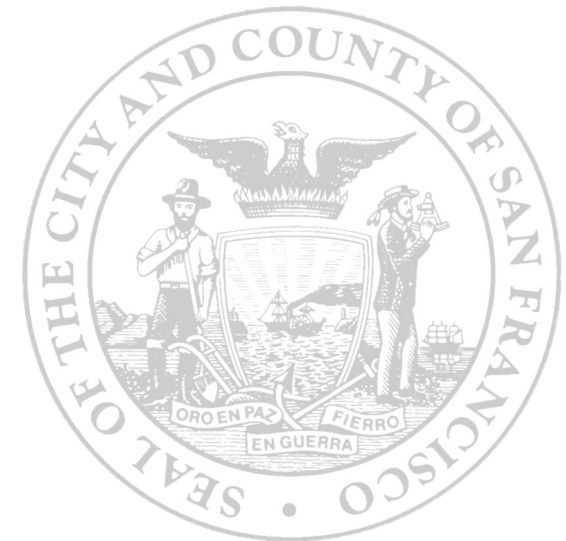


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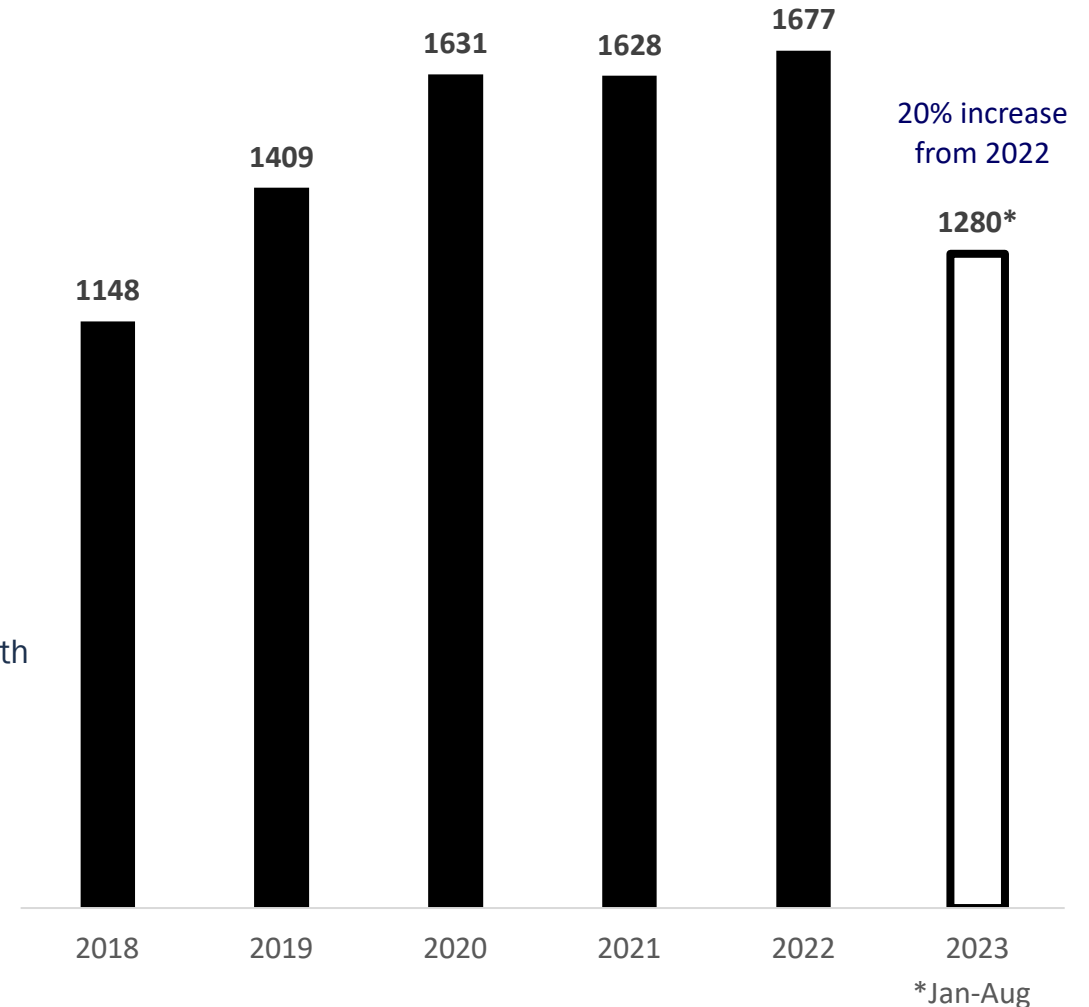
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# Core Remit and Annual Caseload

