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# Sistema Nacional de Información de Laboratorios Forenses (NFLIS)



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Administración del control de drogas de Estados Unidos

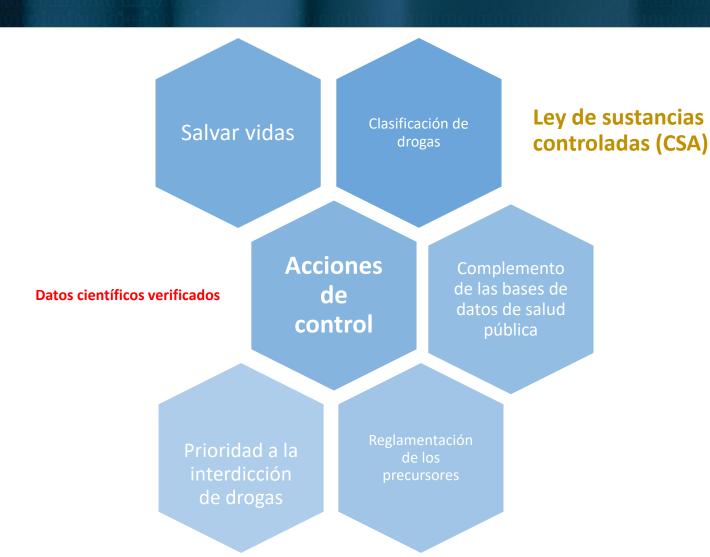
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NATIONAL FORENSIC LABORATORY
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## NFLIS-Drug

Recoge los resultados de los análisis de drogas de los laboratorios de investigación criminal en los ámbitos federal, estatal y local

## DRUG

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Las oficinas de los médicos forenses informan sobre las muertes en las que se detectaron drogas

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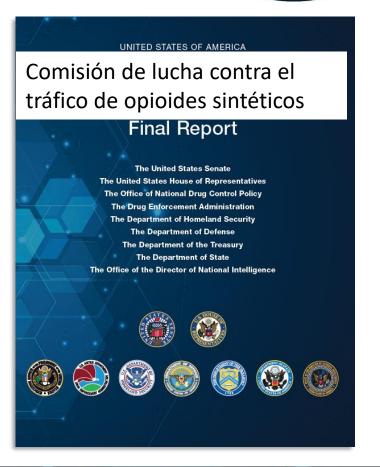
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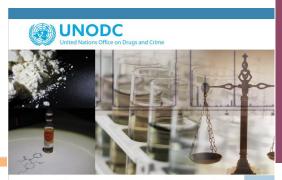
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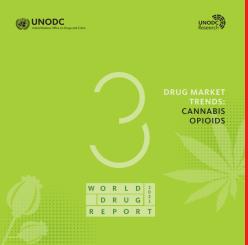


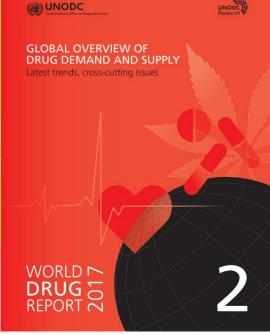


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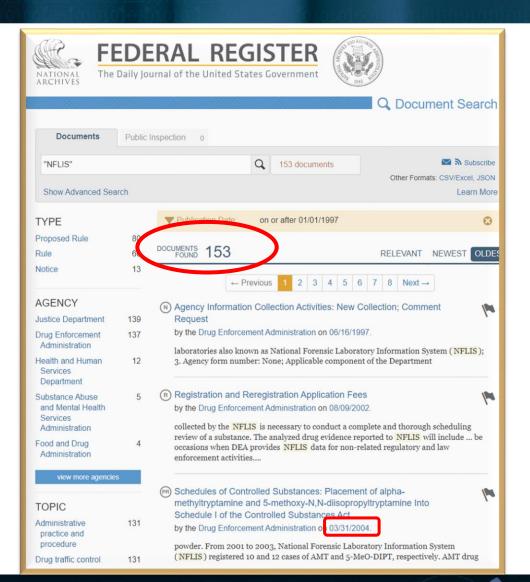




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## Servicios públicos del sistema NFLIS - Acciones de control de apoyo





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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Drug Enforcement Administration** 

#### 21 CFR Part 1308

[Docket No. DEA-900]

Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Butonitazene Metodesnitazene, Metonitazene Pyrroliding etonitazene, and

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. ACTION: Temporary amendment: temporary scheduling order.

Enforcement Administration is issuing this temporary order to schedule seven synthetic benzimidazole-opioid substances, as identified in this order, in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. This action is based on a finding by the Administrator that the placement of these seven substances in schedule I is necessary to avoid imminent hazard to the public safety. As a result of this order, the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances will be imposed on persons who handle (manufacture. distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle these seven specified controlled substances.

DATES: This temporary scheduling order is effective April 12, 2022, until April 12, 2024. If this order is extended or document in the Federal Register. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrence L. Roos, Ph.D., Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Diversion

Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 362–3249. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

issues a temporary scheduling order 1

a Though DEA has used the term "final order" with respect to temporary scheduling orders in the past, this order adheres to the statutory language of 21 U.S.C. 811(h), which refers to a "temporary

(in the form of a temporary amendment) The then-Acting Administrator to add the following seven substances, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, to schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA):

- 2-(2-(4-butoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1Hbenzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1 amine (butonitazene), 2-(2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-1H-
- benzimidazol-1-vl)-N.N-diethylethan-1amine (etodesnitazene; etazene), N.N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-
- nitro-1H-benzímidazol-1-yl)ethan-1amine (flunitazene), N.N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-
- methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1 vl)ethan-1-amine (metodesnitazene)
- N.N-diethyl-2-(2-(4methoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1Hbenzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine (metonitazene)
- 2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1-(2benzimidazole (N-pyrrolidino
- etonitazene; etonitazepyne), and
   N,N-diethyl-2-(5-nitro-2-(4poxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1 vl)ethan-1-amine (protonitazene).

The CSA provides the Attorney General (as delegated to the Administrator of DEA (Administrator) pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100) with the authority to temporarily place a substance in schedule I of the CSA for two years without regard to the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 811(b), if the inistrator finds that such action is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety. 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1) In addition, if proceedings to control a substance are initiated under 21 U.S.C. 811(a)(1) while the substance is temporarily controlled under section 811(h), the Administrator may extend the temporary scheduling for up to one vear, 21 H.S.C. 811(h)(2)

Where the necessary findings are made, a substance may be temporarily scheduled if it is not listed in any other schedule under 21 U.S.C. 812, and if there is no exemption or approval in effect for the substance under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. 21 U.S.C. 355, 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1); 21 CFR part 1308.

