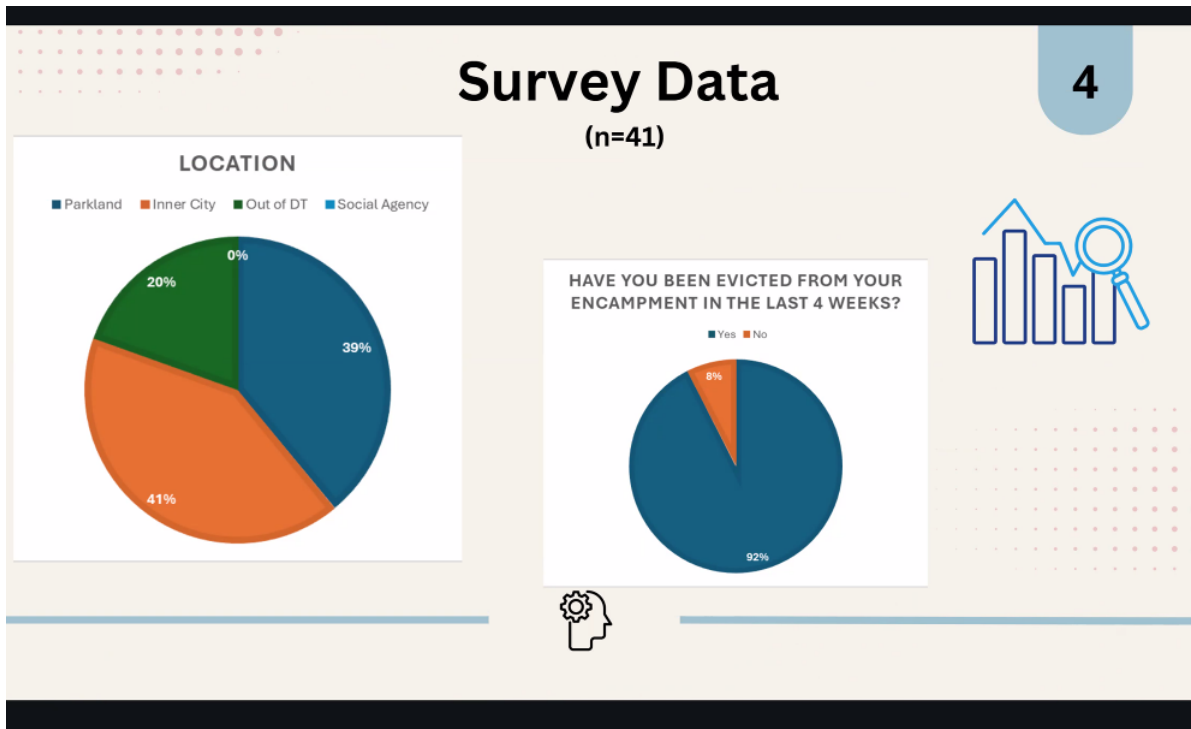


## Shelters, Sweeps and Substances

### HOUSING & DISPLACEMENT

- Less affordable housing = Increased houselessness crisis
- Encampments pushed out of inner city/Parkland into suburbs or further
- Displacements force people into hazardous, less visible places leading to health risks
- Increased opioid overdoses, increased stimulant use to keep awake at night and while on the move
- Increased frostbite amputations



“According to the most recent data from Homeward Trust, Edmonton’s main housing agency, 1,283 people were living unhoused and unsheltered in the city in January 2025 and 775 were living in shelters. This included 249 people entering or re-entering homelessness” (CTV News; Brittany Ekelund, March 11, 2025)

Social Isolation & Community Breakdown

- Belief that sweeps will make people move to shelters and access services
- Harder to maintain relationships and connect to resources
- Being forcibly moved can lead to interpersonal conflicts
- Loss of personal property such as medications, identification and blankets

## SURVEY DATA CON'T

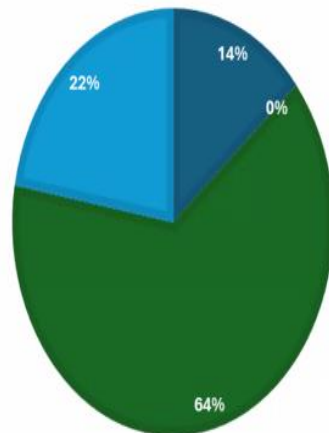
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ON AVERAGE COMMUNITY THAT COMPLETED THE SURVEY (41)  
WERE EVICTED FROM THEIR ENCAMPMENTS 3 TIMES IN THE 6  
MONTHS PRIOR TO SURVEY DATE

