



Fentanyl State of Emergency 2024

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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	April	Total Deaths
Overdose Deaths Related to Fentanyl (Multnomah County; confirmed and suspected)	39	21	22	8	90

	January	February	March	April
Fentanyl related incidents	165	166	199	64
Medical discipline incidents	11,276	8,989	9,723	2,497
Fentanyl incidents as % of total medical discipline incidents	1.5%	1.8%	2.0%	2.5%

{This information is only available county-wide}



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Key activities/highlights (4/4/24 to 4/10/24)

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 Central City.
- Daily "Rapid Needs Assessment" coordination calls continued.
 - Outcomes of this meeting so far include increased access to naloxone, housing, treatment, transportation and recovery services, increased communication and coordination on trash and graffiti cleanup, site cleaning and restoration.
 - These calls have been effective in coordinating services, data collection and sharing key operational information focusing on "hotspot" areas in the downtown area (approximately SW 10th and 11th between Jefferson and Yamhill, NW 3rd and 4th between Couch and Everett).
 - There are currently 80+ designated invitees from organizations representing the city, state, and county, including law enforcement, health and medical services, outreach and shelter services, substance use treatment, and livability.
- The City, State and County announced a \$683,000 expansion of a pilot program that pairs Portland Police Bureau law enforcement with Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon peer outreach workers in the Central City.
 - People using fentanyl in public will be offered the opportunity to connect with an outreach worker for immediate access to detox, treatment, sheltering, and/or medical.
- The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), in partnership with the city, is developing a Shelter Availability tool intended to be ready by June 2024. The current list of shelters and the associated map is available at: [List of shelters - JOHS](#)
- Operations is drafting a proposal for a long-term coordination body ("task force") to strategically plan and coordinate efforts to implement the rapid needs assessment task force project in multiple neighborhoods across the county.
- The overdose epidemiology dashboard is available on the Multnomah County fentanyl emergency website. A map dashboard of overdose fatalities has been finalized.
- Significant work is underway, developing the content of the 90-day report. Staff are coordinating with the report lead and report editor.
- Unified Command is meeting with the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (DCJ) to discuss gaining access to Measure 110 citation information and the associated demographics for both Multnomah County and the operational area footprint.
- The data team is drafting recommendations around how the data collection and reporting process could be improved in the future, both in this endeavor and in other similar incidents.
- A team of policy experts is compiling a list of legislative and policy solutions for existing gaps and barriers.



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Reportable preliminary data since emergency declaration (1/30/2024)

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.** Acronyms and abbreviations are defined in the appendix.

Reporting Group and Respective Metrics	Cumulative Amount	Effective Date / Comment	Weekly Amount	Collection Period
Health & Medical				
Number of buprenorphine induction	17	4/10/2024 (Treatment Orgs. PSR)	0	4/4-4/10 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Number of overdose reversals	200	4/10/2024 (PSR & PF&R)	25	4/4-4/10 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Number of naloxone doses distributed	2,991	3/20/2024 (MC Harm Reduction)	628	4/4-4/10 (PF&R, VOA, SSCC, CCC, MC HR, MHAAO)
Number of aftercare engagements	548	4/10/2024 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)	157	4/4-4/10 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Outreach & Shelter Referral				
Number of referrals to treatment programs	58	4/10/2024 (Treatment Orgs.)	18	4/4-4/10 (PF&R, SSCC, CCC, VOA, MHAAO)
Number of referrals to shelter	228	4/10/2024 (PP&R, SSCC, PF&R, CCC)	81	4/4-4/10 (PP&R, SSCC, PF&R, CCC)
Number of referrals to housing programs	37	2/22/2024 (JOHS)	12	4/4-4/10 (PF&R, SSCC, CCC, MHAAO)
Number of outreach activities	847	4/10/2024 (BHRC, CHAT PF&R, CCC, SSCC)	251	4/4-4/10 (CHAT PF&R PSR, CCC, SSCC, MHAAO)
Livability				
Number of lights installed and locations	5.5	3/27/2024 (PEMO)	-	-



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Staffing

As of March 19, there were at least 44 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.

