



# Fentanyl State of Emergency 2024

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**Public update: March 11, 2024**

## Executive summary

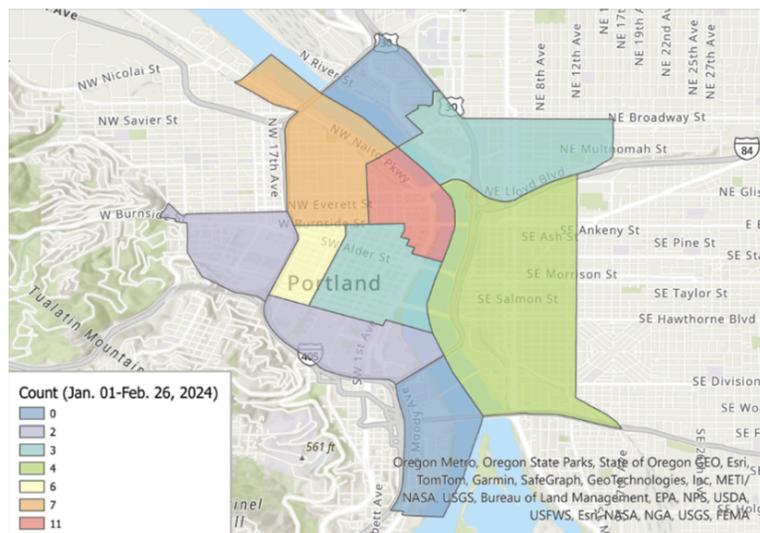
This report shares data and activities directed by Unified Command for the Incident Management Team (IMT). The information in this report comes from a joint effort among the City, State and County. Please note that not all requested data is included yet, but we expect to add it as soon as it becomes available.

## Objectives

- Leverage the city, state and county's resources to improve livability in Portland's city center.
- Enhance coordination and accessibility of housing, treatment, and recovery services in Portland.
- Combine health, law enforcement, and other data into a countywide dashboard for better response and monitoring.
- Identify housing, health and law enforcement gaps and obstacles, then make specific policy recommendations to leaders and lawmakers for better coordination.
- Develop a transition plan to expand and improve response efforts, with focus on both short-term and long-term needs.

## Situation overview

### Suspected or confirmed overdose deaths by neighborhood (Jan. 1 to Feb. 26, 2024)





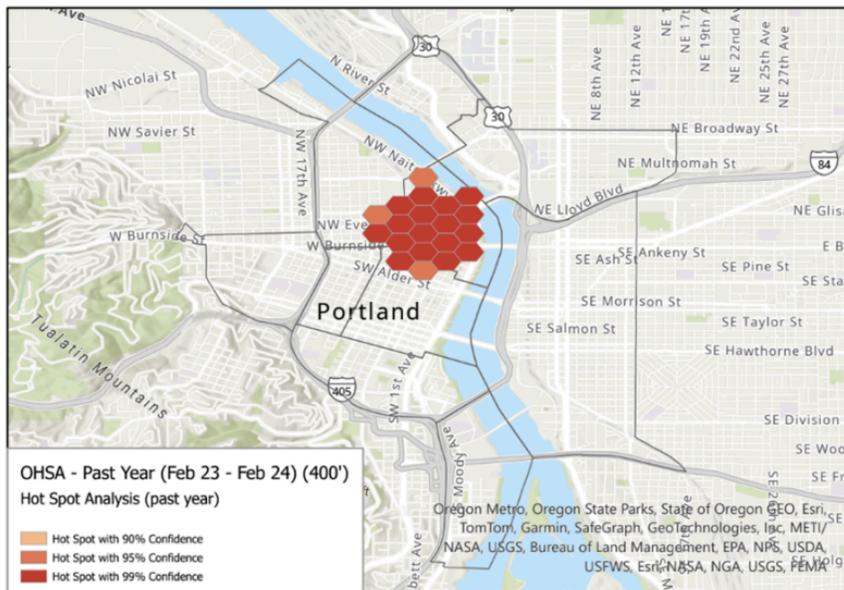
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- Jan. 1 - March 4, 2024: **63 of 162** suspected or confirmed overdose deaths were fentanyl related (Countywide)
  - **Next update:** March 13, 2024.
- January 2024: **13** fentanyl-related overdose deaths (operational area)
- February 2024: 2 fentanyl-related overdose deaths (operational area, partial data)
  - Estimated 1-2 week lag in data availability for these numbers
- Fentanyl-related 911 medical dispatches (countywide):
  - January 2024: **165** fentanyl-related incidents out of 11,276 medical incidents (1.5%)
  - February 2024: **166** fentanyl-related incidents out of 8,989 (1.8%)
  - March 2024: **26** fentanyl-related incidents out of 1,490 (1.7%)
- February 2024: estimated **152** opioid-related visits to emergency departments or urgent care (Countywide)
  - **Next update:** March 13, 2024.

