

Methodology Notes

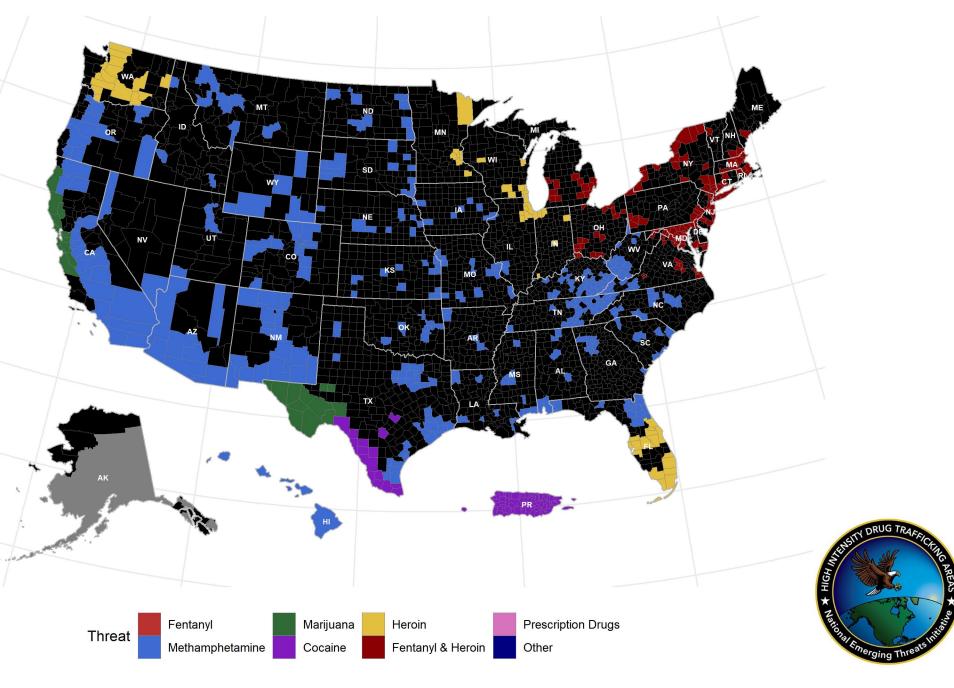
The following maps have been prepared from annual drug threat ratings by High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors, experienced law enforcement professionals who oversee illicit drug seizure efforts throughout the United States. These graphs are one of several sources of information used by the national HIDTA program to assess emerging drug threats.

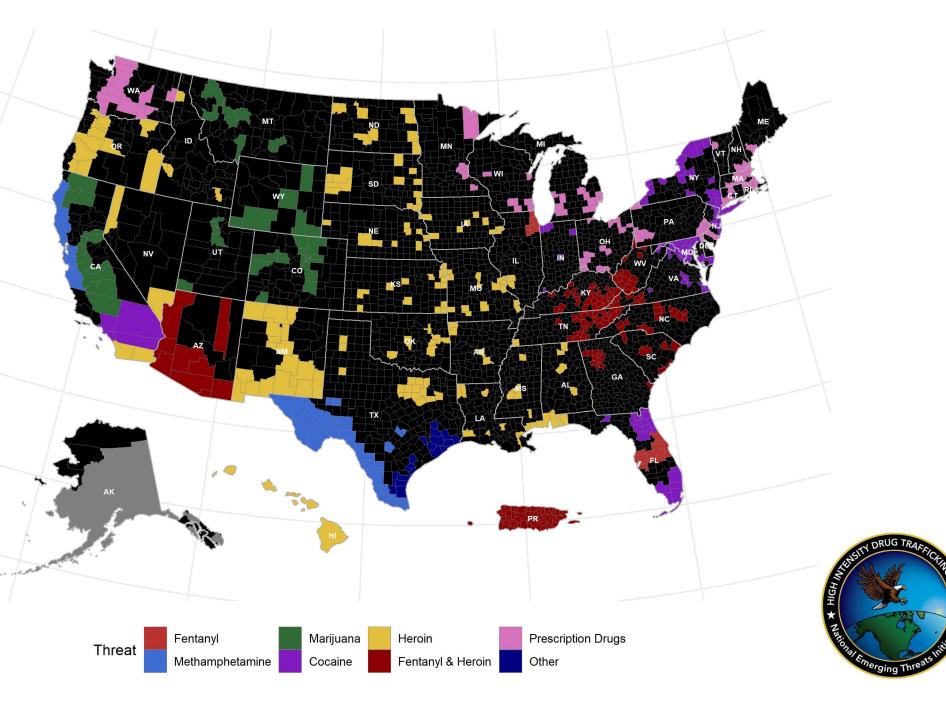
The ratings cover the years 2018 through 2024. Specific drugs are color-coded for primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary threats.