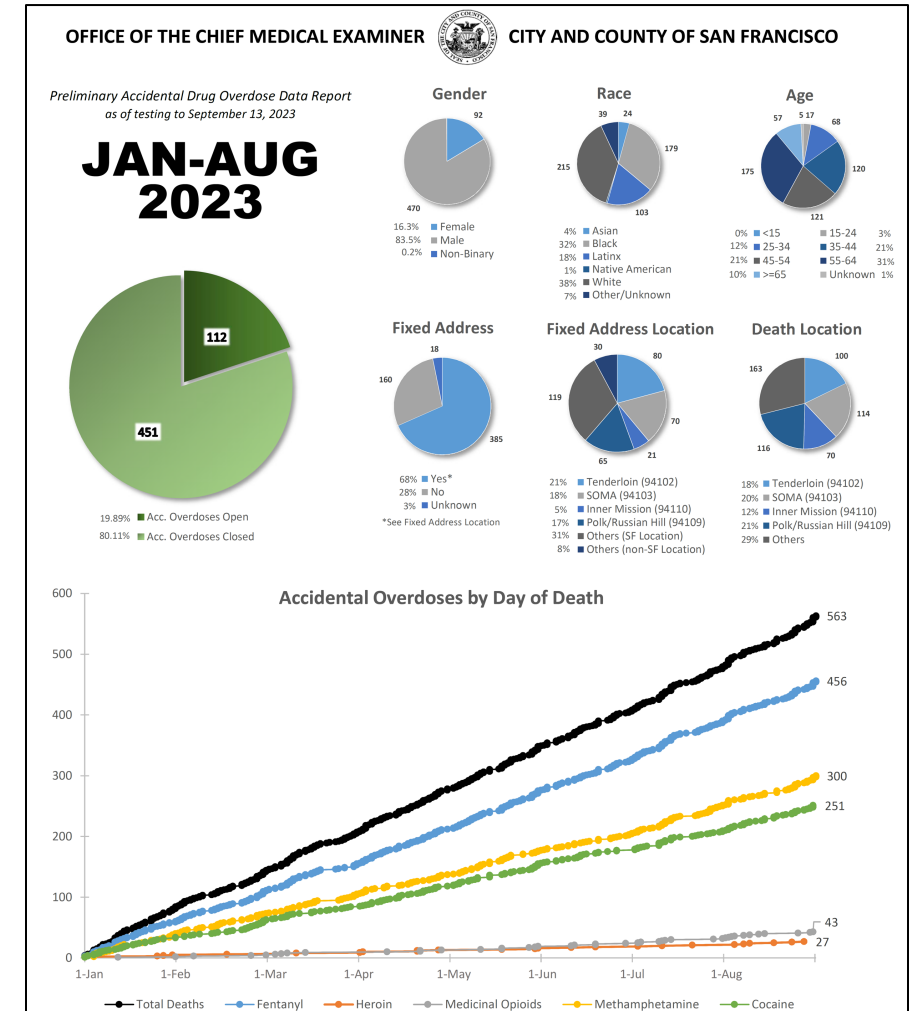
## Death Investigation and Forensic Science Services

- Non-natural deaths and any natural death for which no physician is in attendance
- Death Investigations
  - Investigators arrive on scene, provides case narrative
  - Autopsy performed, specimens collected for testing
  - Forensic toxicology analyzes specimens for drugs
  - Cause and manner of death determined and closes case
- Cause of Death
  - The disease or injury that initiated the train of events leading directly to death
- Manner of Death
  - Natural
  - Accident
  - Suicide
  - Homicide
  - Undetermined

