

# National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Drug Use Patterns and Trends: SCS Snapshot

The *SCS Snapshot* is prepared by NDEWS Coordinating Center staff and contains graphics that display information on drug use, substance use disorders and treatment, drug poisoning deaths, and drug seizures. The *SCS Snapshots* attempt to harmonize data available for each of the 12 sites by presenting standardized graphics from local treatment admissions and four national data sources:

- ◇ National Survey on Drug Use and Health;
- ◇ Youth Risk Behavior Survey;
- ◇ SCE-provided local treatment admissions data;
- ◇ National Vital Statistics System mortality data queried from CDC WONDER; and
- ◇ National Forensic Laboratory Information System.

The *SCS Snapshots* for each of the 12 Sentinel Community Sites and detailed information about NDEWS can be found on the NDEWS website at [www.ndews.org](http://www.ndews.org).

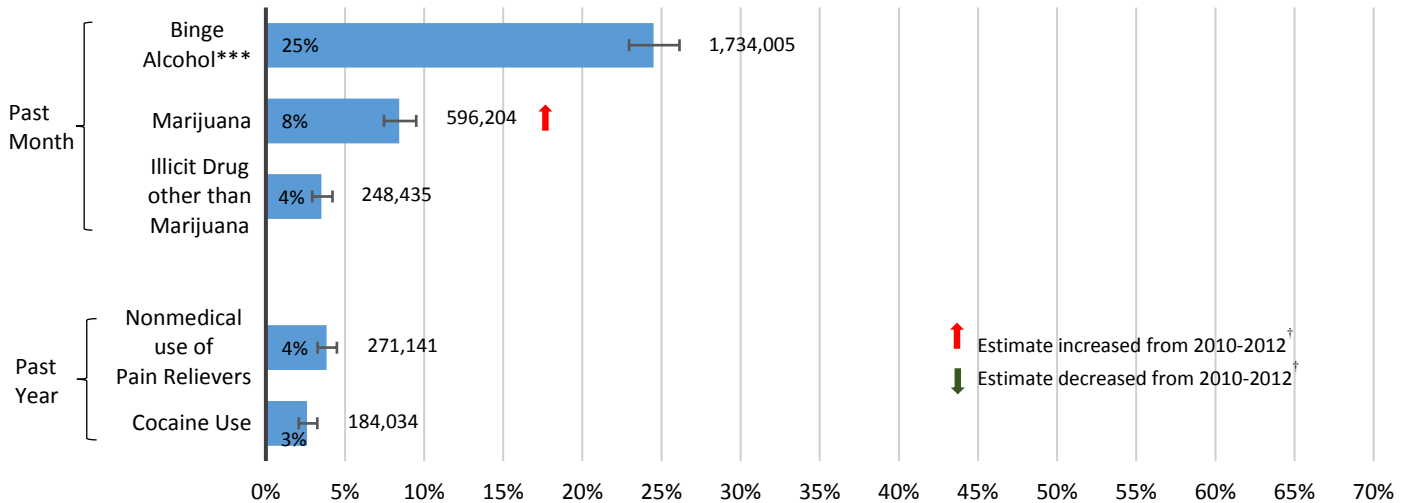
# New York City SCS Snapshot, 2016

## Substance Use

### National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH): Survey of U.S. Population\*

#### Persons 12+ Years Reporting Selected Substance Use, New York City<sup>^</sup>, 2012-2014

Estimated Percent, 95% Confidence Interval, and Estimated Number of Persons\*\*



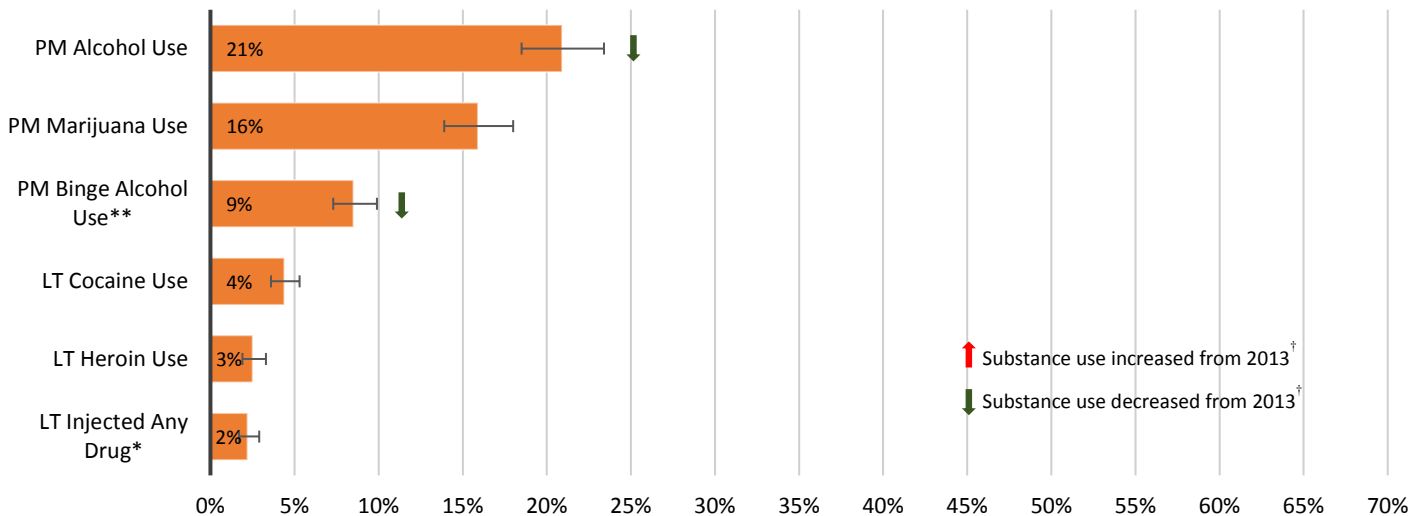
