

Overview of NC Traffic Stop Data Charlotte Contraband Hits

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Contraband finds in Charlotte

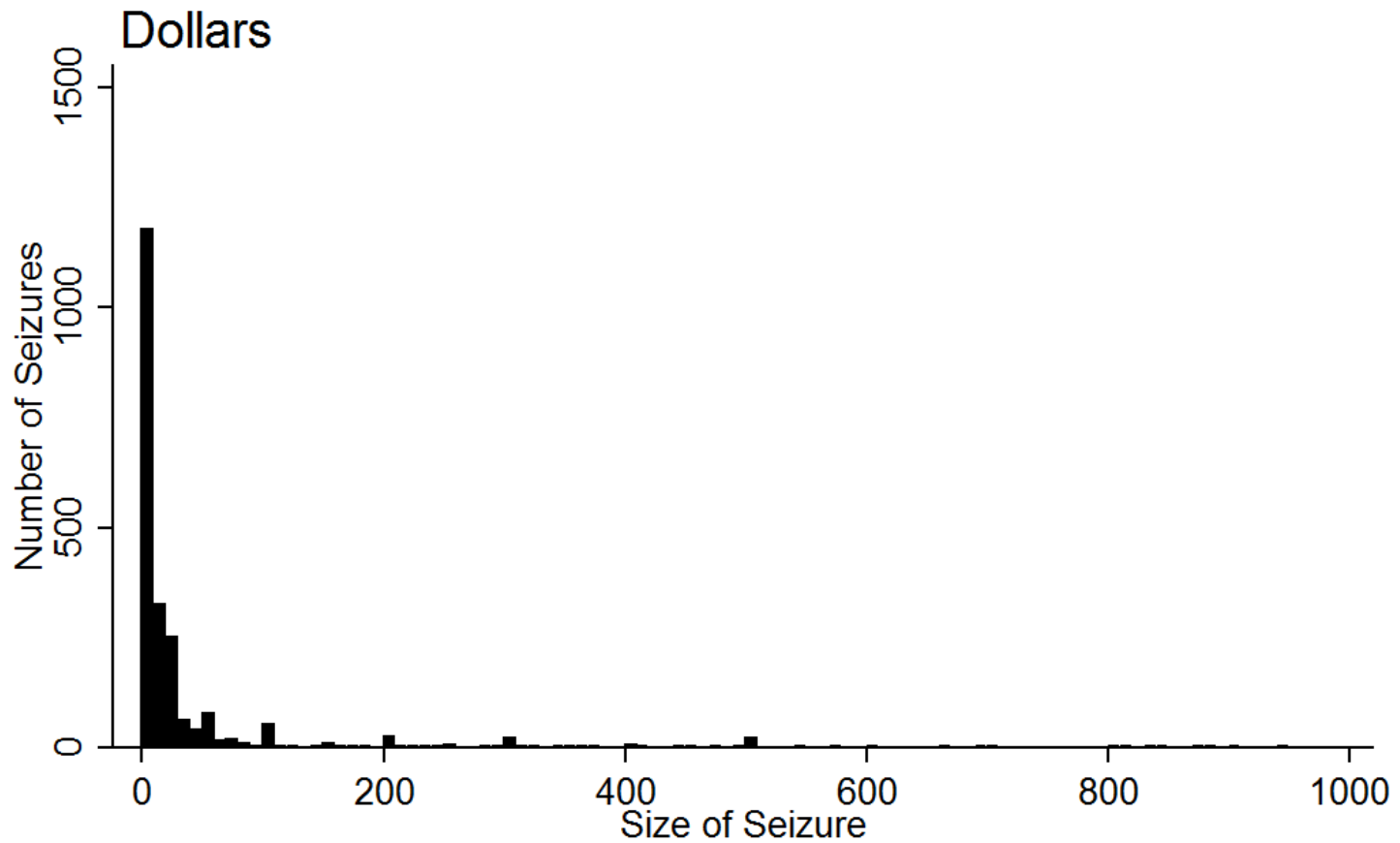
- Traffic stops as a means of searching for large amounts of drugs or other contraband is extremely inefficient
- Searches are rare (~ 3 percent state-wide)
- Contraband is rare (~ 20-30 percent of searches)
- Almost always, the contraband is “user” amounts

