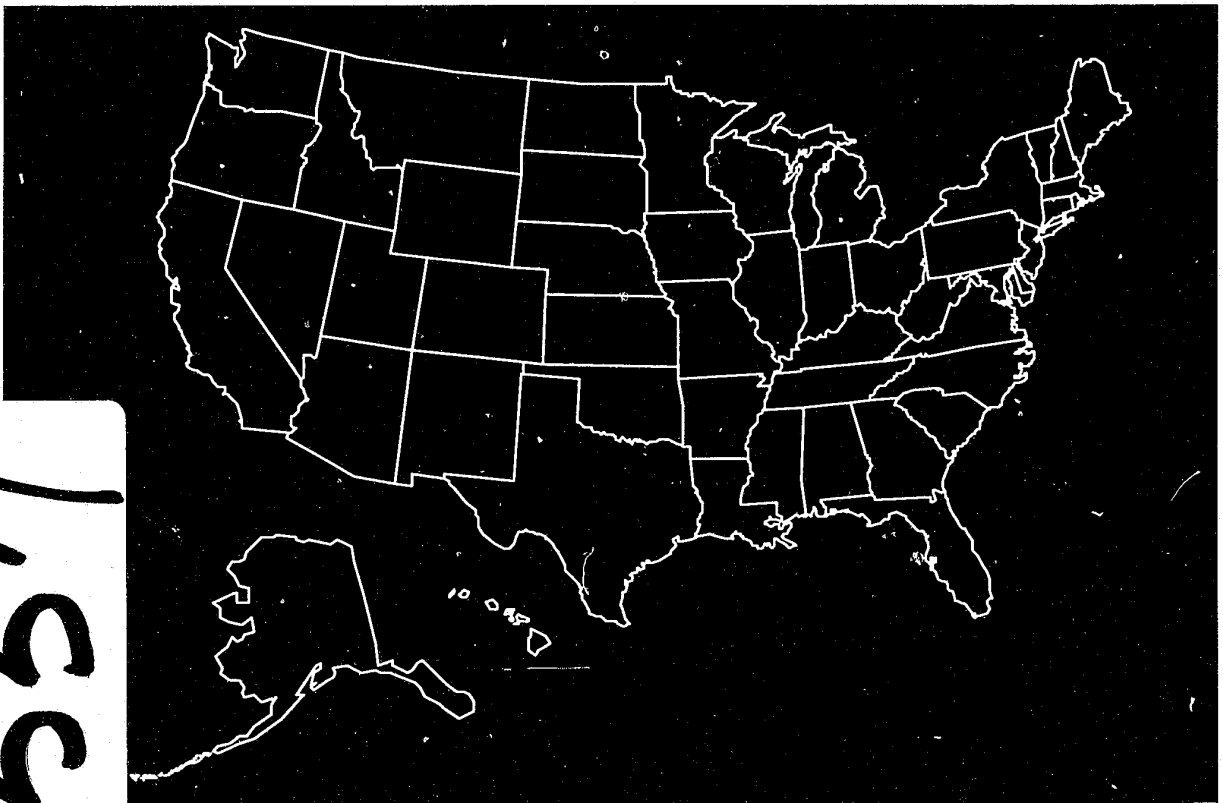


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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

One of the most important objectives of drug law enforcement is reducing the availability of illegal drugs. Because they are indicators of availability, two yardsticks for measuring effectiveness are: drug costs and drug purity. The *Illegal Drug Price/Purity Report*, by charting these variables on a drug-specific basis, provides these yardsticks.

This report outlines current trends in the availability of drugs in the United States. It also shows recent fluctuations in the price and purity of illegal drugs. Depressed prices and elevated purity levels often signal an increased availability of a certain drug.

Cocaine prices at the kilogram level remained relatively stable in most major U.S. cities during January - March 1993, but are still above their all-time low levels recorded in 1988-89. Moreover, during the first quarter of 1993, the national purity of cocaine decreased at all levels of the traffic, suggesting a slight reduction in availability. The price and purity levels of heroin are more difficult to pinpoint, but heroin prices have declined at the low end of the price range since the early- to mid-1980s, and a wide variety of sources and an abundance of supply have led to all-time high purity levels. Marijuana prices have increased during the past several years at virtually all levels of the traffic, and these price increases generally track with a decline in marijuana use. On the other hand, overall prices for LSD remain low, and other indicators point to increasing use.



