

Synthetic Opioid¹ Overdose Deaths by County (2014 – 2023*)

Table 1. Number of synthetic opioid-related overdose deaths by county of residence, metro area, and year (deaths may involve other drugs)

County of Residence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Aitkin	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	9
Anoka	1	4	6	13	18	22	40	58	60	41	263
Becker	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	9
Beltrami	1	1	0	1	4	3	12	16	25	10	73
Benton	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	6	9	5	26
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Blue Earth	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	6	6	24
Brown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Carlton	0	1	0	1	2	2	4	9	6	6	31
Carver	0	0	1	1	3	5	6	7	7	6	36
Cass	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	6	7	8	27
Chippewa	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Chisago	0	2	1	0	2	1	2	6	3	3	20
Clay	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	6	5	21
Clearwater	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	7
Cook	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Cottonwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Crow Wing	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	6	2	17

In 2022, an estimated 69% of overdose deaths from synthetic opioids likely involved illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

COUNTY-LEVEL SYNTHETIC OPIOID-INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS FROM 2014-2023

County of Residence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Dakota	3	4	5	14	8	18	34	48	41	44	219
Dodge	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	7
Douglas	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	2	10
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Fillmore	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	7
Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	8
Goodhue	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	11	3	8	36
Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hennepin	10	15	43	76	87	121	222	315	356	347	1592
Houston	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	4
Hubbard	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	8
Isanti	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	3	3	4	19
Itasca	1	0	1	1	2	2	4	5	4	5	25
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kanabec	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	7
Kandiyohi	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	2	12
Kittson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Lake of The Woods	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Le Sueur	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	5
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lyon	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4
Mahnomen	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	9	3	6	25
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
McLeod	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	2	9
Meeker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

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County of Residence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Mille Lacs	0	1	0	3	1	7	7	11	7	11	48
Morrison	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	10	1	19
Mower	2	0	1	3	1	2	7	4	9	5	34
Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicollet	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	5
Nobles	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Norman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Olmsted	2	2	3	5	7	10	11	25	29	22	116
Otter Tail	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	3	2	12
Pennington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4
Pine	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	6	3	9	26
Pipestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Polk	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	12
Pope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Ramsey	2	4	6	14	12	22	60	121	170	145	556
Red Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redwood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Renville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	5
Rice	0	0	1	2	2	4	2	1	3	4	19
Rock	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Roseau	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	4
Scott	0	0	1	4	3	8	10	16	14	12	68
Sherburne	2	1	3	2	3	6	10	6	5	7	45
Sibley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
St. Louis	2	7	7	8	12	19	32	55	46	51	239
Stearns	2	1	2	4	2	7	16	13	18	13	78
Steele	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	10
Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swift	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2

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County of Residence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Traverse	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wabasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
Wadena	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Waseca	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Washington	0	0	2	3	7	12	18	19	18	25	104
Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Winona	3	1	0	2	4	2	0	5	8	4	29
Wright	0	1	1	4	3	5	6	12	8	9	49
Yellow Medicine	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	6
7-County Metro	16	27	64	125	138	208	390	584	666	620	2838
Greater MN	28	28	34	57	62	99	164	285	274	246	1277
Unknown County	0	0	1	1	1	2	6	12	9	26	58
Total	44	55	99	183	201	309	560	881	949	892	4173

Source: Minnesota death certificates, Injury and Violence Prevention Section, Minnesota Department of Health, 2014-2023. *2023 data are preliminary.

¹In 2022, an estimated 99% of overdose deaths from synthetic opioids involved illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

Underlying cause of death includes ICD-10 codes indicating drug overdose (X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, or Y10-Y14); contributing cause of death includes ICD-10 code indicating synthetic opioids (T40.4). Synthetic opioid overdose deaths are not exclusive of other drug categories.

7-county metro: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties; Greater Minnesota: Not part of the 7-county; Unknown county: County FIPS code is invalid or missing.

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