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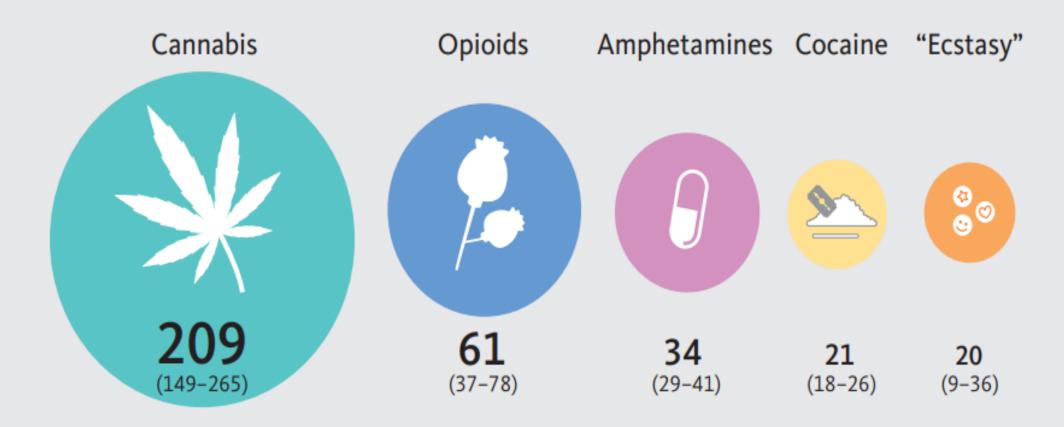
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OBJECTIVES

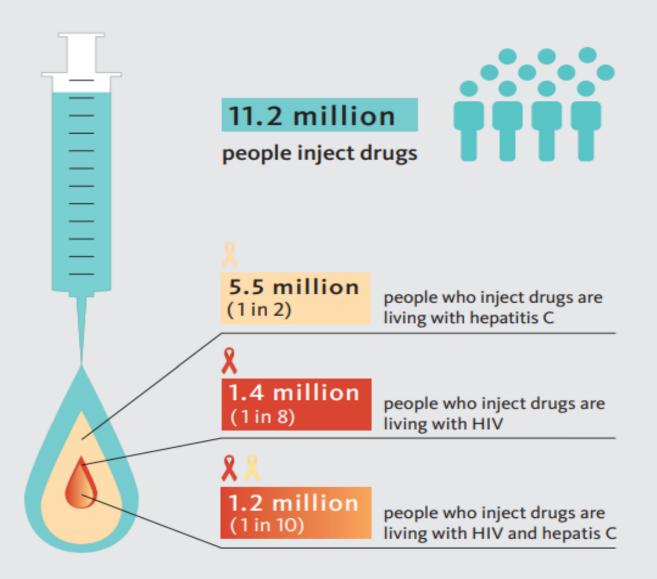
- Learn about the opioid and fentanyl epidemic
- Learn about other frequently abused drugs
 - Cocaine
 - Methamphetamine
 - Marijuana
- Learn about polysubstance abuse

GLOBAL ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBERS OF DRUG USERS IN MILLIONS (2020)

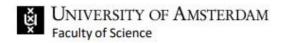




MORE THAN 11 MILLION PEOPLE INJECT DRUGS

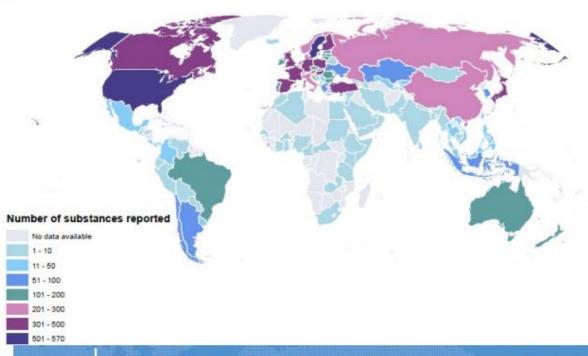


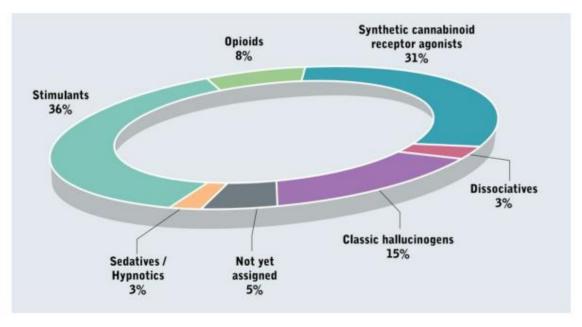






The New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) challenge...





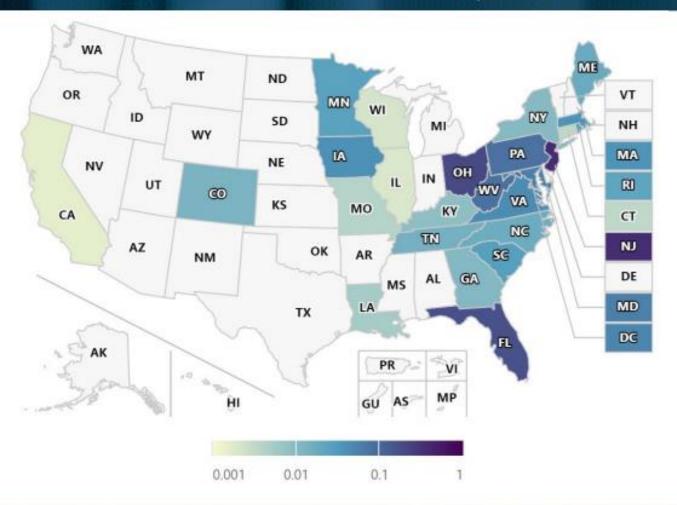


UNODC Early Warning Advisory on New Psychoactive Substances

UNODC, Dec. 2021: 1,124 unique substances From 2008 to 2019, 119 countries and territories reported a cumulative total of 899 individual NPS