The CSA requires the Administrator to notify the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of an intent to place a substance in schedule I of the CSA temporarily (i.e., to issue a temporary scheduling order), 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(4), transmitted the required notice to the Assistant Secretary for Health of HHS (Assistant Secretary),2 by letter dated June 16, 2021, regarding butonitazene, etodesnitazene, flunitazene, metodesnitazene, metonitazene, and protonitazene. In a subsequent letter dated Anoust 25, 2021, the Administrator transmitted the required notice to the Assistant Secretary regarding N-pyrrolidino etonitazene The Assistant Secretary responded to these notices by letters dated July 7 and September 10, 2021, and advised that, based on a review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there are currently no investigational new drug applications (INDs) or approved new drug applications (NDAs) for butonitazene, etodesnitazene, flunitazene, metodesnitazene, metonitazene, N-pyrrolidino etonitazene, and protonitazene. The Assistant Secretary also stated that HHS had no objection to the temporary placement of these substances in

DEA has taken into consideration the Assistant Secretary's comments as required by subsection 811(h)(4). Butonitazene, etodesnitazene, flunitazene, metodesnitazene, metonitazene. N-pyrrolidino etonitazene, and protonitazene currently are not listed in any schedule under the CSA, and no exemptions or approvals under 21 U.S.C. 355 are in effect for these seven benzimidazole-opioids. DEA has found that the control of these seven benzimidazole-opioids in schedule I on a temporary basis is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety As required by 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1)(A),

schedule I of the CSA.

DEA published a notice of intent (NoI) to temporarily schedule butonitazene, etodesnitazene, flunitazene. metodesnitazene, metonitazene, Npyrrolidino etonitazene, and onitazene on December 7, 2021, 86 FR 69182. That NoI discussed findings from DEA's three-factor analysis dated November 2021, which DEA made available on www.regulations.gov.

To find that temporarily placing a substance in schedule I of the CSĂ is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety, the Administrator must consider three of the eight factors set forth in 21 U.S.C. 811(c): The substance's history and current pattern of abuse: the scope, duration and significance of abuse; and what, if any,

"The Secretary of HHS has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Health of HHS the author to make domestic drug scheduling recommendations, 58 FR 35460, July 1, 1993.

Federal Register/Vol. 88, No. 142/Wednesday, July 26, 2023/Rules and Regulations 48112 various projects. A tool manufacture sends the influencer an expensive fullsize lathe in the hone that the influencer uses the lathe for several products and comments favorably about it in videos If a significant minority of viewers are likely unaware that the influencer received the lathe free of charge, the woodworker should clearly and conspicuously disclose receiving it for free, a fact that could affect the lity that viewers attach to the endorsements. The manufacturer should advise the woodworker at the time it provides the lathe that this connection should be disclosed, and it should have reasonable procedures in place to monitor the influencer's postings for compliance and follow those procedures, (See § 255.1(d).) (8) Example 8. An online community

has a section dedicated to discussions o robotic products. Community members ask and answer questions and otherwise exchange information and opinions about robotic products and developments. Unbeknownst to this community, an employee of a leading home robot manufacturer has been posting messages on the discussion board promoting the manufacturer's new product. Knowledge of this poster's weight or credibility of the should clearly and conspicuously disclose their relationship to the manufacturer. To limit its own liability for such posts, the employer should employees. To the extent that the endorsements or otherwise has reason t know about them, it should also be monitoring them and taking other steps to ensure compliance. (See § 255.1(d).) example would apply equally to the product on retail websites or review

up to be part of a program in which points are awarded each time a articipant posts on social media about particular advertiser's products. Participants can then exchange their points for prizes, such as concert tickets or electronics. These incentives would materially affect the weight or credibility of the college student's endorsements. They should be clearl and conspicuously disclosed, and the dvertiser should take stens to ensure (10) Example 10 Creat Paper

commissioned and paid for the analysi nackaging that has a seal of approval from the No Chlorine Products of its and competing services, it should Association, a non-profit third-party clearly and conspicuously disclose its the No Chlorine Products Association a because the relationship would likely be material to consumers in evaluating the easonable fee for the evaluation of its product and its manufacturing process claim. If the "Data Speed Testing Consumers would reasonably expect Company" is not a bona fide that marketers have to pay for this kind independent testing organization with of certification. Therefore, there is no expertise in judging ISP speeds or it did unexpected material connection not conduct valid tests that supported between the company and the the endorsement message, the endorsement would also be deceptive without disclosure of the fee paid to the (See § 255.3(c)(3))

§ 255.6 Endorsements directed to children creates a blog that reviews coffee Endorsements in advertisements addressed to children may be of special independently of the marketers of the concern because of the character of the coffee makers but includes affiliate link udience. Practices that would not to websites on which consumers can ordinarily be questioned in advertisements addressed to adults buy these products from their marketers Whenever a consumer clicks on such a might be questioned in such cases. link and buys the product, the blogger Ry direction of the Commission

ssociation would not be decentive

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visitors give to the blogger's reviews, th

beginning of a podcast, the host reads

dentifying the advertiser as a sponsor

listeners would likely still expect that

payment for the commercial. Depending

pon the language of the commercial,

however, the audience may believe that

the host is expressing their own views

post. The fact that the host did not have

to make a disclosure in the podcast has

no bearing on whether there has to be

a disclosure in the social media nost

(13) Example 13. An app develope

gives a consumer a game app to review

conspicuously discloses in the review

that they were given the app, which

normally costs 99 cents, for free. That

disclosure suggests that the consumer

review. If the app developer also gave

the consumer \$50 for the review, the

mere disclosure that the app was free

(14) Example 14. Speed Ways, an

ternet Service Provider, advertises

that it has the "Fastest ISP Service" as

determined by the "Data Speed Testing

did not receive anything else for the

in the commercial, in which case the

host would need to hold the views

(ii) Assume that the host also

expressed. (See § 255.0(b).)

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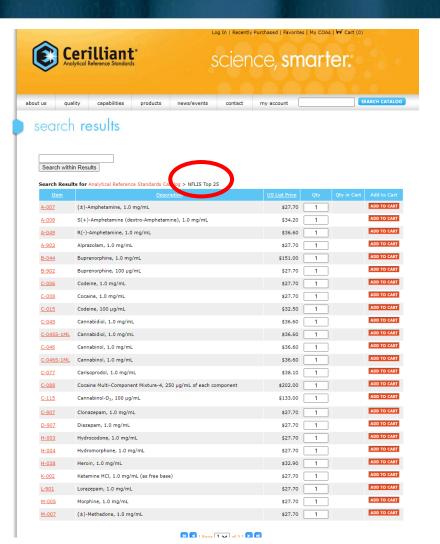
#### 21 CFR Part 1308 [Docket No. DEA-989]

Schedules of Controlled Substances Temporary Placement of Etizolam Flualprazolam, Clonazolam,

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice ACTION: Temporary amendment temporary scheduling order.