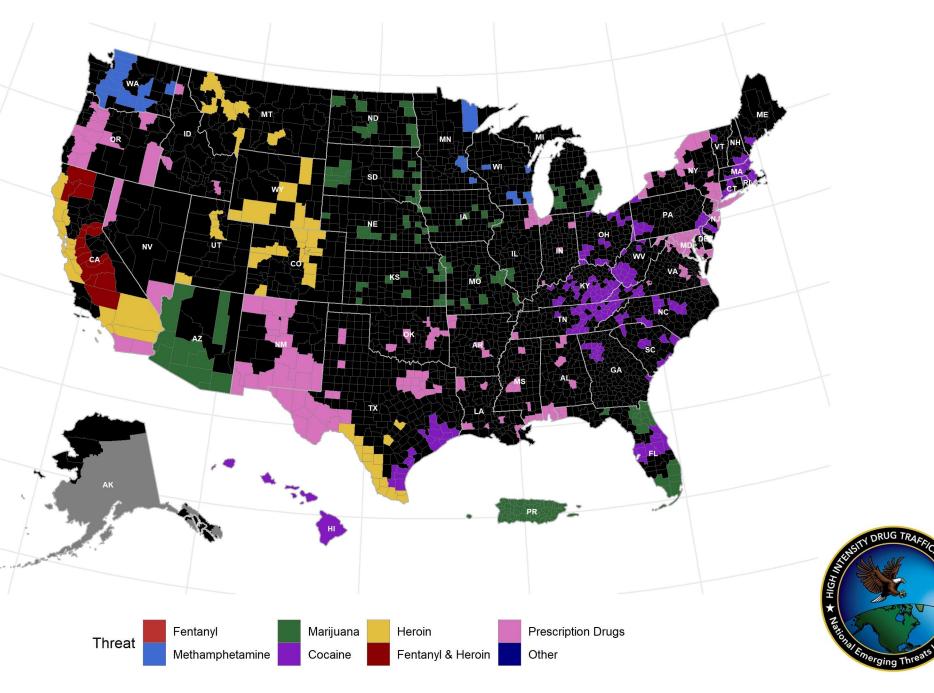
The statistics program R was used to analyze data and produce data visualizations for this report.

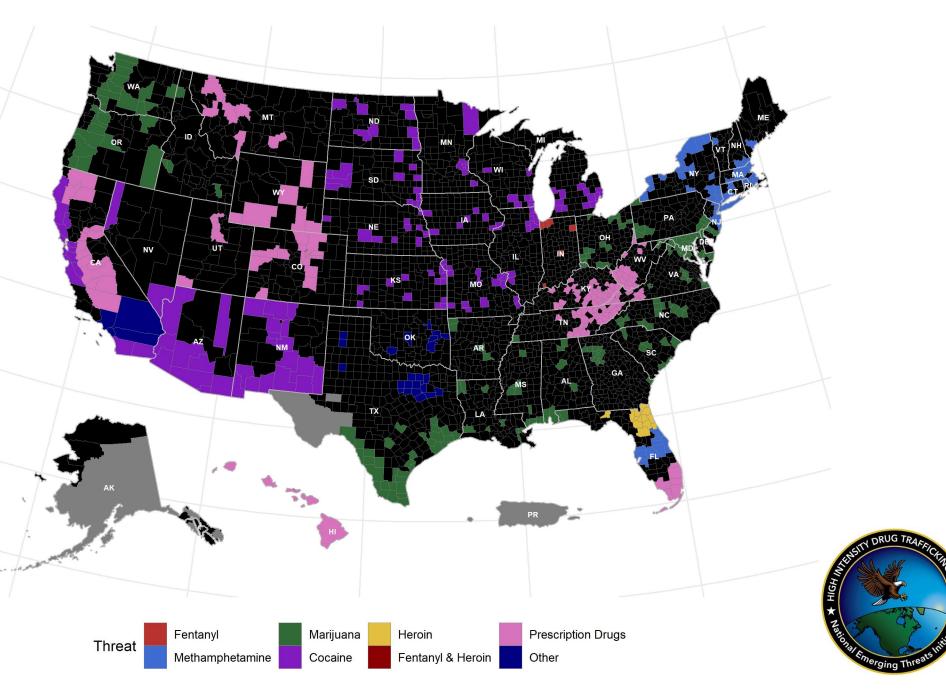
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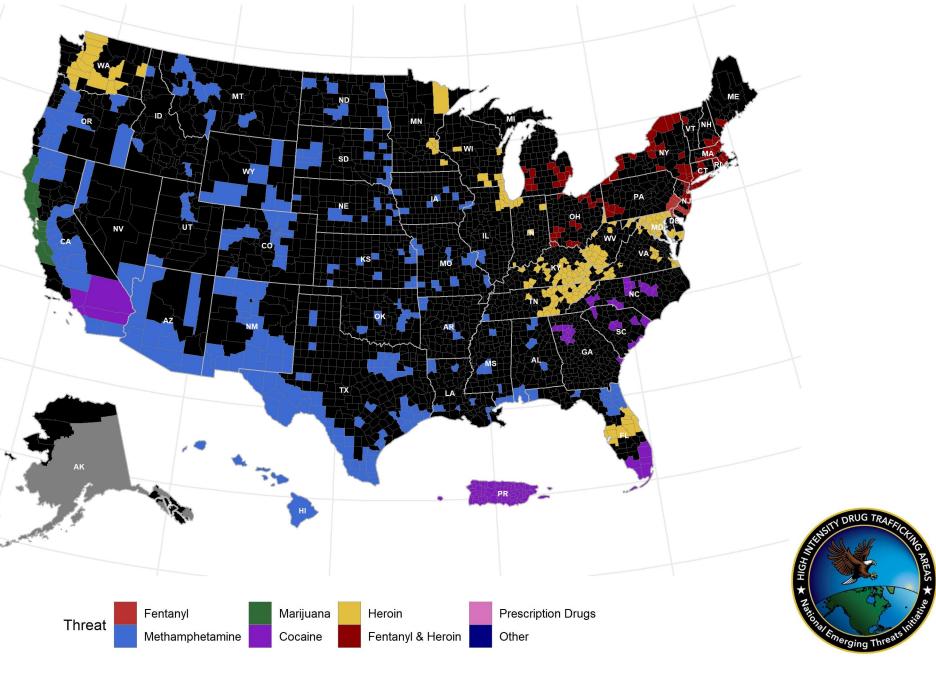


