



The data in the following tables include all death investigations concluded by the Saskatchewan Coroners Service (SCS) **between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2015** where the cause of death was due to a **Drug Toxicity (Single or Combined Drug Toxicity)**. The statistics shown are subject to change as new investigations are undertaken and/or on-going investigations are concluded.

For the following tables please note:

- 'Undetermined' indicates that after completing an investigation, there is equal evidence, or a significant contest between one or more classifications.
- All statistics in these tables have been confirmed drug toxicity deaths

Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths by Manner of Death, 2010 – 2015						
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accident	52	56	60	62	67	91
Suicide	21	24	17	21	13	23
Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--
Undetermined	5	6	9	5	5	7
Total	78	86	86	88	85	121



Breakdown of Opioid Drugs Identified in Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths by Manner of Death, 2010 – 2015																			
		Codeine	Fentanyl	Heroin	Hydrocodone	Hydromorphone	Methadone	Morphine	Oxycodone	Opioid (Unknown)	W-18*	Buprenorphine	Carfentanyl	Acetyl fentanyl	Monoacetyl morphine	Meperidine	Furanyl Fentanyl	Furanyl UF-17	Para-fluorofentanyl
2010	Accident	4	2	--	--	12	11	12	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Suicide	2	--	--	--	2	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2011	Accident	7	2	--	--	19	20	12	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Suicide	2	--	--	--	1	3	3	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	--	1	--	--	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2012	Accident	12	6	1	--	16	14	19	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Suicide	4	--	--	--	1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	2	1	--	--	--	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2013	Accident	3	9	--	--	17	21	10	7	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Suicide	2	1	--	--	4	2	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2014	Accident	5	9	--	--	22	20	15	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
	Suicide	--	2	--	--	1	4	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	Accident	10	21	--	--	30	27	21	5	--	1*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Suicide	1	1	--	--	4	2	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Homicide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Undetermined	1	--	--	--	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

* Illicit Drugs Containing W-18 – As part of a 2015 investigation into the combined drug toxicity death of a male, age 25, there were tablets found at the scene which were analyzed and found to contain fentanyl and W-18. Given the limitations of toxicology testing, it is not possible to quantify W-18 beneath a certain level within a person’s blood. The Saskatchewan Coroners Service was unable to determine whether W-18 contributed to this individual’s death. Also, based on the circumstances of the death, it could not be confirmed whether the deceased ingested any of the tablets that contained the fentanyl and W-18. The individual’s cause of death was combined drug toxicity involving a number of drugs including fentanyl and morphine which are reflected in the statistics contained in the tables of this report.



Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death, Sex and Race, 2010 – 2015								
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accident	Female							
		Caucasian	7	5	5	6	6	10
		First Nations (status & non-status)	3	7	8	9	9	11
		Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Metis	-	-	-	-	-	3
		Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Unknown	-	1	-	4	5	3
		Total Female	10	13	13	19	20	27
	Male							
		Caucasian	16	17	14	16	18	25
		First Nations (status & non-status)	11	15	17	14	13	20
		Asian	1	1	-	-	-	-
		Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	1
		Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Metis	-	-	-	-	1	-
		Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Unknown	2	4	6	3	7	6
		Total Male	30	37	37	33	39	52
Total Female and Male			40	50	50	52	59	79

** Please note that this table replaces the former table *Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death and Gender, 2010 –2019*. This current table includes Manner of Death, Sex and Race.



Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death, Sex and Race, 2010 – 2015							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Suicide	Female						
	Caucasian	3	2	3	5	4	3
	First Nations (status & non-status)	1	2	2	-	3	1
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Female	4	4	5	5	7	4
	Male						
	Caucasian	1	7	1	3	1	4
	First Nations (status & non-status)	1	-	1	1	-	-
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	1	-	3	-	1
	Total Male	2	8	2	7	1	5
Total Female and Male		6	12	7	12	8	9

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Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death, Sex and Race, 2010 – 2015							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	Female						
	Caucasian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	First Nations (status & non-status)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male							
	Caucasian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	First Nations (status & non-status)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Female and Male		0	0	0	0	0	0

** Please note that this table replaces the former table *Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death and Gender, 2010 –2019*. This current table includes Manner of Death, Sex and Race.



Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death, Sex and Race, 2010 – 2015							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Undetermined	Female						
	Caucasian	1	1	2	1	1	1
	First Nations (status & non-status)	1	-	1	-	1	-
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	2	-	-
	Total Female	2	3	3	3	2	1
	Male						
	Caucasian	2	1	2	2	-	3
	First Nations (status & non-status)	1	1	-	-	-	2
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black/African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inuit	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Metis	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Specified Race	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Male	3	2	2	2	0	5
Total Female and Male		5	5	5	5	2	6

** Please note that this table replaces the former table *Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death and Gender, 2010 –2019*. This current table includes Manner of Death, Sex and Race.



Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death, Sex and Age Group, 2010 – 2015								
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accident	Female	0 – 9	--	--	--	--	--	--
		10 – 19	--	--	--	--	--	2
		20 – 29	--	2	1	4	2	7
		30 – 39	1	5	4	6	8	4
		40 – 49	6	2	3	5	5	10
		50 – 59	3	3	2	3	3	4
		60 – 69	1	1	3	2	1	--
		70 – 79	1	--	--	--	1	--
		80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Male	0 – 9	--	--	--	1	--
	10 – 19		1	--	1	1	1	4
	20 – 29		3	12	15	7	9	14
	30 – 39		5	10	3	3	12	14
	40 – 49		11	11	7	10	10	14
	50 – 59		3	4	9	9	5	6
	60 – 69		--	--	2	1	2	--
	70 – 79		--	--	--	--	--	--
	80 +		--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total		40	50	50	52	59	79
	Suicide	Female	0 – 79	4	4	5	5	6
80 +			--	--	--	--	1	--
Male		0 – 19	--	--	--	--	--	--
		20 – 29	--	1	--	1	--	--
		30 – 39	--	4	2	2	1	--
		40 – 49	2	--	--	3	--	3
		50 – 80 +	--	3	--	1	--	2
Total		6	12	7	12	8	9	
Homicide	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total		--	--	--	--	--	--
Undetermined	Female	0 – 19	--	1	--	--	--	--
		20 – 29	--	1	1	--	--	--
		30 – 80 +	2	1	2	3	2	1
	Male	0 – 80 +	3	2	2	2	--	5
		Total		5	5	5	5	2
Total			51	54	62	69	69	94

** Please note that this table replaces the former table *Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Opioid Drugs by Manner of Death and Age Group, 2010 – 2018*. This current table includes Manner of Death, Age Group AND Gender.

Source: Saskatchewan Coroners Service



Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Involving Fentanyl by Manner of Death, Gender and Age Group, 2010 – 2015								
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accident	Female	0 – 9	--	--	--	--	--	--
		10 – 19	--	--	--	--	--	--
		20 – 29	--	1	--	1	--	3
		30 – 39	--	--	--	1	1	--
		40 – 49	--	--	--	--	--	1
		50 – 59	1	--	--	--	--	--
		60 – 69	--	--	--	--	--	--
		70 – 79	--	--	--	--	--	--
		80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 9	--	--	--	--	--	--
		10 – 19	--	--	--	--	1	2
		20 – 29	--	1	4	5	3	8
		30 – 39	--	--	--	1	3	3
		40 – 49	--	--	1	1	1	4
		50 – 59	--	--	1	--	--	--
		60 – 69	--	--	--	--	--	--
		70 – 79	1	--	--	--	--	--
		80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total		2	2	6	9	9	21
Suicide	Female	0 – 29	--	--	--	--	--	--
		30 - 39	--	--	--	--	1	--
		40 - 49	--	--	--	--	--	--
		50 - 59	--	--	--	--	--	--
		60 - 79	--	--	--	--	--	--
		80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 19	--	--	--	--	--	--
		20 – 29	--	--	--	1	--	--
		30 – 39	--	--	--	--	1	--
		40 – 49	--	--	--	--	--	1
		50 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Total		--	--	--	1	2
Homicide	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total		--	--	--	--	--	--
Undetermined	Female	0 – 19	--	--	--	--	--	--
		20 – 29	--	1	1	--	--	--
		30 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Total		--	1	1	--	--
Total			2	3	7	10	11	22