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## EXECUTIVE ASSESSMENT

This edition of the *Illegal Drug Price/Purity Report* provides illegal heroin, cocaine, marijuana, hallucinogen, depressant, and stimulant prices in the United States from January 1990 through March 1993. In addition, purity levels are included for cocaine and heroin as is the delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) potency for marijuana. The prices reported from all areas are used to determine the "national range." The data used in this report were compiled from DEA quarterly *Trends in the Traffic* reports.

Cocaine prices at the kilogram level remained relatively low and stable in the primary importation/distribution centers of Houston, Los Angeles, and New York City as well as in most other major U.S. cities during January - March 1993. Several exceptions to this included Miami, where the kilogram price rose from a range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 during October - December 1992 to a range of \$17,000 to \$24,000 during January - March 1993, and Chicago, where prices increased from a range of \$17,500 to \$25,000 to a range of \$21,000 to \$26,000 during the same time frame. Nevertheless, cocaine remained readily available in virtually all major U.S. metropolitan areas throughout the January - March 1993 period. (Price information for Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York appears on pages 1 and 2 of this report; price information for the major cities not listed in this report is available upon request.)

Cocaine purity at the kilogram, ounce, and gram levels decreased from October - December 1992 to January - March 1993. Kilogram purity, which averaged 83 percent during October - December 1992, decreased to 81 percent during January - March 1993. At the ounce level, the purity, which averaged 76 percent during October - December 1992, declined to 71 percent during January - March 1993. Gram purity decreased from 72 percent to 60 percent during the same time frame.

Trends based upon heroin prices and purities are less clearly defined than for other drugs of abuse in this report. Numerous and diverse foreign sources of supply and extremes in purity levels evident at both the wholesale and retail levels account for the wide variances. The most discernible trend indicates that the lower-end prices for gram, ounce, and kilogram quantities of heroin have declined since the mid-1980s. In

addition, the purity for gram and ounce heroin purchases has risen steadily since 1990.

During the first three months of 1993, the price for a pound of commercial grade marijuana ranged from \$350 to \$5,000. By contrast, a decade ago, the price ranged from \$350 to \$600 per pound. Sinsemilla, with an inherently higher THC content, ranged from \$1,100 to \$9,000 per pound during January - March 1993. A decade ago, the price ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per pound.

Although there was some fluctuation in the price of LSD nationally over the past several years, overall prices for this hallucinogen remained relatively low.

# COCAINE

Cocaine Price Data 1990-1993					
Quantity	Metropolitan Area	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Kilogram	National Range	\$11,000-\$40,000	\$11,000-\$40,000	\$11,000-\$42,000	\$11,000-\$40,000
	Miami	\$16,000-\$25,000	\$14,000-\$25,000	\$13,500-\$25,000	\$17,000-\$24,000
	New York	\$20,000-\$38,500	\$14,000-\$29,000	\$12,500-\$35,000	\$18,000-\$25,000
	Chicago	\$18,000-\$35,000	\$18,000-\$30,000	\$17,500-\$37,000	\$21,000-\$26,000
	Los Angeles	\$14,000-\$32,000	\$12,000-\$28,000	\$11,000-\$20,000	\$14,000-\$17,000
Ounce	National Range	\$500-\$2,500	\$400-\$2,500	\$350-\$2,200	\$400-\$2,200
	Miami	\$600-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,000	\$800-\$1,000	\$800-\$1,000
	New York	\$750-\$1,450	\$800-\$1,600	\$800-\$1,600	\$1,000-\$1,200
	Chicago	\$850-\$1,400	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,500	\$1,000-\$1,500
	Los Angeles	\$600-\$1,200	\$700-\$1,200	\$700-\$1,200	\$750-\$1,000
Gram	National Range	\$35-\$175	\$35-\$175	\$15-\$150	\$15-\$150
	Miami	\$35-\$80	\$60-\$95	\$60-\$95	\$60-\$80
	New York	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$90	\$50-\$90	\$50-\$90
	Chicago	\$60-\$100	\$100-\$140	\$100-\$150	\$100-\$150
	Los Angeles	\$80-\$125	\$80-\$125	\$80-\$125	\$80-\$100