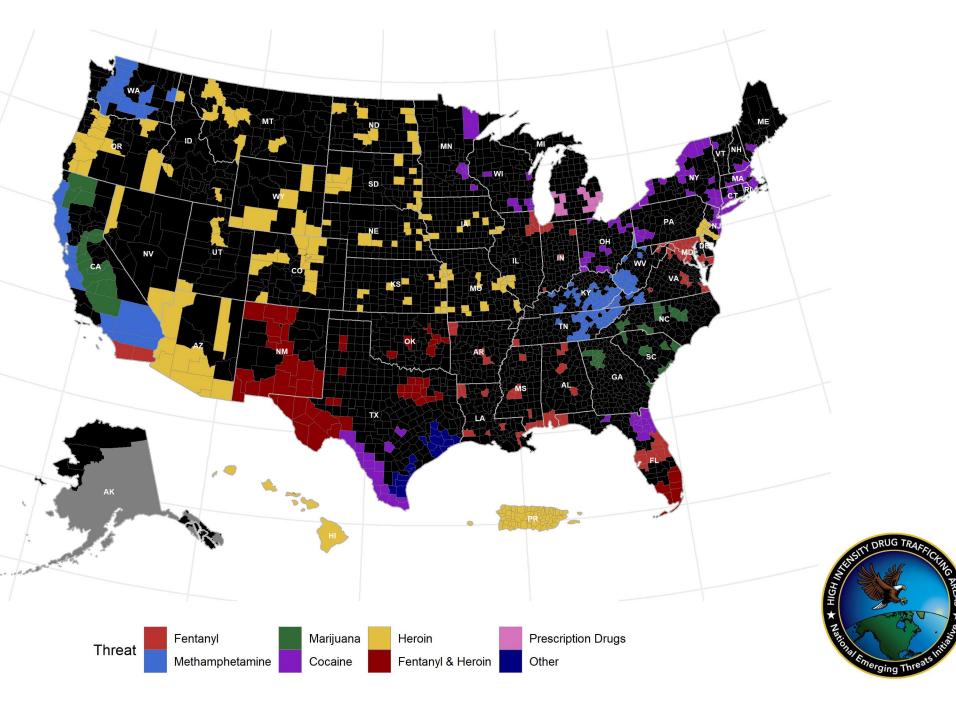


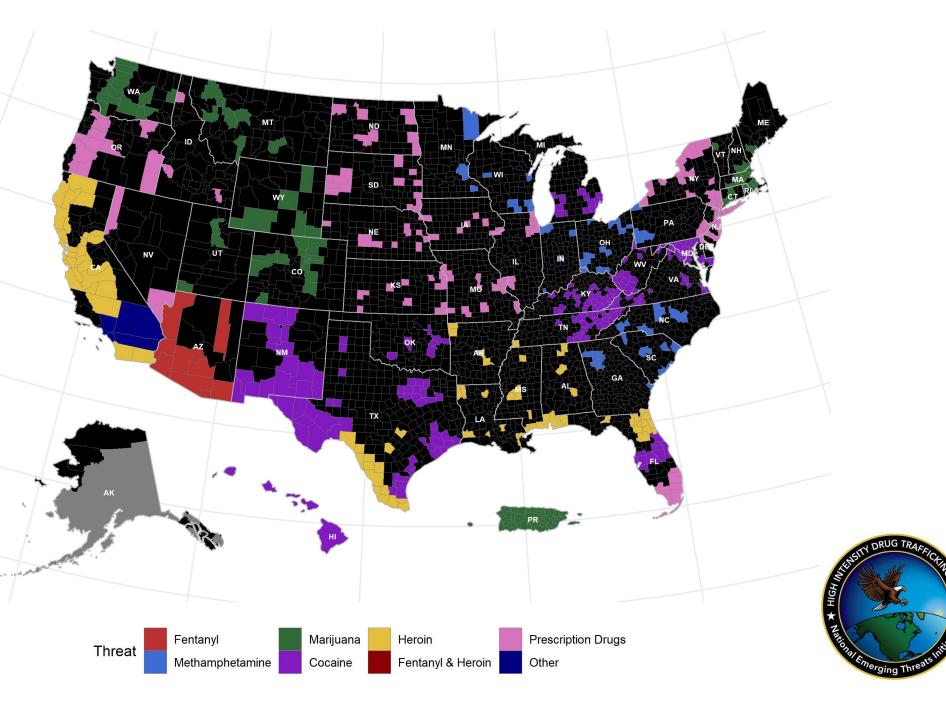


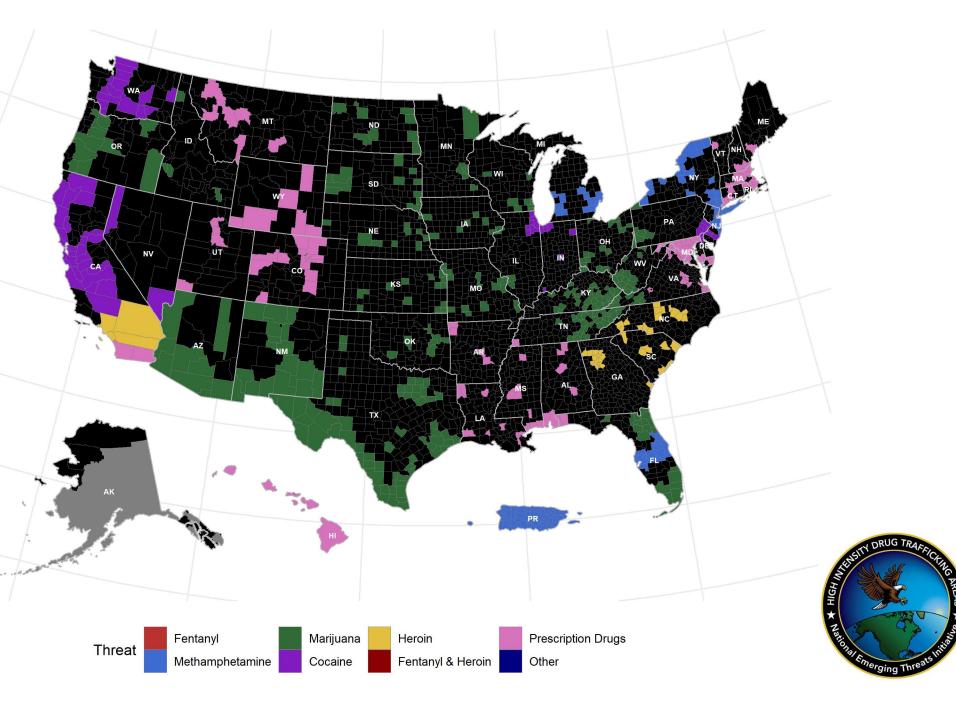






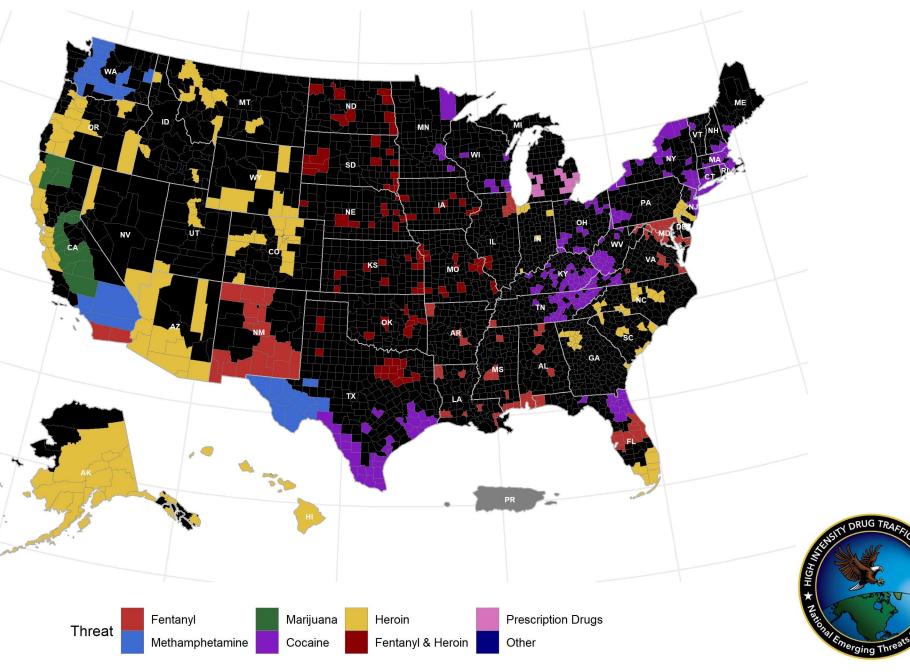


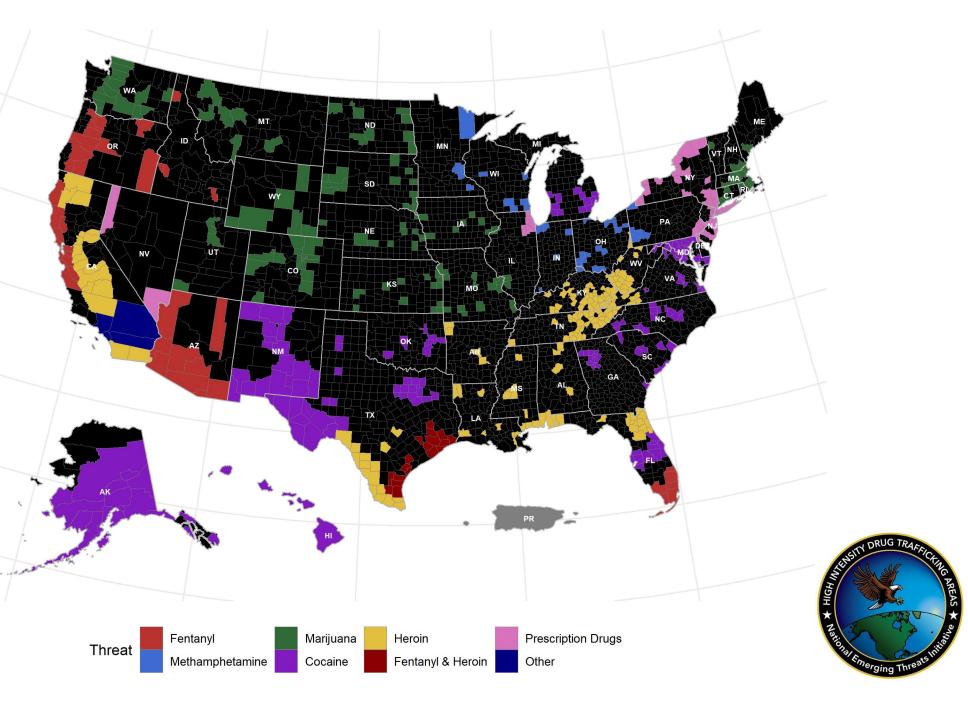