Breakdown of Fentanyl (F) Identified in Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths by Place of Death, 2013 - 2015			
	2013	2014	2015
	F	F	F
Saskatoon	6	4	12
Regina	2	3	--
Aberdeen	--	--	--
Assiniboia	--	--	--
Battleford	--	1	1
Beauval	--	1	--
Big River	--	--	--
Canora	--	--	--
Colonsay	--	--	--
Cowessess First Nation	--	--	--
Craven	--	--	--
Cupar	--	--	--
Esterhazy	--	--	--
Estevan	--	--	--
Fort Qu'Appelle	--	--	--
Gordon's First Nation	--	--	--
Guernsey	--	--	--
Humboldt	--	--	--
Indian Head	--	--	--
Kawacatoose First Nation	--	--	--
Kindersley	1	1	1
Kindersley Community	--	--	1
Langenburg	--	--	--
La Ronge	--	--	--
Lloydminster	--	1	--
Maidstone	--	--	--
Marshall	--	--	--
Martensville	--	--	--
Melfort	--	--	--
Melville	--	--	--
McLean	--	--	--
Melfort	--	--	--
Moose Jaw	--	--	1
Muskowekwan First Nation	--	--	--
Muskowpetung First Nation	--	--	--
North Battleford	--	--	--
Odessa	--	--	--
Pasqua First Nation	--	--	--
Pelly	--	--	--
Peepeekisis First Nation	--	--	--
Piapot First Nation	--	--	--
Pilot Butte	--	--	--
Prince Albert	--	--	1
Radville	--	--	--
Radisson	--	--	--
Regina Beach	--	--	--
Richardson	--	--	--
RM of Pleasantdale	--	--	1
RM of Wilton	--	--	--
Rosthern	--	--	1
Shaunavon	--	--	--
Shell Lake	--	--	--
Sweetgrass First Nation	--	--	--
Swift Current	1	--	1
Unity	--	--	--
Warman	--	--	--
Weyburn	--	--	--
Weyburn Community	--	--	1
Wynyard	--	--	1
Yorkton	--	--	1
Total	10	11	22



**Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Related to
Fake OxyContin by Place of Death, 2013 –
2015**

	2013	2014	2015
Saskatoon	1	2	4
Kindersley	--	1	--
Prince Albert	--	--	1
RM of Pleasantdale	--	--	1
Total	1	3	6

**Confirmed Drug Toxicity Deaths Related to Fake OxyContin
by Manner of Death, Sex and Age Group, 2013 - 2015**

			2013	2014	2015
Accident	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
		10 – 19	--	1	1
	Male	20 – 29	1	2	4
		40 – 49	--	--	1
	Total		1	3	6
Suicide	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Total		--	--	--
Homicide	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Total		--	--	--
Undetermined	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Total		--	--	--
Total	Female	0 – 80 +	--	--	--
	Male	0 – 80 +	1	3	6



Number of Confirmed Deaths Where Methamphetamine Toxicity was Part of the Cause of Death, 2013 - 2015			
Year	Deaths Where Cause of Death Was Solely From Methamphetamine Toxicity	Deaths Where Cause of Death Was Due to a Combined Drug Toxicity With Methamphetamine Being Identified as One of the Drugs	Total
2013	1	0	1
2014	0	3	3
2015	1	8	9