New Fentanyl-Related Compounds by State, 2019





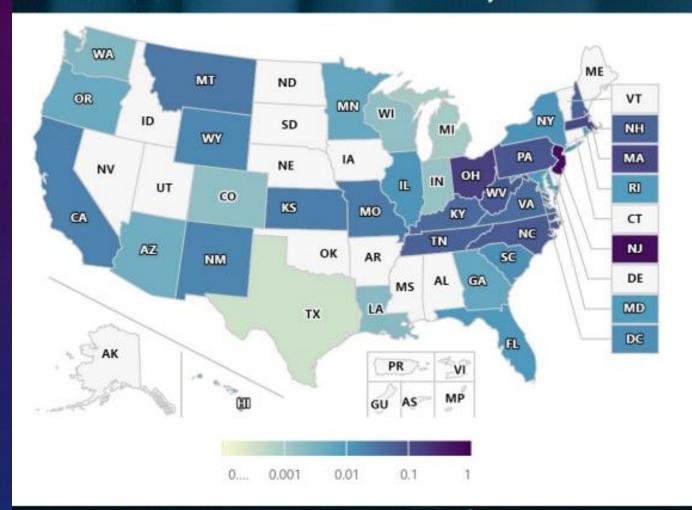
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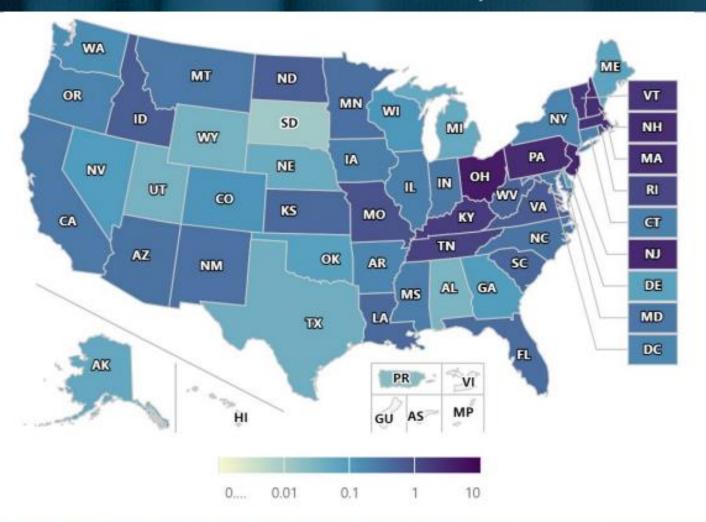
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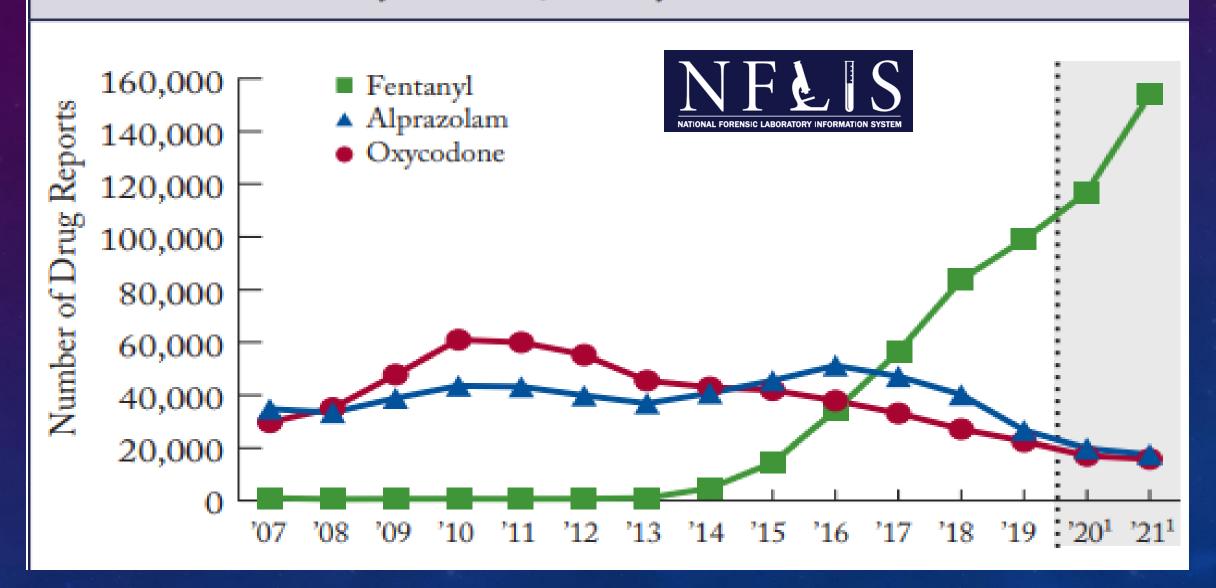


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Figure 1.1 National trend estimates for fentanyl, alprazolam, and oxycodone, January 2007–December 2021



FENTANYL ANALOGS-WHY ARE THEY HERE?

 Many times stronger than heroin alone (preferred by users?)