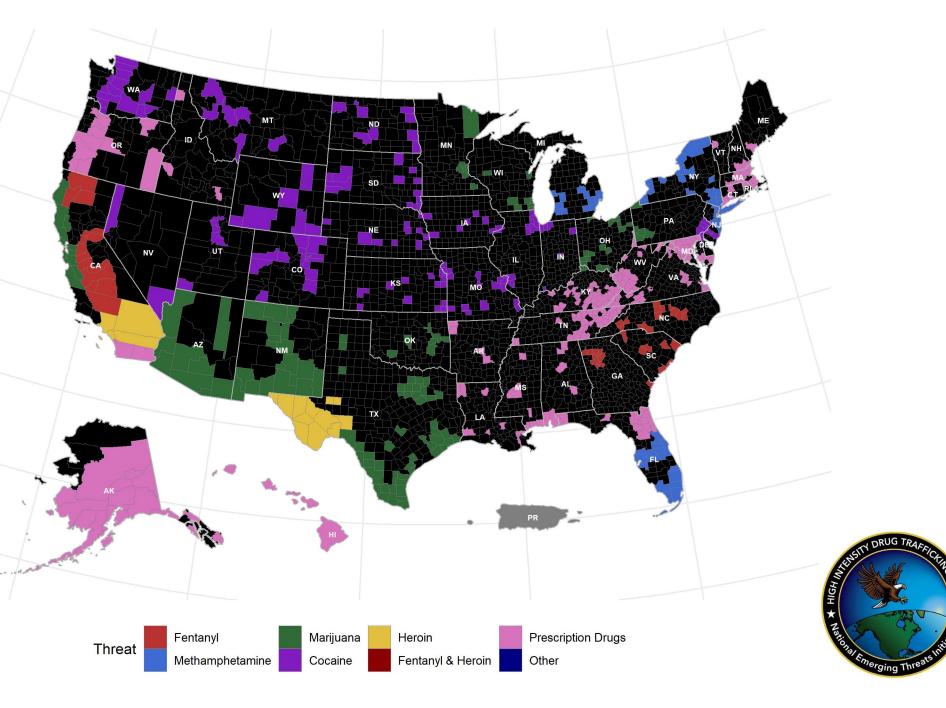




Most Significant **Drug Threats** Identified by **HIDTA** Directors for Calendar Year 2020 Fentanyl Marijuana Heroin Prescription Drugs **Threat** Fentanyl & Heroin Methamphetamine Cocaine Other

