

2020 Preliminary Data - Monthly Update Opioid-Related Fatalities Among Vermonters

The following data table will be updated around the 15th of each month. As this is preliminary data, previously published data may change. All data should be considered preliminary until final data is published. The following data includes fatalities of Vermont residents, regardless of place of death (i.e. in Vermont vs. out-of-state).

2020 Month of Death	Total Number of Opioid-Related Accidental and Undetermined Manner Fatalities			
	Total*	RX opioid (no fentanyl)	Heroin	Fentanyl
January	11	0	6	11
February	7	3	1	6
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total Vermont Residents	18	3	7	17
Vermonters in Vermont	17	3	7	16
Vermonters Out of State	1	0	0	1
Non-Vermont Residents	0	0	0	0

*NOTE: Prescription opioid, fentanyl and heroin deaths are not mutually exclusive.

Total Number of Opioid-Related Accidental and Undetermined Fatalities, Preliminary 2019 Data by County of Residence													
County of Residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Addison County	0	0											0
Bennington County	1	0											1
Caledonia County	0	0											0
Chittenden County	3	2											5
Essex County	0	0											0
Franklin County	1	1											2
Grand Isle County	0	0											0
Lamoille County	0	0											0
Orange County	0	1											1
Orleans County	0	0											0
Rutland County	0	1											1
Washington County	1	0											1
Windham County	2	1											3
Windsor County	3	1											4
Missing County of Residence	0	0											0
VERMONT Total	11	7											18
Non-Vermont Residents	0	0											0
Pending Cases	1	3											4

The drug-related fatalities here include only opioid-related accidental and undetermined manner fatalities. They do not include suicide or homicide. This report does not include deaths due to the consequences of chronic substance use such as HIV, liver disease or infection; or deaths due to errors by medical professionals. This report also does not include deaths due to injury such as car crashes related to substance abuse. It is important to note that most drug-related fatalities are due to combinations of substances and cannot be attributed to a single drug. It is also important to note that the conditions under which each of these fatalities occurred are unique and cannot all be attributed to addiction and/or dependence.

The number of pending cases represents the total number of cases for each month which have not yet been assigned a cause of death in the Vermont Vital Statistics System. Cases still pending six to eight weeks after the end of the month of death are not necessarily drug-related.