

Drugs data factsheet: All CHO areas

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Glossary of terms

Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) – Community Healthcare Services are the broad range of services that are provided outside of the acute hospital system and includes Primary Care, Social Care, Mental Health, and Health & Wellbeing Services. These services are delivered through the Health Service Executive and its funded agencies to people in local communities, as close as possible to people's homes. There are nine CHOs responsible for the delivery of primary and community-based services responsive to the needs of local communities.

Confidence interval (CI) – A way of expressing how certain we are about the findings from a study, using statistics. It gives a range of results that is likely to include the 'true' value for the population. A wide confidence interval (CI) indicates a lack of certainty about the true effect of the test or treatment - often because a small group of patients has been studied. A narrow CI indicates a more precise estimate (for example, if a large number of patients have been studied). The CI is usually stated as '95% CI', which means that the range of values has a 95 in a 100 chance of including the 'true' value. For example, a study may state that 'based on our sample findings, we are 95% certain that the 'true' population blood pressure is not higher than 150 and not lower than 110'. In such a case the 95% CI would be 110 to 150. (From the [NICE glossary](#))

Prevalence – refers to the proportion of a population that has used a drug over a particular time period.

Last month prevalence – refers to the proportion of the sample that reported using a named drug in the 30-day period prior to the survey. Last month prevalence is often referred to as current use. A proportion of those reporting current use may be occasional (or first-time) users who happen to have used in the period leading up to the survey. It should therefore be noted that current use is not synonymous with regular use.

Last year prevalence – refers to the proportion of the sample that reported using a named drug in the year prior to the survey. Last year prevalence is often referred to as recent use.

Lifetime prevalence – refers to the proportion of the sample that reported ever having used the named drug at the time they were surveyed. A person who records lifetime prevalence may or may not be currently using the drug. Lifetime prevalence should not be interpreted as meaning that people have necessarily used a drug over a long period of time or that they will use the drug again in future.

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Introduction

There are nine Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) responsible for the delivery of primary and community-based services responsive to the needs of local communities in Ireland.¹

Table 1: Community Healthcare Organisation areas

CHO	Area	Population size
1	Donegal Local Health Office (LHO); Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan LHO; and Cavan/Monaghan LHO	389,048
2	Galway/Roscommon and Mayo	453,413
3	Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary	385,172
4	Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork	664,533
5	South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford	497,578
6	Wicklow LHO, Dún Laoghaire LHO and Dublin South East LHO	364,464
7	Kildare/ West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, and Dublin South West	674,071
8	Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth and Meath	592,388
9	Dublin North, Dublin North Central and Dublin North West	581,486

Source: Health Service Executive (2022) [Workforce intelligence by Community Healthcare Organisation](#).

Treatment data for CHO areas

Data from the National Drug Treatment Reporting System

The data are drawn from the **National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS)**, the national surveillance system that records and reports on cases of drug and alcohol treatment in Ireland.² The dataset contains information only on those who started treatment in a particular year (for the first time or returning to treatment). It does not include service users in continuous care. The dataset includes cases treated in all types of services: outpatient, inpatient, GPs, low threshold (providing low-dose methadone or drop-in facilities only), and those treated in prison. In addition, the statistics include cases with no fixed abode, no known address or an address outside Ireland, in all tables.

Table 2: Number of cases treated for drugs as a main problem by CHO area of residence, NDTRS 2016 to 2022 – All cases

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All cases	9227	8922	10274	10664	9702	10769	12009
CHO 1	367	382	312	477	398	375	476
CHO 2	402	375	329	295	368	380	399
CHO 3	779	749	843	851	839	859	832
CHO 4	1206	1055	1169	1216	1007	939	994
CHO 5	1261	1170	1277	1260	1082	1134	1191
CHO 6	366	401	448	468	471	508	642
CHO 7	1640	1531	2043	2137	1848	2342	2434
CHO 8	921	926	1007	983	902	998	1054
CHO 9	1845	1876	2474	2531	2390	2889	3392
Other/unknown	440	457	372	446	397	345	595

Table 3: Number of cases treated for drugs as a main problem by CHO area of residence, NDTRS 2016 to 2022 – New cases

