

# Syringe Access Program

## 2023 Community Needs Assessment Findings | Drug Use Trends

The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment surveyed 923 participants at Denver syringe access programs about their drug use preferences.

### What are syringe access programs?

Syringe access programs are places in the community that offer free supplies, like sterile (unused) syringes, to prevent infection and reduce harms of drug use; they safely dispose of used syringes; and they link participants to substance use treatment, HIV and viral hepatitis treatment, overdose prevention education, and social support services.

Survey data shows that participants prefer to smoke drugs compared to using other intake methods, like injecting drugs.

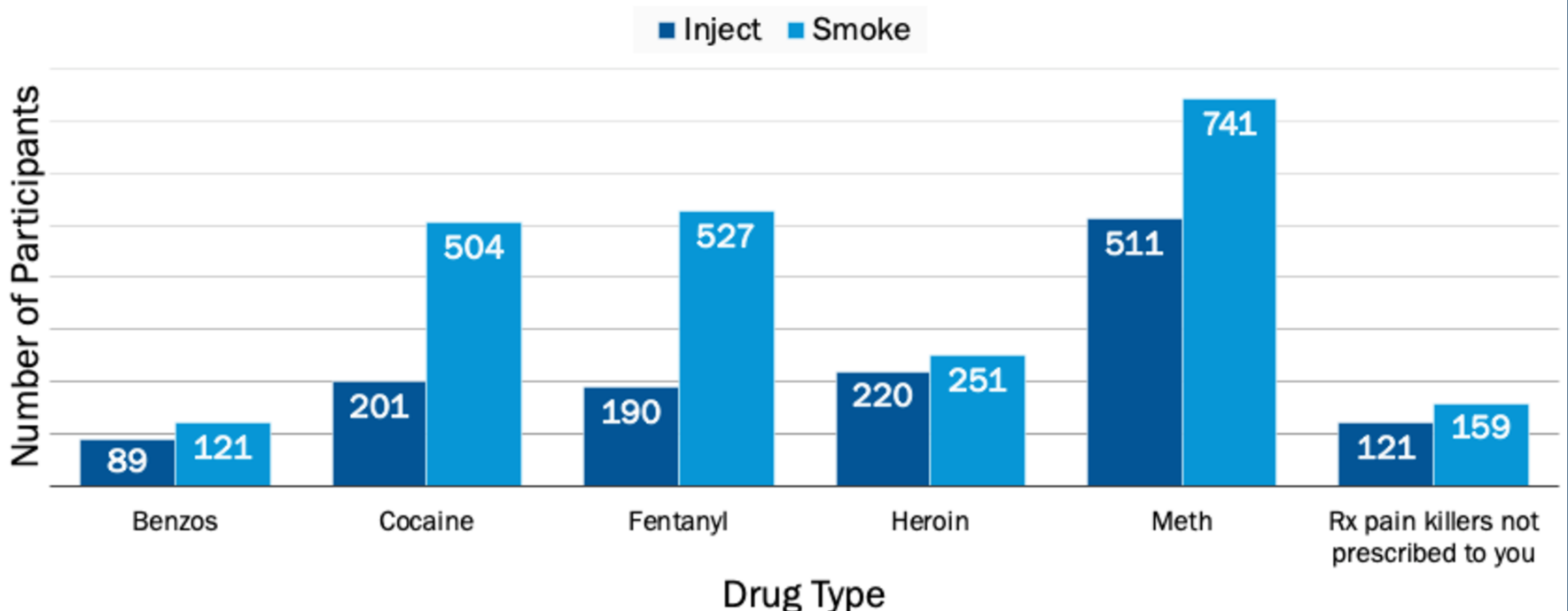
### Drug Preferences

Drugs that were used most often:

- 1 Meth
- 2 Cocaine
- 3 Fentanyl

Note: This survey did not account for drugs being used at the same time.

### Number of Participants Who Injected vs. Smoked by Drug Type, N=923



Note: "N" stands for the number of participants who answered the question and "Rx" stands for prescription.