Cocaine Purity Data 1990-1993 National Average				
Quantity	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Kilogram	80%	86%	83%	81%
Ounce	58%	72%	74%	71%
Gram	54%	59%	64%	60%



**Cocaine Price Data  
(2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)**

Quantity	Metropolitan Area	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Kilogram	National Range	\$14,000-\$42,000	\$14,000-\$40,000	\$13,000-\$40,000	\$11,000-\$40,000
	Miami	\$17,000-\$25,000	\$16,000-\$25,000	\$15,000-\$20,000	\$17,000-\$24,000
	New York	\$25,000-\$35,000	\$18,000-\$25,000	\$18,000-\$25,000	\$18,000-\$25,000
	Chicago	\$20,000-\$37,000	\$18,000-\$27,000	\$17,500-\$25,000	\$21,000-\$26,000
	Los Angeles	\$14,000-\$20,000	\$14,000-\$19,000	\$14,000-\$17,000	\$14,000-\$17,000
Ounce	National Range	\$600-\$2,200	\$600-\$2,200	\$350-\$2,200	\$400-\$2,200
	Miami	\$800-\$1,000	\$800-\$1,000	\$800-\$1,000	\$800-\$1,000
	New York	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,200
	Chicago	\$1,100-\$1,400	\$800-\$1,300	\$950-\$1,500	\$1,000-\$1,500
	Los Angeles	\$750-\$1,000	\$750-\$1,000	\$750-\$1,000	\$750-\$1,000
Gram	National Range	\$50-\$150	\$50-\$150	\$15-\$150	\$15-\$150
	Miami	\$60-\$95	\$70-\$90	\$70-\$90	\$60-\$80
	New York	\$50-\$90	\$50-\$90	\$50-\$90	\$50-\$90
	Chicago	\$100-\$150	\$100-\$150	\$100-\$150	\$100-\$150
	Los Angeles	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100

**Cocaine Purity Data  
(2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)  
National Average**

Quantity	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Kilogram	83%	81%	83%	81%
Ounce	72%	69%	76%	71%
Gram	64%	53%	72%	60%

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## CRACK PRICE DATA

Crack cocaine, also referred to as "rock," is packaged in vials, glassine baggies, film canisters, etc. Sizes of the "rocks" are imprecise, but generally range from 1/10 to 1/2 gram. These "rocks" can sell for as low as \$2 to as high as \$75, but prices generally range from \$10 to \$50. Crack is generally converted locally from cocaine hydrochloride for sale at the retail level. When available in kilogram quantities, prices for crack cocaine are comparable to those for kilogram quantities of cocaine hydrochloride. The national range for ounce quantities of crack is from \$475 to \$2,500. A gram ranges in cost from \$45 to \$150.

# HEROIN

Heroin Price Data (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993) National Range					
Quantity	Source	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Kilogram	Mexican (MEX)	\$50,000-\$120,000	\$50,000-\$150,000	\$50,000-\$120,000	\$50,000-\$120,000
	Southeast Asian (SEA)	\$140,000-\$240,000	\$140,000-\$250,000	\$180,000-\$250,000	\$180,000-\$250,000
	Southwest Asian (SWA)	\$80,000-\$200,000	\$80,000-\$200,000	\$90,000-\$200,000	\$70,000-\$200,000
Ounce		\$1,500-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000
Gram	Powder	\$100-\$600	\$100-\$600 <sup>1</sup>	\$100-\$600	\$100-\$400
	Black Tar	\$120-\$500	\$120-\$400 <sup>2</sup>	\$100-\$500	\$100-\$600

<sup>1</sup> Grams of purported SEA heroin in Hawaii have sold for as much as \$800 each.

<sup>2</sup> Grams of black tar heroin in Hawaii have sold for as much as \$600 each.

Heroin Purity Data <sup>1</sup> 1990 - 1993 National Averages								
Quantity	1990		1991		1992		1993 (Jan. - Mar.)	
	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures
Gram	22%	44%	30%	44%	37%	49%	53%	47%
Ounce	34%	59%	43%	56%	53%	64%	66%	68%
Kilogram	n/a	78%	70%	73%	86%	75%	n/a	78%

<sup>1</sup> Purity data are based on STRIDE printouts of average purities for the 1 to 10-gram, 1 to 10-ounce, and 1 to 10-kilogram ranges. The left-hand number represents the average purity of heroin purchases; the right-hand number represents the average purity of heroin seizures.

