

Demographic Characteristics of 23 Fentanyl Related Deaths in Maryland in 1992

Two-thirds of Fentanyl related deaths in Maryland involved a black male or female and were over 30 years of age. Almost all of the incidents occurred in Baltimore City or Baltimore County in February or March. 550 envelopes containing Fentanyl have been seized by the state police. State police indicate the Fentanyl to be licitly manufactured rather than produced in clandestine labs. Heroin addicts should be alerted that drugs sold as heroin may contain Fentanyl ("China White").

Demographics of Maryland Fentanyl Incidents

| RACE: | f | % | AGE: | f | % |
|--------------|----|------|-------|----|------|
| Black Male | 13 | 57 | 18-20 | 2 | 9 |
| Black Female | 2 | 9 | 21-25 | 3 | 13 |
| White Male | 7 | 30 | 26-30 | 3 | 13 |
| White Female | 1 | 4 | 31-35 | 4 | 17 |
| | 23 | 100% | 36-40 | 9 | 39 |
| | | | 41-61 | 2 | 9 |
| | | | | 23 | 100% |

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| | | 66% | | | |
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| COUNTY: | f | % | MONTH: | f | % |
|------------------|----|------|----------|----|------|
| Baltimore City | 17 | 74 | January | 1 | 4 |
| Baltimore County | 3 | 13 | February | 12 | 52 |
| Montgomery | 1 | 4 | March | 10 | 43 |
| Prince George's | 1 | 4 | | 23 | 99%* |
| Carroll | 1 | 4 | | | |
| | 23 | 99%* | | | |

* Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from information provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and Maryland State Police

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