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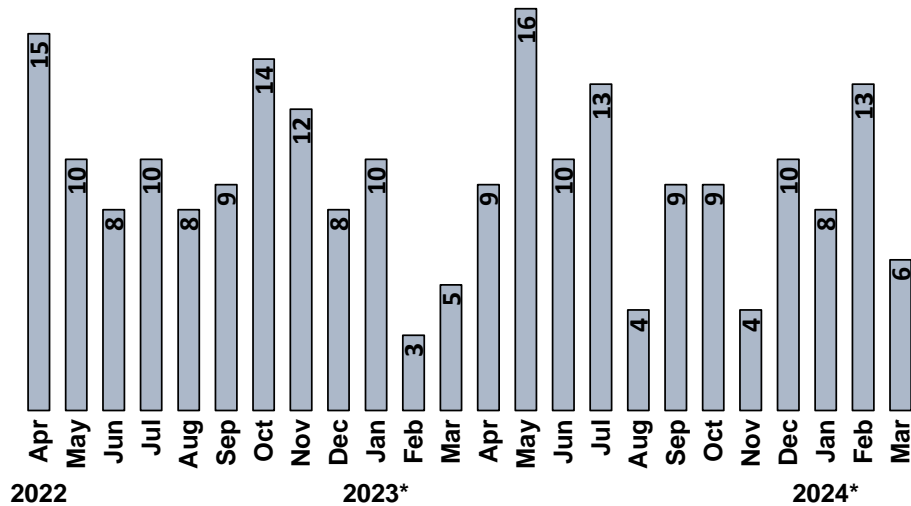
## Gaston County Fentanyl Positive Deaths, 2024\* Year-to-Date North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Toxicology

### 27 Fentanyl-Positive Deaths^ in Gaston County, 2024\* YTD

Compared to **18** from Jan-Mar 2023\*

^Results are based on analytical testing of specimens performed by NC OCME Toxicology. The detection of fentanyl by the laboratory may not necessarily be the ultimate cause of death as determined by the pathologist. YTD (Year to date).

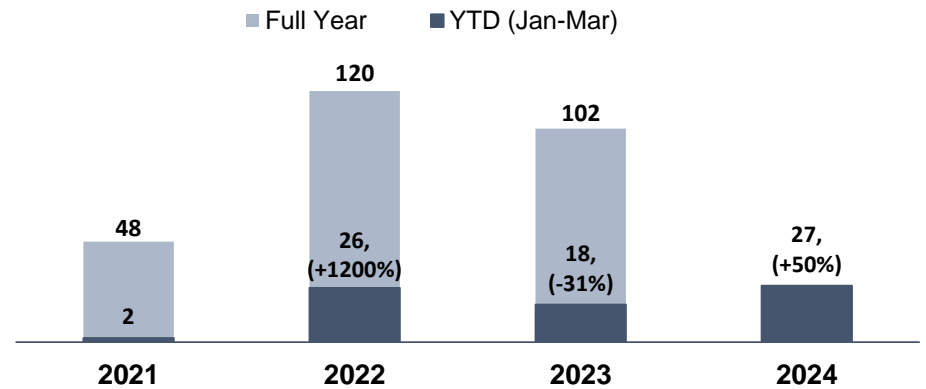
#### Last 24 Months of Fentanyl-Positive Deaths in Gaston County



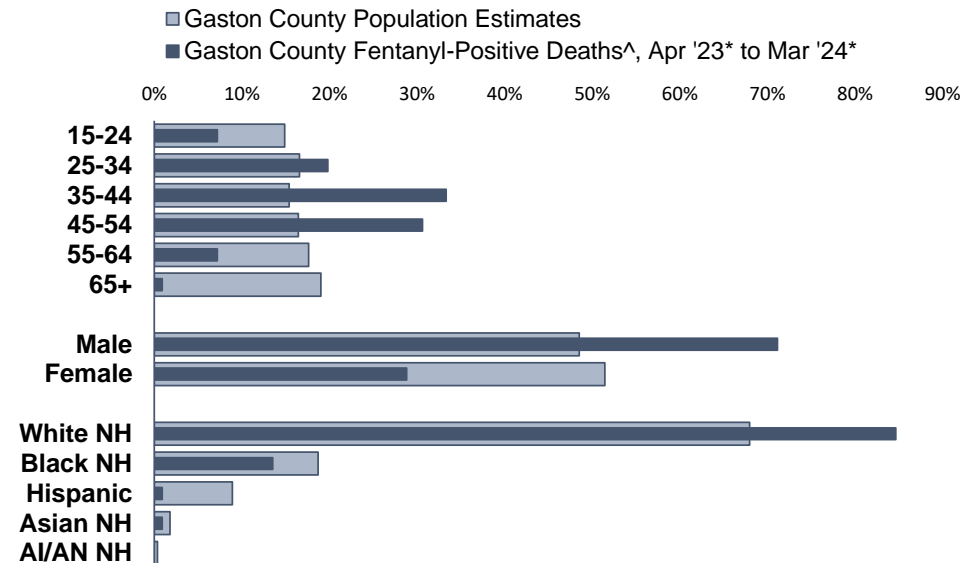
Data Source: Data Source: NC OCME Toxicology, accredited by the College of American Pathologists. The laboratory provides forensic analytical testing of specimens for all 100 counties of the statewide medical examiner system.

\*2022-2024 Data are provisional and subject to change.

#### Fentanyl-Positive Deaths: 2021-2024\* YTD in Gaston County



#### Demographics of Fentanyl-Positive Deaths in Gaston County



Note: NH (Non-Hispanic); AI/AN (American Indian/Alaskan Native)



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