## Hot spots

Our overdose data shows some places experience higher fatal overdose rates. The map shows areas with higher confirmed or suspected fentanyl overdose deaths compared to others within the response area over the last year, based on 148 recorded deaths from February 26, 2023, to February 26, 2024.



\*OHS= Optimized Hot Spot Analysis



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## Key activities/highlights this week

This includes work happening at Unified Command's direction and actions taken by partner agencies participating in the emergency declarations.

- Unified Command is monitoring the impact of closing two BottleDrop locations in SW Portland due to drug dealing and fentanyl use, working with law enforcement and outreach teams to prevent these issues from spreading elsewhere.
- Unified Command continued to direct law enforcement, fire & medical, outreach workers, and other resources to hot spots throughout downtown. Highlights included:
  - Numerous arrests for drug dealing
  - Prevention of death through overdose reversal
  - Connection to shelter, housing and addiction services
  - Installing lights and cleaning blocks to improve livability
- A mid-week mission in the Downtown Portland area resulted in the seizure of a firearm, seizure of drugs and numerous arrests. On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, officers from Central Precinct, East Precinct, North Precinct and Oregon State Police, with the assistance of Public Safety Support Specialists, spent hours addressing chronic criminal activity, livability issues and drug dealing. The estimated 50 officers focused on Downtown Portland, Old Town, Northwest/Pearl and Central Eastside.



The mission resulted in:

- 34 arrests, one of which was for Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl)
  - 29 M110 tickets written
  - 1.4 grams of fentanyl seized
  - 2 stolen vehicles recovered
  - 1 firearm seized
- Met with tribal liaison and African coalition regarding fentanyl-related concerns and needs within these specific communities.



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- Unified Command ordered a fentanyl summit for Wednesday, March 14 to hear directly from local leaders, behavioral health experts and people with lived experience. The goal is to discuss gaps and barriers to better inform the response and prepare a report on findings.
- Began exploring proposals for detox services at the Clinton Triangle TASS (Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites) site and a site where MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) would be immediately available for stabilization and supportive housing, and other services.
- Naloxone and Narcan teams are getting more supplies for outreach and data collection, aiming to start in the central city and expand to new locations soon. More sites are expected to be added next week as County programs provide updates.

## Reportable preliminary data

The Data team is working on gathering specific information for future reports, but not all of it is available yet due to legal and technical barriers. It might take 7 to 14 days before all the statistics are available.

### Outcomes:

Data set	Number	Time period
Average number of law enforcement in the area	4 bike teams and several patrol cruisers daily	As of March 6, 2024 this
Behavioral Health Resource Center outreach counters	120	Feb. 8 - March 5, 2024
Naloxone kits distributed	1,474	Jan. 1 - March 6, 2024
Overdose reversals	81	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
Substance use treatment referrals	8	As of March 6, 2024
Total number of arrests for distribution of controlled substance (PPB Bike Squad)	7	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
Measure 110 tickets issued (PPB Bike Squad)	99	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
Grams of fentanyl seized (PPB Bike Squad)	200	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
Grams of meth seized (PPB Bike Squad)	12	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024



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Lights installed	Pending
Blocks cleaned	Pending

These numbers are preliminary and will become more accurate over time. More specifics to come on seizures of narcotics and fentanyl, substance use treatment referrals, naloxone kit distributions, outreach accomplishments, naloxone and buprenorphine administrations, lights installed, and blocks cleaned.

We're actively working on organizing this information and will share it publicly as soon as it's available.

## Staffing

As of March 6, there were at least 48 staff and experts assigned to the incident, including city, county, and state personnel. Additionally, there have been hundreds of staff, from first responders to administrative personnel, working prior to and throughout this incident.

	State	County	City	Other**	Total
Unified Command	2	3	2	0	7
Liaison Officer	1	3	2	1	7
Equity Officer	0	1	1	0	2
Public Information	1	1	1	0	3
Planning Section	3	2	0	2	7
Operations Section	1	10	4	1	16
Finance Section	1	1	1	0	3
Logistic Section	2	1	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>

## WHO IS INVOLVED



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- State of Oregon
  - [Oregon Department of Human Services](#)
  - [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- Multnomah County
  - [Local Public Safety Coordinating Council](#)
  - [Joint Office of Homeless Services](#)
  - [Chair's Office](#)
  - [Department of Community Justice](#)
  - [Department of County Human Services](#)
  - [District Attorney's Office](#)
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  - [Office of Communications](#)
  - [Sheriff's Office](#)
- City of Portland
  - [Bureau of Emergency Management](#)
  - [Community Safety Division](#)
  - [Fire & Rescue](#)
  - [Mayor's Office](#)
  - [Portland Police Bureau](#)
  - [Public Environment Management Office](#)