



# Statistical Analysis and Presentation on Drug Misuses

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# Guiding Research Questions

## **1. Which type of people are more likely to misuse drugs?**

- a. Variables: demographic profiles, living habits, general health
- b. Predict whether one will misuse based on variables
- c. Find the 10 most significant variables for questionnaire

## **2. Which type of drugs are more likely to be misused?**

- a. Proportion of misuse by drug
- b. Drugs that frequently get misused together
- c. Separate analysis by major drug types

## **3. Do regional factors relate to drug misuse?**

- a. External Data: Healthcare CPI, Crime Severity, Access to Healthcare

# 1. Which type of people are more likely to misuse drugs?

total\_misuse (from 0 to 16) : counts the number of drugs one has misused

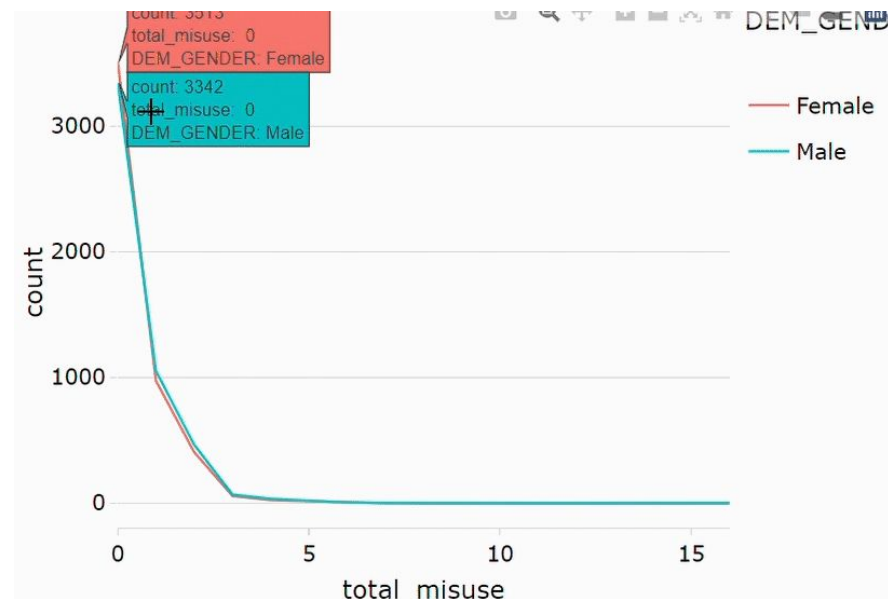
has\_misuse (binary 0/1) : identifies whether one has ever misused any drug

Variable	Female, N = 5,002 <sup>1</sup>	Male, N = 5,005 <sup>1</sup>
total_misuse		
0	3,513 (70%)	3,342 (67%)
1	974 (19%)	1,052 (21%)
2	407 (8.1%)	466 (9.3%)
3	57 (1.1%)	68 (1.4%)
4	25 (0.5%)	36 (0.7%)
5	15 (0.3%)	23 (0.5%)
6	8 (0.2%)	5 (<0.1%)
7	1 (<0.1%)	2 (<0.1%)
8	0 (0%)	3 (<0.1%)
9	0 (0%)	5 (<0.1%)
10	1 (<0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)
11	1 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)
16	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)