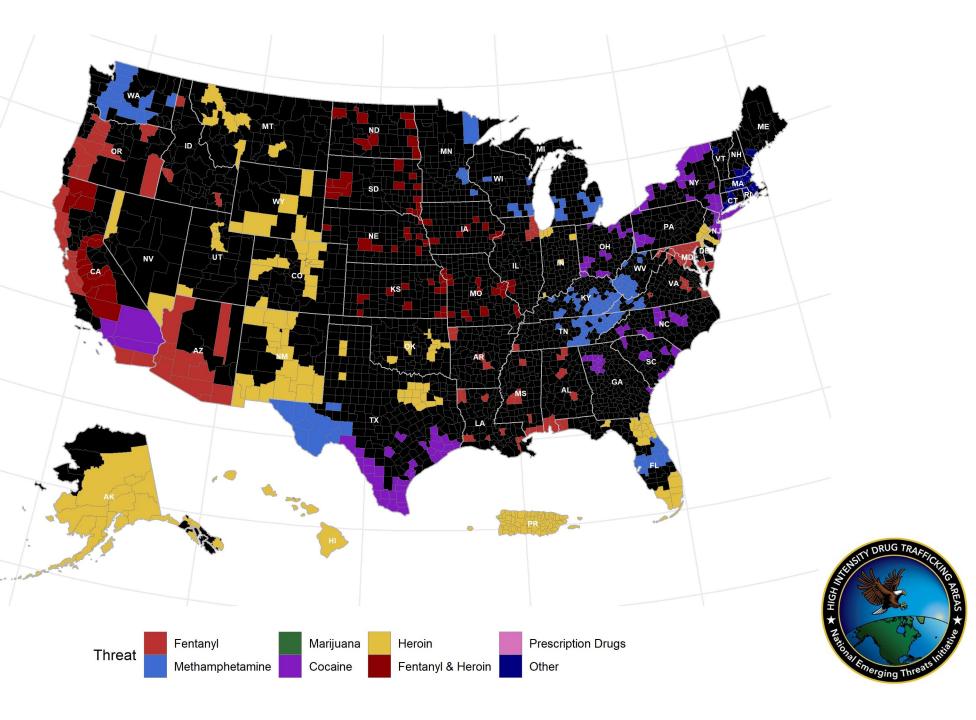


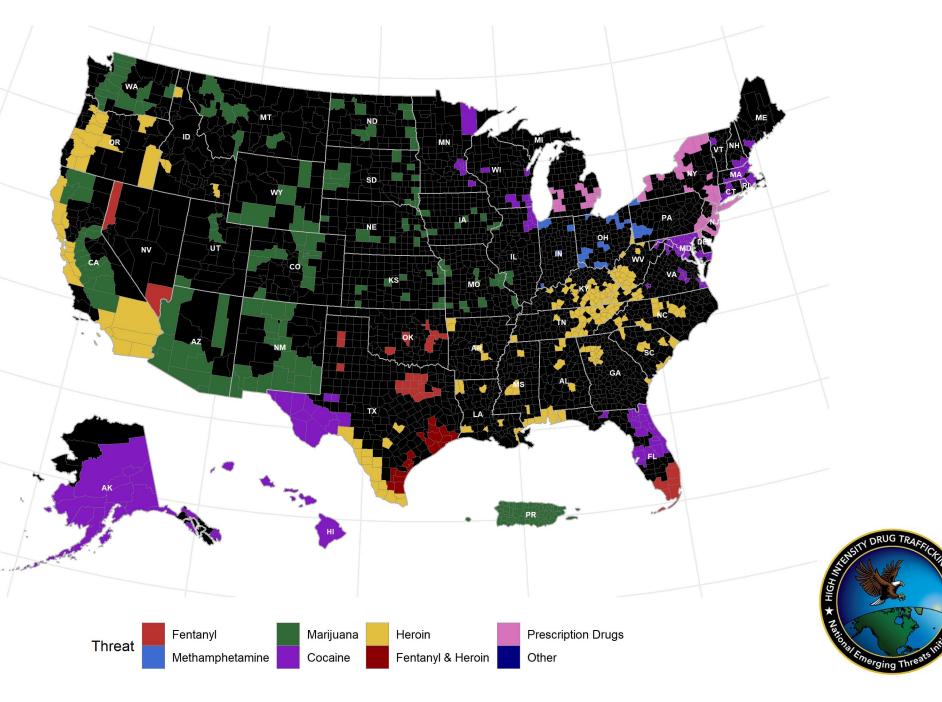


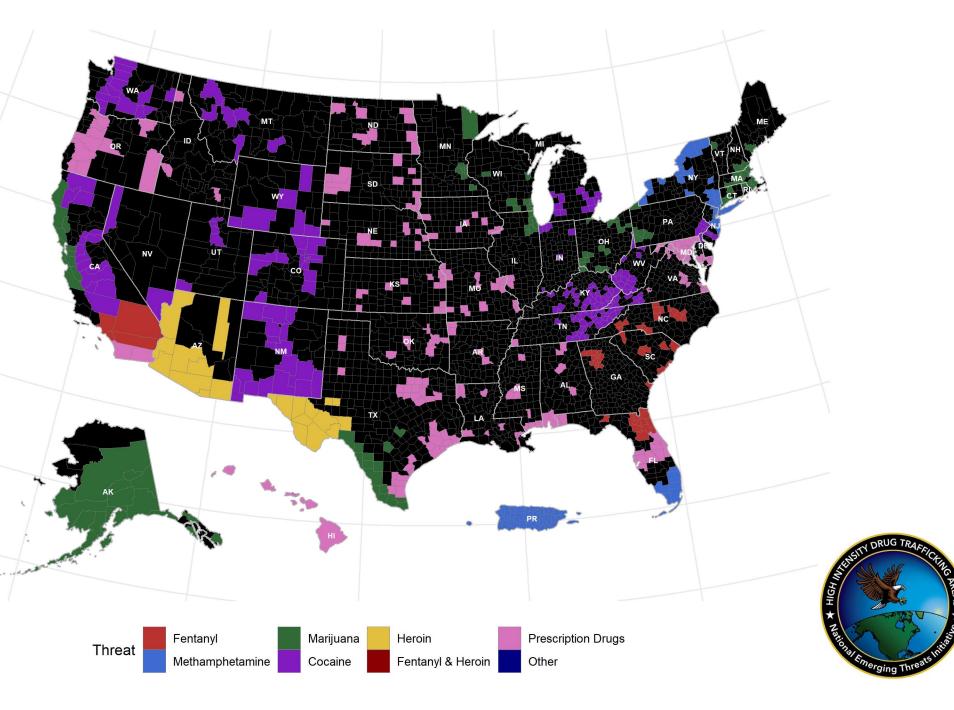




