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Tweet: [. @samquinones7](#) argues that the drug cartels' shift to synthetics such as fentanyl and methamphetamine is allowing them to drive down prices, which has led to increased usage.

Summary: "Two-thirds of the 107,000 overdose deaths in 2021 involved fentanyl or synthetic opioids like it. Agents seized more than 50 million fentanyl-laced pills in 2022, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced in December, and over 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder — enough to kill a quarter of the world's entire population. The quantities of meth coming out of Mexico, spurred by easy access to ingredients from world chemical markets, have driven prices for the drug to historic lows. In Fresno, Calif., a wholesale pound of meth went for \$20,000 in 2008; now it goes for \$800. In Nashville six years ago, a pound wholesale sold for \$16,000; today, it's \$2,000.

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