SUMMARY: The Administrator of the Drug this temporary order to schedule five etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam flubromazolam, and diclazepam, in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. This action is based on a finding by these five substances in schedule I is the public safety. As a result of this order, the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal anctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances will be imposed on persons who handle (manufacture distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct

# Repercusiones del sistema NFLIS en el sector privado





J.S. Department of U.S.

Clinical Update: August 2023

#### SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS

Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) are a diverse group of synthetic substances created to mimic the effects of prescription or illicit drugs that are often abused. There are various classes of NPS including synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic stimulants, designer opioids, designer benzodiazepines, hallucinogens/dissociatives, and others. NPS may change frequently as legislation to control specific chemical structures or classes of NPS is introduced. Once an NPS has been deemed a controlled substance, often new, modified, non-regulated NPS appear. This remains a challenge for regulatory and enforcement agencies, monitoring institutions, clinical and toxicology laboratories, as well as healthcare providers.

Synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic stimulants were among the first classes of NPS available in the United States. However, reports of detection of these two classes of NPS have been declining in recent years (Figure 1). This is likely due to legislation that targets specific chemical structures and entire classes of substances. In 2021, China, often a source of synthetic drugs, issued a class-wide ban of synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists.

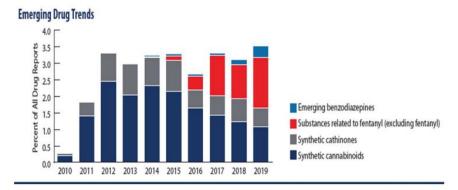


Figure 1. National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)-Drug

## Repercusiones del NFLIS - Política estatal en materia de drogas

LOUISIANA OPIOID SURVEILLANCE INITIATIVE **Bureau of Health Informatics** 



#### NATIONAL FORENSIC LABORATORY INFORMATION SYSTEM (NFLIS)

March 2019

The National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) is a program that systematically collects drug chemistry analysis results from cases where drugs have been seized in law enforcement operations and analyzed by state, local, and federal forensic laboratories. NFLIS data provide valuable information related to the types of substances found in illegal markets and changes in substances over time, but the NFLIS system is not a reliable source for tracking trends in volume or quantity of drugs in the state. Laboratories can only analyze samples that are sent to them, meaning there may be an undercount of identified drugs if all law enforcement agencies do not send all samples to the lab. Different labs may also have varying procedures for handling drug evidence; some labs analyze all evidence submitted, whereas others only analyze selected drugs.

### **CDC HEALTH UPDATE**

Distributed via the CDC Health Alert Network August 25, 2016, 15:15 ET (3:15 PM ET)

Influx of Fentanyl-laced Counterfeit Pills and Toxic Fentanyl-related Compounds Further Increases Risk of Fentanyl-related Overdose and Fatalities

On October 26, 2015, CDC issued HAN 384 (http://emergency.cdc.gov/har/han00384.asp) that alerted (1) public health departments, health care professionals, first responders, and medical examiners and coroners of the increase in fentanylrelated unintentional overdose fatalities in multiple states primarily driven by illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF) (i.e., nonpharmaceutical fentanyl); (2) provided recommendations for improving detection of fentanyl-related overdose outbreaks and (3) encouraged states to expand access to naloxone and training for administering naloxone to reduce opioid

The purpose of this HAN update is to alert public health departments, health care professionals, first responders, and medical examiners and coroners to new developments that have placed more people at risk for fentanyl-involved overdoses from IMF and may increase the risk of non-fatal and fatal overdose. These developments include the following (1) a sharp increase in the availability of counterfeit pills containing varying amounts of fentanyl and fentanyl-related compounds (e.g., labeled as Dxycodone, Xanax, and Norco), (2) the potential for counterfeit pills containing fentanyl-fentanyl-related compounds to be broadly distributed across the United States which could impact states not previously impacted by IMF and persons using diverted prescription pills (i.e., licit drugs diverted for illicit purposes and involves the diversion of drugs from legal and medically necessary uses towards uses that are illegal and typically not medically authorized or necessary)[1]. (3) the widening array of toxic fentanyl-related compounds being mixed with heroin or sold a heroin, including extremely toxic analogs such as carfentanil, and (4) continued increases in the supply and distribution of IMF (http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/fentanyl-le-reports.html).

Background
In July 2016, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a nationwide report indicating that hundreds of thousands of counterfeit pills have been entering the U.S. drug market since 2014, some containing deadly amounts of fentanyl and fentanyl analogs [2]. Traditionally, fentanyl and fentanyl analogs in the illicit market have been mixed into heroin or sold as heroin, often without the knowledge of the consumer, and have primarily impacted areas where white provided heroin is prevalent, including the Northeast, Midwest, and Southeast regions of the United States. The influx of counterfeit pills, which closely resemble oxycodone [2,3], Xanax [3], and Norco [4,5], has increased the chance of fentanyl-involved overdoses among persons misusing prescription oploids or benzodiazepines who seek diverted medications on the illicit market [2], in addition to persons who inject, sniff, or snort drugs. Persons who misuse prescription pills are geographically widespread; thus, the potential risk for fentanyl overdose has spread beyond those regions previously known to be impacted by IMF, and could intensify the impact in regions already affected by IMF.

The supply distribution, and potency of illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl-related compounds in the U.S. drug market is evolving. Carfentanii, an extremely potent fentanyl analog, has been detected in at least one state [6,7] and is currently being investigated as a possibility in a few other locations [8]. Designed in 1974, carfentanil was previously used currently being investigated vast as a possibility in a few offer locitoria. [8]. Designed in 1974, carfordian was previously used exclusively for revellenary use with large animals and opproved for use in humans, as it has been shown to be 100 times more potent that charactery in a nimit along the properties. (Puther Intelligent properties of the properties of the DEA National Forensia Laboratory Information System (Extremely), which systematically collects day be used used to National Forensia charactery and the properties of the properties 2015[9,10,11], and in 2016, NFLIS reported increasing drug submissions testing positive for furanyl fentanyl (244 drug submissions from January to July 2016) [9]. States should be vigilant about the possibility of highly toxic fentanyl-related compounds becoming available in the illicit drug market, as well as other highly toxic synthetic opioid derivatives, such as



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**ABOUT** 

The National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) is a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) program that systematically collects drug chemistry analysis results, as well as other related information, from cases analyzed by state, local and federal forensic laboratories. These laboratories analyze substances secured in law enforcement operations across the country. NFLIS offers a valuable resource for monitoring illegal drug abuse and trafficking, including the diversion of legally manufactured pharmaceutical drugs into illegal markets.