Contraband hits: Very few “king pins”

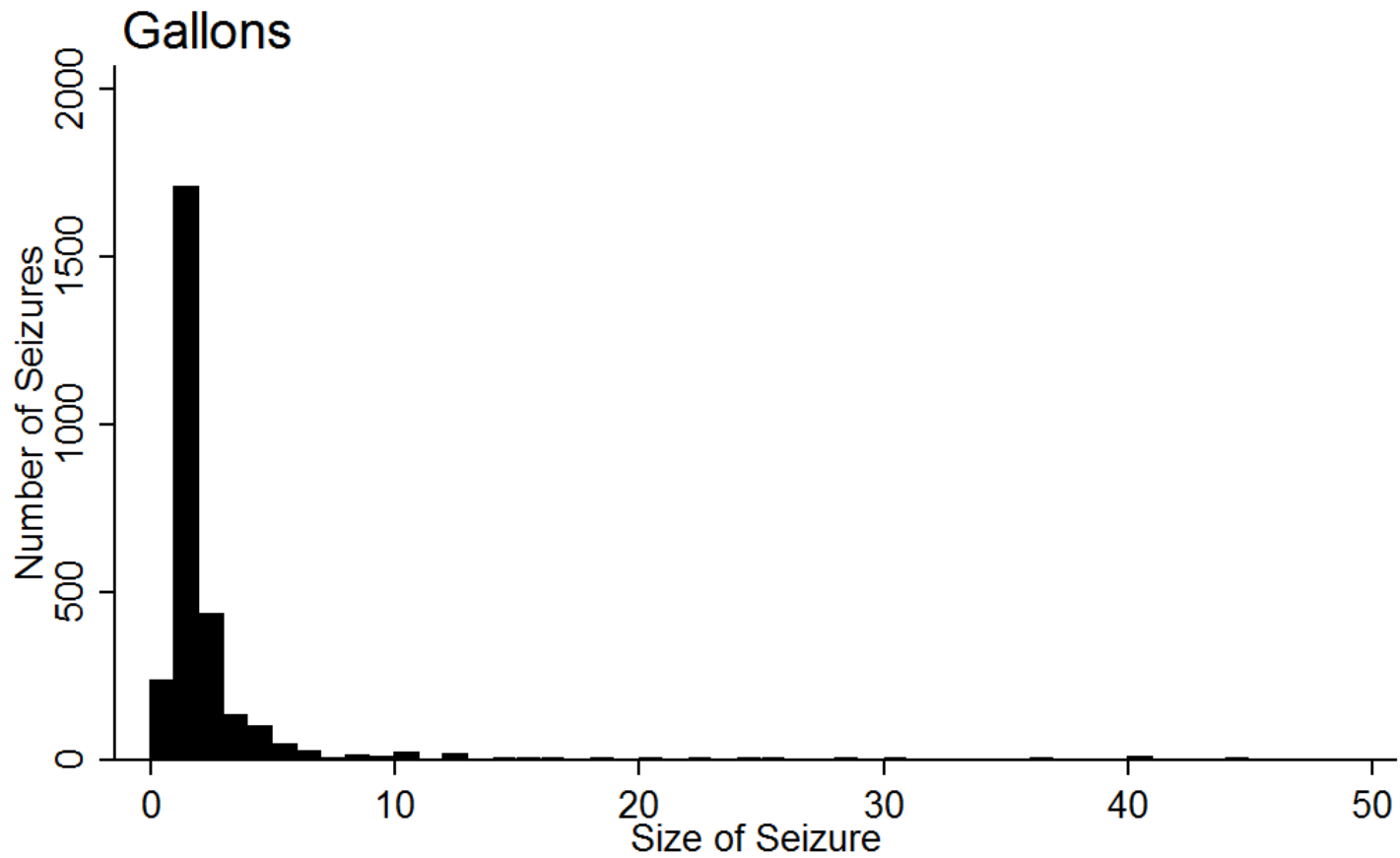
- Hits can be:
 - Dollars
 - Gallons (alcohol)
 - Pints (alcohol)
 - Pounds (drugs, but of any sort)
 - Ounces (drugs, but of any sort)
 - Dosages (prescription drugs)
 - Weapons (pocket knife through assault weapon)
- Slides that follow show what was found in Charlotte