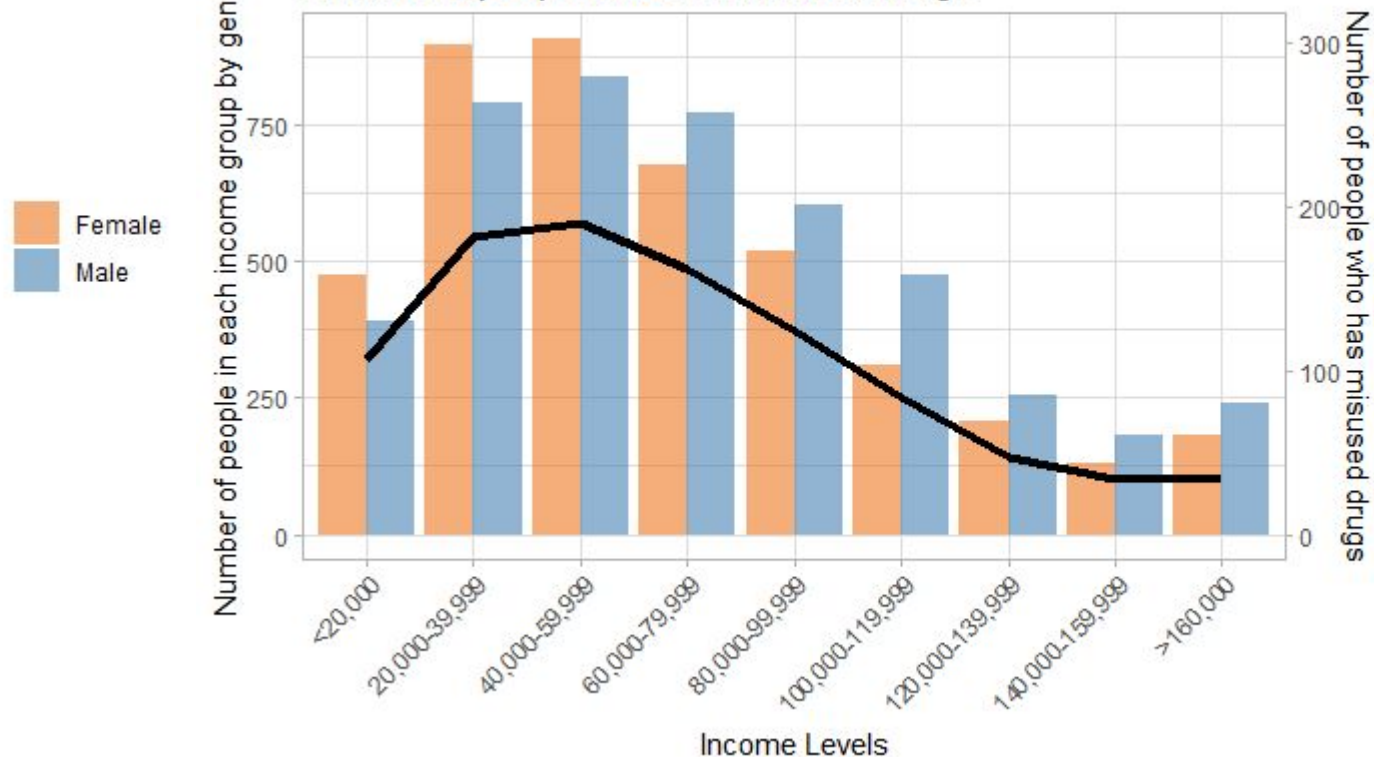
<sup>1</sup>n (%)

has\_misuse = 0

has\_misuse = 1



Number of people in each income group vs.  
Number of people who has misused drugs





# Naive linear regressions for variable selection

Model 1 : demographic + other life-style habits

Model 2: pregnancy + intentions to misuse or sell drugs

Model 3: other pains + mental health disorders

## **Significant variables when regressed on total\_misuse (Using Ca Data)**

DEM\_GENDER + DEM\_AGE10 + DEM\_ABOR + DEM\_LOCATION+ DEM\_MARITAL + DEM\_INCOME + DEM\_EDU +  
ALC\_USE + TOB\_USE + OTH\_RX\_DRUG\_USE + HELP\_SUB\_USE + PAIN\_CHRONIC + PAIN\_ACUTE + MENT\_NONE

# Random Forest Classification for Misuse

## **Feature Selection:**

Top 14 significant variables from previous regressions

## **Output:**

Classification of whether one misuses or not (has\_misuse)

## **Data:**

80% training and 20% testing

## **Check Performance:**

Prediction Confusion Matrix -> Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity

## **Technical:**

Using randomForest(), predict() and library(ROCR) in R

Type of random forest: classification

Number of trees: 500

No. of variables tried at each split: 3

OOB estimate of error rate: 30.18%

Confusion matrix:

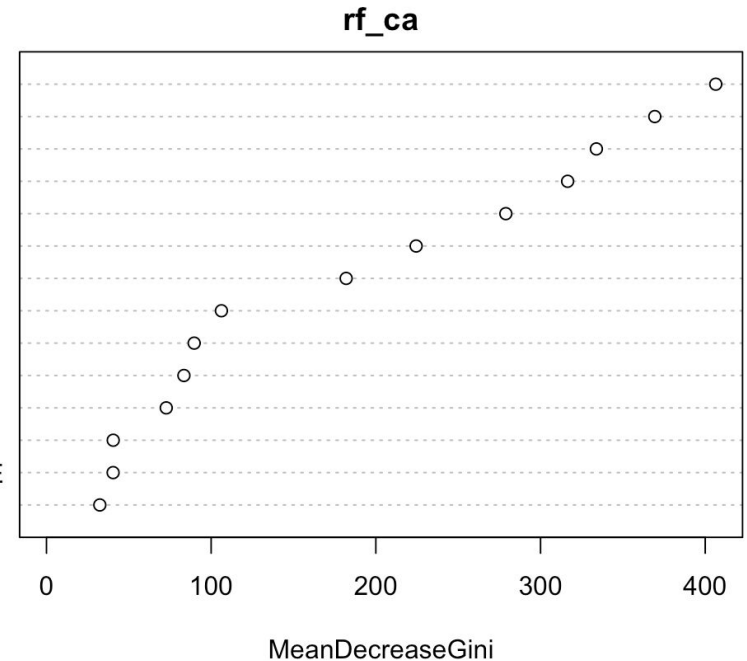
	0	1	class.error
0	5109	387	0.07041485
1	2029	480	0.80868872

