



# What Cocaine Really Costs Floridians, According to Real Recovery Solutions

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Real Recovery Solutions, Florida's largest sober living provider, has released a new educational blog examining how much cocaine costs and why price alone never tells the full story. The article uses cost as a starting point to explore accessibility, risk, and the broader impact of cocaine use across Florida communities.

Once labeled "the rich man's drug," cocaine is no longer limited to any single income bracket. As the blog explains, "The recreational consumption of cocaine is now popular across many socio-economic groups." In Florida alone, an estimated 326,000 people reported using cocaine at least once in 2021, underscoring how widespread its presence has become.

The article addresses the topic directly. "The answer to the question "How much does cocaine cost?" is "About \$60 to \$100 per gram for personal use,?" while making clear that real-world prices fluctuate significantly. Factors such as quality, location, law enforcement activity, and availability all influence what someone ultimately pays.

At Real Recovery Solutions, education is viewed as a form of prevention and early intervention. The blog

states, "We believe everyone is capable of choosing recovery, but we know that not everyone is there yet. That's why we believe it's important to inform Floridians about the cost of cocaine and the factors that influence it." The goal is to replace assumptions with accurate information that reflects real risks.

The post explains how cocaine is produced from the coca plant, which does not grow in the United States. Because the substance must be processed and transported across borders, its price reflects risk as much as production. "Because the production process is completely unregulated, there is no clear way to know exactly what the markup on cocaine is," the article explains. Even organizations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the DEA face challenges tracking consistent pricing due to constant market shifts.

Several core pricing factors are outlined in detail. Supply and demand still shape the illegal drug market, with scarcity driving higher prices. Purity also plays a role, as stronger cocaine is often sold at a premium, even when it has been cut with other substances. Geography matters as well. Nearly 90 percent of the cocaine consumed in the U.S. is produced in Colombia and typically enters through Mexico, while port cities like Tampa may see lower prices due to reduced transportation costs. Law enforcement presence further affects pricing, as heightened enforcement often leads to increased risk and higher prices.

The blog also breaks down costs by form and quantity. Powder cocaine and crack cocaine differ in appearance, method of use, and average price. Powder cocaine typically averages around \$120 per gram for personal use, while crack cocaine averages closer to \$80 per gram. Larger quantities reduce the per-gram cost but introduce serious legal consequences. The article notes that possession of an ounce or more of cocaine in Florida can result in trafficking charges, tying financial cost directly to legal risk.

The closing section addresses why people often research cocaine pricing. "Most people either want to know if they're getting a fair price, or they want to know how much someone they care about is spending on coke." The blog emphatically states that cocaine's true cost extends far beyond money, affecting physical health, mental well-being, relationships, and long-term stability.

Real Recovery Solutions uses this educational content to point toward recovery and change. "With the proper treatment for cocaine addiction, anyone can heal, regardless of their history before committing to recovery," the blog explains. Their 12-step focused program combines evidence-based therapies, accountability, and skill development to support long-term recovery.

Through educational outreach like this blog, Real Recovery Solutions continues to provide clear, grounded information while offering a path forward for those ready to leave cocaine behind.

To learn more about Real Recovery Solutions or inquire about support services in the Tampa Bay area, call 813-373-6762.

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