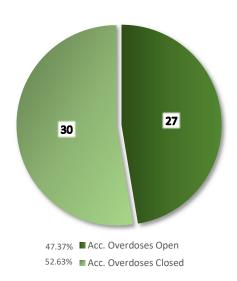
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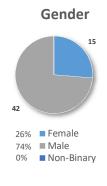


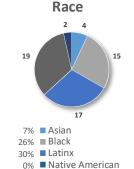
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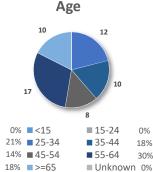
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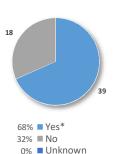










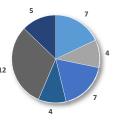


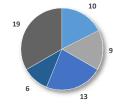
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4% ■ Other/Unknown

33% ■ White



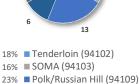


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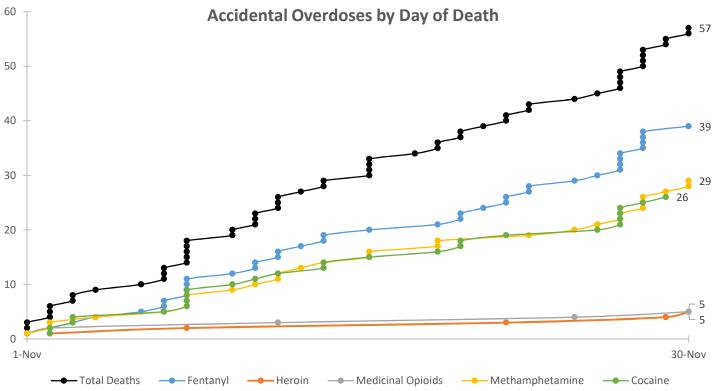
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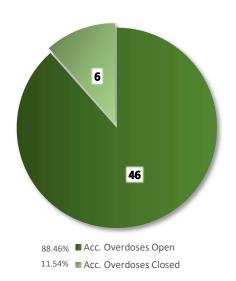
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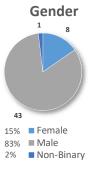


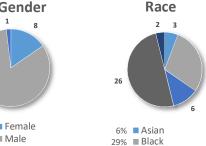
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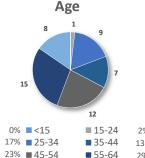
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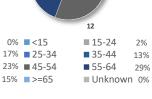




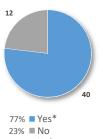




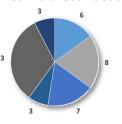


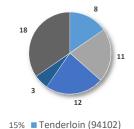












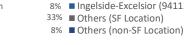
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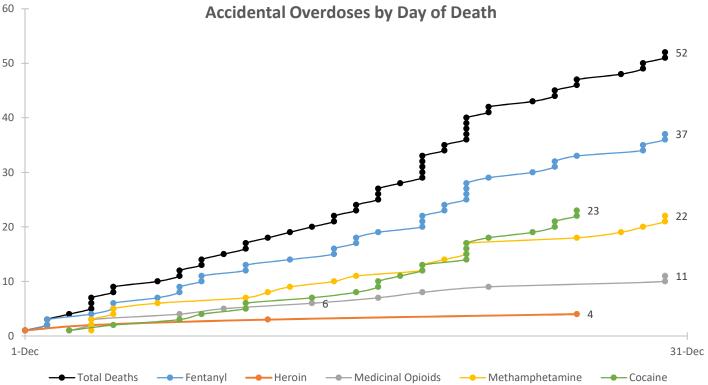




15% Tenderloin (94102)







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