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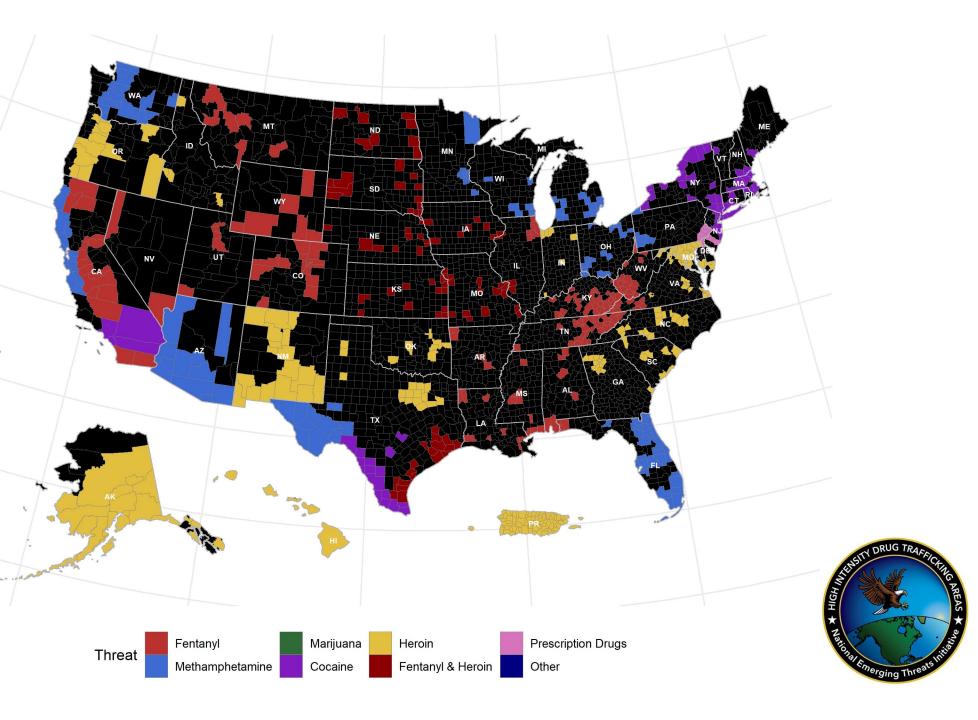