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All new cases	3526	3257	3962	3979	3796	4206	4456
CHO 1	159	182	147	230	171	180	260
CHO 2	185	173	132	104	111	152	158
CHO 3	361	310	417	420	419	403	382
CHO 4	513	467	530	515	465	431	487
CHO 5	537	498	554	599	470	510	564
CHO 6	149	179	213	168	209	205	268
CHO 7	543	509	664	631	616	826	809
CHO 8	434	367	460	472	439	552	546
CHO 9	530	460	765	765	781	883	886
Other/unknown	115	112	80	75	115	64	86

Table 4: Number of cases treated for drugs as a main problem by CHO area of residence, NDTRS 2016 to 2022 – Previously treated cases

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All previously treated	5335	5242	5872	5927	5441	6090	6860
CHO 1	180	172	150	216	204	187	210
CHO 2	212	198	163	155	180	176	194
CHO 3	381	409	396	382	372	437	432
CHO 4	667	567	627	681	534	496	494
CHO 5	711	640	671	606	604	617	613
CHO 6	200	206	227	258	239	278	357
CHO 7	997	933	1315	1335	1152	1399	1469
CHO 8	463	457	493	443	440	431	476
CHO 9	1224	1336	1568	1527	1459	1833	2235
Other/unknown	300	324	262	324	257	236	380

Source for tables 2, 3 and 4: O’Neill D, Lyons S and Carew AM (2023) [National drug treatment reporting system, 2022 drug treatment demand](#).²

For more detailed treatment data for CHO areas (age, gender, employment status etc.) see HRB National Drugs Library [interactive tables](#).

Data from the National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System

The **National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS)**⁴ gathers data on patient admissions and discharges from psychiatric hospitals and units throughout Ireland.

Table 5: CHO first admissions. Primary admission diagnosis. Ireland 2021 and 2022. Numbers with rates per 100,000 total population.

	Alcoholic Disorders		Other Drug Disorders	
	2021 Number (rates)	2022 Number (rates)	2021 Number (rates)	2022 Number (rates)
CHO 1	43 (10.9)	46 (11.7)	29 (7.4)	23 (5.8)
CHO 2	35 (7.7)	25 (5.5)	29 (6.4)	23 (5.1)
CHO 3	24 (6.2)	28 (7.3)	~ (7.0)	29 (7.5)
CHO 4	26 (3.8)	44 (6.4)	31 (4.5)	29 (4.2)
CHO 5	44 (8.6)	10 (2.0)	40 (7.8)	23 (4.5)
CHO 6	24 (5.7)	17 (4.0)	31 (7.3)	11 (2.6)
CHO 7	40 (6.0)	35 (5.3)	59 (8.9)	57 (8.6)
CHO 8	41 (6.7)	24 (3.9)	65 (10.5)	51 (8.3)
CHO 9	34 (5.5)	31 (5.0)	97 (15.6)	71 (11.4)
Non-resident	0
Total	311 (6.5)	263 (5.5)	410 (8.6)	318 (6.7)

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.. Denotes cases less than five.

Source: Table 2.22 in Daly et al: Tables - all sections of Activities 2021³ and 2022⁴.

Table 6: CHO discharges (including deaths) and primary discharge diagnosis, 2021 and 2022. Numbers with percentages.

	Alcoholic Disorders		Other Drug Disorders	
	2021 Number (%)	2022 Number (%)	2021 Number (%)	2022 Number (%)
CHO 1	151 (10.06)	129 (8.95)	105 (7.00)	118 (8.19)
CHO 2	83 (5.62)	73 (4.96)	68 (4.60)	~ (3.53)
CHO 3	81 (7.01)	89 (7.75)	78 (6.75)	71 (6.18)
CHO 4	~ (3.16)	100 (4.28)	84 (3.68)	87 (3.72)
CHO 5	105 (5.57)	75 (4.62)	123 (6.53)	73 (4.50)
CHO 6	177 (12.66)	224 (15.74)	95 (6.80)	74 (5.20)
CHO 7	130 (6.70)	148 (7.07)	141 (7.27)	131 (6.26)
CHO 8	77 (4.40)	96 (5.57)	161 (9.19)	138 (8.00)
CHO 9	108 (4.83)	152 (6.38)	196 (8.76)	174 (7.30)
Non-resident	.. (3.45)	6 (13.95)	5 (17.24)	.. (2.33)
Total	985 (6.29)	1,092 (6.96)	1,056 (6.75)	919 (5.86)

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Source: Table 2.25 in Daly et al: Tables - all sections of Activities 2021³ and 2022⁴.

