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Subject: Report on Drug and Alcohol Prevalence in Sexual Assault Casework – 2025

The enclosed report includes drug and alcohol prevalence data on received Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) casework in the City and County of San Francisco for the year 2025. The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to further the OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers.

Pertinent for the accurate use of this report is understanding the scope of testing leading to the summarization of the data. The OCME performs [full and comprehensive testing](#) on all DFSA casework to mitigate bias, ensure a complete toxicological profile is provided for each case, and to determine the extent of alcohol and drug exposure within the community. The OCME scope of testing for DFSA casework meets and exceeds the national scope and sensitivity standards ([ASB Standard 121](#)) and recommendations ([SOFT-DFC Recommendations](#)).

The OCME has consistently met the target of issuing final reports within 30 days for over 87% of cases, with 40% of cases reported within 15 days in 2025.

Enclosed is a detailed DFSA Data Report for 2025. Key findings were:

- One or more drugs were identified in 94% of cases.
- Fluoro Fentanyl was detected in 2% of cases, Xylazine was detected in 1% of cases, Medetomidine was detected in 1% of cases, and Bromazolam was detected in 1% of cases.
- The OCME identified the presence of alcohol in 25% of cases, and impairing drugs in 90% of cases.
- The positive identification of drugs alone was the most common result of DFSA casework, accounting for 70% of cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

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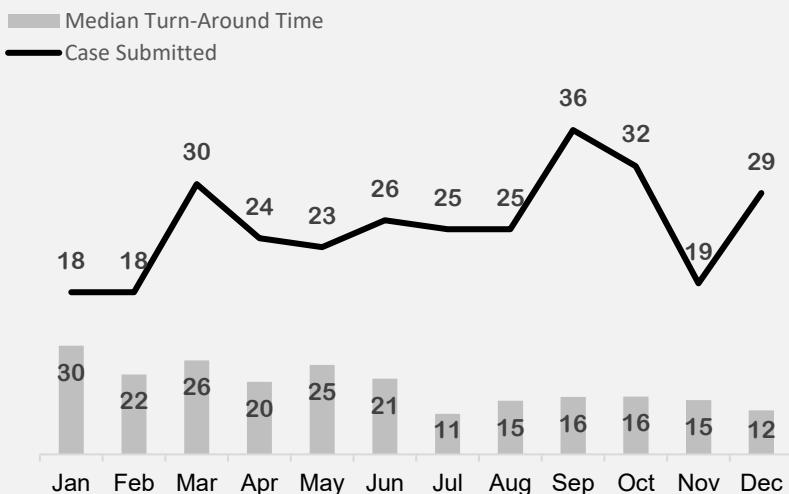


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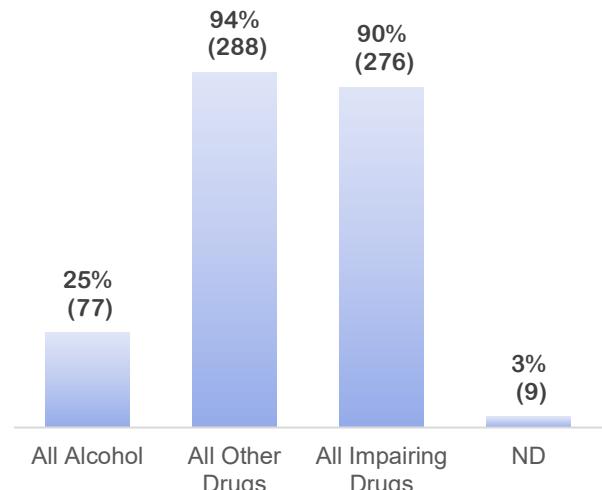
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Case Submission by Month



