



Distribution of Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths (2015 – 2023)

The maps provide geographical representation of the illicit drug toxicity deaths in British Columbia. The BC Coroners Service data includes all illicit drug toxicity deaths in British Columbia (accidental and undetermined) that occurred between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2023, inclusive. The BC Centre for Disease Control geocoded the data using information that best represents the location of the toxicity event.

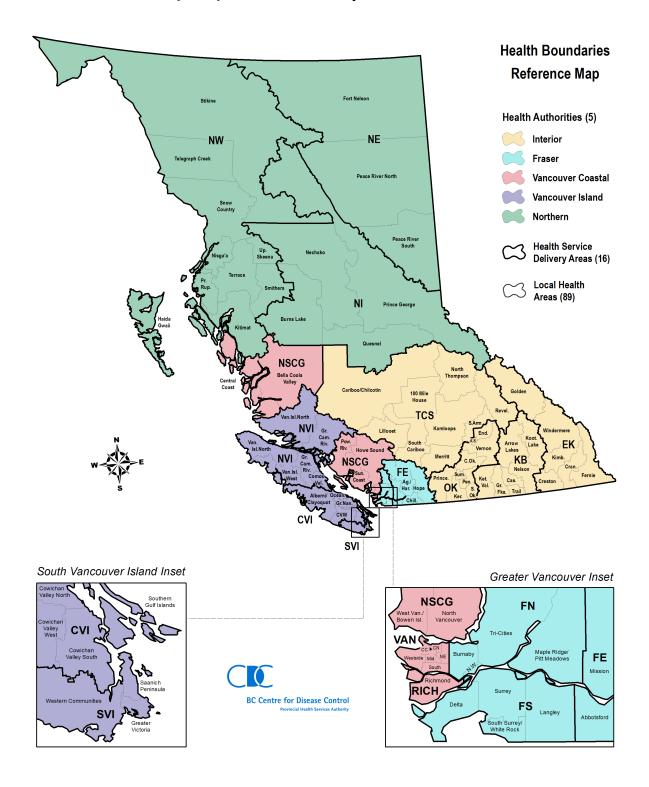
The population denominators for the Local Health Area (LHA) maps are from the BC Stats Population Estimates and PEOPLE data files; rates are calculated based on the corresponding year. For regions with small population size, the rates based on a small number of annual deaths may yield unstable rates (i.e. rates may fluctuate widely from year to year). Furthermore, data are suppressed in regions where the annual number of all-cause deaths is fewer than 20, or where the First Nations population is greater than 50%.

Please note that the BC Coroners Service operates in a live database environment. Some data for more recent years are based on preliminary circumstances and are subject to change as investigations are concluded. Data are not directly comparable to published counts from previous years.





Local Health Area (LHA) Reference Map







Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) Code Lookup Table

Health Authority	Code	Health Service Delivery Area
Interior	EK	East Kootenay
	КВ	Kootenay Boundary
	ОК	Okanagan
	TCS	Thompson Cariboo Shuswap
Fraser	FE	Fraser East
	FN	Fraser North
	FS	Fraser South
Vancouver Coastal	RICH	Richmond
	VAN	Vancouver
	NSCG	North Shore/Coast Garibaldi
Vancouver Island	SVI	South Vancouver Island
	CVI	Central Vancouver Island
	NVI	North Vancouver Island
Northern	NW	Northwest
	NI	Northern Interior
	NE	Northeast