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DEM_GENDER	83.48069
DEM_AGE10	278.92307
DEM_ABOR	32.40608
DEM_LOCATION	316.45244
DEM_MARITAL	224.46492
DEM_INCOME	406.39444
DEM_EDU	333.90860
ALC_FREQ_USE	369.38007
TOB_FREQ_USE	106.24833
OTH_RX_DRUG_USE	40.48211
HELP_SUB_USE	40.55028
PAIN_CHRONIC	181.97881
PAIN_ACUTE	89.70709
MENT_NONE	72.74968

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DEM\_EDU  
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PAIN\_CHRONIC  
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PAIN\_ACUTE  
DEM\_GENDER  
MENT\_NONE  
HELP\_SUB\_USE  
OTH\_RX\_DRUG\_USE  
DEM\_ABOR

Rank variables by the order of importance, where the top 10 are chosen for questionnaire





## Survey of Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs Program

The Survey of Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs (NMURx) Program employs an online survey of the general adult population to understand non-medical use (NMU) of prescription drugs. Volunteers from the general population are queried about NMU of prescription drugs. This program collects demographic information and whether the respondent is a student, healthcare professional, or current/former member of the armed forces.

\*Required

Are you \*

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

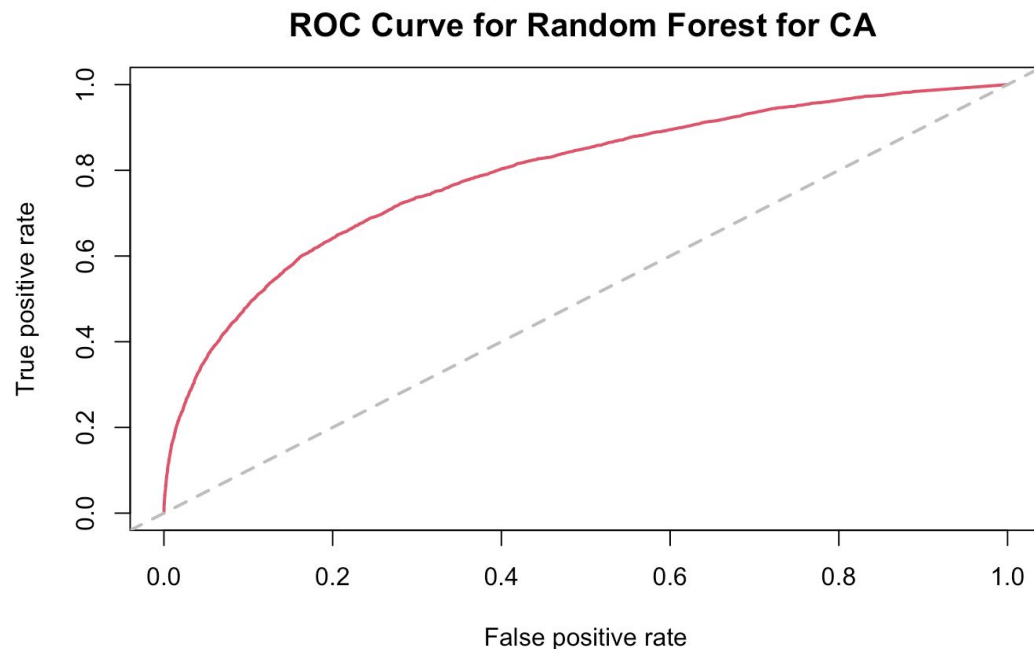
How old are you? \*

- ☐ 35-44 years old
- ☐ 25-34 years old
- ☐ 15-24 years old
- ☐ 45-54 years old
- ☐ 65 or more years old
- ☐ 55-64 years old

Which province or territory in Canada do you currently live in? \*

- ☐ Alberta
- ☐ Québec
- ☐ Ontario
- ☐ Saskatchewan





	Reference	
Prediction	0	1
0	1355	104
1	4	539

High Prediction Accuracy

Accuracy : 0.9461

95% CI : (0.9352, 0.9555)