For data on alcoholic disorders by county for 2022, see Table 2.27a and Table 2.27b <https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/39109/>

Use of drugs in CHO areas

Data from the problematic opioid use in Ireland report

The report, [Problematic opioid use in Ireland, 2015–2019](#),⁵ estimates the prevalence of problematic opioid use in Ireland from 2015 to 2019 using a four-source capture-recapture method. Three of the four data sources used for the analysis were derived from opioid substitution treatment records from the Central Treatment List (CTL) (clinics, general practitioners (GPs) and prisons) and the fourth data source was derived from the Irish Probation Service. In total, it is estimated that there were 19,875 opioid users aged 15–64 years in Ireland in 2019. This corresponds to a prevalence rate of 6.68 per 1,000 population.

Tables 6 – 10 present figures for CHOs in 2019. Table 6 presents the number of problematic opioid users by CHO area along with rates per 1,000 population. Tables 7 and 8 present the estimated number, and rate per 1,000 population, of problematic opioid users in 2019 according to age group (15–24 years, 25–34 years, and 35–64 years). Table 9 presents the estimated percentage of problematic opioid users in 2019 by age group and Table 10 shows the estimated number of female and male problematic opioid users in the CHO area.

Table 7: Estimates of the number of problematic opioid users by CHO area, and rates per 1,000 population aged 15 to 64 years (2019)

	Known	Estimate	95% CI	Rate	95% CI
CHO 1	171	292	262–430	1.18	1.06–1.74
CHO 2	277	510	421–754	2.18	1.80–3.22
CHO 3	520	1,046	915–1,409	4.19	3.66–5.64
CHO 4	838	1,543	1,400–1,889	4.27	3.87–5.23
CHO 5	797	1,297	1,188–1,566	4.00	3.67–4.83
CHO 6	1,658	2,580	2,346–3,202	9.07	8.24–11.25
CHO 7	3,417	5,493	5,119–6,469	12.14	11.32–14.30
CHO 8	1,094	1,979	1,767–2,385	5.00	4.47–6.03
CHO 9	3,540	5,135	4,843–5,601	12.11	11.42–13.21
Total	12,312	19,875	19,522–21,608	6.68	6.57–7.27

Table 8: Estimates of the number of problematic opioid users by age group by CHO area, aged 15 to 64 years (2019)

	15–24 years			25–34 years			35–64 years		
	Known	Estimate	95% CI	Known	Estimate	95% CI	Known	Estimate	95% CI
CHO 1	9	20	18–29	44	69	62–102	118	203	182–299
CHO 2	18	27	22–40	83	127	105–188	176	356	294–526
CHO 3	27	51	45–69	213	387	339–521	280	608	532–819
CHO 4	62	94	85–115	357	479	435–586	419	970	880–1,188
CHO 5	53	95	87–115	307	448	410–541	437	754	691–910
CHO 6	48	74	67–92	311	678	617–841	1,299	1,828	1,662–2,269
CHO 7	56	127	118–150	469	957	892–1,127	2,892	4,409	4,109–5,192
CHO 8	60	94	84–113	378	580	518–699	656	1,305	1,165–1,573
CHO 9	81	148	140–161	598	925	872–1,009	2,861	4,062	3,831–4,431
Total	414	730	717–794	2,760	4,650	4,567–5,055	9,138	14,495	14,238–15,759

Table 9: Estimates of the rates per 1,000 population of problematic opioid users by age group by CHO area, aged 15 to 64 years (2019)

	15–24 years		25–34 years		35–64 years	
	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
CHO 1	0.44	0.40–0.64	1.50	1.35–2.22	1.30	1.17–1.92
CHO 2	0.67	0.54–0.99	3.13	2.59–4.64	2.33	1.92–3.44
CHO 3	1.06	0.94–1.44	8.18	7.17–11.01	3.93	3.44–5.30
CHO 4	1.50	1.36–1.84	7.14	6.48–8.73	4.19	3.80–5.13
CHO 5	1.62	1.48–1.96	7.32	6.70–8.84	3.69	3.38–4.46
CHO 6	1.37	1.24–1.70	10.14	9.23–12.58	11.17	10.16–13.87
CHO 7	1.52	1.41–1.79	9.02	8.41–10.62	16.79	15.65–19.77
CHO 8	1.30	1.16–1.56	7.40	6.61–8.91	5.33	4.76–6.43
CHO 9	1.92	1.82–2.09	8.55	8.06–9.32	17.02	16.05–18.56
Ireland	1.35	1.32–1.46	7.48	7.35–8.13	8.01	7.87–8.71