Incident Management Team Staffing	State	County	City	Other**	Total
Unified Command	2	3	2	0	7
Liaison Officer	0	0	0	0	0
Equity Officer	0	1	1	0	2
Legal Officer	1	1	1	0	3
AAR Report Leader	1	0	0	0	1
Public Information	1	1	1	0	3
Planning Section	12	7	2	3	24
Operations Section	1	8	0	1	10
Finance Section	1	1	1	0	3
Logistic Section	1	2	0	0	3
Total	20	24	8	4	56

**Funded by State



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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](#)

Appendix: acronyms

- **BHRC:** Behavioral Health Resource Center
- **CCC:** Central City Concern
- **CHAT:** Community Health Assess & Treat
- **CoP:** City of Portland
- **JOHS:** Joint Office of Homeless Services
- **MC:** Multnomah County
- **MCSO:** Multnomah County Sheriff
- **MHAAO:** Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon
- **PEMO:** Public Environment Management Office
- **PF&R:** Portland Fire and Rescue
- **PPB:** Portland Police Bureau
- **PP&R:** Portland Parks & Recreation
- **PSR:** Portland Street Response
- **SSCC:** Street Services Coordination Center



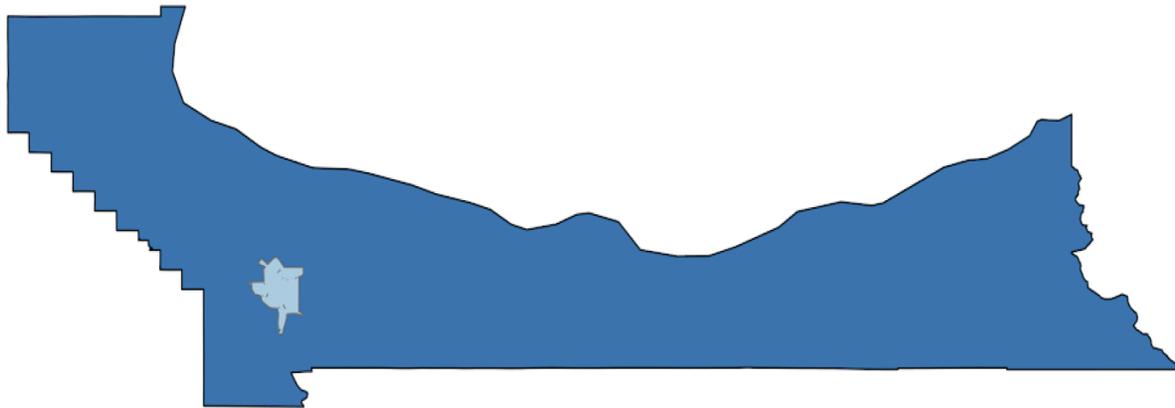
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Appendix: Situation Overview Maps

The following map shows the number of confirmed /or suspected deaths within and outside of the 90-day fentanyl emergency response operational area according to Medical Examiner data (January 1, 2024-February 25, 2024; n=59 deaths). Data are preliminary and will change as investigations are finalized. Although there were a total of 68 suspected or confirmed fentanyl overdose deaths to date in 2024 in Multnomah County, complete address information is not yet available for all decedents. Because the number of fentanyl-specific deaths is small for this time period, it is not possible to show fentanyl-specific deaths in smaller geographic regions within the operational area at this time.

Count of Suspected or Confirmed Fentanyl-Specific Overdose Deaths within and outside of the 90-day Fentanyl Emergency Response Operational Area, January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024



Mortality Count

Light Blue	16
Dark Blue	43



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Situation Overview Maps Continued:

The following map shows fentanyl-specific overdose fatalities by voting district in Multnomah County (January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024, n=62). Data are preliminary and will change as investigations are finalized. Although there were a total of 68 suspected or confirmed fentanyl overdose deaths to date in 2024 in Multnomah County, complete address information is not yet available for all decedents.

Count of Suspected or Confirmed Fentanyl Overdose Deaths by Voting District, Multnomah County, January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024

