



What's in Reno's Drug Supply?

Summary - November/December 2025



What the Cut is a free, anonymous, **drug checking program** that analyzes tiny samples of drugs or residue to understand what's actually in them.



Since 2024, we have analyzed **91 samples** from Washoe County.

November/December Results

24 samples with results

Samples were believed to be:

Methamphetamine (13)
Fentanyl (7)
Cocaine (3)
Cannabis (1)*

*Sample brought for testing after causing unexpected effects.



What did we see?

Of 13 expected meth samples:

- 9/13 had only methamphetamine
- 2/13 had meth and related drugs
- 1/13 had meth and cocaine
- 1/13 had only cocaine



Of 7 expected fentanyl samples:

- 2/7 had only fentanyl
- 2/7 had no identifiable substances
- 2/7 had fentanyl and other drugs
- 1/7 had only methamphetamine

Of 3 expected cocaine samples:

- 3/3 had only cocaine

A cannabis sample* had cannabidiol, cocaine, nicotine, and THC

14 of 24 (53%) of winter's samples showed only the expected drug.

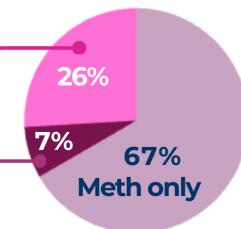
A look at 2025's samples:

Of 27 methamphetamine samples:

- 18 (**67%**) had only methamphetamine.
- 7 (**26%**) had meth and other drugs**
- Two (**7%**) had no meth and instead had cocaine (1) or fentanyl (1).

Meth and other drugs**

No meth found



26% contained meth and other drugs, most often **fentanyl (3), **lidocaine** (2), and **meth byproducts** (2).

Other substances found in meth samples were xylazine, carfentanil, and cocaine.

Cuts like quinine and sweeteners erythritol and mannitol were also found.

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A Closer Look

What is drug seizure data?

In addition to individual sample results, data from state agencies helps us see a larger picture of Nevada's drug supply.

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behavioralhealthnv.org
988lifeline.org

Why seizure data?

Washoe County Sheriff's Forensics Science Division gives us data for more context about Nevada's supply.

Data about drugs seized / tested by law enforcement helps us make sense of changes in drug contents over time.

Although seizure data has many limitations, it can tell us more about:



What's missing in your area?

What does law enforcement report when they find drugs?



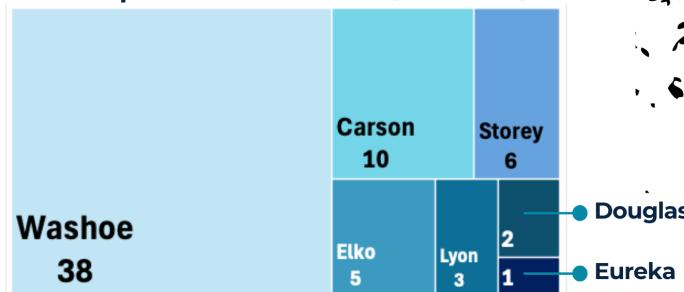
While no source of drug related data is free from bias or error, seizure data tells us what law enforcement report if they test the drugs they confiscate.

To show how we'll share this data in future alerts, we've included seizure data from last winter (October-December 2024).

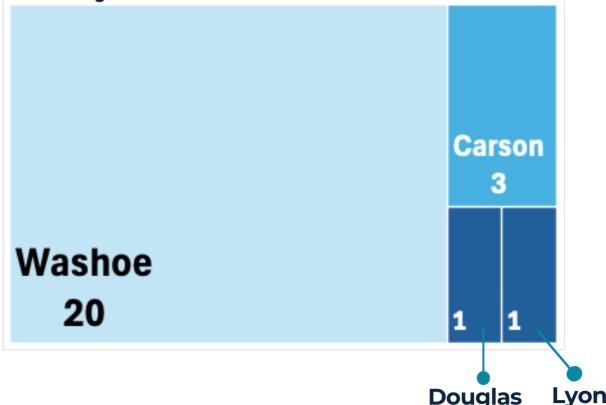
What's been seized?

From 10/1/2024 – 1/1/2025, 118 seizures were reported, most commonly methamphetamine (65) and fentanyl (25).

Methamphetamine seized 10/2024 – 12/2024



Fentanyl seized 10/2024 – 12/2024



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