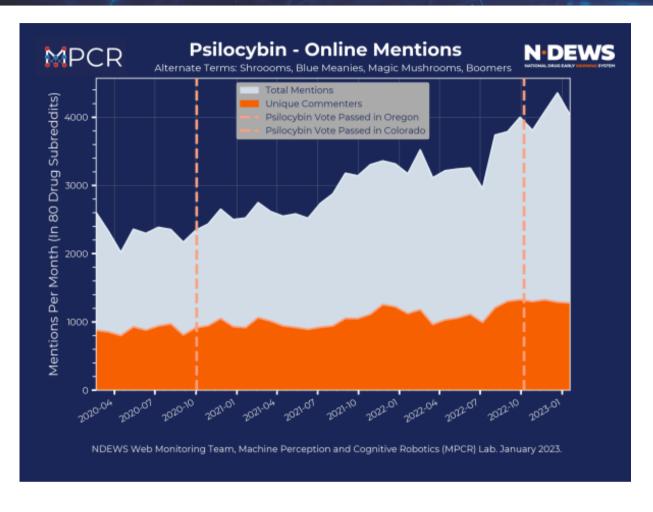
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Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Psilocybin

What was found? This drug has experienced steady long term growth with a much larger increase in comments than posts. Psilocybin is also known as "shrooms" or "magic mushrooms".

What is Psilocybin? Psilocybin is a naturally occurring psychedelic found in many species of fungus. The intensity and duration of psilocybin are highly variable depending on the source. The drug has experienced a significant decriminalization movement. Psilocybin has been formally decriminalized in eight U.S. cities and two U.S. states since 2019.

How is it being discussed? Online discussion of psilocybin often revolves around using the psychedelic to quit other drugs which are supposedly more serious. There are also many discussions of using the drug as a means of mental and spiritual healing.

Drug Terms: Shrooms, Magic Mushrooms, Blue Meanies, Boomers, Golden Tops

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