Alcohol and Drugs Prevalence



Cases

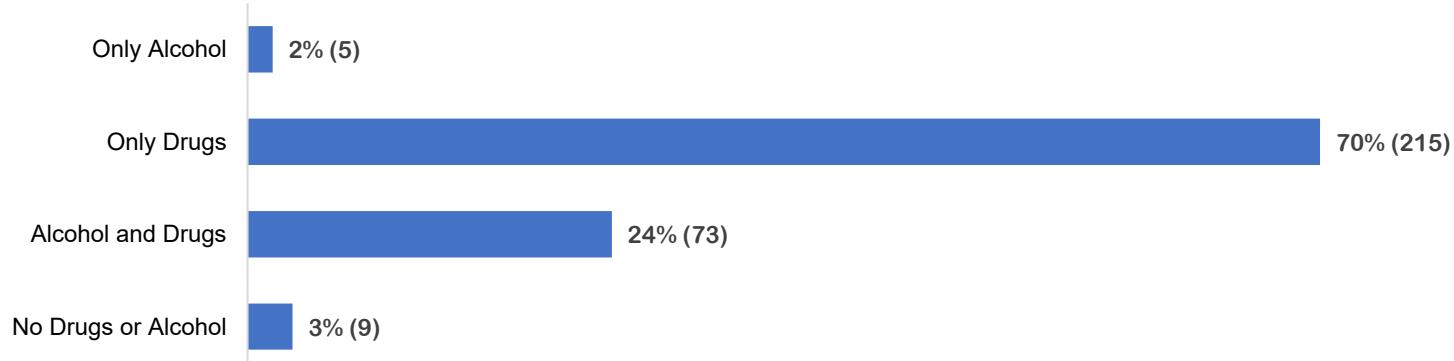
Drug Class Prevalence

Cases

106 (37)	47%	Analgesics	Miscellaneous	9%	26 (1)
120	39%	Cannabinoids	Cardiacs*	5%	10 (4)
82 (36)	39%	Amphetamines	Antibiotics*	4%	12 (1)
92	30%	Cocaine	Fentanyl Analogs	4%	10 (3)
76 (13)	29%	Antihistamines	Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors*	3%	5 (3)
48 (19)	22%	Antidepressants	Muscle Relaxants	2%	7
57	19%	Fentanyl	Barbiturates	2%	6
38 (15)	17%	Antipsychotics	Antifungals*	1%	4
51 (2)	17%	Dissociatives and Hallucinogens	Veterinary Tranquilizers	1%	2 (2)
42 (11)	17%	Opioids	Sleep Aids	1%	2
52	17%	Anesthetics	Opium Poppy Production Compounds	<1%	1
33 (13)	15%	Benzodiazepines	Stimulants	<1%	1
36 (5)	13%	Anticonvulsants	Tobacco, Foods and Drinks, and Endogenous*	62%	98 (92)

(Denotes where 2 or more of the same drug class was prevalent within same case)

Alcohol and Drug Commination





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Drug Prevalence	Cases	
Amphetamines		
Methamphetamine	33%	102
Amphetamine	31%	96
Norephedrine / Norpseudoephedrine	24%	74
4-Hydroxy Methamphetamine	14%	42
Ephedrine / Pseudoephedrine	12%	38
N-Ethyl Amphetamine	10%	32
3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)	2%	6
3,4-Methylenedioxymphetamine (MDA)	1%	4
Methylphenidate	1%	3
Ritalinic Acid	1%	3
3,4-Methylenediox-N-Ethylamphetamine (MDEA)	<1%	1
4-Hydroxy Amphetamine (4HA)	<1%	1
Analgesics		
Acetaminophen	26%	79
Salicylic Acid	24%	72
Ibuprofen	9%	27
Naproxen	2%	6
Antipyrine	<1%	1
Anesthetic		
Lidocaine	16%	50
Norlidocaine	12%	37
Antibiotics*		
Metronidazole	3%	8
Quinoline	2%	6
Anticonvulsants		
Gabapentin	6%	17
Lamotrigine	2%	7
Levetiracetam	2%	5
Topiramate	2%	5
Valproic Acid	1%	4
10,11-Dihydro-10-Hydroxy Carbamazepine	1%	3
Pregabalin	1%	3
Carbamazepine	1%	2
Carbamazepine-10,11-Epoxide / Oxcarbazepine / Phenytoin	1%	2
Lacosamide	<1%	1
Phenytoin	<1%	1
Antidepressant		
Citalopram / Escitalopram	6%	17
Trazodone	5%	16
Bupropion	5%	14
Desmethyl Citalopram	5%	14
Citalopram	4%	13
Norsertraline	4%	13
Sertraline	4%	13
[erythro-/threo-]Hydrobupropion	4%	11
Hydroxy Bupropion	4%	11
Fluoxetine	3%	9
1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-Piperazine (McPP)	3%	8
Norfluoxetine	2%	7
Duloxetine	2%	6
Mirtazapine	1%	3
Fluvoxamine	1%	2
Nortriptyline	1%	2
O-Desmethyl Venlafaxine / N-Desmethyl Venlafaxine	1%	2
Amoxapine	<1%	1
Buspirone	<1%	1
Venlafaxine	<1%	1