**Heroin Price Data  
(2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)  
National Range**

Quantity	Source	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Kilogram	Mexican (MEX)	\$50,000-\$120,000	\$50,000-\$150,000	\$50,000-\$120,000	\$50,000-\$120,000
	Southeast Asian (SEA)	\$140,000-\$240,000	\$140,000-\$250,000	\$180,000-\$250,000	\$180,000-\$250,000
	Southwest Asian (SWA)	\$80,000-\$200,000	\$80,000-\$200,000	\$90,000-\$200,000	\$70,000-\$200,000
Ounce		\$1,500-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000	\$1,000-\$12,000
Gram	Powder	\$100-\$600	\$100-\$600	\$100-\$600	\$100-\$400
	Black Tar	\$120-\$500	\$120-\$400	\$100-\$500	\$100-\$600

**Heroin Purity Data  
(2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)  
National Averages**

Quantity	2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		1st Quarter	
	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures	Purchases	Seizures
Gram	33%	41%	39%	47%	60%	60%	53%	47%
Ounce	43%	62%	53%	63%	59%	68%	66%	68%
Kilogram	n/a	76%	86%	76%	n/a	77%	n/a	78%

<sup>1</sup> Purity data are based on STRIDE printouts of average purities for the 1 to 10-gram, 1 to 10-ounce, and 1 to 10-kilogram ranges. The left-hand number represents the average purity of heroin purchases; the right-hand number represents the average purity of heroin seizures.

Marijuana Price and Potency Data 1990-1993 National Range					
Type	Quantity	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Commercial Grade	Pound	\$250-\$3,000	\$400-\$3,000	\$300-\$3,000	\$350-\$5,000 <sup>3</sup>
	Ounce	\$25-\$300	\$40-\$550	\$40-\$450	\$40-\$350
Potency (THC) <sup>1</sup>		3.63%	3.13%	3.62%	3.19%
Sinsemilla	Pound	\$400-\$4,100	\$500-\$6,000	\$650-\$9,600	\$1,100-\$9,000 <sup>4</sup>
	Ounce	\$80-\$350	\$100-\$450	\$125-\$650	\$150-\$850 <sup>4</sup>
Potency (THC) <sup>2</sup>		10.15%	11.72%	8.45%	7.85%

<sup>1</sup> Includes kilo bricks, loose plant material, and buds.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the lag time in reporting, potency percentages are continuously updated for up to two years.

<sup>3</sup> Mexican marijuana mixed with locally grown marijuana has been selling for \$3,500-\$5,000 per pound in DEA's Seattle Division.

<sup>4</sup> The price for sinsemilla marijuana in Hawaii has increased as a result of scarcity caused by successful eradication efforts.

Marijuana Price Data (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993) National Range				
Quarter	Commercial Pound	Commercial Ounce	Sinsemilla Pound	Sinsemilla Ounce
2nd Quarter 1992	\$400-\$3,000	\$40-\$340	\$800-\$8,000	\$125-\$600
3rd Quarter 1992	\$300-\$3,000	\$40-\$400	\$900-\$9,000	\$175-\$650
4th Quarter 1992	\$300-\$3,000	\$40-\$450	\$1,000-\$9,000	\$125-\$650
1st Quarter 1993	\$350-\$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$40-\$350	\$1,100-\$9,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$150-\$850 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mexican marijuana mixed with locally grown marijuana has been selling for \$3,500-\$5,000 per pound in DEA's Seattle Division.

<sup>2</sup> The price for sinsemilla marijuana in Hawaii has increased as a result of scarcity caused by successful eradication efforts.

### Hashish Prices

Because of U.S. consumer preference for marijuana, hashish prices are unavailable in many regions. When encountered, however, retail prices average \$6 to \$20 per gram, \$100 to \$600 per ounce, \$1,000 to \$6,000 per pound, and \$3,000 per kilogram. (The Boston Field Division reported that hashish was selling for as high as \$6,000 per pound in New Hampshire due to extremely limited availability.) The THC content of hashish seized in the United States during Calendar Year 1992 was 7.55 percent. (THC content of hashish is not yet available for January - March 1993.) Hashish oil sells for \$35 to \$55 per gram and \$2,500 to \$4,000 per pound.

