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	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Alamance	2	1	2	4	7	2	5	6	9	11	12	5	5	4	5	7	4	4	95
Alexander	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	4	5	6	11	2	4	1	5	3	5	3	55
Alleghany	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	11
Anson	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	17
Ashe	1	2	2	1	3	0	2	4	1	3	2	2	1	2	5	2	1	3	37
Avery	0	1	3	1	3	2	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	28
Beaufort	0	3	1	0	1	0	3	3	1	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	6	35
Bertie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	6
Bladen	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	5	4	2	36
Brunswick	1	2	5	5	8	8	11	11	5	8	17	14	17	13	14	14	12	12	177
Buncombe	2	6	7	13	12	15	21	14	17	11	7	9	13	19	5	9	15	15	210
Burke	0	2	8	10	8	10	9	16	18	16	11	10	8	12	14	15	24	16	207
Cabarrus	1	3	3	7	3	10	19	10	9	15	12	13	12	7	11	7	5	13	160
Caldwell	1	0	3	4	4	10	6	14	6	11	10	5	5	8	5	6	17	13	128
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Carteret	1	5	4	4	5	10	5	5	5	9	7	6	5	2	6	10	9	11	109
Caswell	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	19
Catawba	0	3	6	9	10	12	8	9	19	11	17	9	18	9	12	8	14	14	188
Chatham	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	18
Cherokee	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	7	14	1	2	2	1	3	72
Chowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5
Clay	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	19
Cleveland	1	2	9	4	10	6	6	5	5	13	12	11	3	6	5	4	10	7	119
Columbus	2	2	1	3	1	2	6	4	5	6	8	7	7	4	3	4	6	8	79
Craven	0	0	0	7	4	8	8	8	2	10	3	5	2	2	12	6	6	15	98
Cumberland	3	1	4	4	6	7	9	10	7	12	14	18	17	13	10	17	14	19	185
Currituck	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	11
Dare	0	2	4	3	7	7	0	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	0	0	45
Davidson	0	4	2	6	6	13	13	16	14	22	12	11	14	11	16	18	12	13	203
Davie	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	5	3	3	4	0	1	2	2	4	1	7	44
Duplin	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	16
Durham	2	6	2	4	7	9	4	6	11	13	3	6	4	3	7	4	3	7	101
Edgecombe	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	4	2	5	4	26
Forsyth	5	3	2	13	10	6	10	20	18	24	14	10	21	17	15	17	23	12	240
Franklin	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	3	5	3	4	0	0	4	3	1	4	5	39
Gaston	7	9	11	15	12	23	20	21	30	16	24	28	21	21	19	19	15	19	330
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Graham	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	12
Granville	0	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	1	4	5	2	0	3	4	36
Greene	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Guilford	8	6	9	13	6	14	14	15	22	14	17	10	15	20	6	9	16	21	235
Halifax	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	2	1	20