Drug Prevalence	Cases	
Antifungals*		
Clotrimazole	1%	4
Antihistamines		
Norchlorcyclizine	19%	58
Cetirizine / Levocetirizine	13%	39
Diphenhydramine	7%	22
Hydroxyzine	6%	19
Cetirizine	3%	8
Doxylamine	2%	7
Chlorpheniramine	1%	4
Meclizine	1%	4
Pheniramine	1%	3
Loratadine	1%	2
Benztropine	<1%	1
Mepyramine	<1%	1
Antipsychotic		
Olanzapine	6%	17
9-Hydroxy Risperidone	5%	15
Aripiprazole	3%	10
Norquetiapine	3%	10
Quetiapine	3%	9
7-Hydroxy Quetiapine	2%	6
Haloperidol	2%	6
Metoclopramide	1%	4
Lurasidone	1%	3
Ziprasidone	1%	3
Droperidol	1%	2
Risperidone	1%	2
Cariprazine	<1%	1
Loxapine	<1%	1
Barbiturates		
Phenobarbital	2%	6
Benzodiazepines		
Nordiazepam	5%	15
Lorazepam	5%	14
Diazepam	4%	13
7-Amino Clonazepam	3%	9
Temazepam	2%	7
Alprazolam	2%	6
Clonazepam	2%	6
alpha-Hydroxy Midazolam	2%	5
Midazolam	2%	5
alpha-Hydroxy Alprazolam	1%	3
Bromazolam	1%	3
4-Hydroxy Alprazolam	1%	2
Norchlordiazepoxide	1%	2
Oxazepam	1%	2
Phenazepam	1%	2
4'-Chloro Deschloro Alprazolam / Alprazolam	<1%	1
Chlordiazepoxide	<1%	1
Cannabinoids		
Carboxy THC	36%	111
Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	19%	59
11-Hydroxy THC	12%	38
Tetrahydrocannabivarinic Acid (THCVA)	12%	37
Tetrahydrocannabinol Acid (THCA)	12%	36
Cannabidiol (CBD)	5%	14
Cannabidivarin (CBDV)	1%	4



