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Drug Deaths by Year

2011	201
2012	163
2013	198
2014	342
2015	444
2016	486
2017	490
2018	471
2019	415
2020	417
2021	436

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2022 NH Overdose Deaths

as of 2-13-23

Drug*	Number
Fentanyl ¹	293
Methamphetamine ²	10
Fentanyl and Methamphetamine ³	75
Other Opioids ⁴	18
Non-opioids ⁵	35
Unknown drugs	3
Total confirmed deaths	434
Pending toxicology	39
Total	473

*Refers to drug(s) that caused death, not necessarily all drugs detected by toxicology testing.

¹Fentanyl alone or in combination with other drugs excluding methamphetamine

²Methamphetamine alone or in combination with other drugs excluding fentanyl

³ Fentanyl and Methamphetamine together with or without other drugs

⁴ Non-Fentanyl opioids alone or in combination with other drugs excluding methamphetamine

⁵ Non-opioids excluding methamphetamine

Two of the 434 confirmed drug deaths involved xylazine in combination with fentanyl and other drugs.

'Pending toxicology' means that the death may be due to drug intoxication based on circumstances, scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but the final determination also depends on the results of toxicology testing. It can take up to 2 to 3 months to finalize the death certificate following a suspected drug intoxication death. This delay reflects the time required for specimen processing, toxicology testing and reporting and interpretation of the report by the pathologist.

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