Cheaper to make than heroin

Very profitable for drug cartels
 1 kilo (\$3500) yield \$5-20 million profit

Many new analogs are legal until banned



Estimated lethal dose

CLANDESTINE FENTANYL OUTBREAKS

1979-1988







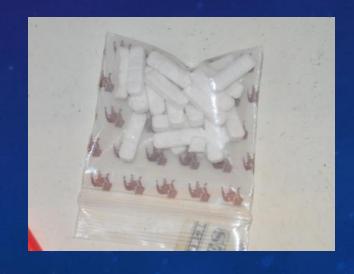


Clandestinely manufactured fentanyl

DEA Report: Counterfeit Pills Fueling U.S. Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis

Problems resulting from abuse of opioid drugs continue to grow

JUL 22 (WASHINGTON) - Hundreds of thousands of counterfeit prescription pills, many containing deadly amounts of fentanyl and fentanyl-related compounds, have made their way into the U.S. drug market, according to a DEA intelligence report released today. Law





Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration FAKE PILLS FACT SHEET

FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS . WIDELY AVAILABLE . INCREASINGLY LETHAL

DEA LAB TESTING REVEALS THAT

4 OUT OF EVERY 1 O PILLS

WITH FENTANYL CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY

LETHAL DOSE

Fake pills often contain fentanyl and are more lethal than ever before.

Fentanyl Deaths by County 2021 Occurrences Per 100,000 Population Martin 0.01 - 4.995.00 - 9.99 EXAMINERS C Broward 10.00 - 14.99 15.00 - 19.99 Miami-Dade 20.00 - 24.99

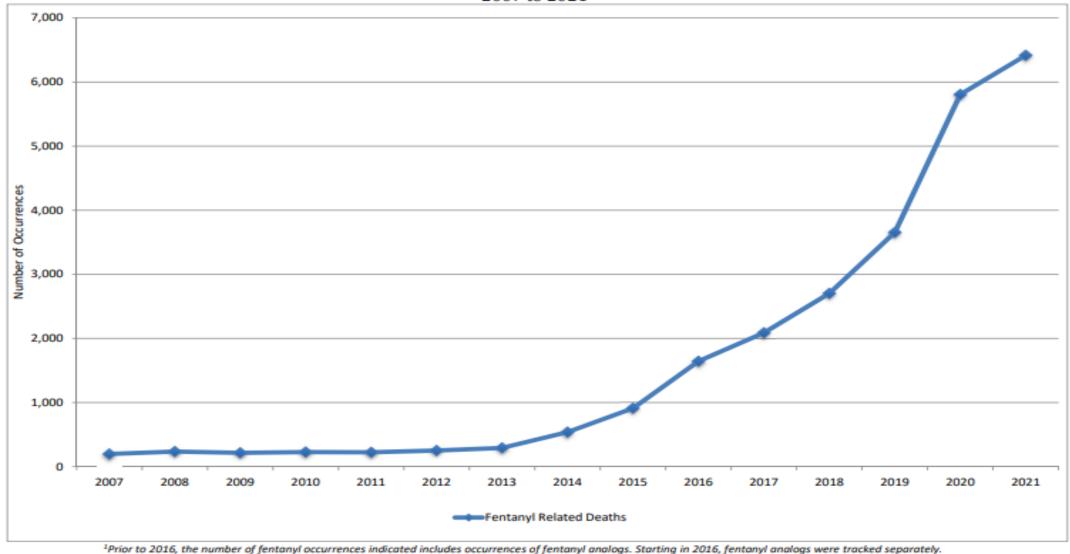
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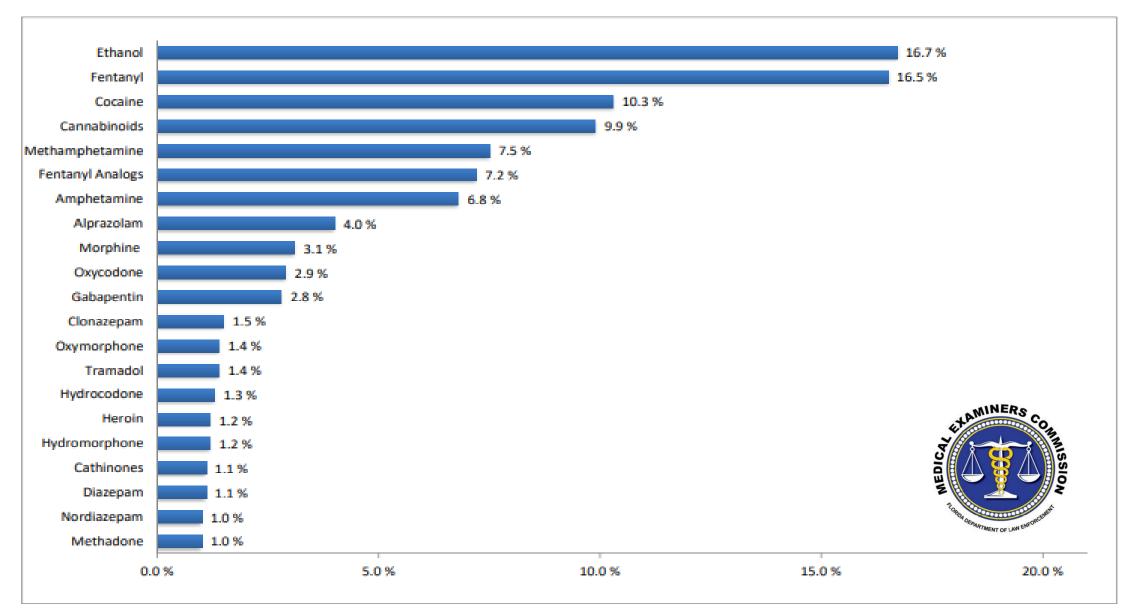
Historical Overview of Fentanyl Occurrences¹