Charlotte Contraband hits

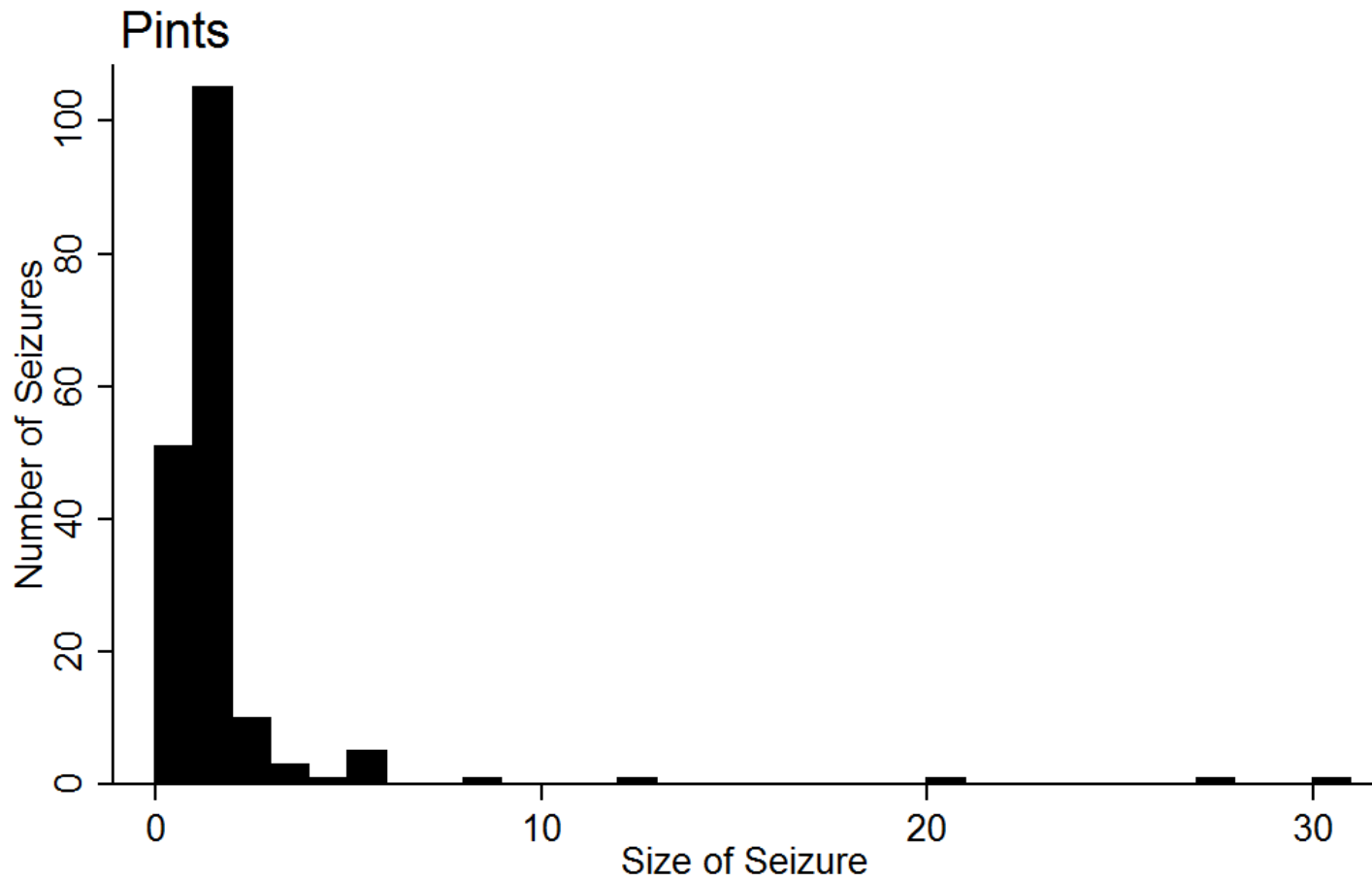
Type of Search	Number of searches	Percent with Contraband
Consent	34,461	17
Warrant	119	31
Probable Cause	10,462	56
Incident to Arrest	23,969	18
Protective Frisk	1,220	21
Total traffic stops	1,314,787	1.2
Total searches	70,231	23
Total contraband hits	16,327	100



