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Drug Deaths by Year

2011	201
2012	163
2013	192
2014	332
2015	439
2016	485
2017	487
2018	136

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Drug Death Data

2018 Current Drug Data as of 7/24/2018

OPIATES/OPIOIDS	# OF DEATHS
Fentanyl (no other drugs)	75
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	44
Heroin (no other drugs)	1
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	0
Heroin and Fentanyl	0
Unknown Opioids	0
Other Opiates/Opioids	7
Total Deaths Caused By Opiates/Opioids	127
Other drugs	9
Unknown Drugs	0
Total Drug Deaths	136

There are 95 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.

In 2018, there have been 6 deaths involving methamphetamines. 1 was solely methamphetamine and the other 5 also had fentanyl.

Cocaine Deaths by Year

Year	Total # of Deaths Involving Cocaine	Solely Cocaine	Cocaine and Opioid(s)	Cocaine and other drug(s) (non-opioids)
2018	10	1	9	0
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

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.