(Present and Cause) 2007 to 2021

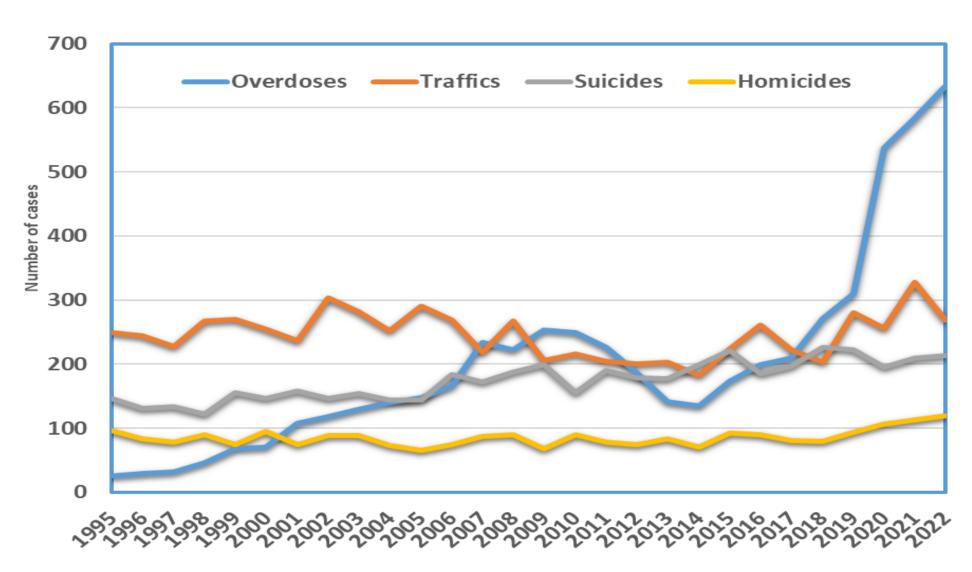


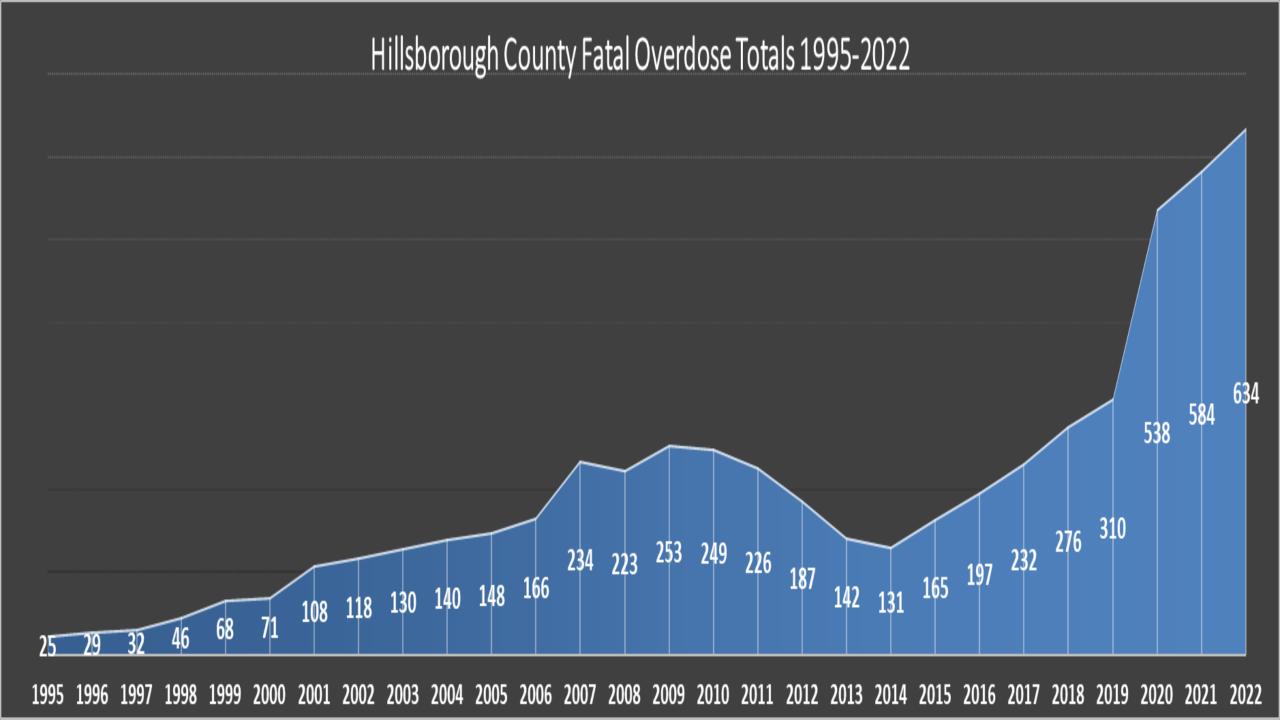
Frequency of Occurrence of Drugs in Decedents¹