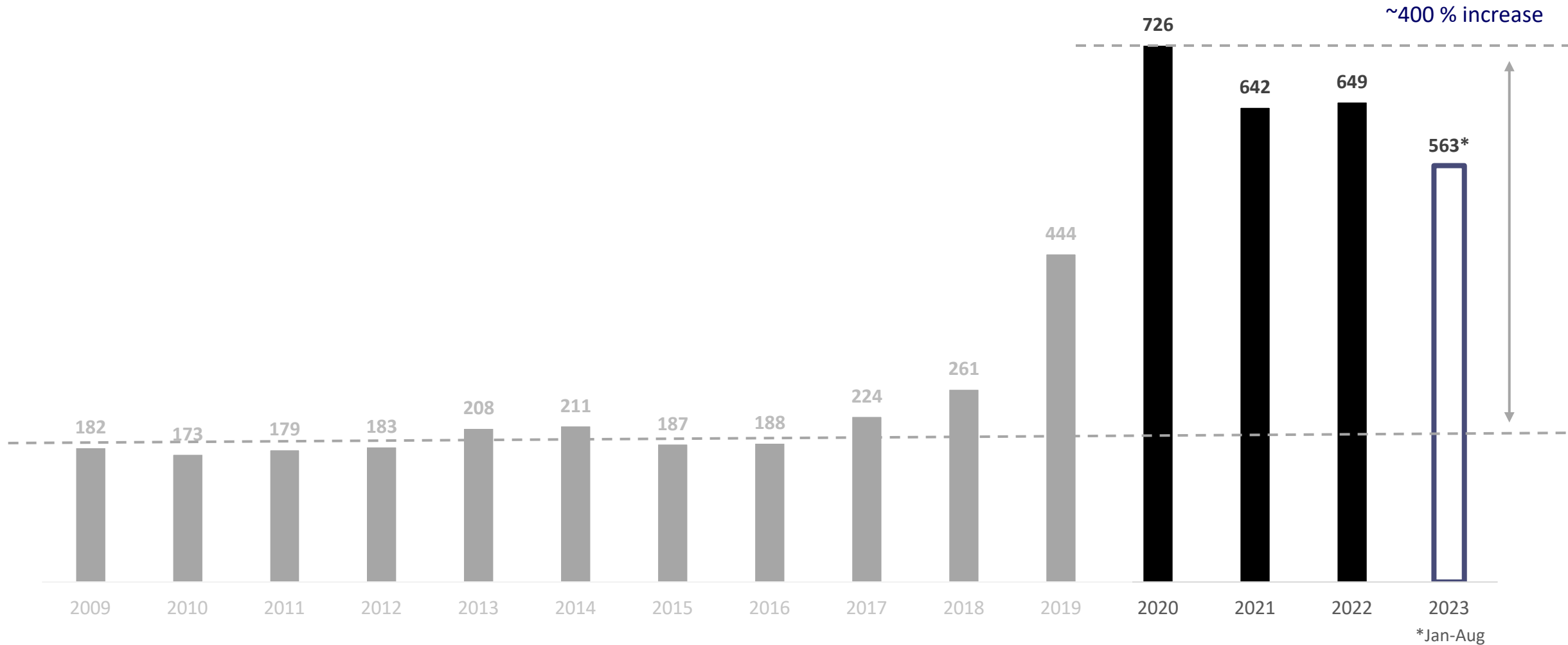


# Ordinance Requiring Overdose Death Reporting

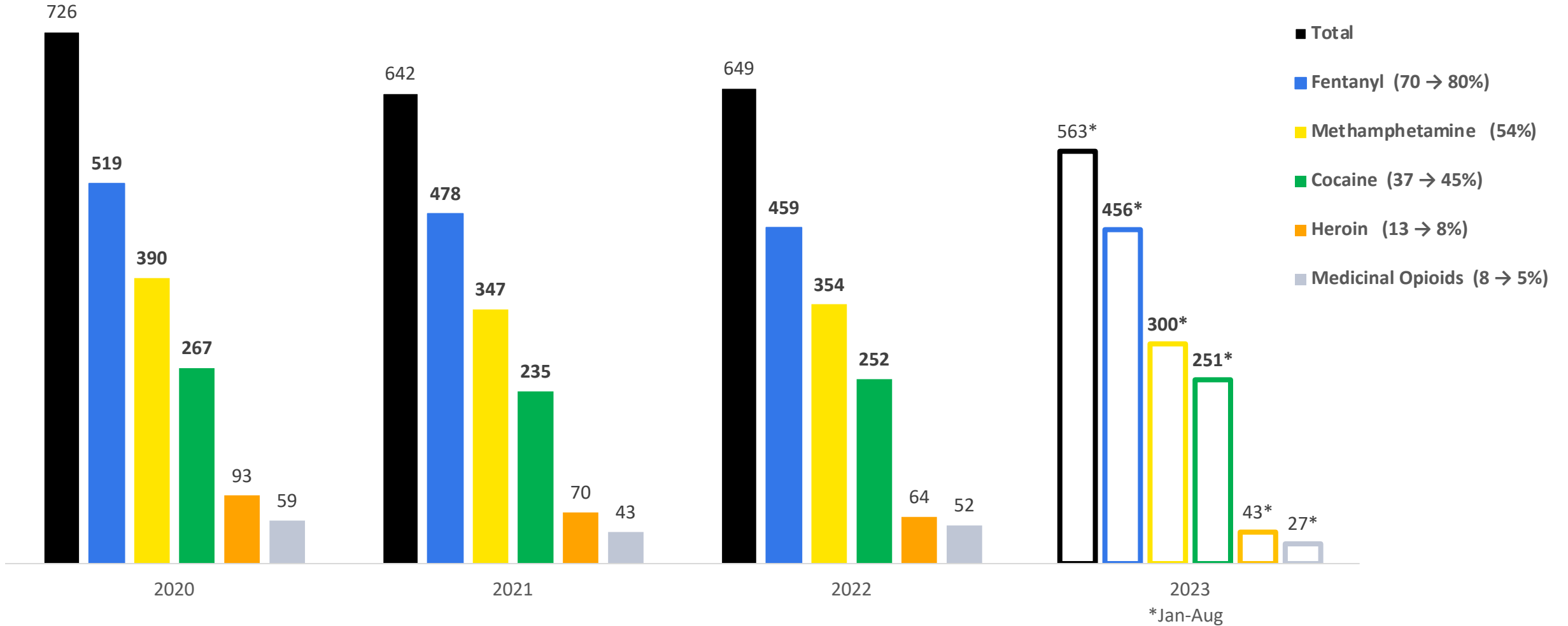
- Enacted 2020
- Overdose Reports to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health
  - a. Demographic data collected
  - b. Four-monthly reporting requirement
  - c. OCME reports monthly
- Overdose Report
  - a. Death Data
  - b. Drug Data
  - c. Demographic Data
  - d. Chronological Data



