

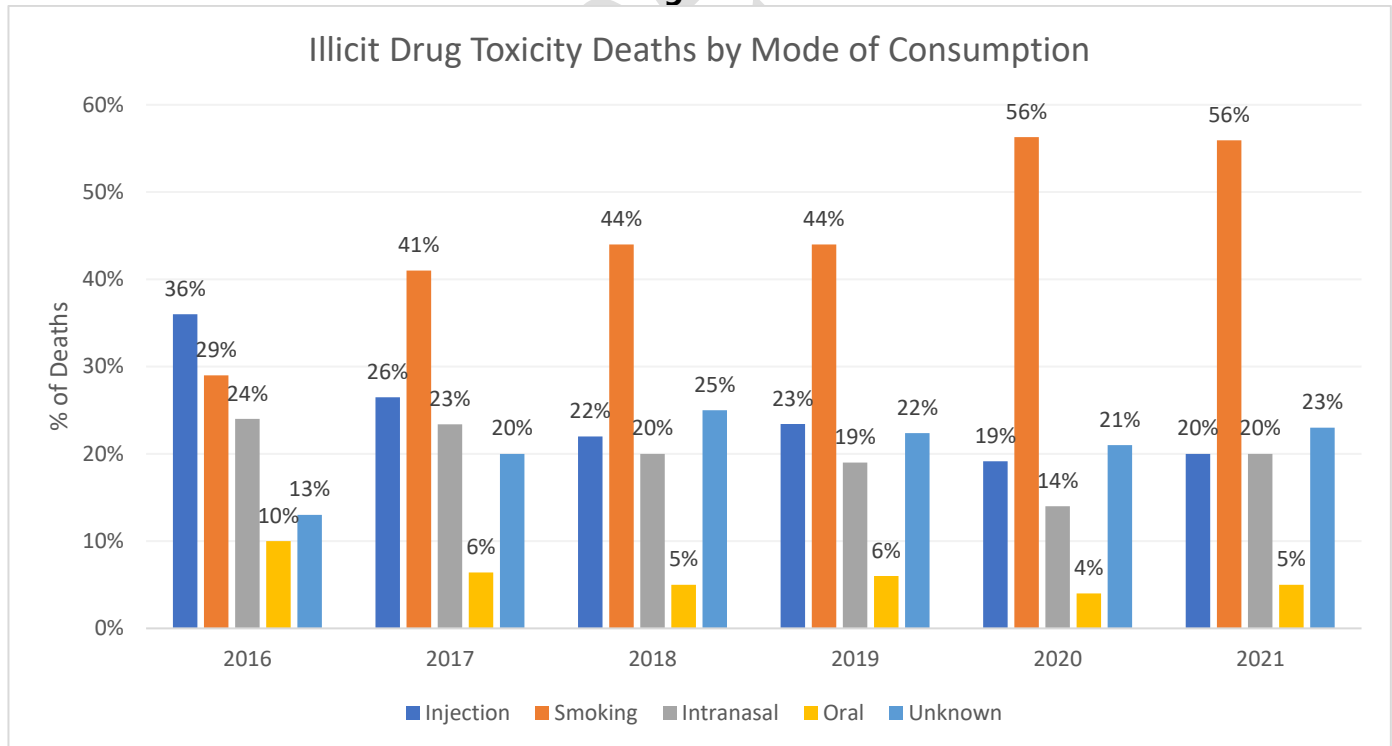
Mode of Consumption

The following summarizes a review of the Modes of Consumption for completed illicit drug toxicity cases from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2021. This is an update to the previously released report: [BC Coroners Service Findings of Coroners Investigations](#). The complexity of drug toxicity cases can make it challenging to collect reliable data for mode of consumption as there may be no evidence at the scene, no witnesses, or death occurred in hospital. For these reasons, there is a proportion of unknown cases. *Note that data is preliminary and subject to change as investigations are completed.*

Question: Has mode of consumption changed over time?