No Information Rate : 0.6788

P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.871

Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16

Accurately predicts misuse

Sensitivity : 0.9971

Specificity : 0.8383

Pos Pred Value : 0.9287

Neg Pred Value : 0.9926

Prevalence : 0.6788

Detection Rate : 0.6768

Detection Prevalence : 0.7288

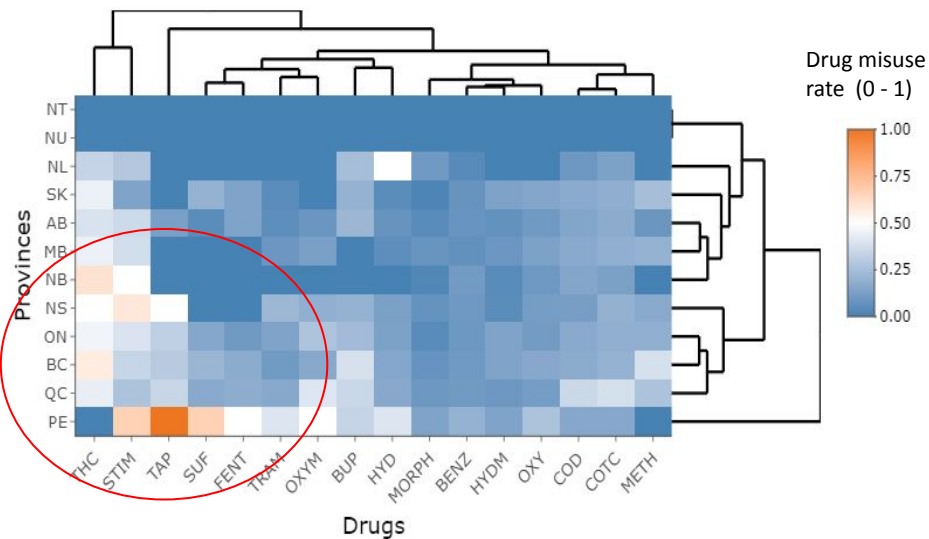
Balanced Accuracy : 0.9177

'Positive' Class : 0

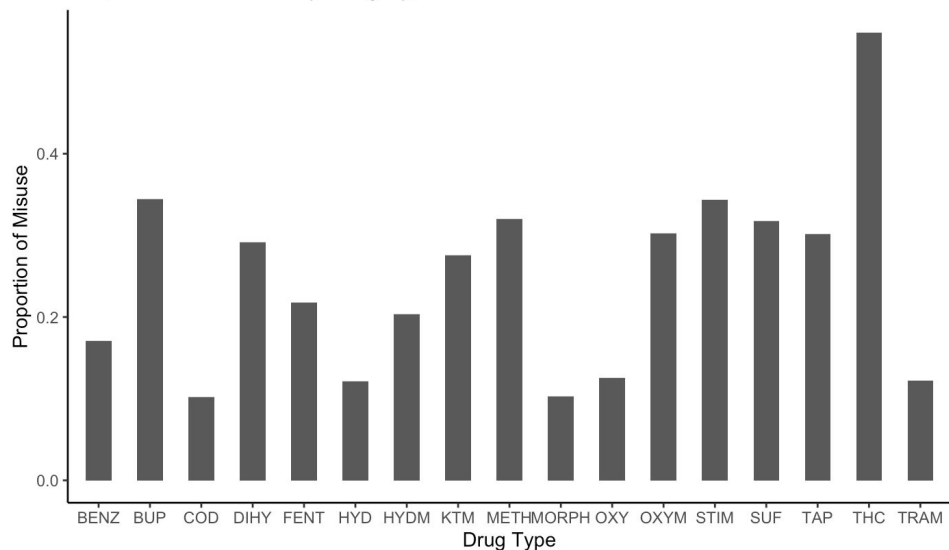
## 2. Which type of drugs are more likely to be misused?