# Annual Accidental Overdoses



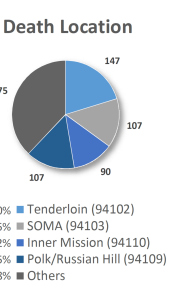
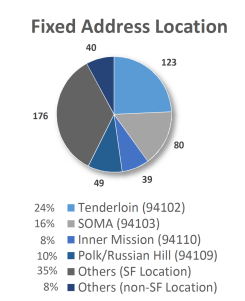
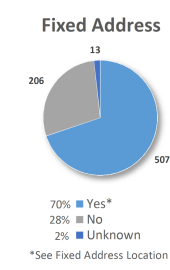
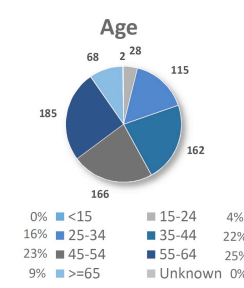
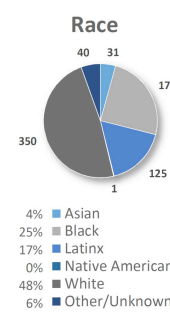
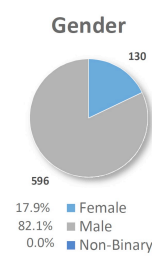
# Annual Drug Trends



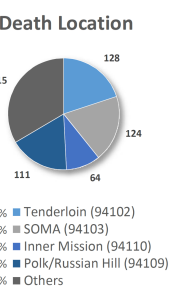
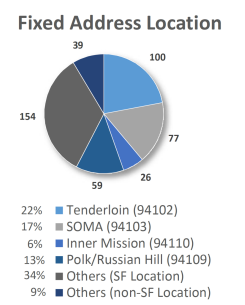
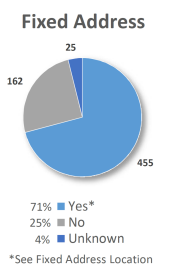
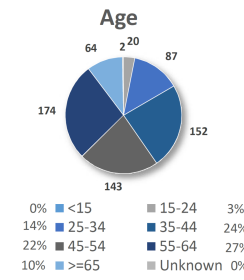
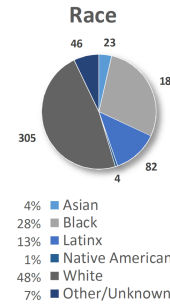
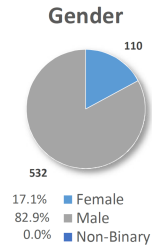
# Annual Demographic Trends

- Gender
- Race
- Age
- Fixed Address
- Fixed Address Location
- Death Location

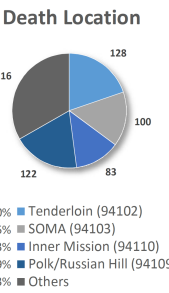
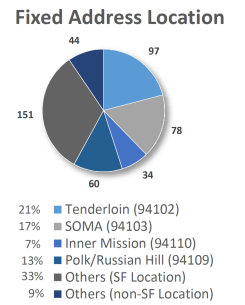
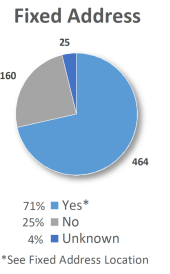
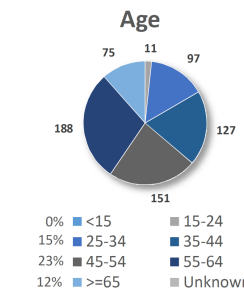
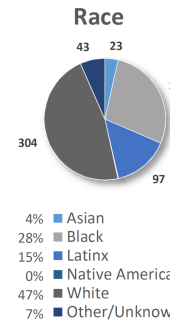
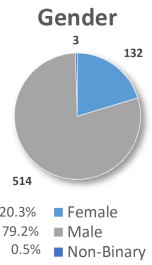
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