**Marijuana Prices  
January - March 1993**

Division	Primary Source <sup>1</sup>	Pound Commercial	Pound Sinsemilla	Ounce Commercial	Ounce Sinsemilla
National Range	COL/DOM/MEX	\$350-\$5,000	\$1,100-\$9,000	\$40-\$350	\$150-\$850
Atlanta	DOM/MEX	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$3,500-\$4,000	n/a	n/a
Boston	COL/DOM/MEX	\$1,500-\$3,000	\$3,000-\$3,500	\$250-\$350	\$250-\$400
Chicago	COL/MEX	\$880-\$3,200	\$3,000-\$3,500	\$100-\$350	\$450
Dallas	MEX	\$450-\$1,500	\$1,200-\$3,000	\$100-\$250	n/a
Denver	COL/DOM/MEX	\$800-\$1,500	\$1,500-\$3,000	n/a	n/a
Detroit	COL/DOM	\$950-\$1,100	n/a	\$100-\$200	n/a
Houston	DOM/MEX	\$350-\$1,000	n/a	\$40	n/a
Los Angeles	DOM/MEX/THAI	\$800-\$1,200	\$3,000-\$9,000 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	\$400-\$850 <sup>2</sup>
Miami	COL/DOM/JAM	\$1,000-\$1,200	\$2,000-\$2,500	\$90-\$125	\$155-\$210
New Orleans	COL/DOM/MEX	\$650-\$2,000	n/a	\$100-\$150	n/a
New York	DOM/MEX	\$800-\$2,000	\$4,000	\$200	\$500
Newark	JAM/MEX	\$1,100-\$3,200	n/a	\$125-\$325	\$300-\$550
Philadelphia	JAM/MEX	\$1,500-\$3,000	\$1,700-\$2,000	\$100-\$250	n/a
Phoenix	DOM/MEX	\$500-\$900	n/a	n/a	n/a
San Diego	MEX	\$600-\$900	n/a	n/a	n/a
San Francisco	DOM/MEX	\$800-\$3,500	\$3,000-\$6,000	n/a	n/a
Seattle	DOM/MEX	\$400-\$5,000 <sup>3</sup>	\$1,600-\$5,000	n/a	\$200
St. Louis	DOM	\$1,000-\$2,000	\$2,000-\$4,000	n/a	n/a
Washington, D.C.	COL/DOM/MEX	\$400-\$2,500	\$1,100-\$3,200	\$75-\$200	\$150-\$250

<sup>1</sup> The primary sources of marijuana consumed in the United States are Colombia (COL), Jamaica (JAM), Mexico (MEX), Thailand (THAI), and the United States (DOM).

<sup>2</sup> The price for sinsemilla marijuana in Hawaii has increased as a result of scarcity caused by successful eradication efforts.

<sup>3</sup> Mexican marijuana mixed with locally grown marijuana has been selling for \$3,500-\$5,000 per pound.

## DANGEROUS DRUGS

Methamphetamine Price Data 1990-1993					
Quantity	Division	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Pound	National Range	\$6,000-\$20,000	\$5,000-\$22,000	\$5,000-\$25,000	\$5,000-\$20,000
Ounce	National Range	\$500-\$2,400	\$500-\$2,500	\$300-\$2,500	\$500-\$2,500
	San Francisco	\$500-\$1,200	\$500-\$1,200	\$300-\$1,200	\$600-\$1,200
	San Diego	\$750-\$1,000	\$600-\$1,000	\$600-\$1,000	\$500-\$850
	Phoenix	\$600-\$1,200	\$600-\$1,000	\$600-\$1,400	\$1,400
Gram	National Range	\$50-\$150	\$50-\$150	\$30-\$200	\$50-\$130
	San Francisco	\$60-\$100	\$60-\$125	\$45-\$125	\$60-\$120
	San Diego	\$60-\$120	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$80
	Phoenix	\$80-\$125	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100

