



Fentanyl State of Emergency 2024

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Public update: March 20, 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

	January	February	March	Total Deaths
Overdose Deaths Related to Fentanyl (Multnomah County)	37	21	6	64

	January	February	March	Totals
Fentanyl related incidents	165	166	65	396
Medical discipline incidents	11,276	8,989	3,594	23,859
Fentanyl incidents as % of total medical discipline incidents	1.5%	1.8%	1.8%	5.1%

{This information is only available county-wide}



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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.

- Law enforcement, first responders and outreach workers continued to disrupt drug dealing, offer outreach to people using fentanyl in public, and respond to emerging issues in the operational area.
- Unified Command is aware of public fentanyl use and related activity near SW 10th & Yamhill. Public safety and outreach teams are responding and working to stop drug dealing and get people into treatment.
- As a direct result of the fentanyl emergency, the Clinton Triangle Temporary Alternative Shelter Site helped provide shelter and services to 12 individuals seeking recovery from substance use. Out of the 12, four of them left early prior to completion of their treatment.
- Unified Command and the Multnomah County Health Department convened a summit on March 13, 2024. The summit included more than 130 participants representing law enforcement, medical, addiction recovery, people with lived experience, and local and state government.

The summit allowed outreach staff to improve their work and better serve the community. Their recommendations will be incorporated into a long-term plan following the 90-day emergency.





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- The Multnomah County Health Department launched a recovery public awareness campaign. The campaign includes nearly 50 billboards at strategic locations throughout Multnomah County based on overdose 911 calls. The goal is to connect people with recovery options.



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. These numbers are preliminary and will become more accurate over time.

Outcomes:

Data set	Number	Time period
Average number of Portland Police Bureau law enforcement in the area	3 bike teams and several patrol cruisers daily	As of March 13, 2024
Behavioral Health Resource Center outreach encounters	146	Feb. 8 - March 11, 2024
Naloxone kits distributed	1,630	Jan. 1 - March 13, 2024
Buprenorphine administrations	5	As of March 6, 2024
Overdose reversals	96	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
Substance use treatment referrals	11	As of March 6, 2024



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Total number of arrests for distribution of controlled substance (PPB Bike Squad)	15 ↑	Feb. 1 - March 13, 2024
Measure 110 tickets issued (PPB Bike Squad)	132 ↑	Feb. 1 - March 13, 2024
Grams of fentanyl seized (PPB Bike Squad)	240 ↑	Feb. 1 - March 13, 2024
Grams of narcotics seized (PPB Bike Squad)	13 ↑	Feb. 1 - March 13, 2024
Lights installed (Public Environment Management Office)	Four locations have received new lighting enhancements to improve livability	As of March 13, 2024
Blocks cleaned (Public Environment Management Office)	Pending	

Staffing

As of March 6, there were at least 55 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	2	3	2	3	10
Operations Section	3	12	4	1	20
Finance Section	1	1	1	0	3
Logistic Section	2	1	0	0	3
Total	12	25	13	5	55



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WHO IS INVOLVED

- 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](#)
 - [Emergency Management](#)
 - [Government Relations](#)
 - [Health Department](#)
 - [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](#)

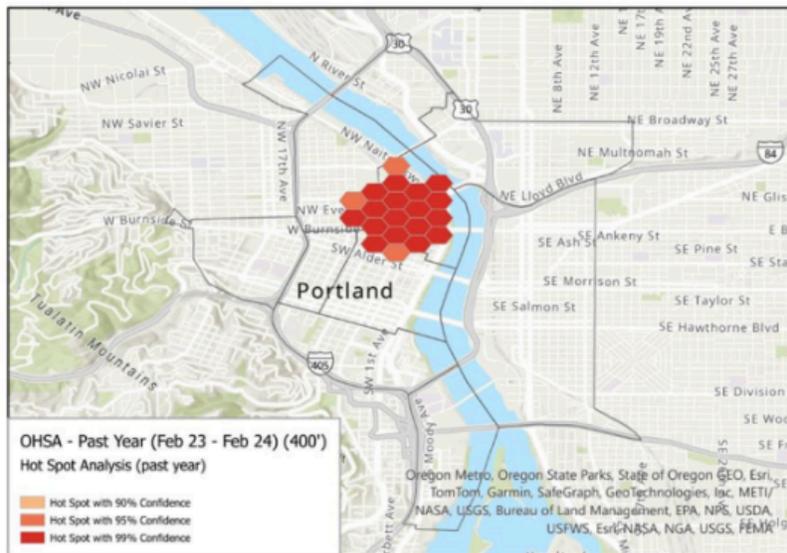
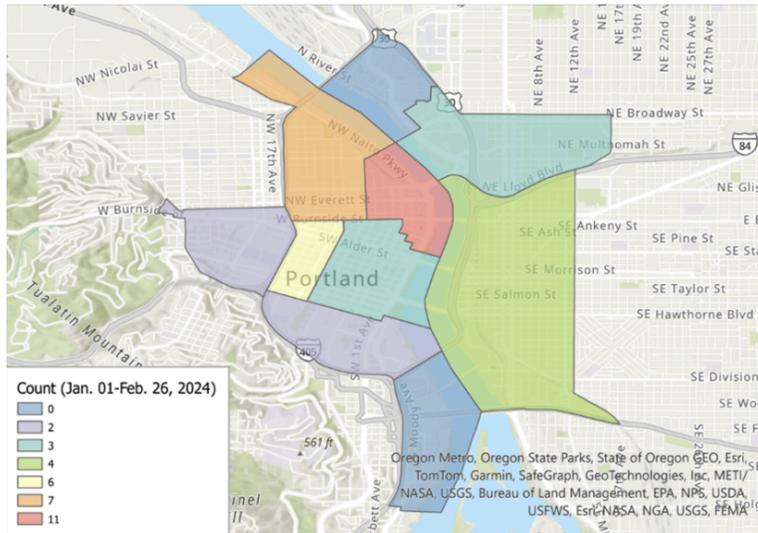


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Appendix

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



*OHSAs= Optimized Hot Spot Analysis