

Drug Overdose Deaths Occurring in Alaska ^{1,2}

Category	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
Prescription Drugs	105	78.9	104	79.4	68	80.0	56	51.4	71	57.7
Opioid Pain Relievers	82	61.7	80	61.1	59	69.4	48	44.0	51	41.5
Illicit Drugs	35	26.3	36	27.5	23	27.1	40	36.7	53	43.1
Heroin	7	5.3	7	5.3	4	4.7	12	11.0	20	16.3
Cocaine	26	19.5	24	18.3	15	17.6	14	12.8	19	15.4
Other Illicit	5	3.8	11	8.4	5	5.9	16	14.7	23	18.7
Unspecified Drugs	8	6.0	6	4.6	2	2.4	13	11.9	13	10.6
Total Deaths	133	100	131	100	85	100	109	100	123	100

Footnotes

¹This table includes deaths where a drug was listed as an underlying or contributing cause on the death certificate. A death certificate may have more than one drug noted.

²2012 data is provisional and subject to change.

Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics
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