Table 10: Percentage of problematic opioid users in each age group by CHO area (2019)

	Percentage aged 15–24 years	Percentage aged 25–34 years	Percentage aged 35–64 years
CHO 1	6.85	23.63	69.52
CHO 2	5.29	24.90	69.80
CHO 3	4.88	37.00	58.13
CHO 4	6.09	31.04	62.86
CHO 5	7.32	34.54	58.13
CHO 6	2.87	26.28	70.85
CHO 7	2.31	17.42	80.27
CHO 8	4.75	29.31	65.94
CHO 9	2.88	18.01	79.10
Ireland	3.67	23.40	72.93

Table 11: Percentage of problematic opioid users who are female or male by CHO area (2019)

	Female				Male			
	Known	Estimate	95% CI	%	Known	Estimate	95% CI	%
CHO 1	42	73	65–107	25.00	129	219	197–323	75.00
CHO 2	72	107	88–158	20.98	205	403	333–596	79.02
CHO 3	153	274	240–369	26.20	367	772	675–1,040	73.80
CHO 4	197	412	374–504	26.70	641	1,131	1,026–1,385	73.30
CHO 5	224	361	331–436	27.83	573	936	857–1,130	72.17
CHO 6	452	797	724–989	30.89	1,206	1,783	1,622–2,213	69.11
CHO 7	1,007	1,601	1,492–1,885	29.15	2,410	3,892	3,627–4,584	70.85
CHO 8	276	358	320–431	18.09	818	1,621	1,447–1,954	81.91
CHO 9	1,107	1,522	1,435–1,660	29.64	2,433	3,613	3,408–3,941	70.36
Ireland	3,530	5,505	5,407–5,985	27.70	8,782	14,370	14,115–15,623	72.30

Data from the National Drug and Alcohol Survey

The [National Drug and Alcohol Survey \(NDAS\)](#)⁶ collects information on alcohol and tobacco consumption and drug use among the general population in Ireland. It also surveys people’s attitudes and perceptions relating to tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use and records the impact of drug use on people’s communities. The 2019–20 NDAS collected information from 5,762 people aged 15 years and older across Ireland.

Table 12: NDAS 2019-20, number of participants by CHO area

	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
CHO 1	1,013	524	489	168	492	660	350
CHO 2	686	339	347	127	351	478	207
CHO 3	467	250	217	78	228	306	157

	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
CHO 4	574	270	304	101	290	391	181
CHO 5	556	251	305	95	296	391	163
CHO 6	537	222	315	102	278	380	157
CHO 7	587	279	308	129	290	419	167
CHO 8	943	454	489	202	475	677	264
CHO 9	399	176	223	73	207	280	119

Tables with data for last year drug use by CHO area

Table 13: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 1: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 1 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	5.6	6.9	4.1	13.3	3.0	6.9	0.6
Cannabis	4.4	5.2	3.5	9.9	2.7	5.4	0.6
Ecstasy	1.1	1.8	0.3	3.6	0.0	1.4	0.0
Cocaine	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Amphetamines	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0
Poppers	0.8	1.6	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	18.8	16.6	21.1	12.6	22.8	19.0	18.2
Sedatives or tranquillisers	4.4	3.9	4.9	1.5	4.9	3.6	7.4
Anabolic steroids	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Methadone	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Alcohol	66.9	71.0	62.3	73.3	71.8	72.4	46.2
Tobacco	20.0	23.1	16.5	22.9	22.2	22.5	10.7

Table 14: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 2: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 2 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	8.2	13.9	2.0	20.4	3.3	9.9	0.0
Cannabis	4.7	8.9	0.2	9.7	3.1	5.7	0.0
Ecstasy	5.8	9.5	1.8	16.8	0.9	7.0	0.0
Cocaine	0.8	1.5	0.0	2.1	0.2	0.9	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	1.1	2.2	0.0	3.2	0.2	1.4	0.0
LSD	4.6	7.5	1.5	13.1	0.7	5.5	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.0
Amphetamines	4.0	6.4	1.5	11.4	0.7	4.9	0.0
Poppers	5.2	9.1	0.9	14.7	0.9	6.2	0.0
New psychoactive substances	2.9	4.8	0.9	9.1	0.0	3.5	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.8	1.6	0.0	2.6	0.0	1.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	44.1	35.3	53.5	41.7	44.9	43.7	45.8
Sedatives or tranquillisers	5.2	2.1	8.6	2.3	4.5	3.6	12.7
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	75.4	81.9	68.3	80.9	78.7	79.5	55.7
Tobacco	19.2	21.5	16.6	25.5	19.1	21.6	7.5

