

# SUBSTANCE WEEKLY REPORT

Aug 26 - Sept 1, 2024 (137 Samples)



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 46.0% (63/137) of samples checked were as expected, with no cuts or adulterants detected
- 24.5% (13/53) of down samples contained a benzo this week
- On August 29th, as part of International Overdose Awareness Day we were on Pandora checking samples!

## DOWN/OPIOIDS, 53 SAMPLES

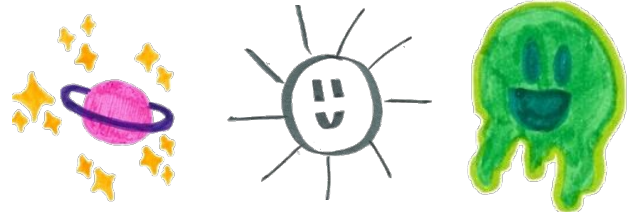
- 30 samples contained **fentanyl** at a median concentration of 11%
- 33 samples contained **fluorofentanyl** at a median concentration of 9%
- 13 samples contained **ortho-Methyl fentanyl** at a median concentration of 1%
- 13/53 down samples contained a **benzo**
  - 11 samples contained **bromazolam** at a median concentration of 2%
  - 1 sample contained an **unknown benzo**
  - 1 sample contained **meclonazepam**

### Community Reporting

- **Down:** Small brown pebbles. Cooked normally. When smoked, it tasted strong. Effects were somewhat stronger than expected. Bought north of downtown.
- **Down:** Dark purple powder and small pebbles. When cooked, it smelt strong and turned into a brown sticky tar. When smoked, it melted fast and congealed quicker than usual. Effects were much stronger than expected and made the reporter disoriented and tired after one inhale. Bought downtown.
- **Down:** Small brown pebbles. When smoked it melted slowly. Effects were somewhat stronger than expected and felt like a benzo was present. Bought in Rock Bay.

## DISSOCIATIVES & PSYCHEDELICS, 5 SAMPLES

- 1/2 samples were **ketamine**
  - 1 sample did not have any actives detected
- 1 sample was **ALD-52**
- 1 sample was **LSD**
- 1 sample was **DMT**



## BENZOS, 10 SAMPLES

- 1 sample was **alprazolam (Xanax)**
- 1/4 samples were **bromazolam**
  - 1 **bromazolam** sample also contained **fluorofentanyl** cut with caffeine and a sugar
  - 2 **bromazolam** samples did not have actives detected
- 0/3 samples were etizolam
  - 1 sample was **bromazolam** instead
  - 1 sample was an **unknown benzo**
  - 1 sample was **alprazolam (Xanax)** and **bromazolam** instead
- 1 **flualprazolam** did not have actives detected
- 1 unspecified benzo was **bromazolam**

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## STIMULANTS, 45 SAMPLES

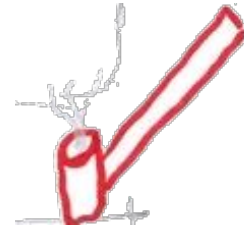
- 23/23 samples were **cocaine** (hard and soft)
- 15/19 samples were **MDMA/MDA**
  - 1 **MDA** sample was **MDMA** instead
  - 1 **MDMA** sample also contained **meth**
  - 1 **MDMA** sample also contained **cocaine (soft)**
  - 1 **MDMA** sample had no actives detected
- 2/2 samples were **methamphetamine**
- 1 sample was **amphetamine**

### Community Reporting (from last week)

- **Cocaine base/crack:** White. When smoked, it tasted good. Effects the same as expected. Bought downtown.
- **Meth/side:** Clear shards. When cooked, it turned clear. Effects as expected. Bought north of downtown.

## UNKNOWN, 16 SAMPLES

- 16 samples were brought in as "unknown"
  - 15 had actives detected, 1 did not



## OTHER, 8 SAMPLES

- 1 sample was **GHB**
- 1 sample was **nitromethaqualone**
- 1 sample was **hydromorphone (Dilaudid)**
- 3 samples were **oxycodone (Oxycontin)**
- 1 sample was **Baclofen**
- 1 sample was **tadalafil (Cialis)**



## REPORT GLOSSARY

- **Median:** Like an average, but accounts for outlying results so the final number isn't skewed.
- **No cuts or adulterants detected:** This does not mean these samples were "pure", impurities likely exist at concentrations below our limits of detection.
- **No actives detected:** We could not detect any active ingredients within our PSMS target list.
- **Percentages:** Represents the amount per 100 mg. Example: a concentration of 12% fentanyl is 12 mg of fentanyl per 100 mg (a point) of the total sample (including other components like cuts).
- **Unknown benzo:** A benzo that is likely outside of our PSMS target list.
- **Medetomidine:** Medetomidine is a veterinary tranquilizer similar to xylazine, but is more potent and longer acting than xylazine. There is little research on the effects of medetomidine in humans, so it is difficult to comment on its effects, potency or duration.

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