Proportion of drug misuses in each country

Proportion of Misuse by Drug Type in Canada by Province



Proportion of Misuse by Drug Type in US-18



## Top 3 most misused drugs by country:

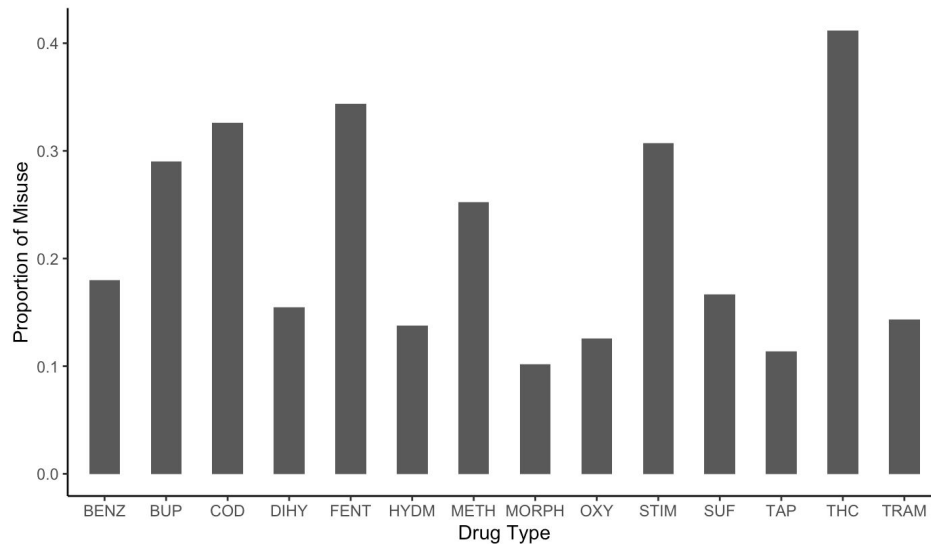
**Canada:** 1. THC 2. STIM 3. TAP

**US-18:** 1. THC 2. BUP 3. STIM

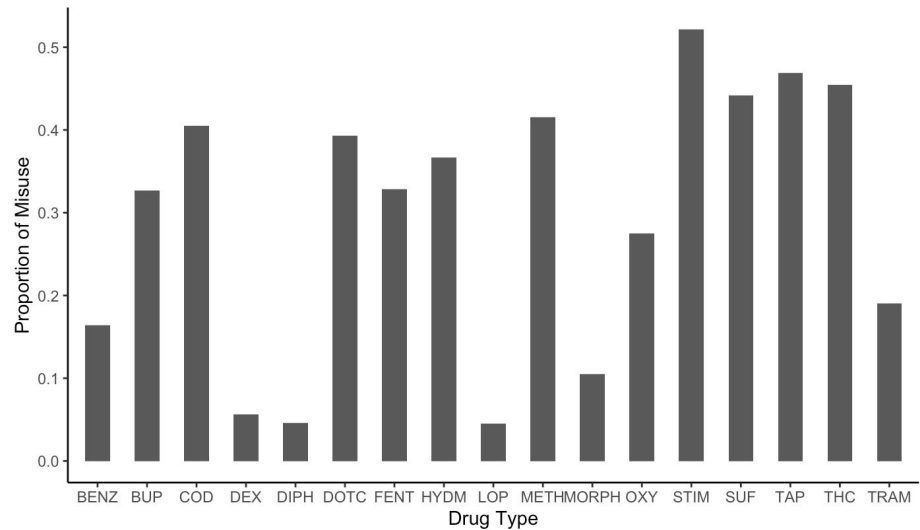
**Germany:** 1. THC 2. FENT 3. COD

**UK:** 1. STIM 2. TAP 3. THC

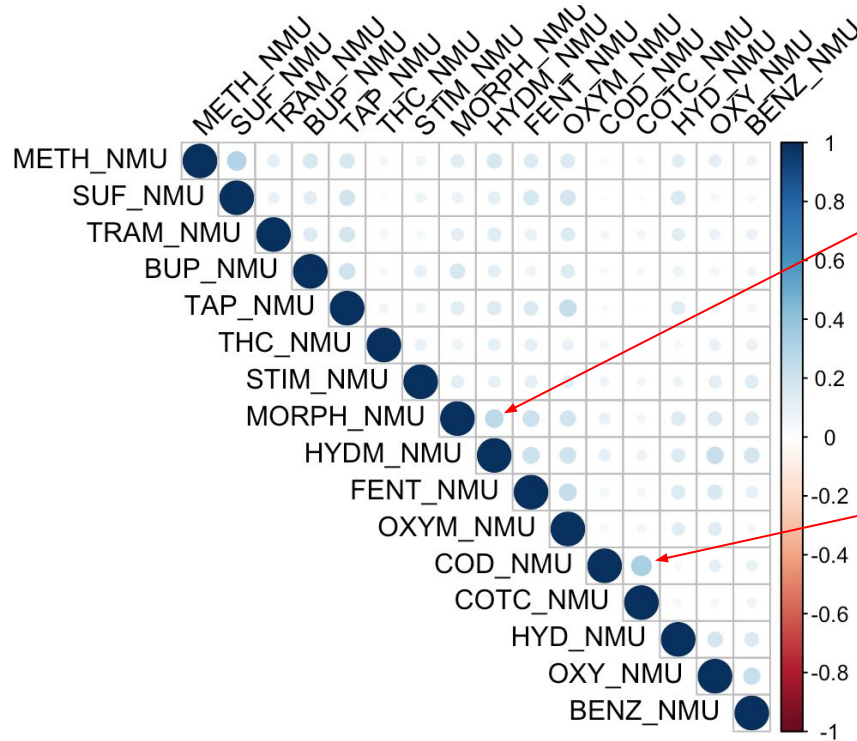
Proportion of Misuse by Drug Type in Germany