January - December 2021

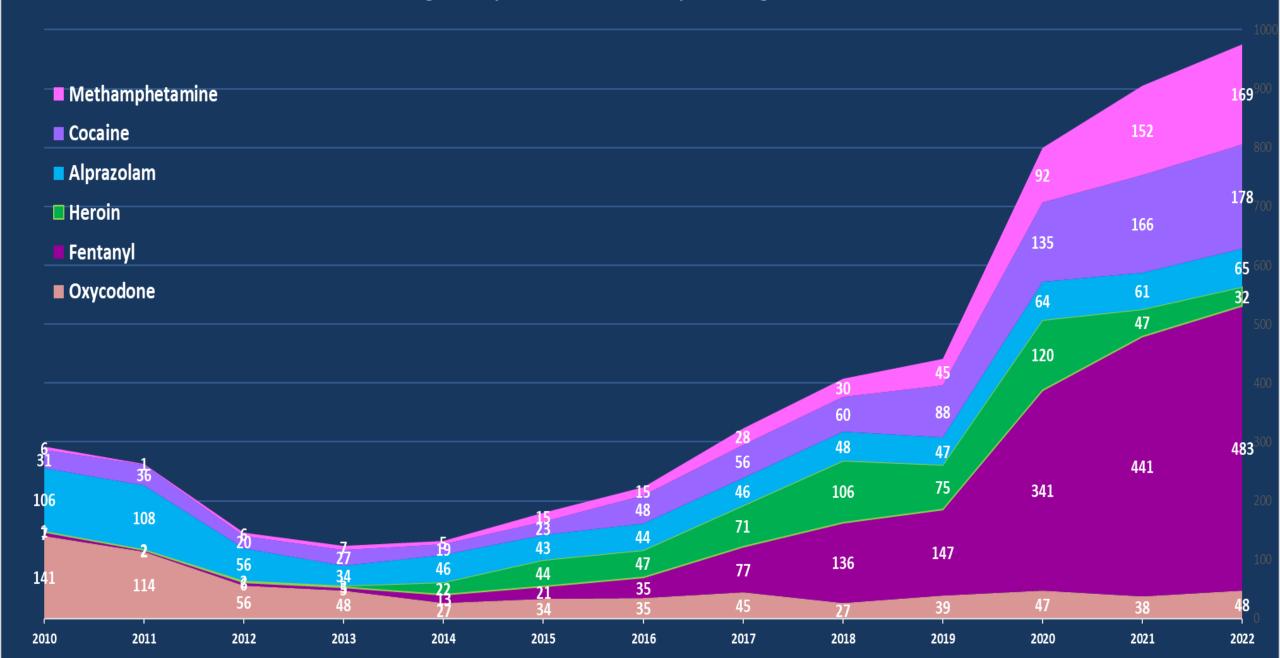


Hillsborough County Manners of Death

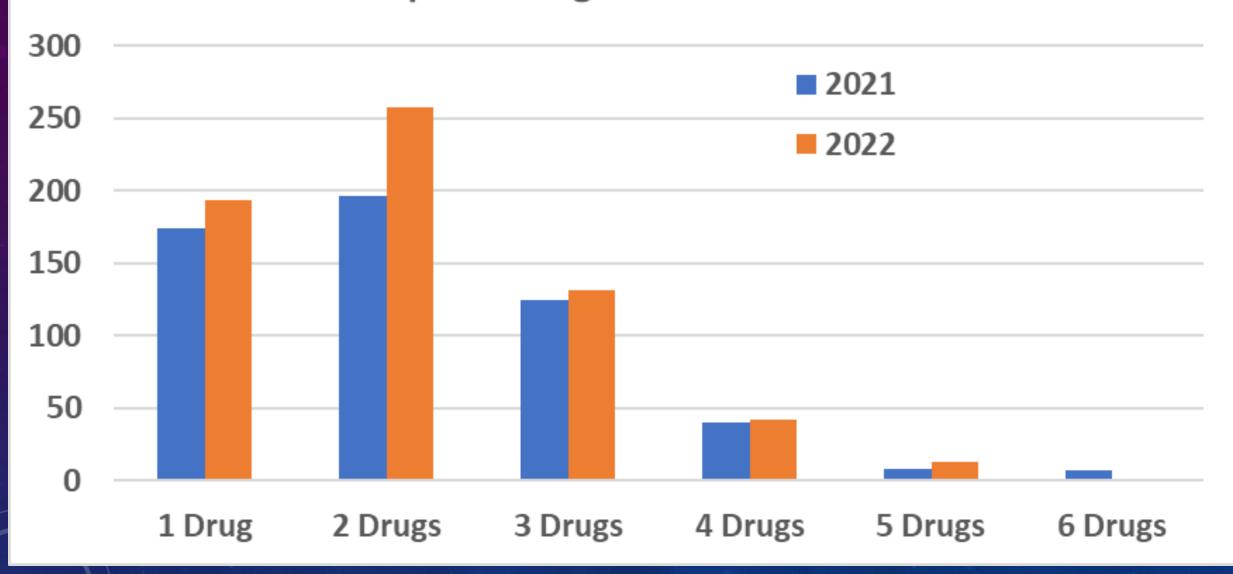




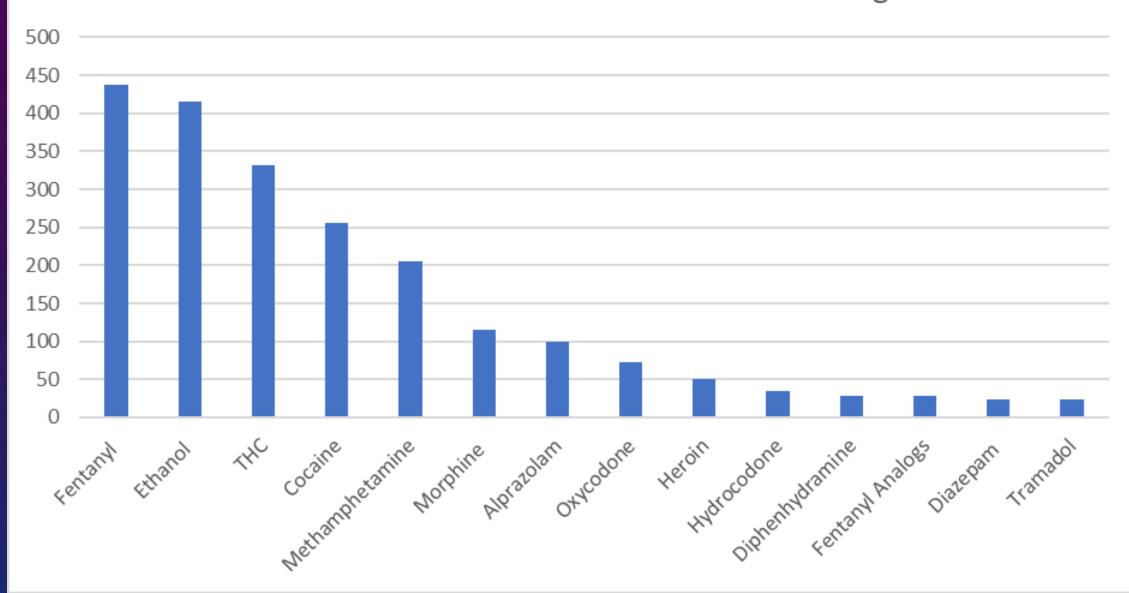
Hillsborough County Fatal Overdoses with Specific Drugs 2010-2022