Methamphetamine Price Data (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)					
Quantity	Division	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Pound	National Range	\$6,500-\$20,000	\$5,000-\$22,000	\$5,000-\$25,000	\$5,000-\$20,000
Ounce	National Range	\$400-\$2,500	\$300-\$2,500	\$400-\$2,500	\$500-\$2,500
	San Francisco	\$500-\$1,200	\$300-\$1,200	\$400-\$1,200	\$600-\$1,200
	San Diego	\$600-\$1,000	\$600-\$850	\$600-\$850	\$500-\$850
	Phoenix	\$600-\$1,000	\$600-\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,400
Gram	National Range	\$30-\$200	\$50-\$140	\$45-\$120	\$50-\$130
	San Francisco	\$60-\$125	\$80-\$125	\$45-\$120	\$60-\$120
	San Diego	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$80
	Phoenix	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100	\$80-\$100

LSD Price Data <sup>1</sup> 1990-1993					
Quantity	Division	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Wholesale (1,000 hits)	National Range	\$0.30-\$3.50	\$0.25-\$4.00	\$0.30-\$5.00	\$0.30-\$5.00
	New York City	\$0.50-\$2.00	\$0.50-\$2.00	\$0.35-\$2.00	\$0.35-\$1.25
	Phoenix	\$1.00-\$2.00	\$1.00-\$2.00	\$0.60-\$2.00	\$0.60-\$2.00
	San Francisco	\$0.30-\$1.00	\$0.30-\$1.00	\$0.30-\$1.00	\$0.30-\$1.00
Retail (1 hit)	National Range	\$1.00-\$10.00	\$1.00-\$15.00	\$1.00-\$15.00	\$1.00-\$10.00
	New York City	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.50-\$4.00
	Phoenix	\$2.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00
	San Francisco	\$1.00-\$5.00	\$1.00-\$5.00	\$1.00-\$7.00	\$3.00-\$5.00

<sup>1</sup> Price per dosage unit or "hit."

LSD Price Data <sup>1</sup> (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)					
Quantity	Division	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Wholesale (1,000 hits)	National Range	\$0.30-\$4.00	\$0.40-\$4.00	\$0.30-\$5.00	\$0.30-\$5.00
	New York City	\$0.35-\$2.00	\$0.35-\$2.00	\$0.35-\$1.25	\$0.35-\$1.25
	Phoenix	\$0.60-\$2.00	\$0.60-\$2.00	\$0.60-\$2.00	\$0.60-\$2.00
	San Francisco	\$0.30-\$1.00	\$0.30-\$1.00	\$0.35-\$1.00	\$0.30-\$1.00
Retail (1 hit)	National Range	\$1.00-\$15.00	\$1.00-\$10.00	\$1.00-\$10.00	\$1.00-\$10.00
	New York City	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.50-\$4.00	\$1.50-\$4.00
	Phoenix	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00
	San Francisco	\$1.00-\$7.00	\$3.00-\$5.00	\$3.00-\$5.00	\$3.00-\$5.00

<sup>1</sup> Price per dosage unit or "hit."



PCP Price Data 1990-1993					
Quantity	Division	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Gallon	Los Angeles	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$5,000
Liquid Ounce	National Range	\$100-\$1,000	\$150-\$1,000	\$150-\$1,000	\$200-\$700
	Los Angeles	\$100-\$200	\$150-\$250	\$150-\$300	\$250-\$300
	Washington, D.C.	\$200-\$600	\$200-\$600	\$200-\$600	\$200-\$600
	Chicago	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400
One Cigarette <sup>1</sup>	Los Angeles	\$30-\$70	\$30-\$70	\$15-\$70	\$30-\$70
Powdered Ounce	National Range	\$1,000-\$2,000	\$800-\$2,000	\$400-\$2,000	\$800-\$1,200
	Chicago	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,200	\$800-\$2,000	\$800-\$1,200

<sup>1</sup> A full-length cigarette saturated with liquid PCP.

