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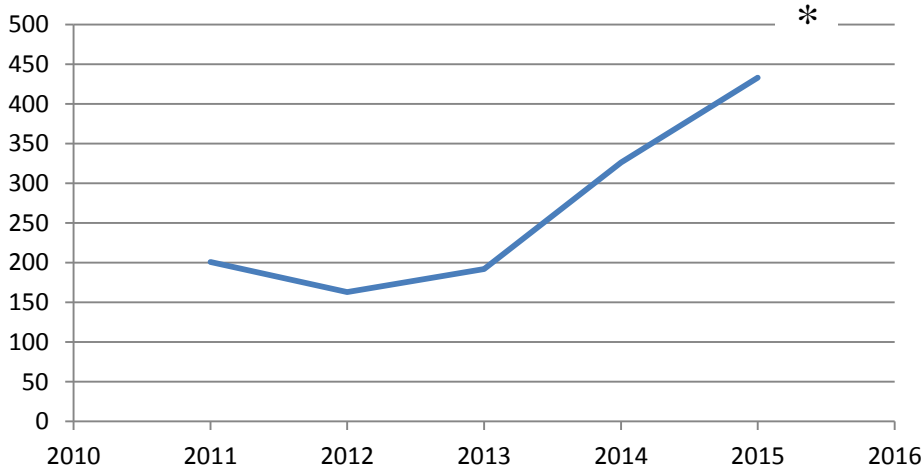
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NH Drug Overdose Deaths by Year



Drug Deaths by Year:

2011	201
2012	163
2013	192
2014	326
*2015	433
*2016	48

2015 Current Drug Data as of 4/14/2016

OPIATES/OPIOIDS	# OF DEATHS
Fentanyl (no other drugs)	160
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	78
Heroin (no other drugs)	32
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	13
Heroin and Fentanyl	43
Other Opiates/Opioids	70
Total Deaths Caused By Opiates/Opioids	396
Other drugs	37
Total Drug Deaths	433*

* There are approximately 3 cases from 2015 that are "Pending Toxicology"

There are 89 cases from 2016 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.



2016 Current Drug Data as of 4/14/2016

OPIATES/OPIOIDS	# OF DEATHS
Fentanyl (no other drugs)	21
Fentanyl and Other Drugs (excluding heroin)	10
Heroin (no other drugs)	2
Heroin and Other Drugs (excluding fentanyl)	1
Heroin and Fentanyl	0
Other Opiates/Opioids	6
Total Deaths Caused By Opiates/Opioids	40
Other drugs	8
Total Drug Deaths	48

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2016 Statistics

Of the 48 finalized cases:

- 32 deaths are male
- 16 deaths are female
- 6 deaths involve cocaine

*Potential and confirmed drug related deaths by month:

- Jan - 39
- Feb - 47
- March - 39
- April- 12 (as of 4/14/16)

Drug data changes daily as pending cases become finalized. Please email Kim Fallon if you have questions regarding the NH OCME Drug Data. kim.fallon@doj.nh.gov

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