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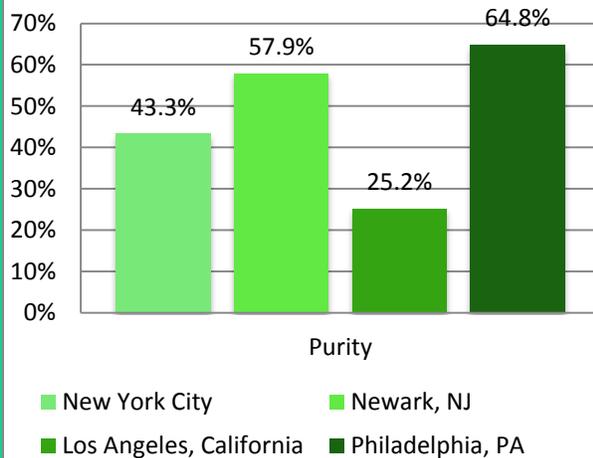
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Heroin readily available and cheap with high purity in Philadelphia Area (including Wilmington) compared to most other US cities

The Heroin Domestic Monitor Program (HDMP) collects data on the price, purity, and the geographic source of heroin sold on the street in 27 cities of the United States. HDMP's goal is to provide federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, drug abuse policymakers, and researchers with this information specific to their metropolitan area. The HDMP paid special attention to the major heroin source areas (e.g., Mexico, South America), common adulterants (e.g., caffeine, cocaine) and diluents (e.g., sugar), and the unique aspects of each drug market particular to each metropolitan area.

A newly released report from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) with 2013 data revealed that out of 27 U.S. metropolitan areas screened, the Philadelphia area, (including Wilmington, Delaware), had the highest average purity and one of the lowest prices. Compared to New York City, Los Angeles, and Newark NJ, Philadelphia had the highest purity (64.8 percent) and one of the lowest costs (50 cents per milligram). Although the samples per city are relatively small in each year, the pattern has been consistent since 2011. Philadelphia's primary source of heroin was South America; a common adulterant was caffeine; sugar was found as a diluent, and cocaine was found in a small number of samples. The low cost and high purity of heroin available in the region may contribute to overdoses in the Wilmington area.

Average Purity of Heroin in 2013



Average Price Per Milligram Pure