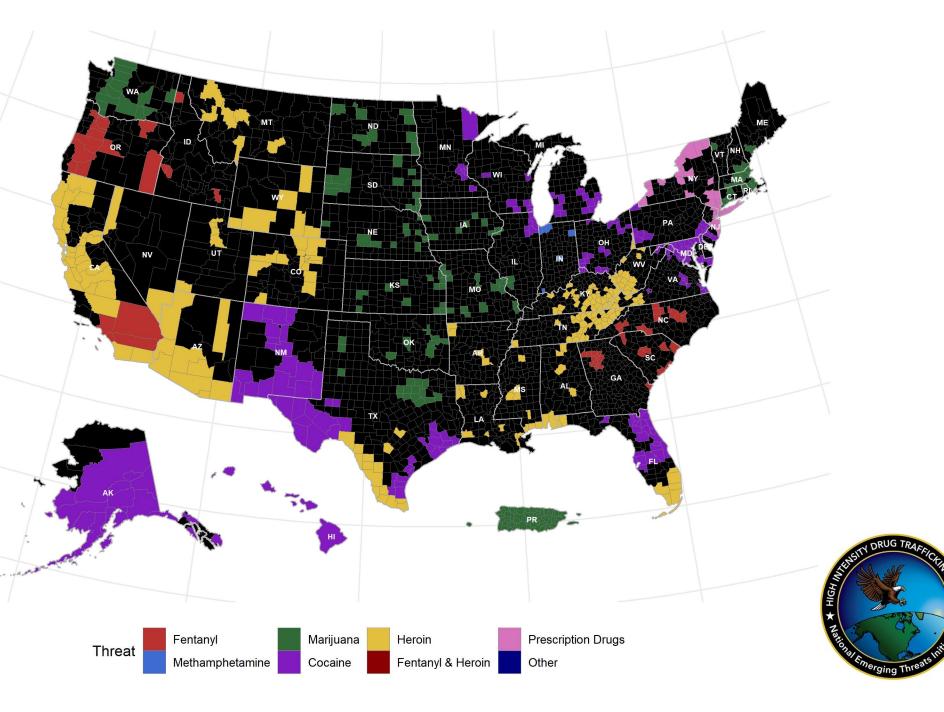


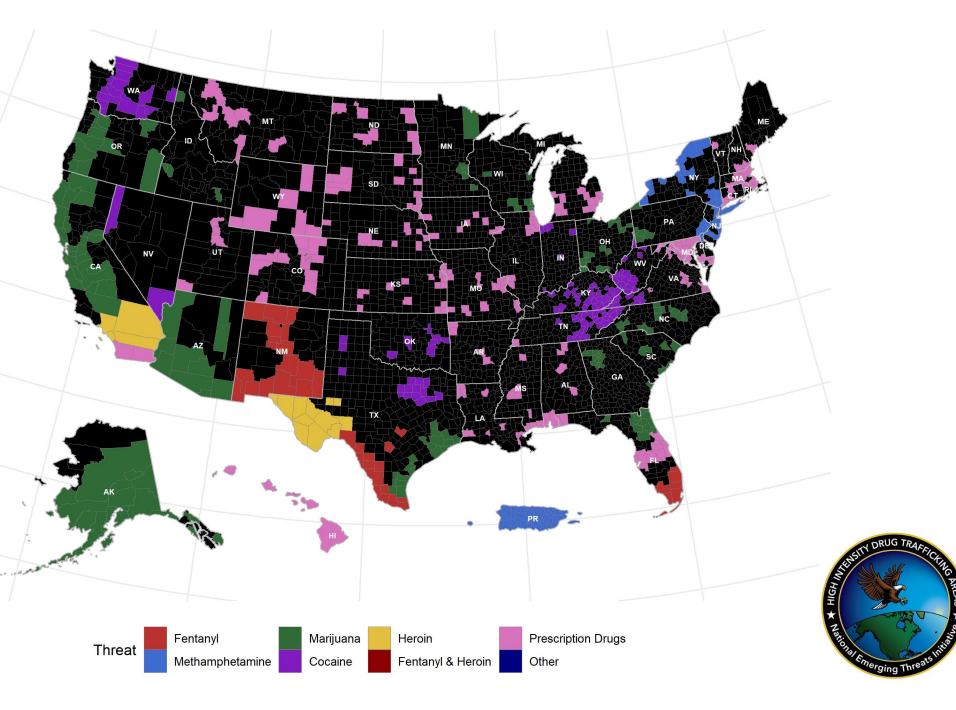




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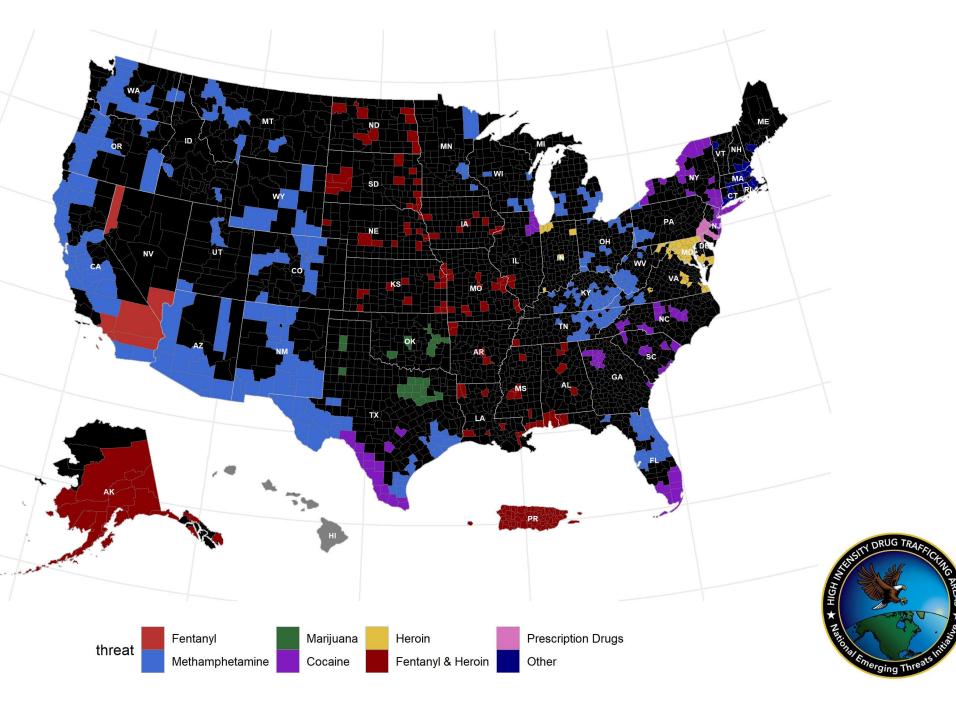