To assist law enforcement and public health in monitoring illegal drug abuse and trafficking, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy created an online search tool of NFLIS data collected by forensic laboratories in Ohio.

> Ohio Drug Lab Statistics



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## Disponibilidad/accesibilidad del sistema NFLIS







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#### **Department of Justice**

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## National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) Public Data Sets

Metadata Updated: November 28, 2023

NFLIS data provides the community with midyear and annual reports highlighting trends in seized drug data submitted to and analyzed in laboratories. The tables report results by frequently reported substances, by geography, and by year. The tables are publicly posted to provide easy access to the most frequently requested NFLIS data.

NFLIS began in September 1997 as a single data collection effort of drug chemistry analysis results from by local, State, and Federal forensic laboratories (now called NFLIS-Drug). These laboratories analyze substances secured in law enforcement operations across the country. NFLIS-Drug includes voluntary participation from 50 State systems and 111 local or municipal laboratories/laboratory systems. The NFLIS-Drug Snapshots highlight new and emerging drugs, and the public data tables show drug reports by state from 2007 through present.

## Sitio web del Sistema NFLIS – Panel de información y herramientas de análisis





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## NATIONAL FORENSIC LABORATORY INFORMATION SYSTEM

#### **NFLIS-Drug DQS Queries**

The NFLIS-Drug DQS can generate useful data sets aggregated and filtered across multiple variables of the NFLIS-Drug data. Data can either be analyzed ad hoc or use predefined analysis queries and reports.

Analysis types include the following:

- · All drugs selected individually or by drug group(s)
- · Top 25 drugs reported to NFLIS-Drug
- · Individual base drugs
- · Drug categories (e.g., synthetic cannabinoids)

Query results are rendered in a separate browser window in a customizable Microsoft Excel-like grid format. Users can hide unneeded columns or move other columns, such as "time period being reported," to create a cross-tab of the original data set. Once the data are shaped to the user's preferences, they can then be exported and downloaded in either Excel or text formats and used to support the user's objectives.



#### The analysis of NFLIS-Drug DQS data can have a number of benefits, including

- · In-depth analysis of data for your own laboratory
- . Comparisons with national, regional, and State numbers
- · Identification and tracking of emerging drugs, including those in adjacent jurisdictions and States

#### NFLIS-DRUG FORENSIC LABORATORIES WITH DRUG CHEMISTRY SECTIONS



DISTINCT DRUG CASES SUBMITTED TO STATE AND LOCAL LABORATORIES FROM JANUARY 1, 2022. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

#### 648,738

Drug cases from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, identified an estimated 1.181,750 drug reports.

Methamphetamine was the most frequently identified drug (29%). Fentanyl was the most frequently identified narcotic analgesic. alprazolam was the most frequently identified tranquilzer/depressant, and MDMB-en-PINACA was the most frequently identified synthetic cannabinoid

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#### 9 NEW NFLIS-DRUG REPORTS

The following 9 drugs were reported for the first time between July 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023:

- · 3'4'-Methylenedioxy-alpha-dimethylamino-isovalerophenone
- · 3'4'-Methylenedioxy-alpha-ethylamino-isovalerophenone
- Cannabidibutol
- CHO-4'Me-5'Br-FUBOXPYRA
- Delta-9-THCP
- Ethyleneoxynitazene
- · N-Desethyl etonitazene
- NMDMSB
- ortho-Methyl-1-boc-4-AP

NFLIS-Drug Snapshot (September 2023)

NFLIS-DRUG 2022 ANNUAL REPORT FINDINGS:

#### **Top 25**

Most Frequently Identified Drugs Submitted to laboratories from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and analyzed by March 31,

Methamphetamine:	341,049
Cocaine:	169,972
Fentanyl:	163,201
Cannabis/THC:	146,631
Heroin:	41.227

NFLIS began in September 1997 as a single data collection effort of drug chemistry analysis results from local, State, and Federal forensic laboratories (now called NFLIS-Drug). These laboratories analyze substances secured in law enforcement operations across the country. Since its inception, NFLIS-Drug has become an operational information system that includes data from forensic laboratories that conduct analyses of about 98 percent of the Nation's approximate 1.2 million annual drug cases. As of July 31, 2023, NFLIS-Drug includes voluntary participation from 50 State systems and 111 local or municipal laboratories/laboratory systems, representing a total of 284 individual laboratories, The NFLIS program is expanding the scope of data collection to include public and private toxicology laboratory data on toxicological findings from antemortem and postmortem drug testing (NFLIS-Tox) and medical examiner and coroner office data regarding deaths in which drugs were identified (NFLIS-MEC) NFLIS-Tox recruitment is currently underway with close to 100 laboratories signing on to participate. NFLIS-MEC recruitment began in January

NFLIS-Drug provides the community with midvear and annual reports highlighting trends in seized drug data submitted to and analyzed by laboratories. Special reports and briefs respond to national drug crises such as fentanyl and fentanyl-related compounds, and synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones. The NFLIS-Drug Snapshots highlight new and emerging drugs, and the public data tables show drug reports by state from 2007-2022

If your laboratory would like to participate in NFLIS, review DEA's FAQs document to determine your entity's eligibility to participate in NFLIS and to review other information about each NFLIS component and the next steps for participation. You may also contact DEA at DEANFLIS@rti.org

Participating Laboratories, by U.S. Census Region



## Visión general del sistema NFLIS-Drug





1997 Inició la contratación de laboratorios forenses

2000 Publicó el primer Informe

2001 Funcionalidad completa

2018 Expansión a Tox y MEC

2022 Sistema público de consulta de datos

## Participación en el sistema NFLIS-Drug



√ 50 sistemas estatales
y 111 laboratorios
locales

√ 284 laboratorios individuales

√ 98.4% de tasa de participación / casos de drogas

## NFLIS-Drogas en cifras



38,558,598

 Casos relacionados con drogas tramitados desde la creación del NFLIS-Drug

1,412,947

• Promedio anual de casos de consumo de drogas procesados (2005-2021)

3,289

 Drogas base detectadas en el sistema NFLIS-Drug (por ejemplo, cocaína, heroína)

35

 Categorías de drogas (por ejemplo, analgésicos narcóticos, benzodiacepinas)

91

Informes publicados

31

Conjuntos de datos públicos y mapotecas

## Recursos del sistema NFLIS



## **Publicaciones**

- Artículos revisados por expertos
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## Sistema de consulta de datos

