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Drug Deaths by Year

2011	201
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Drug Death Data

2018 Drug Death Data as of 12/7/2018

OPIATES/OPIOIDS	# OF DEATHS
Fentanyl (no other drugs)	161
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	119
Heroin (no other drugs)	1
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	0
Heroin and Fentanyl	2
Unknown Opioids	0
Other Opiates/Opioids	13
Total Deaths Caused By Opiates/Opioids	296
Other drugs	32
Unknown Drugs	2
Total Drug Deaths	330

There are 83 cases from 2018 that are "pending toxicology". It can take 2 to 3 months to receive the toxicology results and for our pathologist to review them and determine the cause of death. The availability of the pathologist to review the reports is dependent on the autopsy schedule, court appearances, etc. A few cases may be finalized one week and numerous cases finalized the next week which would make it appear as if a substantial increase has occurred from one week to the next but these are deaths that occurred weeks or even months earlier.

"Pending toxicology" means that the death appeared to be due to drug overdose based on scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but cause of death is dependent on the results of toxicology testing. Some of the "pending toxicology" deaths were later determined to be due to other causes. On the other hand, some deaths that appear to be due to other causes can later be determined to be due to overdose after reviewing the toxicology results.

Cocaine Deaths by Year

Year	Total # of Deaths Involving Cocaine	Solely Cocaine	Cocaine and Opioid(s)	Cocaine and other drug(s) (non-opioids)
2018	41	3	36	2
2017	50	8	40	2
2016	63	13	49	1
2015	49	5	44	0
2014	36	5	29	2
2013	30	5	23	2
2012	19	4	14	1



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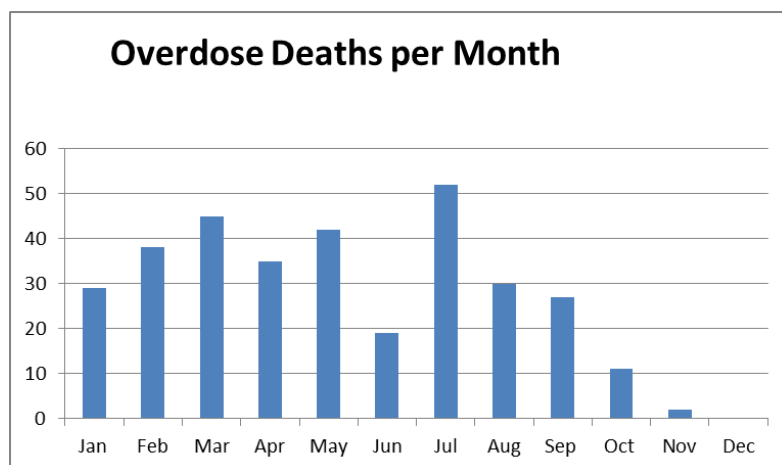
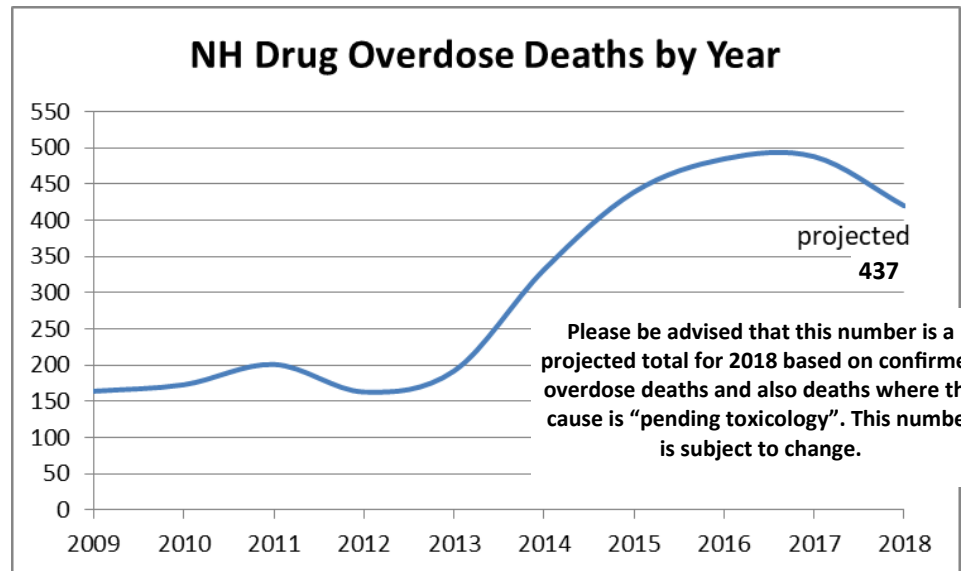
Drug data changes daily as pending cases become finalized. Please email Kim Fallon if you have questions regarding the NH OCME Drug Data.
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To receive an email, approx. every month as the drug data is tabulated, please send an email to kim.fallon@doj.nh.gov. **PLEASE put "request for drug data," in the subject line.** We will automatically send you the current data.

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Methamphetamine Deaths as of 12/7/2018

Year	Total # of Deaths Involving Meth	Solely Meth	Meth and Opioid(s)	Meth and other drug(s) (non-opioids)
2018	14	4	10	0
2017	15	3	11	1
2016	13	4	8	1
2015	2	1	1	0
2014	3	0	3	0
2013	2	1	1	0
2012	1	0	1	0



New Hampshire has had one death from adb-fubinaca, a synthetic cannabinoid drug. The drug is typically sprayed on botanical material and smoked, although it can be ingested in liquid or powder form. It appears to produce pharmacological effects similar to marijuana.