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Cannabichromene (CBC) / Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	<1%	1	
Cannabigerolic Acid (CBGA)	<1%	1	
Cannabinol (CBN)	<1%	1	
Cannabinolic Acid (CBNA)	<1%	1	
Cardiacs*			
Propranolol	1%	4	
Clonidine	1%	3	
Losartan	1%	3	
Amlodipine	1%	2	
Hydrochlorothiazide	1%	2	
Lisinopril	1%	2	
Metoprolol	1%	2	
Valsartan	<1%	1	
Cocaine and Metabolites			
Benzoylecgonine	29%	89	
Cocaine	22%	66	
meta-Hydroxy Cocaine / para-Hydroxy Cocaine	15%	47	
Ecgonine Methyl Ester (EME)	10%	31	
Ecgonine	9%	28	
Cocaethylene	8%	25	
Norcocaine	6%	17	
Anhydroecgonine Methyl Ester	3%	8	
Dissociatives and Hallucinogenics			
Tryptamine	9%	27	
Ketamine	3%	10	
Norketamine	3%	10	
Hydroxy Norketamine	2%	7	
gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid (GHB)	2%	6	
Kavain	2%	6	
Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)	1%	2	
Gramine	<1%	1	
Fentanyl			
Norfentanyl	17%	52	
Fentanyl	8%	24	
beta-Hydroxy Fentanyl	5%	15	
4-Anilino N-Phenethylpiperidine (4-ANPP)	5%	14	
4-Anilinopiperidine (4-AP)	5%	14	
N-Methyl Norfentanyl	4%	12	
Phenethyl 4-ANPP	1%	4	
Fentanyl Analogs			
para-Fluoro Norfentanyl	4%	11	
[meta-/ortho-/para-]Fluoro Fentanyl	2%	5	
Acetyl Fentanyl	2%	5	
Acetyl Norfentanyl	1%	3	
Despropionyl meta-Methyl Fentanyl / Despropionyl ortho-Methyl Fentanyl	1%	2	
[2'-/3'-/4'-/cis-3-/trans-3-/4-/alpha-/beta-/meta-/ortho-/para-]Methyl Fentanyl / Butyryl Fentanyl / Isobutryyl Fentanyl	<1%	1	
Despropionyl para-Fluoro Fentanyl	<1%	1	
Isobutryyl Norfentanyl	<1%	1	
Methoxyacetyl Norfentanyl	<1%	1	
para-Methoxy Methoxyacetyl Fentanyl	<1%	1	
Miscellaneous			
Ondansetron	6%	17	
Tetrahydrozoline	2%	7	
Levamisole	1%	2	
Guaifenesin	<1%	1	
Varenicline	<1%	1	

Drug Prevalence		Cases	
Muscle Relaxants			
N-Desmethyl Cyclobenzaprine	1%	4	
Cyclobenzaprine	1%	3	
Scopolamine	1%	2	
Methocarbamol	<1%	1	
Opioids			
EDDP (Methadone Metabolite)	4%	11	
Dextrorphan / Levorphanol	3%	9	
Norbuprenorphine	3%	9	
Buprenorphine	3%	8	
Dextromethorphan / Levomethorphan	3%	8	
Hydromorphone	3%	8	
Methadone	3%	8	
Codeine 6-beta-D-Glucuronide	2%	7	
Naltrexone	2%	7	
Noroxycodone	2%	7	
Morphine	2%	6	
Oxycodone	2%	6	
Morphine 3-beta-Glucuronide	2%	5	
EMDP (Methadone Metabolite)	1%	4	
Morphine 6-beta-Glucuronide	1%	4	
Noroxymorphone	1%	4	
Codeine	1%	3	
Naloxone	1%	3	
Norcodeine	1%	3	
Norhydrocodone	1%	3	
6-Monoacetylmorphine (6-MAM)	1%	2	
Hydrocodone	1%	2	
Tramadol	1%	2	
Diacetylmorphine	<1%	1	
Dihydrocodeine	<1%	1	
Loperamide	<1%	1	
O-Desmethyl-Tramadol	<1%	1	
Oxymorphone	<1%	1	
Opium Poppy Production Compounds			
Papaverine	<1%	1	
Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors*			
Tadalafil	2%	5	
Sildenafil	1%	3	
Desethyl Vardenafil / N-Desmethyl Sildenafil	<1%	1	
Sleep Aids			
Melatonin	<1%	1	
N-Acetyl Serotonin (NAS)	<1%	1	
Stimulants			
Modafinil	<1%	1	
Tobacco, Foods and Drinks, and Endogenous*			
Cotinine	47%	144	
Nicotine	29%	88	
5-Hydroxy Tryptamine (5-HT)	28%	86	
Theacrine	9%	27	
Theobromine / Theophylline	7%	22	
Caffeine	5%	15	
Quinine / Quinidine	4%	11	
Metformin	2%	7	
2-Phenethylamine	<1%	1	
Veterinary Tranquilizers			
Xylazine	1%	3	
Medetomidine	<1%	1	

*Excluded from impairing drugs