PCP Price Data (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993)					
Quantity	Division	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Gallon	Los Angeles	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$3,000-\$10,000	\$5,000
Liquid Ounce	National Range	\$150-\$1,000	\$200-\$1,000	\$200-\$650	\$200-\$700
	Los Angeles	\$150-\$250	\$250-\$300	\$250-\$300	\$250-\$300
	Washington, D.C.	\$200-\$400	\$250-\$600	\$250-\$600	\$200-\$600
	Chicago	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$400
One Cigarette <sup>1</sup>	Los Angeles	\$15-\$70	\$30-\$70	\$30-\$70	\$30-\$70
Powdered Ounce	National Range	\$800-\$1,900	\$500-\$1,200	\$400-\$2,000	\$800-\$1,200
	Chicago	\$800-\$1,900	\$800-\$1,200	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$800-\$1,200

<sup>1</sup> A full-length cigarette saturated with liquid PCP.

MDMA Price Data <sup>1</sup> (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993) National Range				
Quantity	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter
Wholesale (1,000 hits)	\$5.00-\$20.00	\$5.00-\$20.00	\$5.00-\$10.00	\$8.00-\$10.00
Retail (1 hit)	\$10.00-\$30.00	\$10.00-\$25.00	\$10.00-\$25.00	\$10.00-\$30.00

<sup>1</sup> Prices per dosage unit.

Psilocybin Price Data <sup>1</sup> (2nd Quarter CY 1992 - 1st Quarter CY 1993) National Range						
Quantity		2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	
Wholesale	Pound	\$650-\$2,200	\$650-\$2,200	\$300-\$1,600	\$300-\$1,600	
	1/4 Pound	\$300-\$600	\$300-\$600	\$175	\$175	
Retail	Ounce	\$40-\$200	\$40-\$200	\$25-\$250	\$80-\$200	
	1/4 Ounce	\$20-\$40	\$20-\$40	\$25-\$100	\$25-\$100	
	Gram	\$2.50-\$15.00	\$2.50-\$15.00	\$3.00-\$15.00	\$3.00-\$15.00	

<sup>1</sup> Prices per dosage unit.

**Diazepam (Valium) Price Data  
1990-1993**

Quantity	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Wholesale (5-10 mg. tablet)	\$0.20-\$1.00	\$0.20-\$1.00	\$0.20-\$3.00	\$0.20-\$3.00
Retail (5-10 mg. tablet)	\$1.00-\$10.00	\$1.00-\$10.00	\$1.50-\$10.00	\$2.00-\$5.00

**Counterfeit Quaaludes Price Data<sup>1</sup>  
1990-1993**

Quantity (price per tablet)	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Wholesale (1,000+ tablets)	\$0.50-\$3.50	\$0.50-\$5.00	\$0.50-\$3.50	\$0.50-\$3.50
Retail (1 tablet)	\$3.00-\$10.00	\$3.00-\$12.00	\$3.00-\$10.00	\$3.00-\$10.00

<sup>1</sup> Includes some counterfeit Quaaludes containing methaqualone, but most are counterfeits containing diazepam.

**Other Narcotic Price Data  
1990-1993**

Drug	Quantity	1990	1991	1992	1993 (Jan. - Mar.)
Codeine Sets	one set	\$7.00-\$14.00	\$6.50-\$14.00	\$6.50-\$14.00	\$6.50-\$14.00
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) <sup>1</sup>	2 mg.	\$15.00-\$35.00	\$8.00-\$50.00	\$8.00-\$50.00	\$8.00-\$50.00
	4 mg.	\$20.00-\$60.00	\$15.00-\$68.00	\$15.00-\$80.00	\$12.00-\$70.00
Pentazocine (Talwin)	50 mg.	\$4.00-\$15.00	\$2.00-\$15.00	\$2.00-\$15.00	\$2.00-\$6.00
Tripelennamine (Pyribenzamine) <sup>2</sup>	50 mg.	\$8.00-\$20.00	\$7.50-\$20.00	\$7.50-\$20.00	\$7.50-\$20.00
Oxycodone (Percodan)	10 mg.	\$7.00-\$20.00	\$7.00-\$20.00	\$6.00-\$20.00	\$6.00-\$20.00
	100+ tablets	\$2.00-\$14.00	\$2.00-\$14.00	\$2.00-\$14.00	\$2.00-\$13.00

<sup>1</sup> Codeine used in conjunction with other drugs such as Empirin No. 4 and Glutethimide (Doriden).

<sup>2</sup> Pyribenzamine is a brand name of Tripelennamine.

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