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**Summary:** After a decade of horrifying ascent, the yearly number of fatal overdoses appears at last to be slowing to a gentle climb. The figure for 2022 was just 5% higher than that of 2021. That still leaves fentanyl and other synthetic opioids like it killing some 75,000 people a year—more than double the figure of 2019. In 2013-22 fentanyl killed more than a third of a million Americans. But in the fight against the deadliest narcotic in American history, that is what passes for success. Seizures of fentanyl at the border almost doubled last year. Related: The Deaths-Of-Despair Narrative Is Out Of Date and How Fentanyl Changed The Game For Mexico's Drug Cartels and The Rise in American Pain: The Importance of the Great Recession

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