



OVERDOSE DATA BULLETIN, #3-2026

DEATHS BY INTOXICATION (OVERDOSE) WITH PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

As of April 7, 2026, a total of **3,308** individuals in Puerto Rico lost their lives by intoxication with **psychoactive substances** between 2021 and 2025. Data provided by the Institute of Forensic Sciences (ICF in Spanish) places **fentanyl and other opioids (fent/ops)** in **2,675 (80.9 percent)** and **cocaine** in **2,107 (63.7 percent)** of fatal overdoses. Table 1 shows a breakdown of psychoactive substances registered in fatal overdose cases between 2021 and 2025.

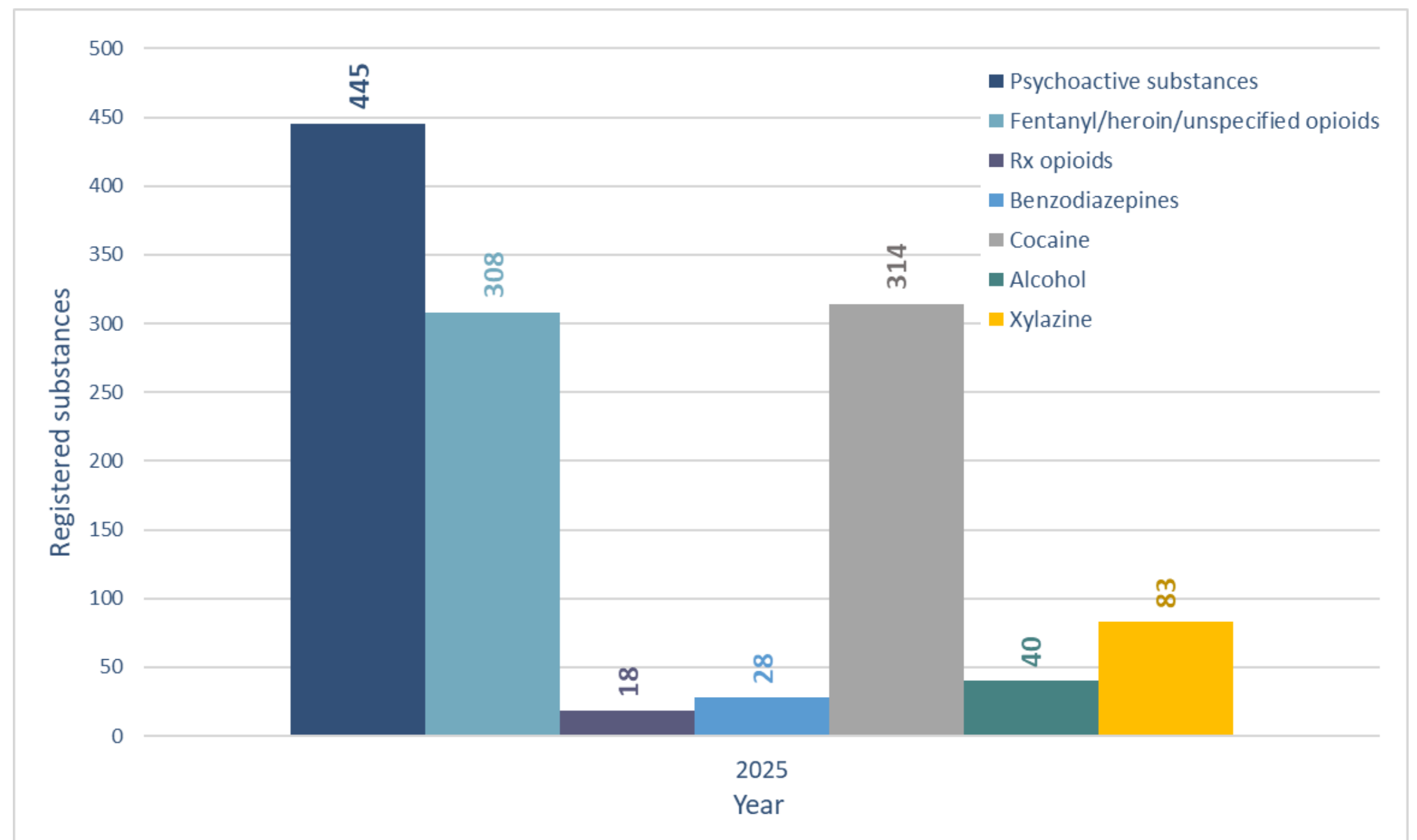
**TABLE 1:
PSYCHOACTIVE
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OVERDOSE
BETWEEN 2021
AND 2025**