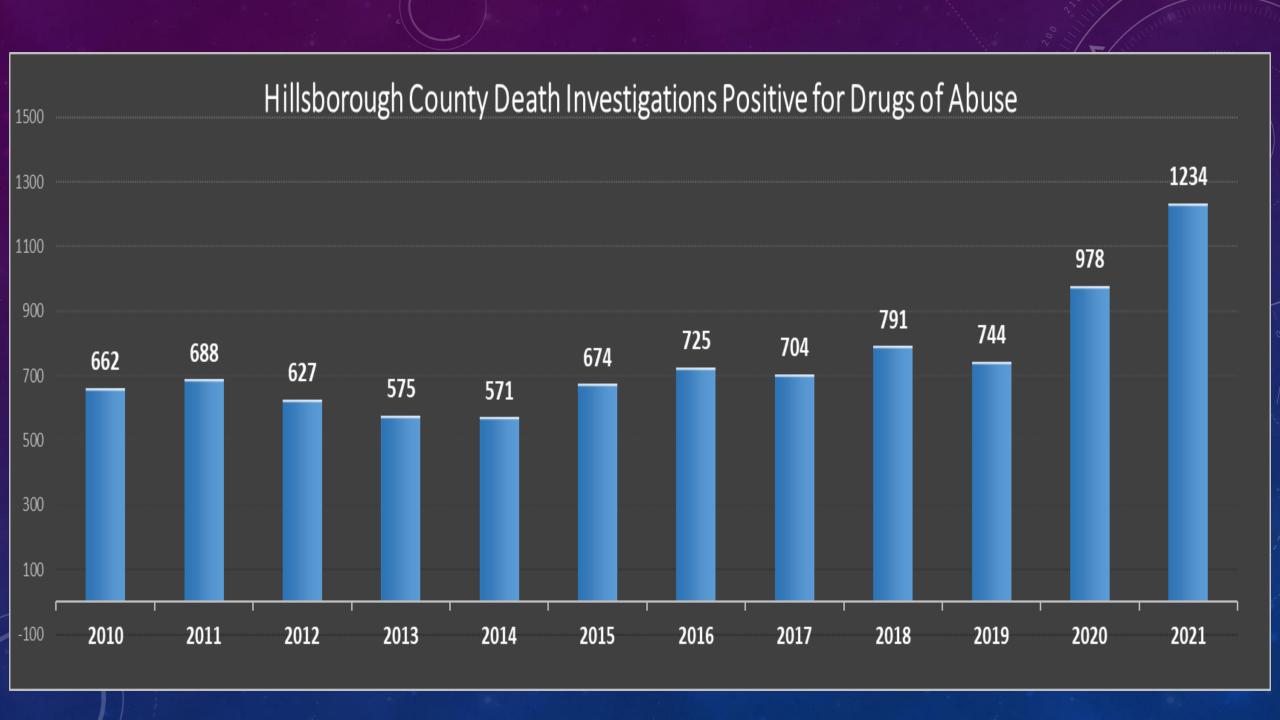


Most Frequent Drug Overdose Combinations



2021 Positive Cases with Most Prevalent Drugs



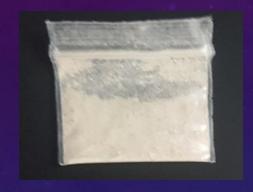


DRUG PARAPHERNALIA AT DEATH SCENES





WHAT'S INSIDE THE BAG?