- Panel de información
- Consultas preestablecidas
- Consultas personalizadas
- Visualización de datos
- Exportación de conjuntos de datos

Red de comunicación en tiempo real

## Informes NFLIS - Anuales, semestrales, trimestrales





## Informes NFLIS - Informe especial





**NFLIS-Drug Brief: Subst** with Fentanyl in NFLIS-D January 2013-June 202

#### Introduction

The National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) is a program of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Diversion Control Division, which systematically collects drug identification results and associated information from drug case submitted to and analyzed by Federal, State, and local forensic

The number of fentanyl reports received by NFLIS-Drug started to increase dramatically in 2014.2 Fentanyl has rem in the top 25 most frequently identified substances nationally very year since then and has been in the top 5 since 2017 see Table 1). Figure 1 shows the increase in the percentage of NFLIS-Drug items containing fentanyl alone from 2013 to

Table 1. Ranking of fentanyl in the annual NFLIS-Drug national estimates for identified substances

#### 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 50th 22nd 9th 7th 5th 5th 5th 4th 4th 3rd

As the number of fentanyl reports has increased over the years so have the number and variety of substances reported in the same item as fentanyl. This publication presents NFLISitems submitted to Federal. State, and local laboratories from anuary 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023 (see Figures 2-13). Data from NFLIS-Drug were pulled from the database on July 5, 2023, and were represented in all figures with NFLIS Drug data The data presented are not necessarily counts of tru combinations (e.g., powders mixed together) and include counts of separate substances reported together in the same item. NFLIS-Drug captures a maximum of eight substances per item.

This brief also includes DEA Toxicology Testing Program (DEA-Tox)<sup>2</sup> data from fentanyl-positive samples submitted for analysis between January 2020 and June 6, 2023. Collection dates for these samples range from September 2018 through









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#### **NFLIS-Drug Specia** Methamphetamine 2001-2017



382%, from 1,702 to 8,196 reports. The larg to 2014 (34%), 2014 to 2015 (59%), and 20 2018 (36%). From 2001 to 2017, national annual estimates of reports of methamphetamine increased 83% from 189.882 reports to 347.807 reports, based of the NEAR approach (National Estimates Based or reports per 100,000 persons aged 15 or ok 2010 and from 2014 through 2019. From 2 through 2013, the South's numbers were s All Reports). Also, from 2011 to 2017, reports of methamphetamine increased between 10% and

From 2010 to 2017, the total number of methamphetamine reports per 100,000 persons aged 15 or older more than tripled in the Mid region, from 42.3 reports to 133.5 reports.

In the South region from 2001 to 2011, cocaine and cannabis/THC were reported much more frequently than methamphetamine and heroin. From 2011 through 2017, heroin reports increas noticeably but remained under 45 reports per 100,000 persons aged 15 or older, while cocaine and cannabis/THC reports decreased and methamphetamine reports increased. In 2017 reported more frequently than cannabis/THC

## DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION

**NFLIS Brief** 

is a program of the Drug Enforcement Ad Diversion Control Division, which system identification results and associated infor identification results and associated inform submitted to and analyzed by Federal, Stati laboratories. NFLIS serves the forensic and communities by providing updated finding of drugs submitted to and analyzed by the laboratories. This publication presents upda submitted to State and local laborator through December 31, 2015, and analyz each calendar year reporting period

#### **National Estimates**

Figure 1 presents national annual estir fentanyl that were submitted to State and laboratories from January 2001 through I 2015 that were analyzed within three mo calendar year reporting period. National reports remained steady from 2002 to 2 by a noticeable increase in 2006. Fentanthen decreased in 2007 and continued to fairly steady until dramatic incr

#### **Regional Trends**

Of the 14,440 fentanyl reports identifie more than three-quarters were identified Midwest (5.253 reports) About one-fit reports were identified by laboratories in (3.013 reports) Few fentanyl reports w by laboratories in the West (278 reports

eased in 2006 in the Midwest and N followed by a decrease in 2007. Fentany remained steady from 2007 through 201 regions and then dramatically increase and 2015 in the Midwest, Northeast, as the West, fentanyl reports showed a mo increase from 2001 to 2014, followed by

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Special Report: Synthetic Cannabinoids and Synthetic Cathinones Reported in NFLIS,

2013-2015



Reports of 2C-pheneth identified an estimated

By region, the highest Midwest and South. Fo increases in 2015 for th

In 2009, two synthetic cannabinoids and five synthetic cathinones were reported to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS). By comparison, in 2015, 84 different synthetic cannabinoids and 35 different synthetic

From January 2013 through December 2015, among the 25 most frequently identified synthetic cannabnoods, a total of 95,141 eyepts were identified by State and local forencic laboratories and reported to NFLIS. During the same time, among the 20 most frequently identified synthetic carbinones, a total of 51,824 reports were identified by State and local forensic laboratories and reported to NFLIS.

XLR11, AB-FUBINACA, and AB-CHMINACA accounted for 62% of the 25 most frequently identified synthetic cannabinoid reports from January 2013 through December 2015. During the same time, methylone, alpha-PVP, and ethylone accounted for 91% of the 20 most frequently identified synthetic cathinones.

Between 2013 and 2015, XLR11 decreased in all regions. During the same time, AB-FUBINACA decreased in all regions except in the Northeast. Methylone decreased from 2013 to 2015 for all regions, and ethylone increased during the same



From 2011 to 2019, estimated annu (242%). From 2019 to 2020, gabape decreased from 3,139 to 2,928 repo

**NFLIS-Drug S** 

and Pregabal

2011-2020

From 2011 to 2019, estimated annu reports increased from 275 to 324 n From 2019 to 2020, pregabalin repo from 324 to 234 reports (28%)

Among items containing gabapentin reported from 2018 through 2020 that had at least one other drug in the same item, 51% contained fentanyl, 30% contained heroin, 14% contained ar unspecified prescription drug, and 12% contained

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Tracking Drug Trends Across the Nation

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Compounds

had the lowest number of tramadol report 100,000 persons aged 15 or older in every

older increased significantly from 2010 to . across all regions. More recently, from 2012 2019, tramadol reports per 100,000 persor

higher than those of the Midwest. The Wes

## Informes NFLIS - Informes de sondeos









Informe de 2022 de médicos forenses



#### Highlights

The National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) Medical Examiner and Coroner Survey was administered from September 2022 through March 2023. The survey collected information on medical examiner and coroner office (MEC) caseloads, policies, and practices for calendar year 2021. Overall, a total of 1,606 out of 2,071 MECs completed the survey, for an overall response rate of 77.5%. Of the MECs that completed the survey, 78.6% completed the full survey, and the remaining MECs provided responses to identified critical items.