\*U.S. Population: U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. <sup>^</sup>New York City: NSDUH Region A (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, & Richmond counties). \*\*Estimated Number: Calculated by multiplying the prevalence rate and the population estimate of persons 12+ years (7,075,349) from Table C1 of the NSDUH Report. \*\*\*Binge Alcohol: Defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion. †Statistically significant change: p<0.05.

Source: Adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by SAMHSA, NSDUH. Annual averages based on combined 2012 to 2014 NSDUH data.

### Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS): Survey of Student Population

#### Public High-School Students Reporting Lifetime (LT) or Past Month (PM) Use of Selected Substances, New York City, 2015

Estimated Percent and 95% Confidence Interval



\*LT Injected Drug: Defined as ever using a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life.

\*\*PM Binge Alcohol Use: Defined as having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row (within a couple of hours on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey).

†Statistically significant change: p<0.05 by t-test.

See *Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Data Tables and Overview & Limitations* section for more information regarding the data.

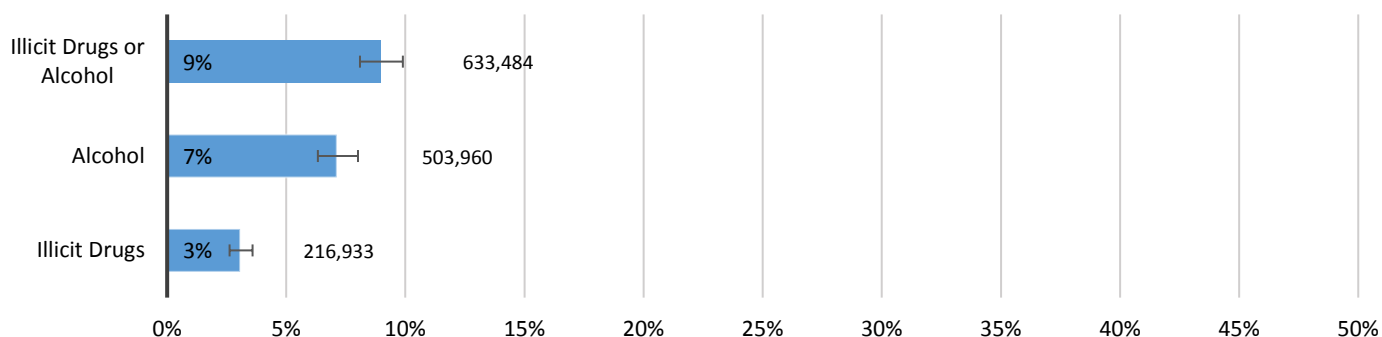
Source: Adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by CDC, 1991-2015 High School YRBS data.