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Psychoactive substances overdose deaths	672	781	783	627	445	3308
Fentanyl and other opioids	572	671	643	481	308	2675
Rx opioids	24	18	12	18	18	90
Cocaine	409	483	476	425	314	2107
Alcohol	62	68	35	52	40	257
Xylazine	181	145	166	137	83	712

Source: Forensic Sciences Institute, April 2026

Preliminarily, **445 overdose deaths** occurred during **2025**, a **decrease of 182 (29 percent) cases** compared to year 2024 and **338 (43.2 percent) cases** to 2023, the year with higher number of fatal overdoses. **Cocaine was registered in 314 (70.6 percent) of the cases**, followed by **fent/ops with 308 (69.2%)**. Graphic 1 shows a **breakdown of psychoactive substances registered in fatal intoxication cases for 2025**.

GRAPHIC 1: PARTIAL DATA ON DEATHS BY INTOXICATION WITH PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES, 2025



Data for this bulletin is provided by the Institute of Forensic Sciences and disseminated by the Puerto Rico-US Virgin Islands High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (PR USVI HIDTA). Data analysis, which includes narratives, graphics and tables, is the sole responsibility of Francisco A. Torres-Cardona, Public Health Analyst of the Puerto Rico Overdose Response Strategy team (PR ORS team).

Fatal overdose tables and graphics based on age, sex, municipality/police district and psychoactive substance are available on demand. Please contact Francisco at 404-401-4674 or ftorres@cdcfoundation.org for the data request.

OVERDOSE DEATHS DEMOGRAPHICS

Male-to-female ratio for overdose deaths is 15:2. Average age is 45.2 years old (y/o), with a **minimum average age of 44.4 y/o** in the police area (PA) of Humacao and a **maximum of 56.5 y/o** in the PA of Fajardo. PAs with **higher incidence** of fatal overdoses are **Bayamón with 102 deaths**, representative of **22.9 percent** of the overdose-related deaths in the territory of Puerto Rico, followed by **San Juan with 82**, which represents **18.4 percent** of those deaths. Table 2 includes **preliminary data** for 2025, distributed by “PA, sex average age and registered psychoactive substances.”

TABLE 2: PRELIMINARY DATA UNTIL APRIL 7, 2026, FOR PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES OVERDOSE DEATHS, BY POLICE AREA, 2025

Police area	People deceased	Sex		Average age	Registered psychoactive substance					
		female	male		Fent/opi	Rx opioids	Benzo-diazepines	Cocaine	Alcohol	Xylazine
Aguadilla	25	2	23	45.0	14	1	0	21	0	7
Aibonito	13	2	11	45.3	7	1	1	7	4	1
Arecibo	40	3	37	46.6	29	0	2	34	2	12
Bayamón	102	6	96	48.5	69	2	7	72	7	15
Caguas	39	9	30	45.8	29	2	6	27	5	6
Carolina	19	4	15	52.2	13	1	0	15	1	4
Fajardo	13	2	11	56.5	6	0	0	9	2	2
Guayama	22	0	22	50.1	16	1	1	10	2	1
Humacao	12	3	9	44.4	9	1	0	10	3	0
Mayagüez	26	2	24	45.7	18	0	3	21	2	11
Ponce	48	7	41	45.6	46	5	4	24	4	8
San Juan	82	11	71	46.1	50	4	3	61	8	15
Utua	25	2	23	45.8	2	0	1	3	0	1
Total	445	52	393	47.2	308	18	28	314	40	83