In 2021, 1,440,580 human death cases were referred to responding MECs. Of these, 7/ were accepted by MECs. On average, 2 cases were referred to MECs, and an 453 cases were accepted.

MECs reported that 101,582 overdo among the accepted cases in 2021; 8 overdose cases were classified as accid More than half of MECs (62%) reported that they request toxicology testing for specific drugs based

The average turnaround time among responding MECs to complete a case when an autopsy was performed was 58 days.

Of MECs, 76% or more reported "routinely" requesting toxicology testing for the following drugs or drug classes: alcohol, amphetamines/ methamphetamines, cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, marijuana/THC, and opiates or opioids other than heroin and fentanyl. Amphetamines/ thamphetamines was the only drug or drug r which 76% or more of MECs reported requesting quantitative testing.

esponding MECs, 79% reported having bination with manual recordkeeping), % of those with an electronic records nanagement system had a networked system. Of all responding MECs, 20% reported exclusively

using a manual records management system.





Informe 2021 del laboratorio de toxicología



#### Highlights

The National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) Survey of Toxicology Laboratories (NFLIS-Tox Survey) was administered from March through August 2021. The survey collected information on toxicology caseloads. policies, and practices for calendar year 2019. A total of 196 toxicology laboratories (TLs) completed the full survey, and an additional 8 TLs responded to the critical items related to caseload information and types of toxicology testing services offered. Overall, 204 out of 281 TLs provided the required data, yielding an overall response rate of 73%.

During calendar year 2019, slightly more than 28 million toxicology cases were submitted to responding TLs. On average, public TLs accepted a small fraction of the submitted cases that private TLs accepted (16.068 vs.

Of responding TLs, 56% conducted human perfo testing, 45% performed postmortem testing, as performed clinical drug testing. The most com reported testing types offered by public TLs we performance and postmortem testing, wherea commonly reported testing types offered by pr were clinical drug and workplace drug testing.

Immunoassay was used by 88% of responding TLs to conduct presumptive drug screening.

The average turnaround time to complete a toxicology case was 33.3 days. The average for private TLs was fewer than

TLs reported "routinely" conducting qualitative toxicology testing for the following drugs or drug classes more than 50% of the time: amphetamines, antidepressants, carisoprodol, cocaine, ethanol, fentanyl, heroin, marijuana/ THC, muscle relaxants, opiates and opioids (other than heroin and fentanyl), phencyclidine (PCP), and Z-drugs (e.g.,

> ed that they send samples to a reference lamine, piperazine, synthetic etic cathinone testing than for







Informe NFLIS-Drug 2019 sobre el estudio de las secciones de química de drogas de los laboratorios de análisis criminalístico



#### Highlights

The NFLIS-Drug 2019 Survey of Crime Laboratory Drug Chemistry Sections was implemented from April through August 2019. The survey collected information on laboratory caseloads, policies, and practices for calendar year 2018. Overall, 94% of publicly funded State systems and local laboratories in the United States participated in the survey.

About 59% of responding laboratories reported loss of staff or full-time employees as a major contributor to their backlogs, and 53% of responding laboratories reported an influx of emerging drugs as a major contributor to

More than half (58%) of responding laboratories reported that their drug chemistry caseloads had increased compared with one year ago, whereas only 28% reported that their drug chemistry caseloads had decreased.

Not all the cases involving drug seizures or drugs by the agencies served were submitted to labor analysis. The most frequently reported reasons for submission to a laboratory (61%) and if the case w dismissed before submission (61%

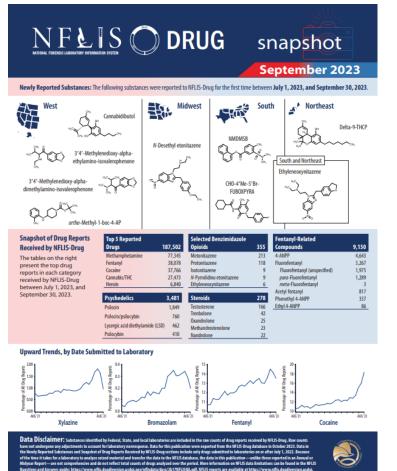
analyzed all drug cases submitted to them. The most common reasons cited for not analyzing a case included if the case was dismissed or there was no defendant (52%), if a was adjudicated without forensic evidence testing (44%).

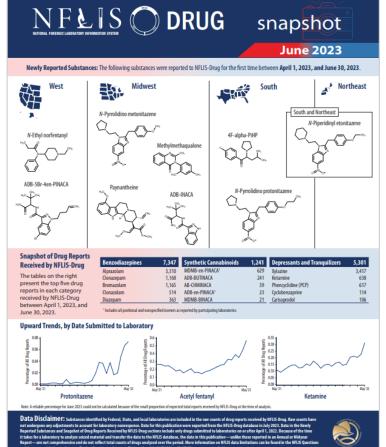
Approximately 82% of responding laboratories reported identifying noncontrolled drugs. The most common reasons these laboratories reported for identifying noncontrolled drugs included that it was a drug of interest (62%) or it was a special request made by a local official or other entity (47%).

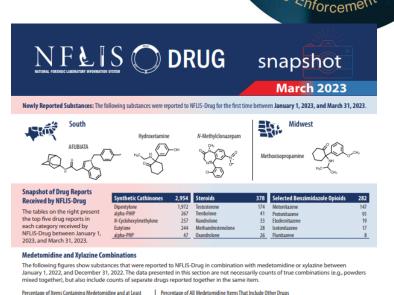
The most critical issues moving forward concerning the testing of emerging drugs were reported to be available reference spectra for initial identification (91% rated as "very important"), procurement of standards (89% rated as "very nd validation of the procedures (56% rated as



