Drug Overdose Deaths in U.S. 2020-2021



107,622 drug overdose deaths in 2021

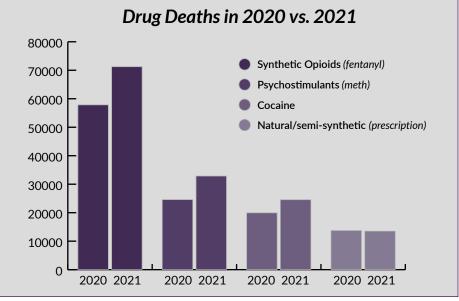


nearly 15%

from the

93,655

deaths estimated in 2020 (cdc.gov)



Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths.

Even in small doses, it can be deadly.

Over **150 people** die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

up to **50X** stronger than heroin

up to **100X** stronger than morphine



SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose can save a life. Here are some things to look for:

Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"

Falling asleep or losing consciousness

Slow, weak, or no breathing

Choking or gurgling sounds

Limp body

Cold and/or clammy skin

Discolored skin (especially in lips and nails)



TWO TYPES OF FENTANYL

Pharmaceutical Fentanyl

Synthetic Opioid

Prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain after surgery or advanced stage cancer

Pill form is typically prescribed



Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl

Synthetic Opioid

Distributed through illegal drug markets

Heroin-like effect when added to other drugs

Drugs become cheaper, more potent, more dangerous

Available in Liquid and powder form

Users are unaware that drugs are laced with fentanyl

Powdered looks like other drugs; commonly mixed with heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that resemble prescription

Street Names: Apache, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfellas, Jackpot, Murder 8, Tango and Cash in liquid form

Can also be found in nasal sprays, eye drops, or dropped on paper like small candies.