Proportion of Misuse by Drug Type in UK



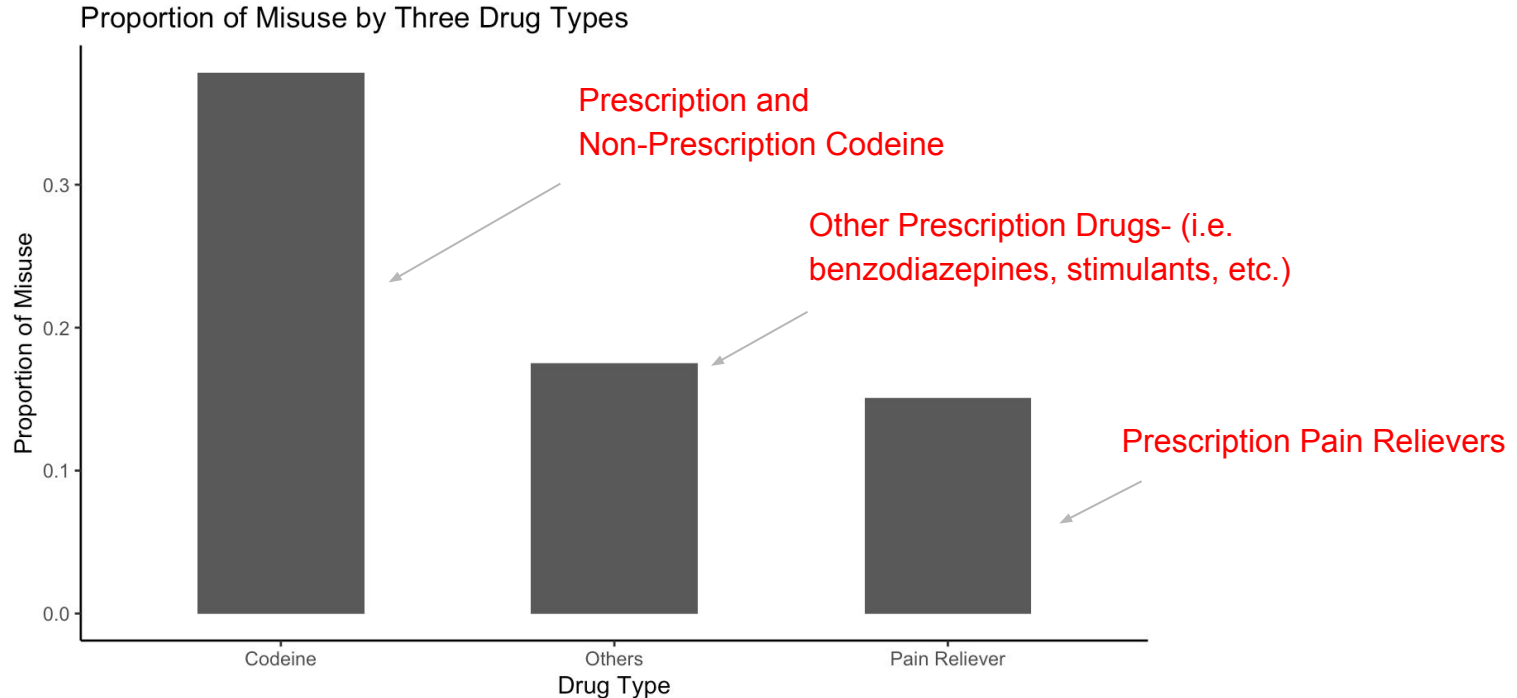
# Correlation Matrix plotted for Drug Misuses (CA data)



Eg. the correlation between **Morphine and HydroMorphone** is relatively large at 0.26

Eg. the correlation between **Codeine and Non-prescription Codeine** is relatively large at 0.33

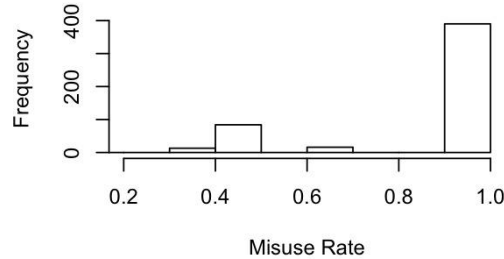
# Logistic Regression based on Drug Types



