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Summary: The U.S. saw a slight decline in the number of new overdose deaths last year, marking a rare improvement in a still-raging national fentanyl crisis, preliminary federal data show. There were about 107,500 overdose deaths in 2023, down 3% from the year before and the first decline in five years, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The preliminary data show deaths involving synthetic opioids—a category largely fueled by fentanyl—declined 2% to about 74,700 last year. Seven of every 10 U.S. overdose deaths involved these drugs.

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