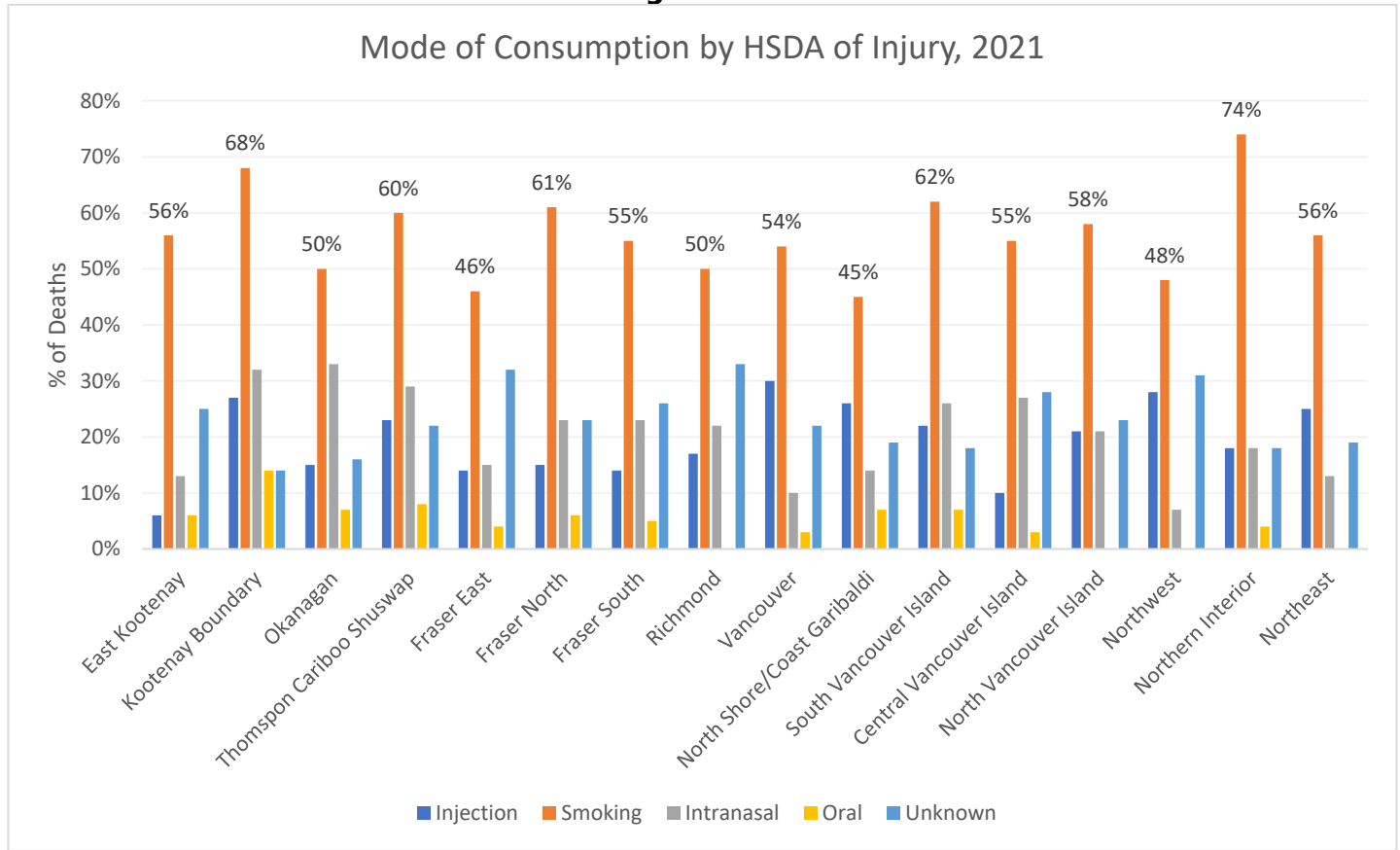
- In 2016, injection was the most common mode of consumption and from 2017 onwards, smoking was the most common mode of consumption.
- Injection has declined from 39% in 2016 to 20% in 2021; and
- Smoking has increased from 29% to 56% during the same period.
- In 2021, smoking was the leading mode of consumption in all Health Services Delivery Area (see Figure 2).

Figure 1



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Figure 2



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