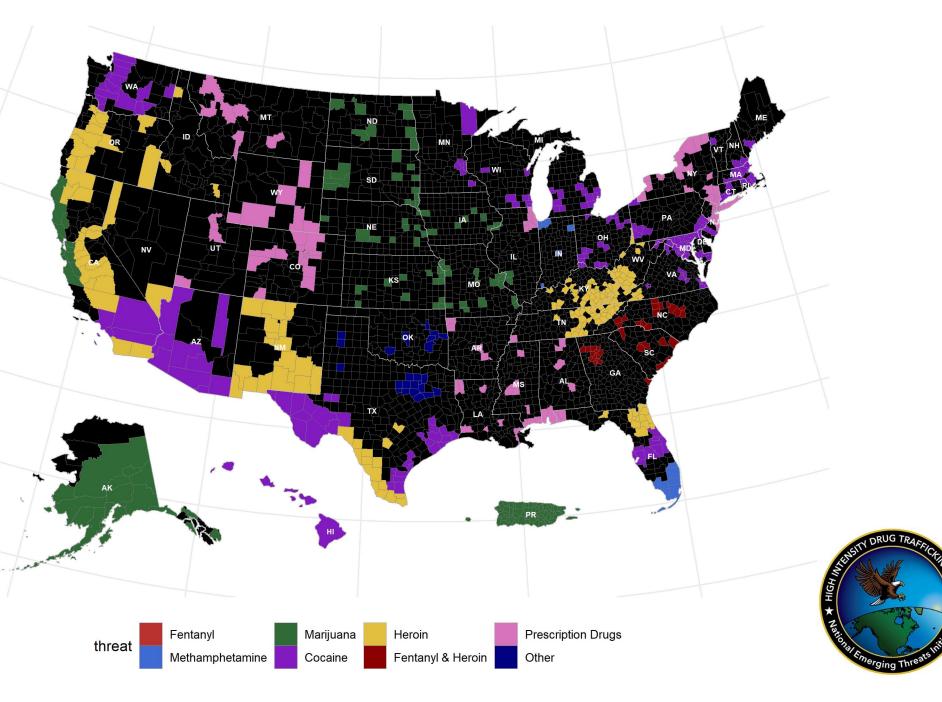


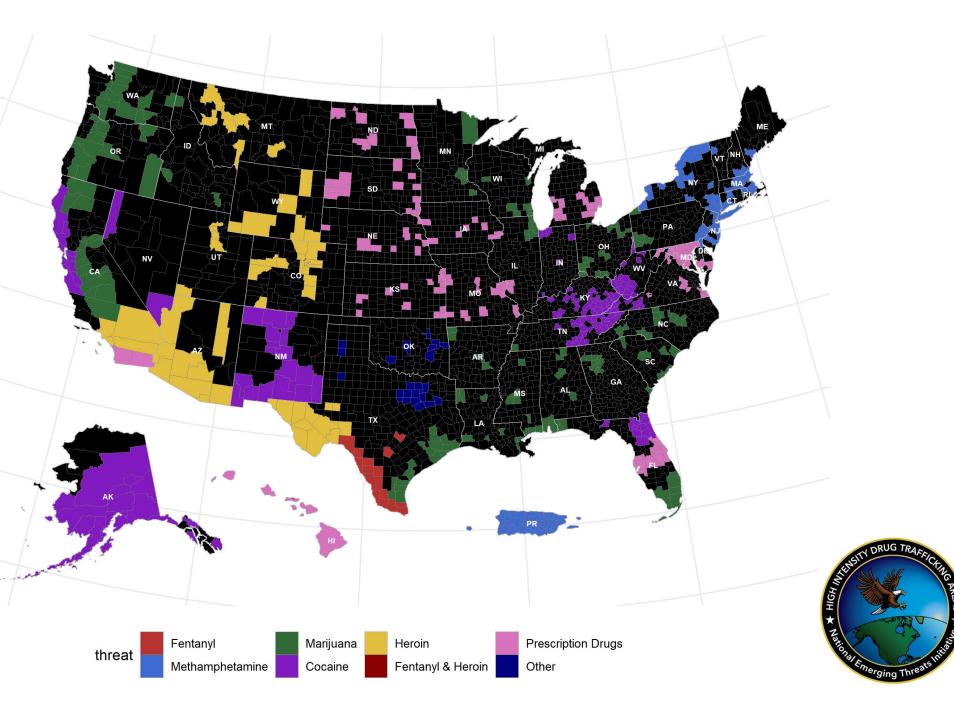




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Most Significant **Drug Threats** Identified by **HIDTA** Directors for Calendar Year 2024 Fentanyl Fentanyl & Heroin Me thamphetamine

Second Most Significant **Drug Threats** Identified by **HIDTA** Directors for Calendar Year 2024 Fentanyl & Heroin Heroin Methamphetamine **Prescription Drugs**

Third Most Significant **Drug Threats** Identified by **HIDTA** Directors for Calendar Year 2024 Me thamphetamine Cocaine He roin **Threats** Ma riju ana **Prescription Drugs**

Fourth Most Significant **Drug Threats** Identified by **HIDTA** Directors for Calendar Year 2024 Cocaine Ma riju ana Threats Me thamphetamine **Prescription Drugs**