# Substance Use Disorders and Treatment

## National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH): Survey of U.S. Population\*

### Substance Use Disorders\*\* in Past Year Among Persons 12+, New York City^, 2012-2014

Estimated Percent, 95% Confidence Interval, and Estimated Number of Persons\*\*



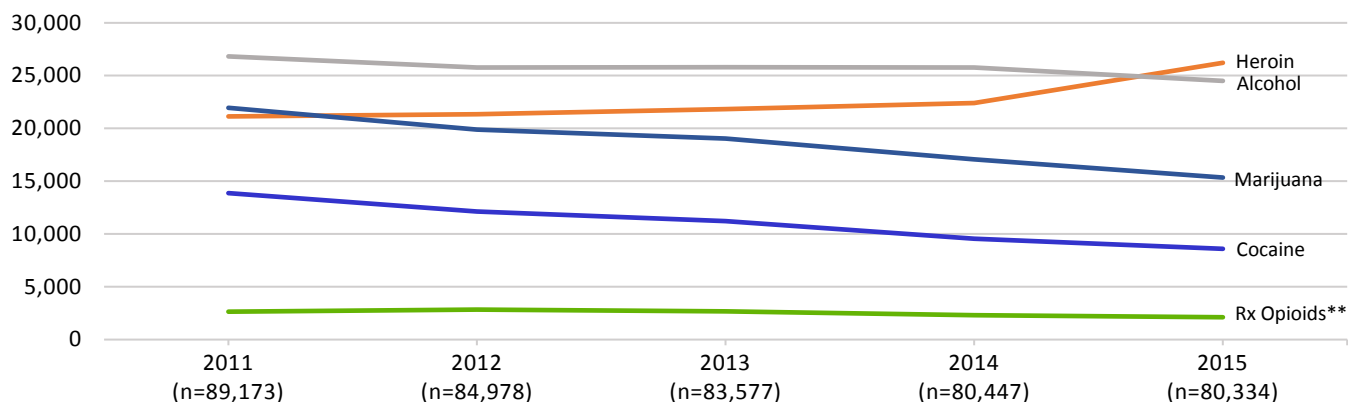
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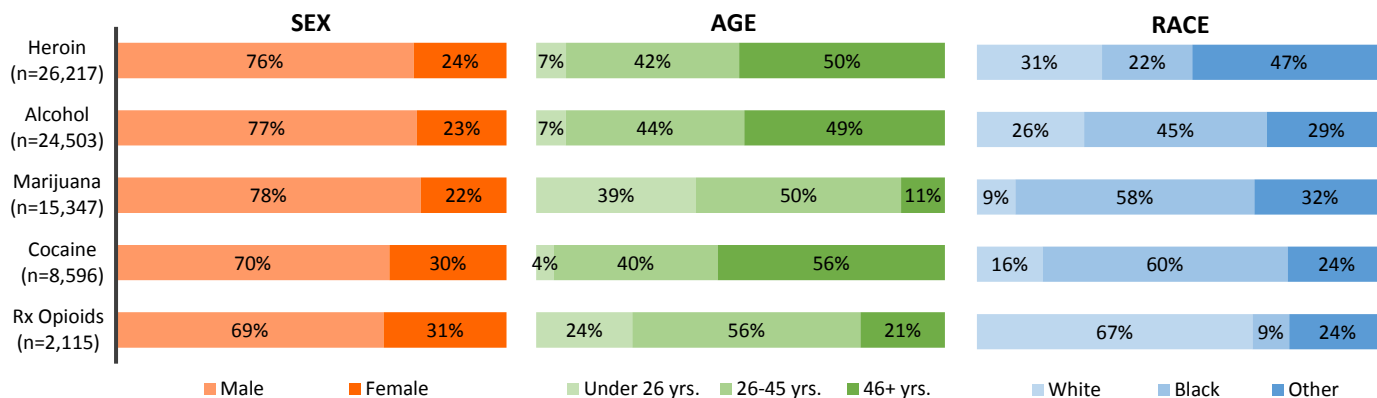
## Treatment Admissions Data from Local Sources

### Trends in Non-Crisis Treatment Admissions\*, by Primary Substance of Abuse, New York City, 2011-2015

(n = Number of Treatment Admissions)



### Demographic Characteristics of Non-Crisis Treatment Admissions\*, New York City, 2015



\*Non-Crisis Treatment Admissions: Includes non-crisis admissions to outpatient, inpatient, residential, and methadone maintenance treatment programs licensed in the State. \*\*Rx Opioids: Includes non-prescription methadone, buprenorphine, other synthetic opiates, and OxyContin. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. See *Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Data Tables and Overview & Limitations* section for more information regarding the data.