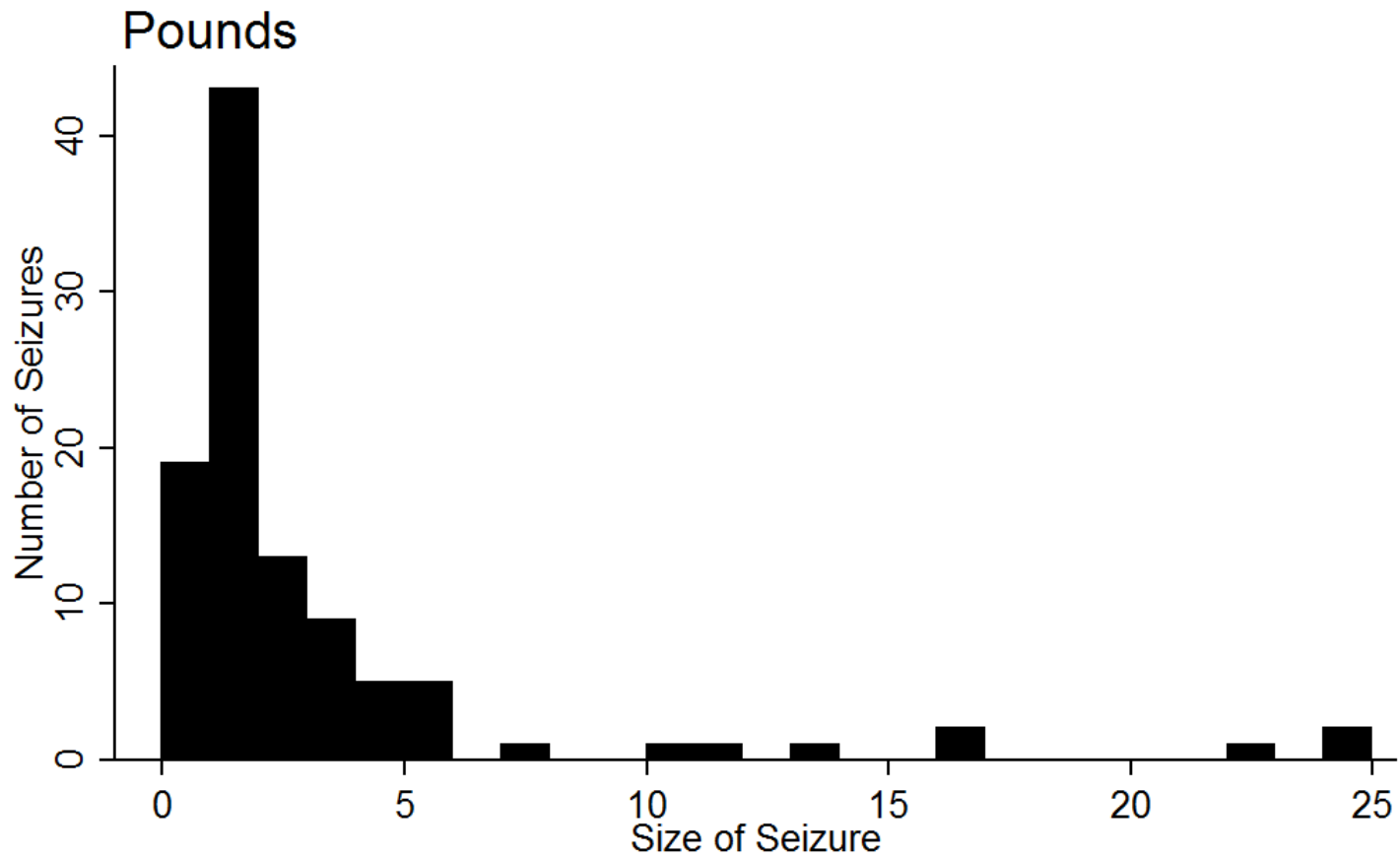
Charlotte: 1,314,787 stops, 70,231 searches, 16,327 contraband hits.
2,229 searches led to cash seizures, and \$278,940.80 was seized.
Not shown: 45 seizures > \$1k; 11 > \$5k; 3 > \$10k; 1 = \$30,000.



