

**Table 2a: Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Ranking\* of Selected NFLIS Drug Reports Among Drug Items Seized by Law Enforcement in SCS, Local Ranking of Top 10 Most Frequently Identified Drugs in the Nation and Selected Drugs Appearing in SCS Top 10 Drug Reports\*\*, by SCS and U.S. Region, 2014**  
National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)

	Top 10 Most Frequently Identified Drugs in the United States Based on NFLIS National Estimates***										Other Drugs that were Among Top 10 in SCS but Not Ranked in Top 10 Nationally
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
SCS and U.S. Region	Cannabis	Meth-amphetamine	Cocaine	Heroin	Oxy-codone	Alprazolam	Hydro-codone	Buprenorphine	Clonazepam	Amphetamine	Drug (SCS Rank)
<b>Northeast Region</b>											
Maine	6	4	2	1	3	11	10	5	15	15	Alpha-PVP (7); Caffeine (8); Fentanyl (9)
New York City^	2	9	1	3	5	4	14	6	7	13	PCP (8); Methadone (10)
Philadelphia	1	13	2	3	4	5	17	12	10	19	Acetaminophen (6); No controlled drug identified (7); PCP (8); Noncontrolled non-narcotic drug (9)
<b>Midwest Region</b>											
Chicago Metro^	1	9	3	2	14	4	5	23	17	10	BZP (6); PCP (7); MDMA (8)
Wayne County (Detroit Area)	1	11	2	3	7	6	5	12	17	8	No controlled drug identified (4); BZP (9); MDMA (10)
<b>South Region</b>											
Atlanta Metro^	9	1	2	4	6	5	7	31	12	10	Unspecified pharmaceutical preparation (3); Ethylone (8)
Southeastern Florida (Miami Area)^	2	10	1	3	6	4	16	23	19	12	No controlled drug identified (5); Ethylone (7); Alpha-PVP (8); Methylone (9)
Texas^^	2	1	3	4	20	5	7	55	18	12	No controlled drug identified (6); XLR-11 (8); PCP (9); AB-FUBINACA (10)
<b>West Region</b>											
Denver Metro^^	4	1	2	3	6	7	8	23	14	11	Noncontrolled non-narcotic drug (5); MDMA (9); XLR-11 (10)
King County (Seattle Area)	4	1	3	2	6	7	11	18	11	20	Unknown (5); MDMA (8); Methadone (8); Morphine (10)
Los Angeles County	2	1	3	4	11	7	9	41	21	20	Negative results--tested for specific drugs (5); MDMA (6); PCP (8); No controlled drug identified (10)
San Francisco^^	1	2	8	3	4	6	5	15	8	8	Morphine (6)

**NOTES:**

**\*Ranking:** Based on **number** of drug reports. In a tie (i.e., two or more drugs have the same number of reports), drugs are assigned the same ranking and a gap is left in the ranking numbers. Each item is assigned a rank equal to the number of items ranked above it plus one.

**\*\*Drug Report:** Drug that is identified in law enforcement items, submitted to and analyzed by federal, state, or local forensic labs, and included in the NFLIS database.

**\*\*\*Top 10 Most Frequently Identified Drugs in the United States:** The estimates for the 10 most frequently identified drugs are based on total drug reports submitted to laboratories from January 2014 through December 2014 and analyzed by March 31, 2015. National estimates of drug reports are generated by the DEA using the NEAR (National Estimates Based on All Reports) approach.

The NFLIS database allows for the reporting of up to three drugs per item submitted for analysis. The data presented are a total count of first, second, and third listed reports for each selected drug item seized and analyzed.

^**New York City:** NYC MSA (5 boroughs) and NYC Police Department Laboratory; **Chicago Metro:** Chicago MSA (14 counties); **Atlanta Metro:** Atlanta MSA (29 counties); **Southeastern Florida (Miami Area):** Miami MSA (3 counties); **Denver Metro:** Denver Metro Area (9 counties).

^^**Notes about Reporting Labs:** In 2014, there were changes in the police labs reporting to NFLIS in **Texas**, **Denver Metro**, and **San Francisco**. See [Site-Specific Issues with Reporting Police Labs](#) for more information.

**SOURCE:** National Estimates adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, 2015. *National Forensic Laboratory Information System: Year 2014 Annual Report*. Springfield, VA: U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. SCS Drug Reports adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Office of Diversion Control, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Data Analysis Unit. SCS Drug Report data were retrieved from the