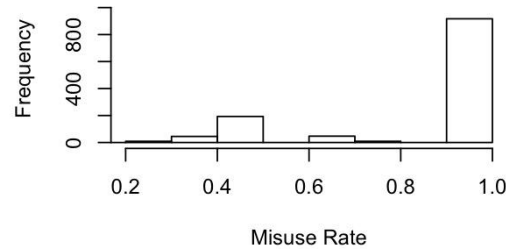
# Analysis of US-19 Data - 4 drug types

ca: cannabinoids; st: stimulants; se: sedatives; pr: pain relievers

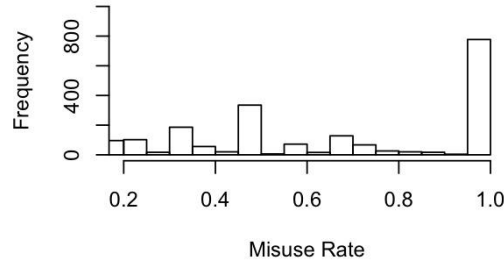
Cannabinoids Misuse Distribution



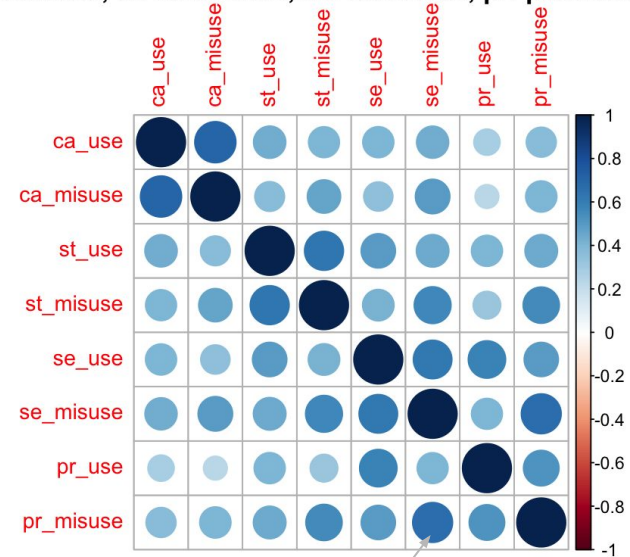
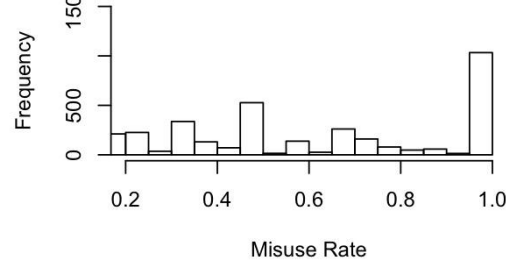
Stimulants Misuse Distribution