Heroin



Heroin and Fentanyl



Caffeine, Lidocaine and Cocaine

DON'T TRUST A DRUG DEALER

NEVER LICK A SPOON



DEMOGRAPHICS

2021

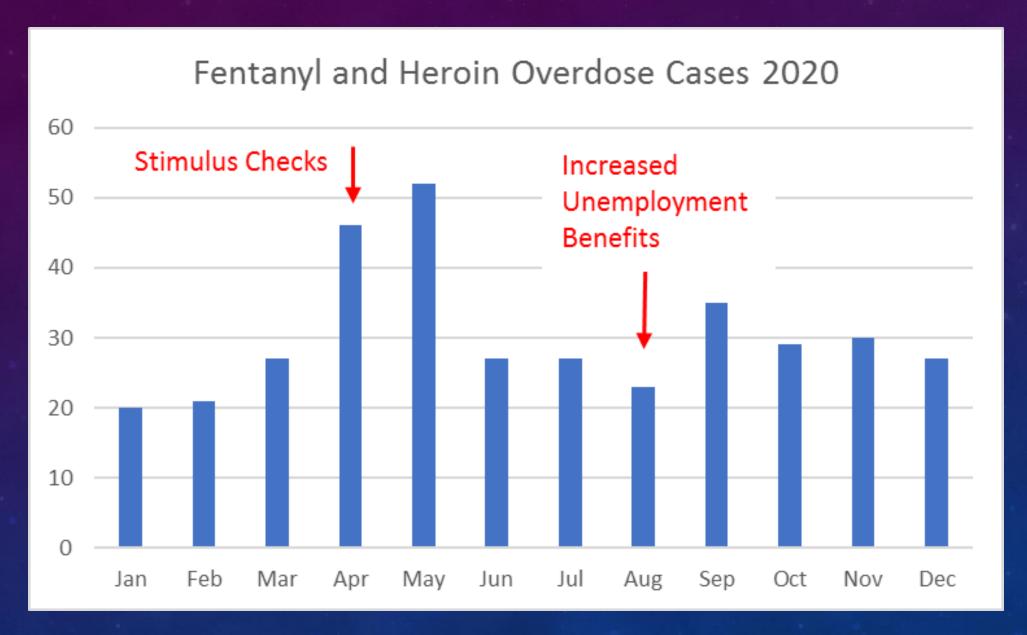
• Age range: 16 to 88 years of age

- Males (369) = 73%
 - Average age: 43
 - Age range: 16 to 88
- Females (135) = 27%
 - Average age: 43
 - Age range: 19 to 85

2022

Age range: 15 months to 89 years of age

- Males (404) = 71%
 - Average age: 44
 - Age range: 18 to 81
- Females (164) = 29%
 - Average age: 43
 - Age range: 15 months to 89



know what's in your drugs

TRANQ | XYLAZINE

Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that is cut in dope to give fentanyl longer legs. It's known as "anestesia de caballo" in Puerto Rico and "tranq" in Philly.

Trang was found in over

90%

of dope samples tested in Philly in 2021

Dope with tranq was first seen in Puerto Rico. Today, it is being found in more and more places across the US.



When tranq is mixed with another drug (like fentanyl, heroin, or a benzo), the chance of overdose increases. If someone is overdosing administer naloxone like you normally would. If the person starts breathing again but is still sedated, they don't need more naloxone. Put them in rescue position and keep an eye on them.



Tranq has been associated with severe wounds, which spread and worsen very quickly.



These wounds are seen regardless of how people use: smoking, snorting, or injecting. It's very difficult for these wounds to heal on their own so it is important to get medical attention if you have one.

What can you do if you think there is tranq in your dope?

First, try to ask around and see how the drug is making other people feel before you buy or use it. Since tranq can cause a really heavy nod, try to use somewhere that you will be safe and won't fall and hurt yourself. Finally, if you think there is tranq in your dope let others know--including someone at your local exchange program--so folks know to be careful.

Veterinary--local anesthetic, analgesic or muscle relaxant (CNS depressant)

Adulterant or cutting agent in fentanyl, cocaine or heroin illicit drug samples

Why? Cutting agent (increasing bulk/weight)? Increased effects?

NOT AN OPIOID

NOT RESPONSIVE TO NARCAN





12/6/2022 **Bulletin** Product # 22-107

(U//FOUO) Xylazine a Growing Threat to **Public Health and Safety in Florida**

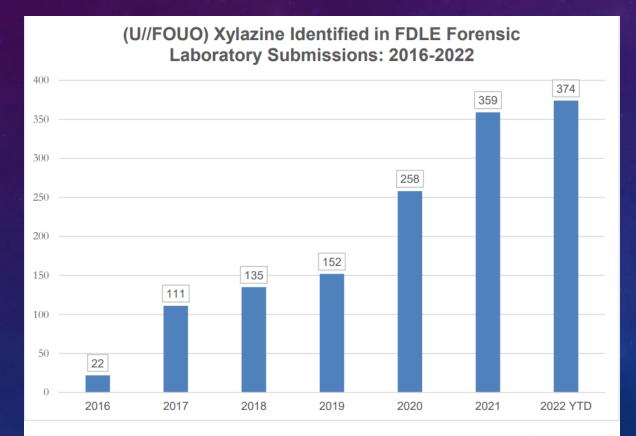
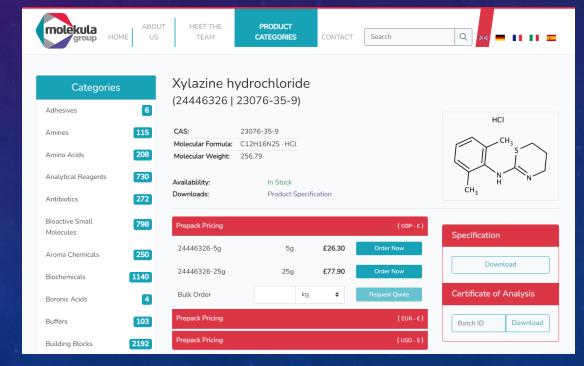


Table 1: (U//FOUO) Xylazine Identified in FDLE Forensic Laboratory Submissions: 2016-20221



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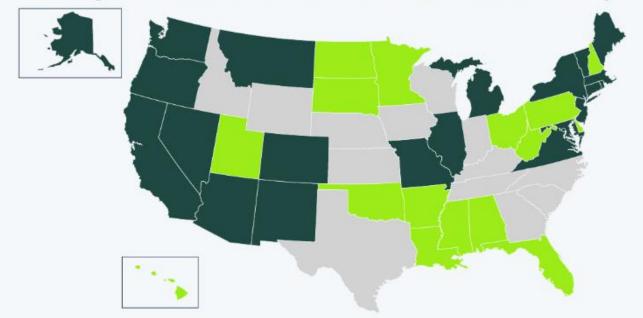


The State of Marijuana Legalization in the U.S.