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Harnett	0	2	2	0	4	4	4	4	4	8	3	9	4	7	8	10	6	9	88
Haywood	0	3	2	8	7	3	5	5	5	6	6	8	4	12	7	1	7	7	96
Henderson	1	5	8	2	11	11	7	6	6	7	8	11	5	5	11	5	7	7	123
Hertford	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Hoke	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	26
Hyde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Iredell	0	1	3	0	7	12	9	11	16	8	16	11	17	10	10	13	4	10	158
Jackson	0	0	1	3	4	2	1	3	1	6	3	5	4	1	0	1	3	3	41
Johnston	0	2	3	2	2	5	5	3	6	3	9	10	9	5	6	7	12	7	96
Jones	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	11
Lee	0	0	1	3	1	3	2	3	6	3	3	4	3	6	4	3	3	3	51
Lenoir	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	1	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	21
Lincoln	0	1	0	5	3	4	5	7	8	8	11	4	10	5	10	5	3	11	100
McDowell	0	1	1	3	2	2	4	3	7	7	3	5	3	4	2	3	6	13	69
Macon	0	0	0	3	2	7	1	6	1	3	1	2	1	1	3	2	4	3	40
Madison	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	4	0	18
Martin	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	9
Mecklenburg	3	3	6	10	17	19	19	19	23	20	17	26	26	23	16	22	20	35	324
Mitchell	0	2	1	2	5	3	3	5	1	5	3	1	2	3	1	0	4	3	44
Montgomery	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	18
Moore	0	1	0	4	5	5	3	3	4	4	5	3	3	3	1	6	8	7	65
Nash	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	0	2	0	1	3	3	4	4	4	38
New Hanover	2	3	6	8	11	7	14	6	14	15	16	15	23	11	14	5	16	11	197
Northampton	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	8
Onslow	0	2	1	3	4	5	10	9	9	7	10	3	8	10	10	9	10	13	123
Orange	2	2	7	0	4	4	3	3	7	4	7	1	5	7	1	1	3	5	66
Pamlico	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	13
Pasquotank	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	17
Pender	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	4	7	4	5	4	5	4	0	6	7	54
Perquimans	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
Person	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	5	2	2	5	3	2	2	3	1	33
Pitt	2	1	3	3	7	4	5	4	3	9	6	3	2	4	7	12	4	11	90
Polk	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	2	3	28
Randolph	2	1	2	6	1	3	6	5	5	5	13	12	16	10	13	7	14	13	134
Richmond	0	1	1	2	6	5	4	4	1	6	6	4	6	5	4	6	9	3	73
Robeson	0	1	2	4	2	0	2	0	4	3	4	3	9	9	11	11	10	6	81
Rockingham	0	2	2	2	10	4	7	8	11	13	5	5	9	4	6	4	9	12	113
Rowan	2	3	5	10	7	12	17	14	10	22	17	10	20	17	8	14	14	8	210
Rutherford	1	5	6	4	6	3	8	10	11	13	6	5	5	3	7	5	10	5	113
Sampson	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	7	6	5	5	3	7	2	3	10	2	5	61
Scotland	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	3	3	0	2	2	2	2	4	5	2	32
Stanly	0	2	1	1	3	1	7	3	7	4	4	12	6	6	3	2	6	3	71



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Stokes	0	1	0	2	3	1	1	6	2	11	3	3	8	1	3	3	8	6	62
Surry	0	0	3	3	1	6	8	6	4	6	11	9	7	10	6	12	4	7	103
Swain	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	7	1	2	1	1	1	0	35
Transylvania	0	0	1	1	3	2	2	2	5	4	5	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	48
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Union	2	0	3	1	3	3	7	8	1	12	6	4	3	3	7	9	8	5	85
Vance	1	0	1	1	2	2	5	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	31
Wake	8	6	6	7	14	3	17	20	19	20	20	25	22	13	17	21	20	38	296
Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Washington	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Watauga	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	6	3	6	1	2	2	3	2	1	4	38
Wayne	0	2	2	2	1	4	2	2	7	5	4	4	6	4	3	1	2	4	55
Wilkes	4	3	0	0	10	2	12	18	12	21	25	12	5	9	14	23	20	24	214
Wilson	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	3	25
Yadkin	0	1	2	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6	5	9	3	3	66
Yancey	0	0	5	3	0	3	0	3	3	2	3	5	4	5	0	3	4	3	46
STATE	70	143	197	271	336	367	438	480	523	585	547	496	533	468	454	480	549	620	7,557

Codes used: Any mention (cod1-cod21) of T40.2 (Other Opioids), and/or T40.3 (Methadone), and unintentional intent (X40-X44).

Note: Counts by any mention of drug type are not mutually exclusive; if a death involved multiple drugs it could be listed in additional tables.

Previous versions of this table used the definition for "prescription opioid" which included any mention of T40.2 (Other Opioids), T40.3 (Methadone), and/or T40.4 (Other synthetic opioid).

Due to the increase in illicitly manufactured fentanyl and its analogues, which are coded as other synthetic opioids, T40.4 is not included in the revised definition for

"commonly prescribed opioid medications" displayed in this table. The "prescription opioid" table is archived on this site for reference.