### WHERE DID YOU/WILL YOU MOVE TO?

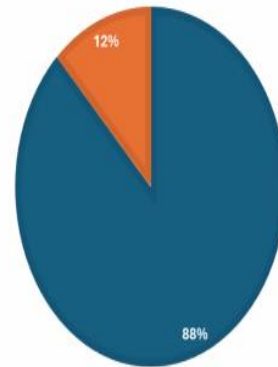


■ Friend's Place ■ Shelter ■ New Camp ■ Other



### HAVE YOUR BELONGINGS BEEN THROWN AWAY?

■ Yes ■ No

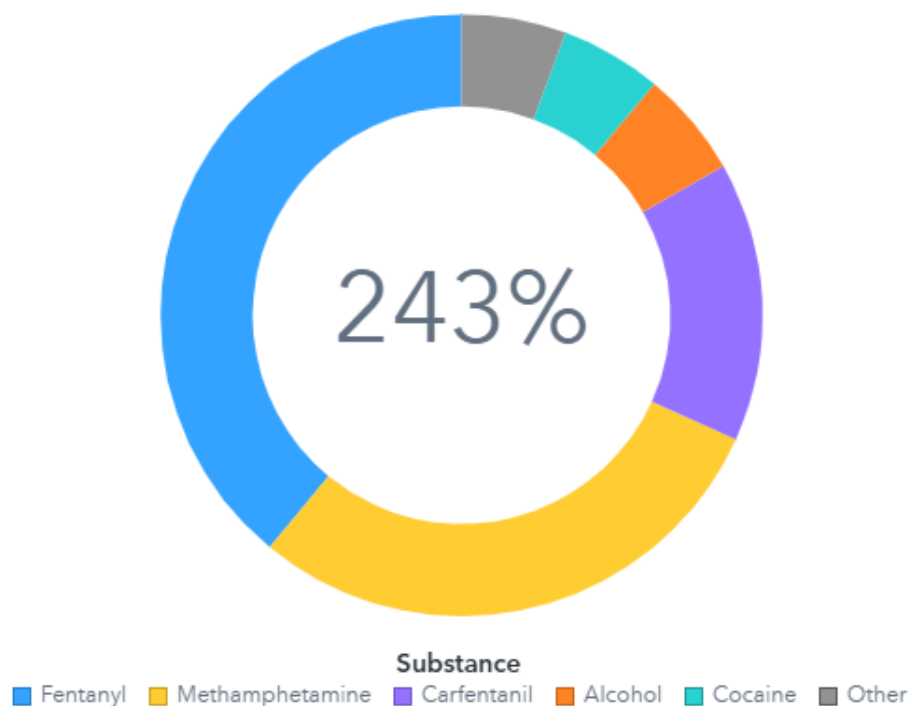


## Substance Statistics

As indicated on the Alberta Substance Use Surveillance Site, Fentanyl and Methamphetamine continue to hold the highest risk of accidental drug poisoning fatalities in the city of Edmonton.

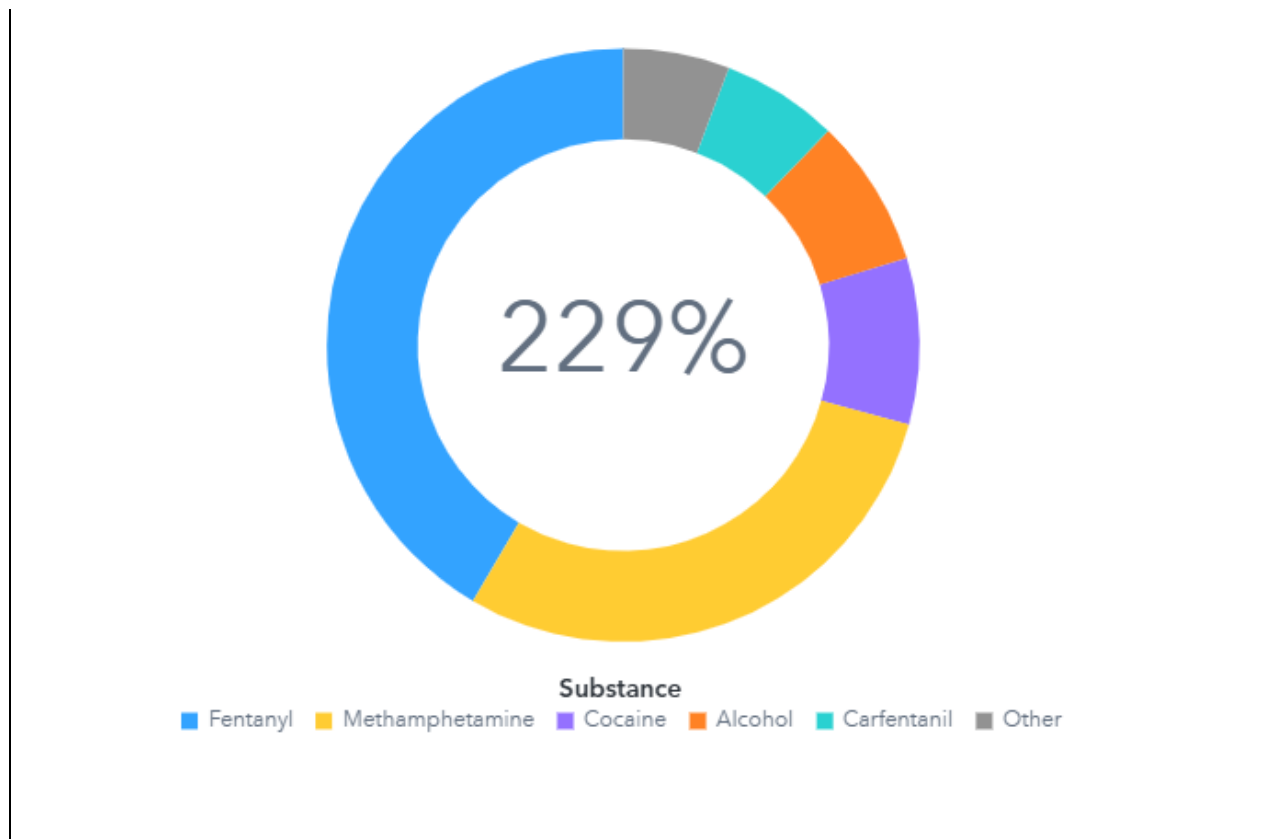
Number of acute accidental drug poisoning deaths in the year 2023 related to any opioid: **734**

Percent of deaths in the year 2023 involving specific substances:



Number of acute accidental drug poisoning deaths in the year 2024 related to any opioid: **497**

Percent of deaths in the year 2024 involving specific substances:



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