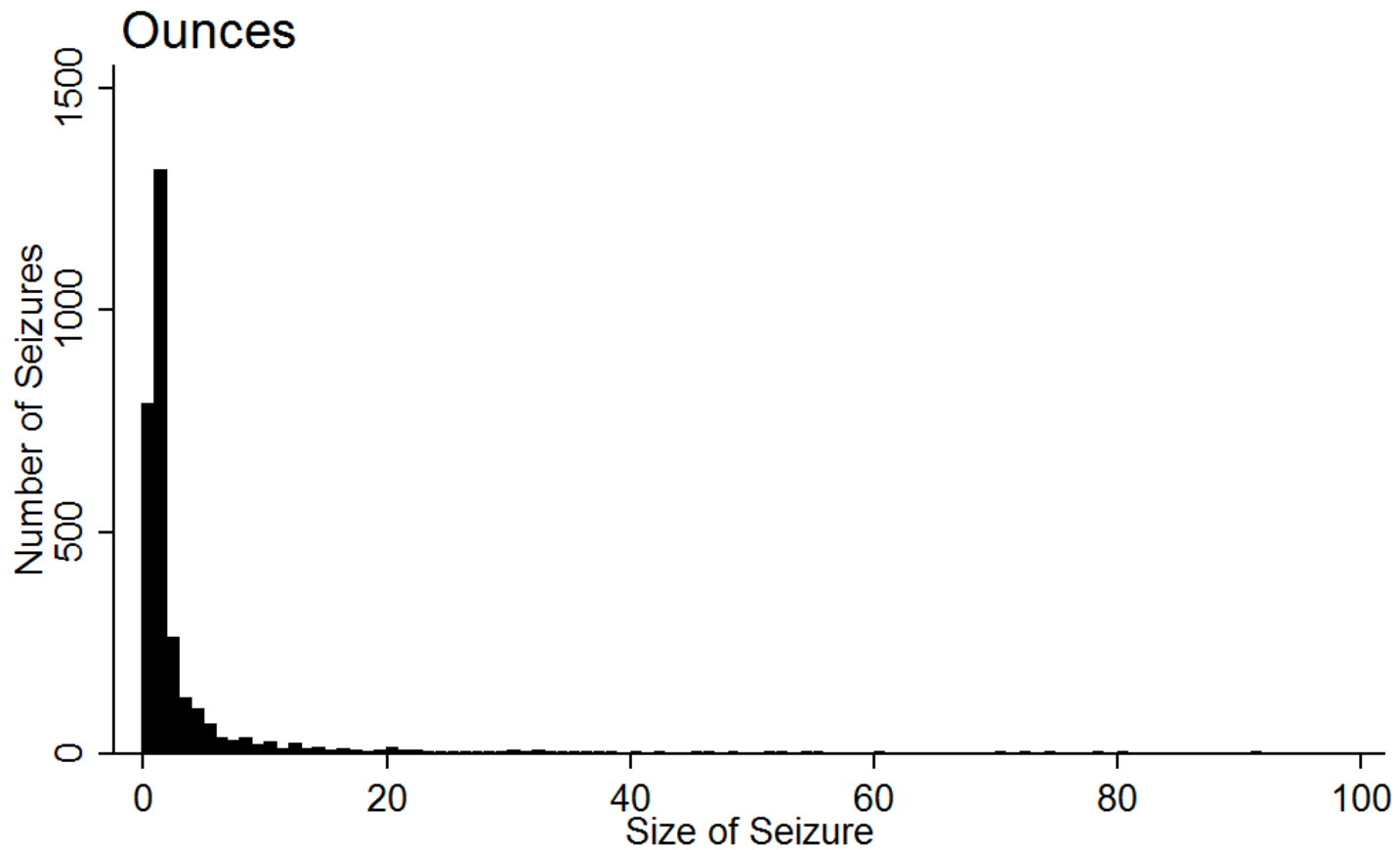
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2,763 searches led to gallons, and 5,392.22 gallons were seized.
Not shown: One seizure of 240 gallons.



