

SUBSTANCE WEEKLY REPORT



Jan 13th - Jan 20th 2025 (102 Samples)

HIGHLIGHTS

- 54.9% (56/102) of samples checked were as expected, with no cuts or adulterants detected
- 65.8% (25/38) of down samples contained a benzo this week

DOWN/OPIOIDS, 38 SAMPLES

- 32 samples contained **fentanyl** at a median concentration of 11%
- 7 samples contained **fluorofentanyl** at a median concentration of 0.9%
- 4 samples contained **ortho-Methyl fentanyl** at a median concentration of 5%
- 4 samples contained **xylazine** at a concentration of 0.2%
- 25/38 down samples contained a **benzo**
 - 13 samples contained **bromazolam** at a median concentration of 1%
 - 11 samples contained an **unknown benzo**
 - 1 sample contained **desalkylgizapam** at a concentration of 2.1%

Community Reporting

- **Down:** Large brick red chunks. When cooked, turned to a thick dark purple/grey substance and left no trace behind. When smoked, tasted strong and bitter. Effects somewhat stronger than expected - definitely felt like it had a benzo, effects lasted longer than usual. Bought in downtown Victoria.
- **Down:** Light pink powder. When cooked, melted quickly and turned in to a dark brown goo. When smoked, tasted like nothing. Much stronger than expected, felt like it had lots of benzo. Bought downtown.

DISSOCIATIVES & PSYCHEDELICS, 12 SAMPLES

- 11/11 samples were **ketamine**
- 1 sample was **LSD (acid)**

BENZOS, 8 SAMPLES

- 0/3 samples were **alprazolam (Xanax)**
 - 2 samples contained **bromazolam** in addition to **alprazolam (Xanax)**
 - 1 sample was **bromazolam** and **desalkylgizapam** instead
- 1 sample was **avizafone**
- 1 sample was **etizolam**
- 1 sample was **lorazepam (Ativan)**
- 1 unspecified benzo was **alprazolam (Xanax)**
- 1 unspecified benzo was **bromazolam** and **desalkylgizapam**

OTHER, 8 SAMPLES

- 2/2 samples were **zopiclone**
- 1 **codeine** sample did not have any actives detected
- 1 sample was **oxycodone (Oxycontin)**
- 2 samples were **Percocet (oxycodone + acetaminophen)**
- 2 **estradiol** samples did not have any actives detected

UNKNOWN, 4 SAMPLES

- 4 samples were brought in as "unknown"
 - 3 had actives detected, 1 did not

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STIMULANTS, 32 SAMPLES

- 15/15 samples were **cocaine** (hard and soft)
- 8/10 samples were **MDMA**
 - 1 **MDMA** sample also contained **methamphetamine**
 - 1 **MDMA** sample also contained **MDA**
- 6/6 samples were **methamphetamine**
- 1 **amphetamine** sample contained **methamphetamine** instead

Community Reporting

- **Meth/side:** Clear crystal shards. When cooked, turned brown. When smoked, tasted like Vicks VapoRub. Effects much weaker than expected. Bought downtown.
- **MDMA:** Clearish purple crystal shards. Really nice, gentle effects. Tasted a bit chemically when swallowed. Bought in downtown Victoria area.
- **Meth/side:** Clear crystal shards. When smoked, it burned strangely, kind of like styrofoam but produced a clear resin. Despite this, effects were as expected.



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REPORT GLOSSARY

- **Community Reporting:** These sections include reports from community members throughout Victoria. Samples within these sections may or may not have been checked at Substance.
- **Median:** Like an average, but accounts for outlying results so the final number isn't skewed.
- **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.

WEEKLY REPORT FEEDBACK

We are seeking feedback on the weekly report about what works and what doesn't. If you would like to contribute, please email barclay@uvic.ca or call [250-721-6275](tel:250-721-6275), leave a message, and we will provide more information.