

FENTANYL

THE FENTANYL EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

U.S. overdose deaths involving fentanyl

6,000 deaths per 3-month period



Source: National Vital Statistics System

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LETHAL DOSES IN PERSPECTIVE



FENTANYL
2 MG



HEROIN
30 MG

So, what is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever, approved for treating severe pain and as an anesthetic agent for surgery.

Street fentanyl is being added to other drugs, unknowingly to users, such as heroin and cocaine, to increase its potency. It acts very quickly inside the body, causing rapid respiratory failure, therefore presents a greater risk of overdose. The quick acting drug also decreases the chance of overdose reversal by Narcan.



**ABUSED THROUGH
INJECTING AND
SNORTING.**



**YOU CAN'T SEE IT,
TASTE IT, OR
SMELL IT.**



**PA HAS THE 3RD
MOST OVERDOSES
IN THE U.S..**

50-100x

**MORE POTENT
THAN HEROIN AND
MORPHINE**