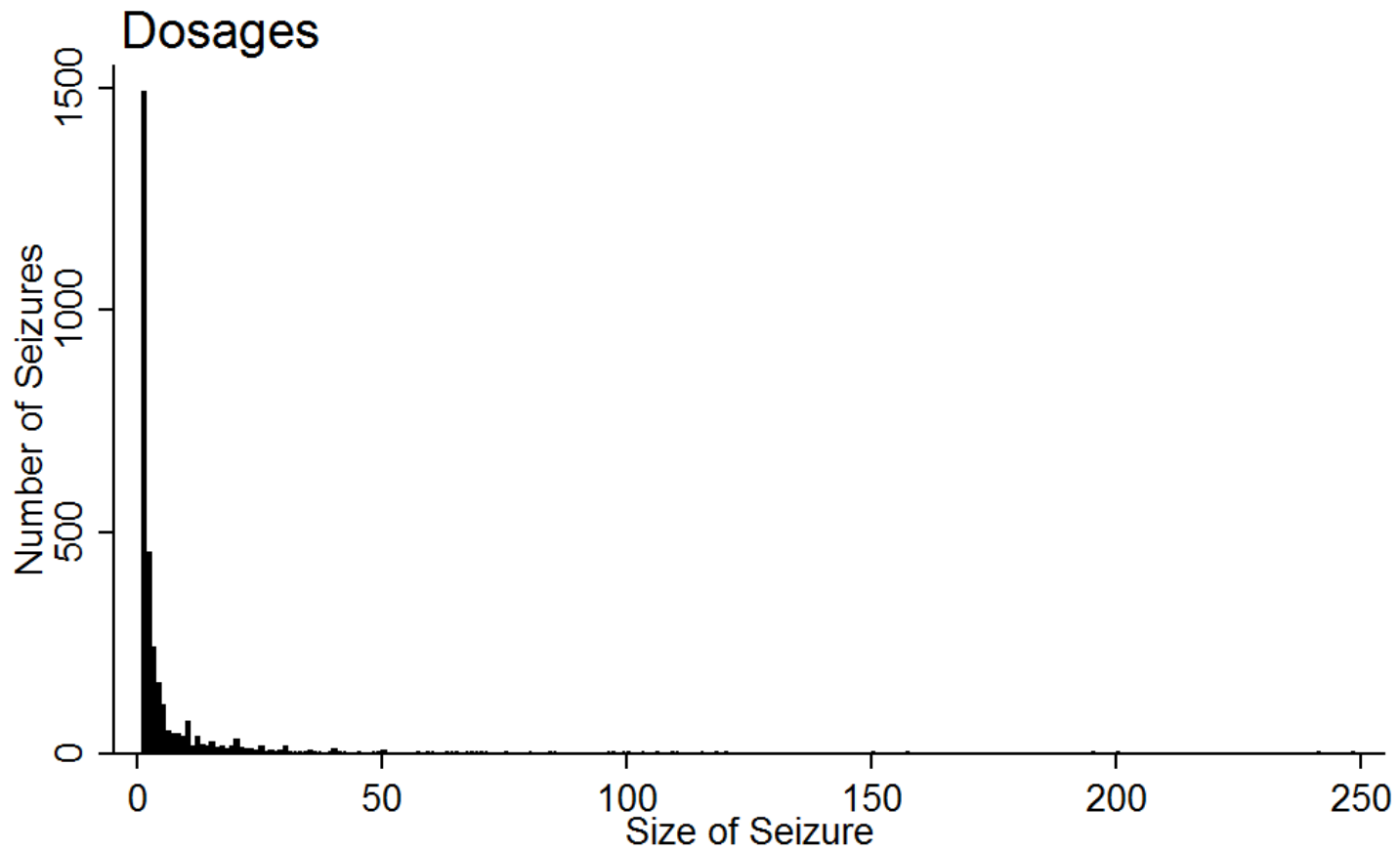
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180 searches led to pints, and 275.63 pints were seized.