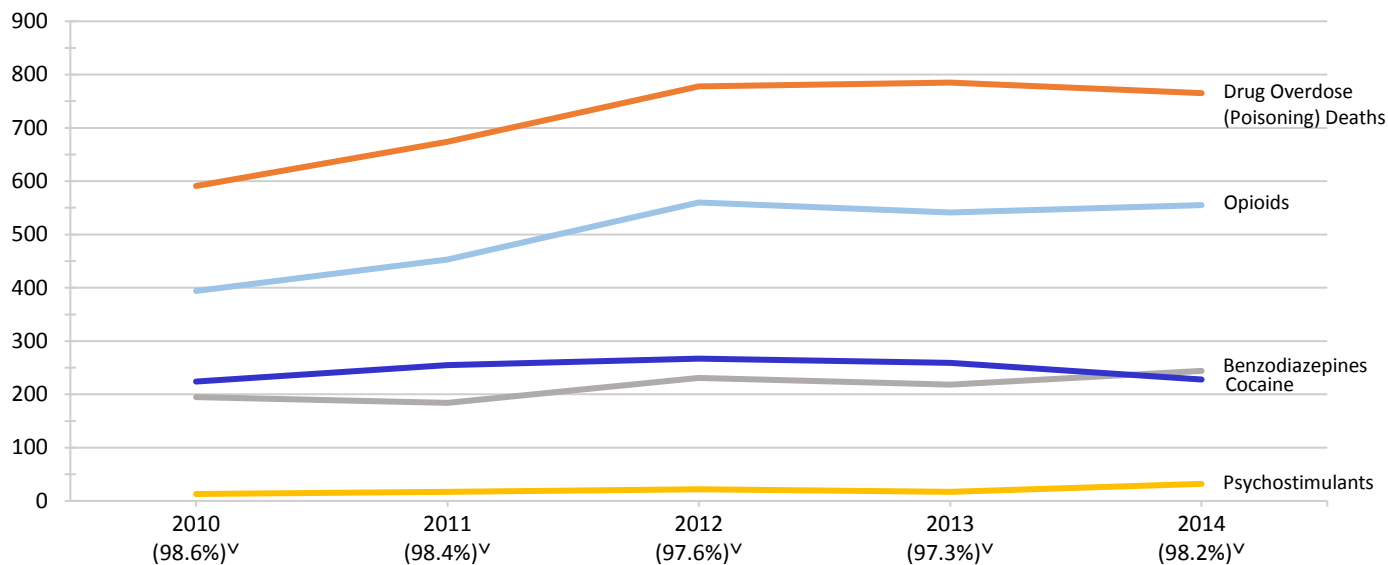
Source: Data provided to the New York City NDEWS SCE by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Client Data System accessed May 2016 from Local Governmental Unit (LGU) Inquiry Reports.

# Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths

National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) via CDC WONDER

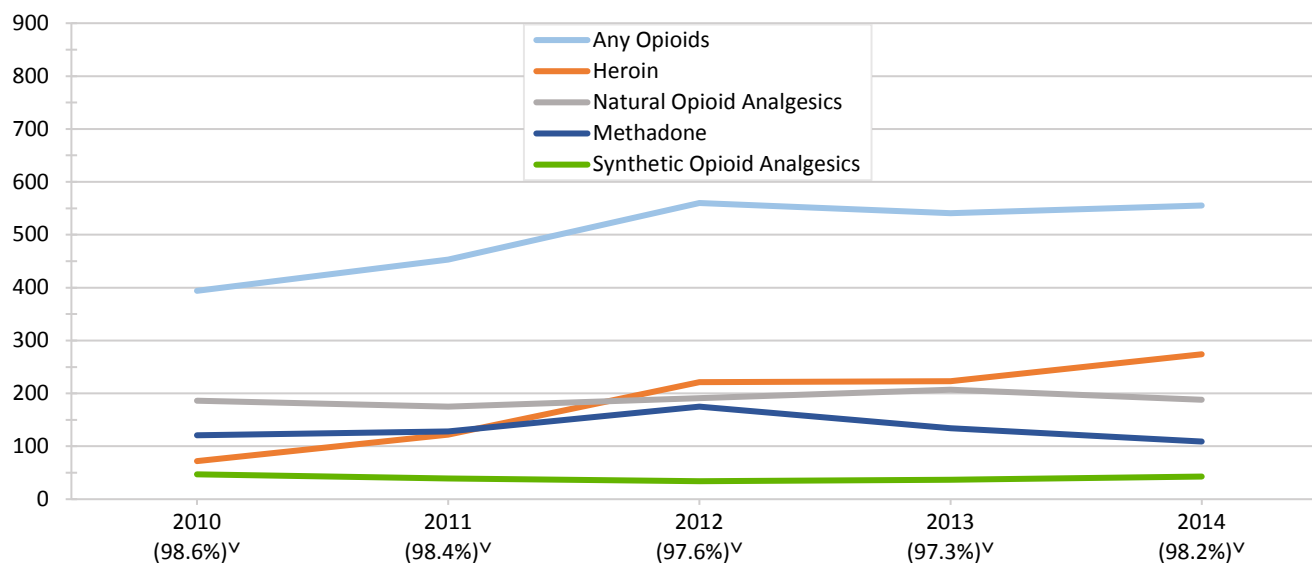
## Trends in Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths\*, by Drug\*\*, New York City^, 2010–2014

