

Cause for concern

Region's accidental heroin/methadone-related deaths by year.

BLAIR

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| 2002: | 4 heroin |
| 2003: | 10 heroin, 1 methadone |
| 2004: | 5 heroin, 1 methadone |
| 2005: | 10 heroin, 1 methadone |
| 2006: | 6 heroin, 3 methadone |
| 2007*: | 4 heroin, 5 methadone |

**2 drug deaths are pending.*

CAMBRIA

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| 2002: | 1 heroin, 1 methadone |
| 2003: | 1 heroin, 3 methadone |
| 2004: | 4 heroin, 6 methadone |
| 2005: | 6 methadone |
| 2006: | 11 methadone |
| 2007: | 12 methadone |

CLEARFIELD

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| 2002: | 1 heroin, 1 methadone |
| 2003: | 1 heroin |
| 2004: | 1 heroin, 2 methadone |
| 2005: | 1 heroin, 3 methadone |
| 2006: | 5 methadone |
| 2007: | 4 heroin, 4 methadone |

Bedford and Centre county coroners' offices reported no methadone-related deaths, with Centre's coroner saying accidental overdoses involving two or more drugs are classified only as "multidrug" overdoses, not drug-specific.

Sampling of other counties across the state in 2007, according to respective coroner's offices:

Berks: 2 methadone, 4 heroin (10 pending)

Washington: 6 heroin, 2 methadone (one death, counted in both, involved methadone and heroin)

Armstrong: 1 methadone

Luzerne: 2 heroin

**Source: County coroners*