

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 16569

● DPX DEATH RATES IN U.S. CITIES

In order to compare various U.S. metropolitan areas in terms of DPX-related deaths, the number of such deaths for each area between July 1973 and December 1977 was divided by population (in millions) of that area. These results can be seen in Table 2.

TABLE 2
PROPOXYPHENE(DPX-AS IN DARVON)DEATH RATES
FOR U.S. METROPOLITAN AREAS^a

Rank	Area	DPX-Related Deaths (7/73-12/77) ^b	Population ^d (In Millions)	Deaths/Million People
1	Phoenix	81	1.218	66.5
2	San Francisco	189	3.129	60.4
3	San Diego	95 ^c	1.588	59.8
4	Dallas	80	1.690	47.3
5	Denver	61	1.387	44.0
6	Los Angeles	276	6.945	39.7
7	Cleveland	78	1.975	39.5
8	San Antonio	37	.949	39.0
9	Miami	52	1.439	36.1
10	Buffalo	46	1.327	34.7
11	Detroit	132	4.174	31.6
12	Oklahoma City	21	.683	30.7
13	Philadelphia	133	4.797	27.7
14	Boston	72	2.731	26.4
15	New York City	274	11.316	24.2
16	Chicago	151	6.983	21.6
17	Atlanta	32	1.532	20.9
18	Washington, DC	60	2.936	20.4
19	Indianapolis	15	1.147	13.1
20	Minneapolis	20	1.846	10.8
21	Seattle	14	1.411	9.9
22	Kansas City	11	1.268	8.7
23	New Orleans	9	1.094	8.2

- a. These are the 23 metropolitan areas which have been under surveillance by the DAWN Network for at least 2 1/2 years.
- b. DPX-Related Deaths(except San Diego) are from Information Systems Section of Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice. Included are all deaths where drug is a contributing factor or in which a toxic level is found (or suspected because of ingestion history).
- c. Deaths for San Diego are from San Diego coroner's office since San Diego did not become part of the DAWN System until mid-1975. (San Diego includes only 1974-1977.)
- d. Populations of metropolitan areas are from DAWN (Department of Justice) Quarterly Report (July-September 1977).