

Rapid Analysis of Drugs

April - June 2026 Highlights

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Results are based on **1,238 drug samples** collected from Opioid Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach ([OADPOP](#)) participants and found items. While drug checking provides valuable information, it does not give us a complete picture of the drug supply.

- **The drug supply varies by region and changes quickly**, increasing risk and complicating overdose response and withdrawal management.
- In this report, about **half of samples came from Baltimore City, followed by Charles County (27%), Allegany (6%), and Calvert (6%)**; all other counties accounted for less than 5% of the sample size.
- Participants may optionally report what they intended to purchase, and this information was available for approximately one-third of samples (n=378).

Opioids (642 samples)

- Of the samples containing an opioid, **96% contained fentanyl**
- 5% of samples contained heroin
- There was **an average of 4.25 drugs** found in samples containing an opioid
- 95% of samples sold as an opioid (n=280) contained other substances: *fillers (48%), sedatives (23%), anesthetics (17%), caffeine (23%), cocaine (12%)*.

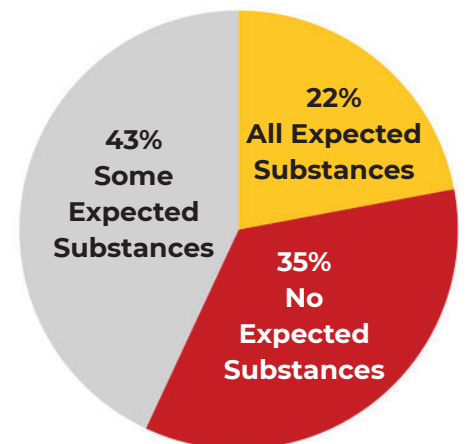
Cocaine (350 samples)

- There was **an average of 3.2 drugs** found in samples containing cocaine
- Of the samples sold as cocaine (n=62), 80% contained only cocaine.

Methamphetamine (114 samples)

- There was **an average of 2.5 drugs** found in samples containing methamphetamine
- Of the samples sold as methamphetamine (n=38), $\frac{1}{3}$ contained only meth, $\frac{1}{3}$ contained no active drug, the rest contained cocaine only

Intent to Purchase



- A third of samples from April - June had intent to purchase data.
- 1 out of every 5 samples fully matched what the person intended to purchase.
- **Nearly 4 out of every 5 samples contained something the person did not expect.**
- 35% did not have any drugs the person intended to buy.

Maryland's unregulated drug market changes quickly in unpredictable ways. It is important to use precautions like carrying naloxone and using test strips.

Never Use Alone

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**TEST YOUR
DRUGS**



**CARRY
NALOXONE**



**PROVIDE
RESCUE
BREATHS**



**START LOW
AND GO SLOW**



**TELL SOMEONE
YOU'RE USING**