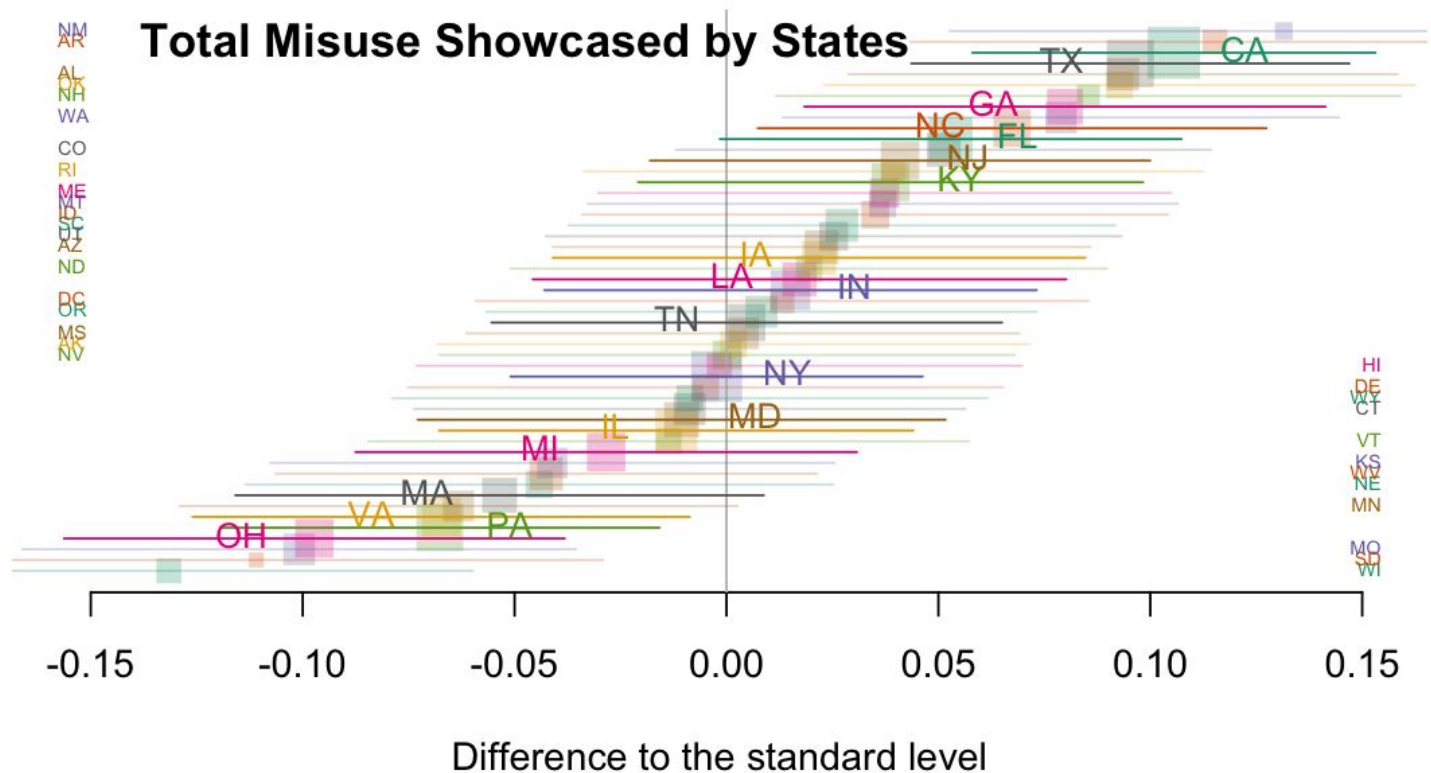
Sedatives Misuse Distribution



Pain Reliever Misuse Distribution



Eg. high corr between pain reliever and sedatives misuse





# 3. Which regional factors relate to drug misuse?

## External Data #1

- Health Care CPI measured in Dec 2016 by Province

## External Data #2

- Crime Severity Index (CSI) measured in 2017 by Province

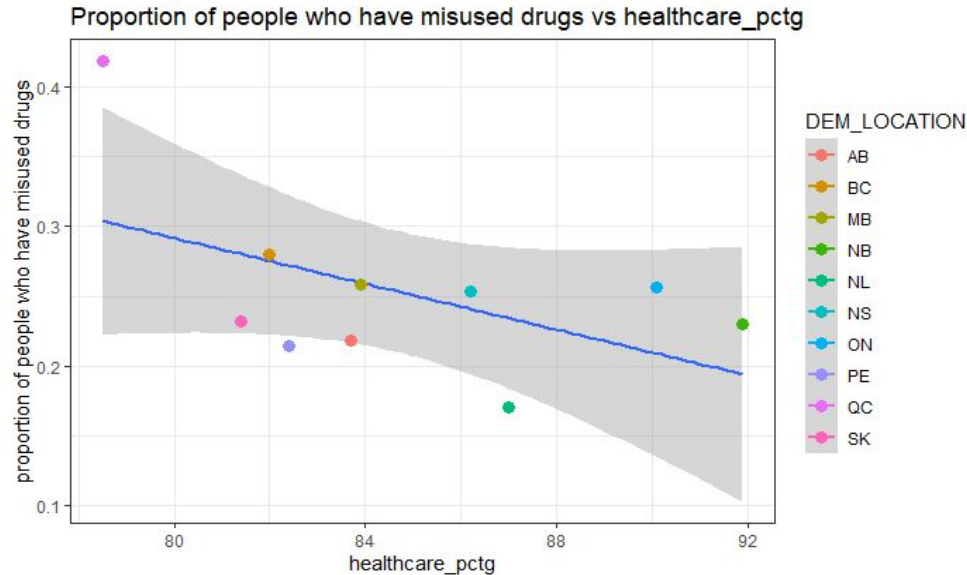
## External Data #3

- Percentage of Pop. having access to healthcare measured in 2017 by Province

Source: Statistics Canada

# Logistic Regression controlling for other demographic variables

healthcpi	-0.002342	0.003584	-0.653	0.51352
csi	-0.009678	0.001015	-9.533	< 2e-16 ***
healthcare_pctg	-0.063032	0.004730	-13.325	< 2e-16 ***



**A significant negative relationship:**  
higher % of pop with healthcare access,  
lower provincial drug misuse rate

# Limitations and Future Improvements

- Time constraint on more detailed analysis or sophisticated models
- Communicating, editing and sharing of codes virtually
- Collect more data from under-represented groups
- Justify that extreme responses (16 misuses) are reliable
- Find more relevant external sources not limited to regional data
- Test model prediction accuracy with data collected from questionnaire
- A stronger model that predicts possible misuse in specific drugs

# Conclusions

1. Constructed [a questionnaire](#) to predict misuse based on top 10 significant variables
2. Identified, for all datasets, the ranking of most misused individual drugs and most misused drug type
3. Visualized correlations amongst individual drugs and drug types (within & across categories)
4. External data reveals a significant negative relationship between percentage of population with access to healthcare and provincial proportion of drug misuse

# Thank you

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