# Imágenes instantáneas del sistema NFLIS - Alerta temprana





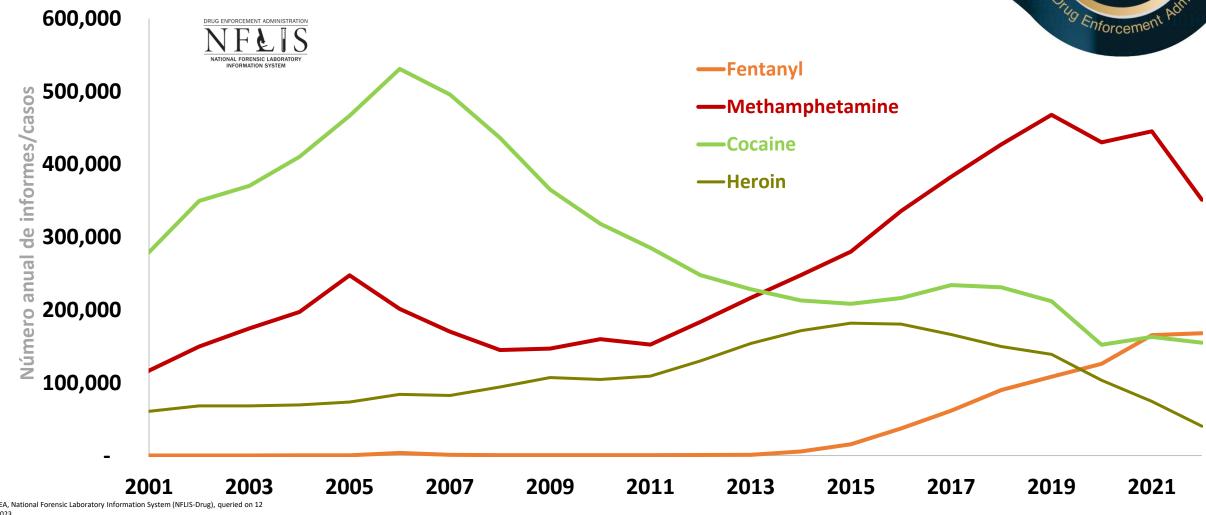


Percentage of All Xylazine Items That Include Other Drugs

Percentage of Items Containing Xylazine and at Least

## Análisis de tendencias en el sistema NFLIS – Drogas sintéticas en comparación con drogas de origen vegetal

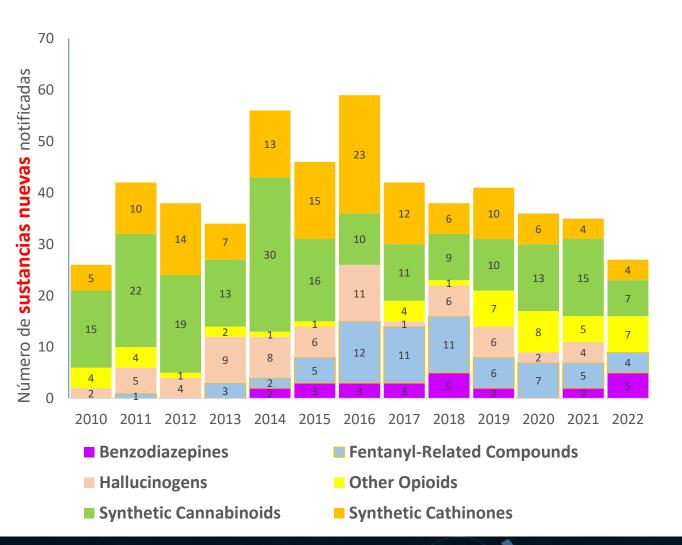


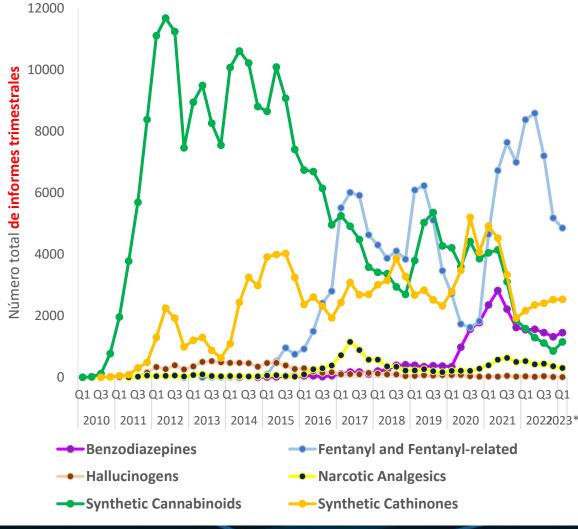


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# NFLIS - Seguimiento de las nuevas sustancias psicoactivas (NSP)