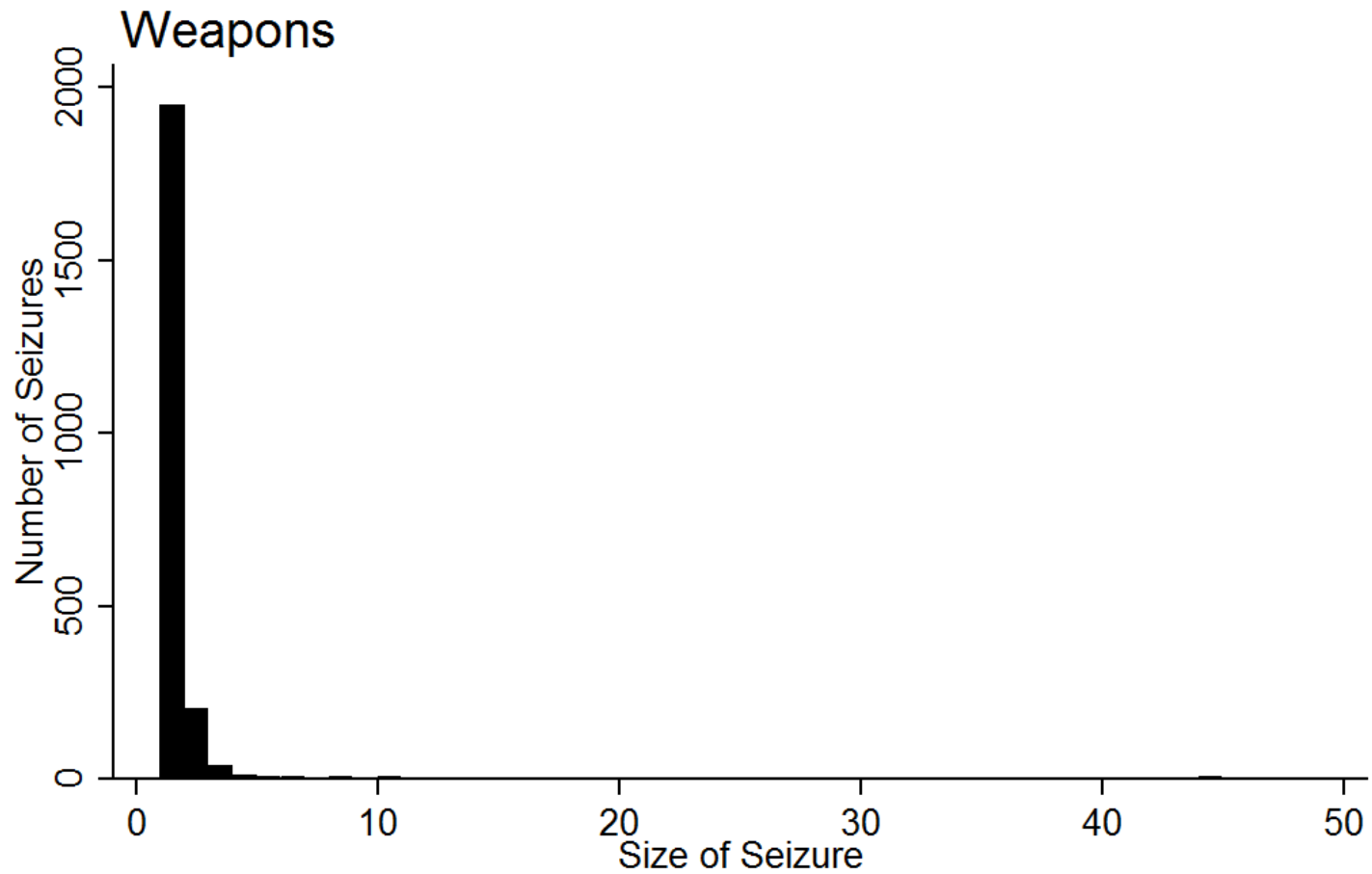
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104 searches led to pounds, and 372.16 pounds were seized.
One case not shown: 78 pounds.



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2,981 searches led to ounces, and 12,950.53 ounces were seized.
14 cases not shown: > 100, 14; > 200, 5; > 300, 3; > 400, 2; 1 = 1720.



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3,054 searches lead to dosages, and 21,657 dosages were seized.
Outlier cases not shown here: 300, 300, 480, 610, 900, 1,350.



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2,198 searches lead to weapons, and 2,577 weapons were seized.

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