



Do Drugs Contain What We Think They Contain?

Results from CUSP: The Community Urinalysis and Self-Report Project

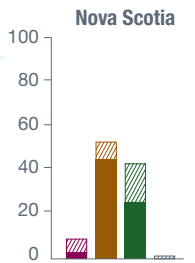
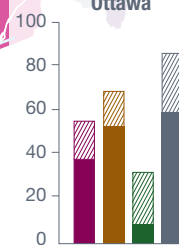
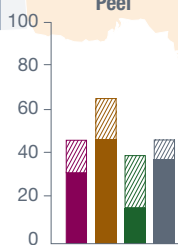
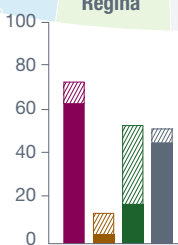
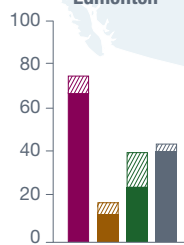
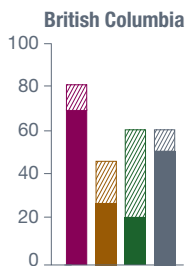
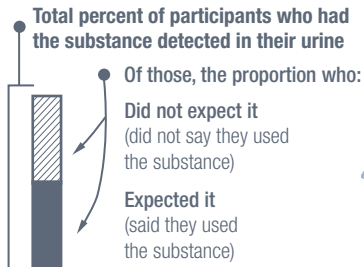
WHAT WE DID

The Takeaway

Drugs from the unregulated market often contain added substances that people who use drugs do not know are there or do not intend to use. **This is a key driver of unintentional drug poisoning and the drug poisoning crisis.**



WHAT WE FOUND



Legend:

- Methamphetamine/Amphetamine
- Cocaine/Crack
- Benzodiazepines
- Fentanyl

● CUSP partner site
● Provincial initiative*

* For more information, see [BCCDC Harm Reduction Client Survey](#) and [Projet suprarégional d'analyse de drogues dans l'urine de personnes qui consomment au Québec](#).



WHAT THIS SHOWS

- There was unexpected use of fentanyl, benzodiazepines and stimulants in every region
- The extent of expected and unexpected use varied greatly by region



WHAT THIS MEANS

- People are being exposed to substances **without their knowledge**
- It is hard to pinpoint how much this is happening because it **varies** across the country and over time
- Our findings are one example that the unregulated drug supply is **unpredictable**
 - There is no quality control so unexpected substances appear and change all the time
 - Even expected drugs occur in unexpected amounts and pose their own risks (not shown here)
 - This makes it difficult to prepare for and prevent emergencies and deaths
- This is driving accidental drug poisoning and our current drug poisoning crisis



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Learn more and tell others about the unpredictable drug supply and unintentional drug exposure
- [Learn how to use naloxone](#) to help address unintentional opioid poisoning
- Engage with your community to help find ways to get ahead of the problem and address its risks

For the latest findings, visit the [CUSP webpage](#).