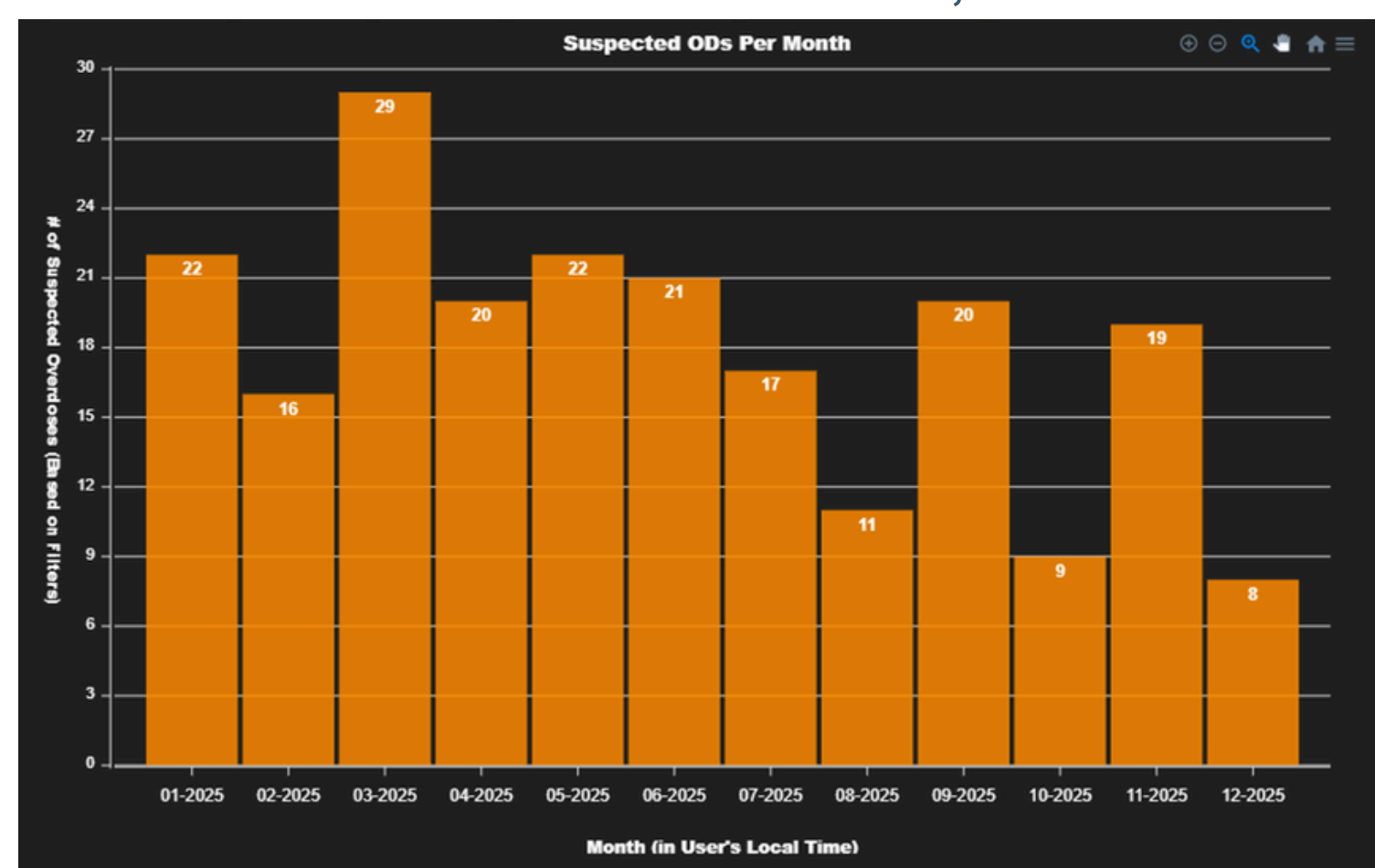
Source: Forensic Sciences Institute, April 2026

SUSPECTED OVERDOSE DEATHS REGISTERED THROUGH ODMAP

Data from the **Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)** shows monthly suspected psychoactive substances overdose deaths for **2025**. ICF reported a total of **217 suspected psychoactive substances overdose deaths**.

ODMAP is a web-based platform to **report suspected overdose events in near real-time**, available for eligible public safety and public health agencies **at no cost**. For **information and access request** to ODMAP for your agency or municipality, please visit odmap.org.

GRAPHIC 2: SUSPECTED OVERDOSE DEATHS DISTRIBUTED BY MONTH, 2025



Source: ODMAP, April 2026 Data Contributed by: Forensic Sciences Institute



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