Laws on recreational and medical marijuana use in the United States

■ Legal recreational & medical use ■ Medical use only



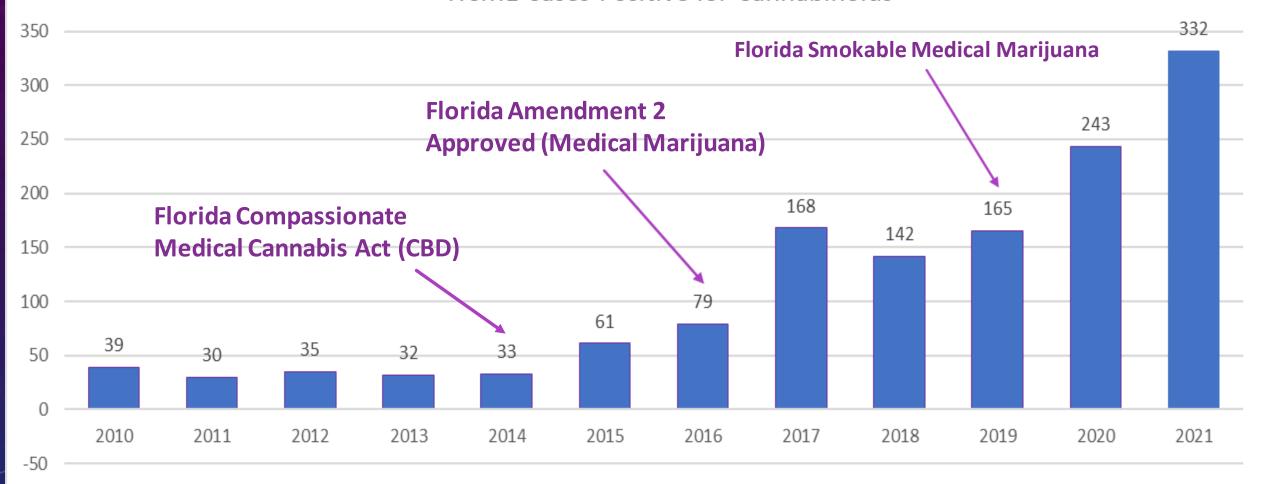
As of Nov 9, 2022. Some states not highlighted allow limited medical marijuana access.

Sources: NORML

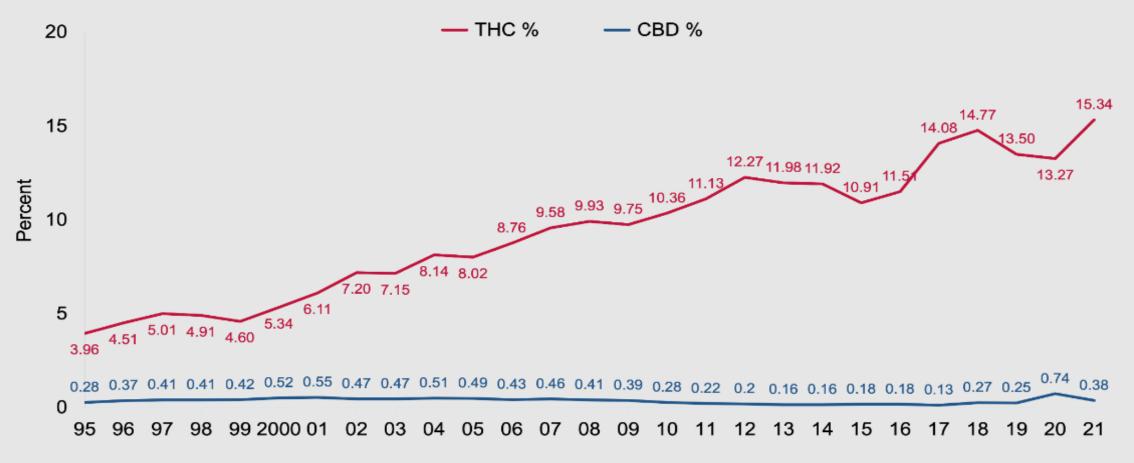




HCME Cases Positive for Cannabinoids



Percentage of THC and CBD in Cannabis Samples Seized by the DEA, 1995-2021



Explosion of Finished Products







Extracts, Concentrates, and Isolates







Smokables













Edibles and Beverages

Supplements

Summary over the items which were analyzed for THC concentration 2019-2020

	Type of matrix	Number of items analysed for concentration		Variation conc THC (%)	Average THC conc (%)	Median THC conc (%)	Amount THC conc (mg/ piece)	Average THC (mg/ piece)	Median THC (mg/piece)
	Gummy bears		292	0,2-4,2	1,2	0,9	2-50	15	12
	Cola bottles		168	0,2-0,6	0,3	0,3	3-10	7	6
	Other gummies		738	0,06-0,2	0,2	0,2	3-30	18	19
	Baked items		222	0,02-0,5	0,2	0,2	3-157	63	58
	Undivided items		5	0,03-0,2	0,08	0,05	24-101	51	44
	Chocolates		38	0,3-0,5	0,4	0,5	29-65	48	48
	Caramells		21	0,08-1,0	0,4	0,2	1-185	71	27
\	Total		1484	0,02-4,2	0,4	0,20	1-185	39	27



SUMMARY

PILL MILL EPIDEMIC REPLACED WITH HEROIN AND FENTANYL EPIDEMIC

FENTANYL AND ANALOGS ARE LACED INTO ILLICIT DRUG SUPPLY AND CLANDESTINE PILLS

POLYSUBSTANCE ABUSE IS COMMON (NOT JUST AN OPIOID PROBLEM)

DEALERS AND USERS DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THEY ARE SELLING OR TAKING

STRESS/ANXIETY/ISOLATION MAKING SUBSTANCE ABUSE MORE RAMPANT

Questions?



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