(Number of Deaths and Percent of Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths with Drug(s) Specified^v)



## Trends in Opioid Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths\*, by Opioid, New York City^, 2010–2014

(Number of Deaths, by Drug\*\* and Percent of Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths with Drug(s) Specified^v)



\*Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths: Defined as deaths with ICD-10 underlying cause-of-death (UCOD) codes: X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, and Y10-Y14. \*\*Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths, by Drug: Drug overdose (poisoning) deaths with ICD-10 multiple cause-of-death (MCOD) T-codes: Benzodiazepines (T42.4); Cocaine (T40.5); Psychostimulants with Abuse Potential [excluding cocaine] (T43.6)—may include amphetamines, caffeine, MDMA, methamphetamine, and/or methylphenidate; Any Opioids (T40.0-T40.4, OR T40.6). Specific opioids are defined: Opium (T40.0); Heroin (T40.1); Natural Opioid Analgesics (T40.2)—may include morphine, codeine, and semi-synthetic opioid analgesics, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and oxymorphone; Methadone (T40.3); Synthetic Opioid Analgesics [excluding methadone] (T40.4)—may include drugs such as tramadol and fentanyl; and Other and Unspecified Narcotics (T40.6). ^New York City: Comprised of Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Counties. ^vPercent of Drug Overdose (Poisoning) Deaths with Drug(s) Specified: The percentage of drug overdose (poisoning) deaths with specific drugs mentioned varies considerably by state/catchment area. This statistic describes the annual percentage of drug overdose (poisoning) deaths that include at least one ICD-10 MCOD code in the range T36-T50.8. See *Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Data Tables and/or Overview & Limitations* for additional information on mortality data.

**Source:** Adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics, Multiple cause of death 1999-2014, available on the CDC WONDER Online Database, released 2015. Data compiled in the Multiple cause of death 1999-2014 were provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Retrieved between December 2015 - May 2016, from <http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html>

# Law Enforcement Drug Seizures

## National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)

### Drug Reports\* for Items Seized by Law Enforcement in New York City^ in 2015 DEA National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)

Top 10 Drug Reports and Selected Drug Categories

Drug Identified	Number (#)	Percent of Total Drug Reports (%)
<b>TOTAL Drug Reports</b>	<b>41,880</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Top 10 Drug Reports</b>		
Cocaine	13,989	33.4%
Cannabis	12,333	29.4%
Heroin	6,680	16.0%
Oxycodone	1,744	4.2%
Alprazolam	1,660	4.0%
Buprenorphine	772	1.8%
Phencyclidine	569	1.4%
Methamphetamine	532	1.3%
Clonazepam	494	1.2%
Methadone	369	0.9%
<b>Top 10 Total</b>	<b>39,142</b>	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>Selected Drugs/Drug Categories</b>		
Opioids	10,312	24.6%
Fentanyl	214	0.5%
Other Fentanyl***	6	<0.1%
Synthetic Cannabinoids	56	0.1%
Synthetic Cathinones	15	<0.1%
Piperazines	14	<0.1%
Tryptamines	3	<0.1%
2C Phenethylamines	0	0.0%

Top 5 Drugs, by Selected Drug Category  
(% of Category)\*\*

**Synthetic Cannabinoids**  
(n=56)

- AB-CHIMINACA (25%)
- AB-FUBINACA (20%)
- XLR-11 (20%)
- FUB-PB-22 (9%)
- NM2201 (9%)
- Other (18%)

**Synthetic Cathinones**  
(n=15)

- Ethylone (87%)
- Butylone (7%)
- Pentylone (7%)

**Piperazine**  
(n=14)

- BZP (100%)

\*Drug Reports: 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. 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: Includes data from 5 boroughs in the New York City MSA and data from the New York City Police Department Laboratory.

\*\*Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. \*\*\*Other Fentanyl are substances that are structurally related to fentanyl (e.g., acetylfentanyl and butyryl fentanyl). See *Notes About Data Terms* in *Overview and Limitations* section for full list of Other Fentanyl that were reported to NFLIS during the January to December 2015 timeframe. See *Sentinel Community Site (SCS) Data Tables* and *Overview & Limitations* for more information regarding the data.

Source: Adapted by the NDEWS Coordinating Center from data provided by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Diversion Control Division, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Data Analysis Unit. Data were retrieved from the NFLIS Data Query System (DQS) on May 18, 2016.