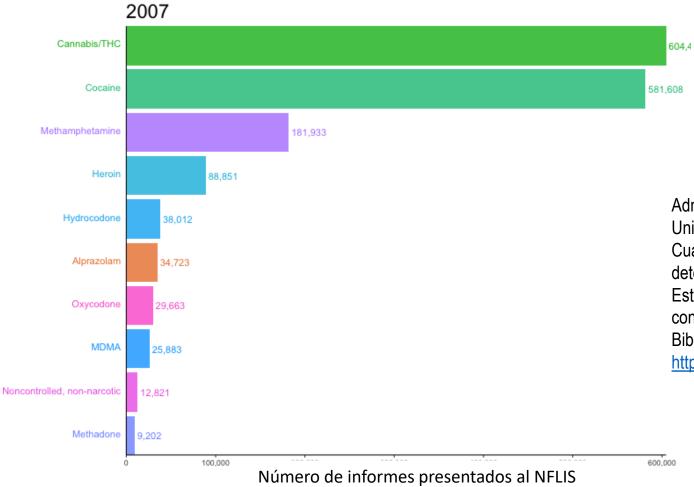






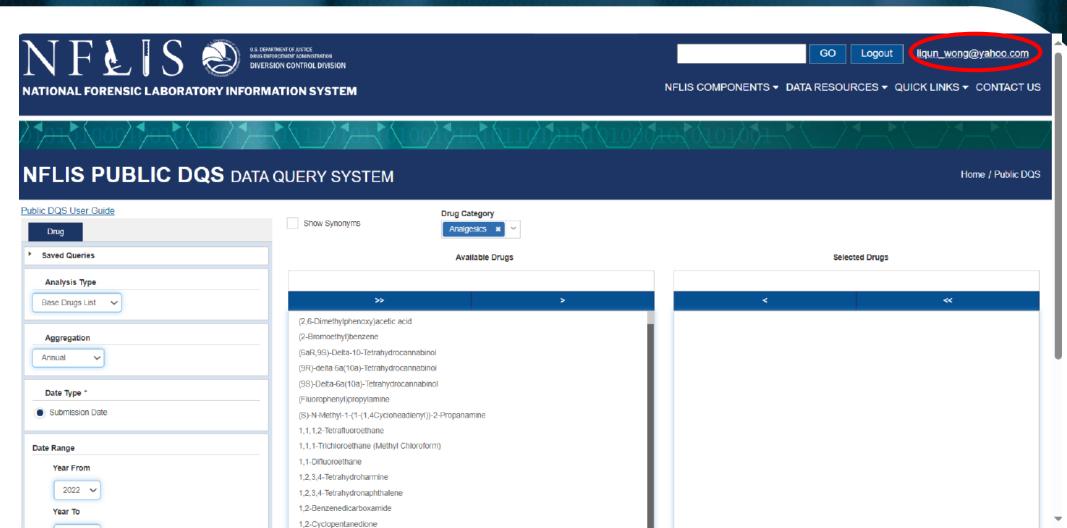
## NFLIS - Tendencias a largo plazo





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## Acceso al sistema NFLIS





## NFLIS DQS Públicos - Análisis de datos, visualización...

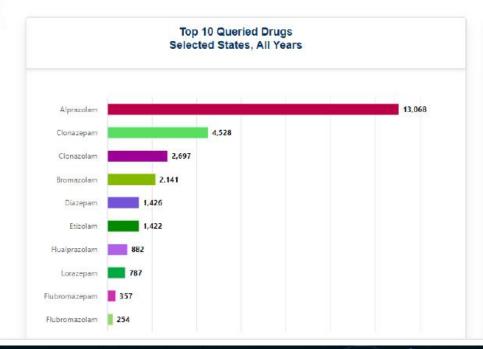


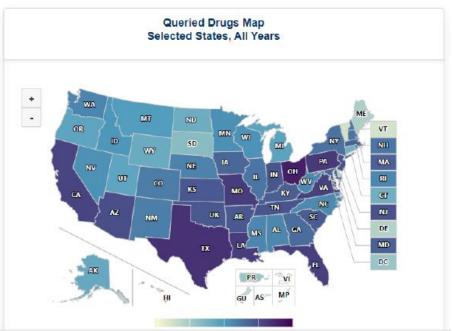
### RESULTADOS DEL SISTEMA DE CONSULTA DE DATOS DEL SISTEMA NFLIS-DRUG

Pivot Visualization

NFLIS DQS Dashboard

Region Comparison





## Toxicología



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NFLIS-Tox informa sobre iniciativas de salud pública y políticas en materia de drogas

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NFLIS-Tox mejora la capacidad de vigilancia en materia de drogas, proporciona una alerta rápida a los organismos de salud pública y a las fuerzas del orden

evidencias para la mejora de las prioridades de tratamiento, prevención y aplicación de la ley

## **NFLIS-Tox**

## LABORATORIOS DE TOXICOLOGÍA NFLIS-TOX



204 Toxicology Laboratories participated in themost recent 2021 NFLIS-Tox Survey.

Quantitative Analysis Frequency Reported ast Routinely by Toxicology Laboratories, 2021 NFLIS-Tox Survey DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019, SLIGHTLY MORE THAN

### 28 million

toxicology requests were referred to responding Toxicology Laboratories (TLs).

56% responding laboratories performed humanperformance testing, 45% performed postmortem testing, and 41% performed clinical drug testing.

IN 2019, TLS REPORTED
"ROUTINELY" CONDUCTING
QUALITATVE TOXICOLOGY
TESTING FOR THE FOLLOWING
DRUGS OR DRUGGLASSES 50% OR
MORE OF THE TIME:

- Amphetamines
- Antidepressants
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Buprenorphine
- Carisoprodol
- Cocaine
- Ethanol
- Fentanyl
- Heroin
- Marijuana/THC
- Muscle
- relaxants
- Opiates and opioids (other than heroin



90

Totalparticipants (9/27/2023)

70

Publictoxicology laboratories (9/27/2023)

20

Private toxicologylaboratories (9/27/2023)

## Oficinas del Médico Forense



mejora la capacidad de la DEA para detectar sustancias nuevas y de reciente aparición que constituyen una amenaza para la salud y la seguridad públicas.

NFLIS-MEC Los datos facilitarán la información directa a la DEA sobre las acciones de clasificación de drogas.



## NFLIS-MEC

## OFICINAS DE MÉDICOS FORENSES DEL NFLIS-MEC



**DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021.** 

1,440,580

death cases were referred to responding MECs. Of these, 703,049 were accepted by MECs. Overall, 101,582 overdose cases were accepted by responding MECs.

2022 Medical Examiner and Coroner Survey Report

IN 2021, MEC'S REPORTED "ROUTINELY"
REQUESTING TOXICOLOGY TESTING FOR THE
FOLLOWING DRUGS OR DRUG CLASSES
MORE THAN 75% OF THE TIME:

- Alcohol
- · Amphetamines/methamphetamines
- Cocaine
- Fentanyl
- Heroin
- Marijuana/THC
- Opiates or opioids other than heroin or fentanyl

**1,606** medical examiner and coroner offices participated in the most recent 2022 NFLIS-MEC Survey, including full surveys and those completing only critical items.

Qualitative Analysis Frequency reported as "routinely" requested from toxicology laboratories by MECs, 2022 NFLIS-MEC survey In 2018, DEA expanded the NFLIS program to include two additional continuous drug surveillance components that collect drugrelated mortality data from medical examiner and coroner offices (NFLIS-MEC) and drug testing results from toxicology laboratories (NFLIS-Tox) to supplement and complement the current NFLIS-Drug data from drug cases submitted to and analyzed by the Nation's forensic laboratories.

If your office would like to participate in NFLIS-MEC, please review <u>DEA's FAQs document</u> to determine your entity's eligibility to participate in NFLIS and to review other information about each NFLIS component and the next steps for participation. If you have any questions or would like to participate in NFLIS-MEC, please contact the NFLIS team at DEANFLIS@rtl.org.





Your Data Can Make a Difference in National Drug Control Efforts



As a medical examiner or coroner (MEC) office, you provide valuable information about the impacts that drugs and substance use have on public health.

By participating in NFLIS-MEC, your office will be contributing to an important national data collection that supports DEA drug scheduling and informs drug policy.

DEA may provide assistance for MEC participation.

The NFLIS-MEC program strives to minimize burden to participating MEC offices. The program works closely with information management systems and in-house data system to assist with data extraction routines for core data items. On a case-by-case basis, computer hardware and software assistance may be provided for reporting needs. As a NFLIS-MEC participant, you can influence a greater national understanding of the following:

Drug mortality

Drug frequency trends

Novel psychoactive substances

Levels of drugs involved in cause of death

Toxicology testing practices of MEC offices



Have any ideas to share with DEA regarding the NFLIS-MEC surveill an expitent?

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Administration

What are the next steps to participate? 1-888-966-3547 or DEANFLIS@rti.org

More information may be found on the NFLIS website: https://www.nflis.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/.

## **Opioides sintéticos - NFLIS DEA - Participantes**

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- toxicología,
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- jurisprudencia,
- investigación,
- > salud pública,
- aplicación de la ley







## DEA Opioides sintéticos Red de comunicación en tiempo real

Comunicación en tiempo real sobre nuevas drogas a cargo de profesionales sanitarios



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https://synthopioids.nflis.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/

## National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)



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