Table 15: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 3: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 3 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	6.1	7.7	4.1	15.3	3.1	7.8	0.0

CHO 3 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Cannabis	2.1	3.4	0.5	4.8	1.4	2.7	0.0
Ecstasy	2.5	2.3	2.7	8.2	0.0	3.1	0.0
Cocaine	1.9	2.7	0.8	4.6	1.1	2.4	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	1.9	2.7	0.8	4.6	1.1	2.4	0.0
LSD	0.8	1.3	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.9	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.7	1.3	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.9	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.4	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	28.6	28.1	29.3	31.7	31.5	31.6	16.8
Sedatives or tranquillisers	5.3	4.3	6.6	3.3	7.0	5.6	4.3
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.3	0.6	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0
Alcohol	68.1	69.5	66.3	71.6	76.4	74.6	45.1
Tobacco	21.2	23.5	18.3	27.2	21.5	23.7	12.3

Table 16: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 4: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 4 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	6.2	9.1	3.5	17.1	2.2	7.7	0.0
Cannabis	5.8	8.3	3.5	15.8	2.2	7.2	0.0
Ecstasy	1.3	1.5	1.1	4.3	0.0	1.6	0.0
Cocaine	1.0	1.0	1.1	3.5	0.0	1.3	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	1.0	1.0	1.1	3.5	0.0	1.3	0.0
LSD	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.0
Amphetamines	0.6	0.0	1.1	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.0
Poppers	0.9	2.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	1.2	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.6	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.0	0.8	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	17.3	13.8	20.5	21.4	16.7	18.5	12.7
Sedatives or tranquillisers	4.2	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.2	4.0	5.2
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0
Alcohol	73.6	74.7	72.6	76.4	74.2	75.0	68.5
Tobacco	22.0	24.4	19.8	33.5	20.6	25.3	8.5

Table 17: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 5: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 5 – last year use	GENDER			AGE			
	All	Male	Female	15-34	35-64	15-64	65+
Any illegal drug	5.1	5.6	4.6	15.3	1.3	6.2	0.0
Cannabis	3.9	5.4	2.7	11.6	1.2	4.8	0.0
Ecstasy	1.5	1.4	1.5	4.8	0.2	1.8	0.0
Cocaine	2.6	2.0	3.1	9.0	0.0	3.2	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	2.6	2.0	3.1	9.0	0.0	3.2	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.5	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CHO 5 – last year use	GENDER			AGE			
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	31.6	23.3	38.7	31.8	34.1	33.3	24.1
Sedatives or tranquillisers	5.8	5.4	6.2	7.3	3.3	4.7	10.8
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	65.7	66.8	64.9	66.1	71.4	69.5	49.1
Tobacco	20.8	25.6	16.6	27.9	18.8	22.0	15.6

Table 18: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 6: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 6 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	9.8	13.0	7.4	16.5	8.4	11.3	2.6
Cannabis	8.4	11.0	6.3	13.2	7.5	9.6	2.6
Ecstasy	1.2	0.8	1.6	2.8	0.7	1.5	0.0
Cocaine	2.0	2.5	1.6	3.5	1.7	2.4	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	2.1	2.5	1.8	3.5	2.0	2.5	0.0
LSD	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.5	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	29.9	27.3	31.9	25.1	34.3	30.9	25.0
Sedatives or tranquillisers	7.5	8.4	6.7	7.1	7.8	7.6	6.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	79.9	83.3	77.3	81.5	84.2	83.2	64.4
Tobacco	17.0	19.4	15.2	25.5	15.4	19.1	7.0

Table 19: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 7: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 7 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	11.5	14.6	8.6	25.3	4.9	13.7	0.0
Cannabis	10.0	12.8	7.2	23.0	3.4	11.9	0.0
Ecstasy	3.9	5.5	2.4	9.0	1.4	4.7	0.0
Cocaine	2.8	5.0	0.7	6.1	1.3	3.4	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	2.7	4.6	0.7	5.6	1.3	3.2	0.0
LSD	1.4	1.6	1.1	3.1	0.5	1.6	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	2.0	2.7	1.2	3.8	1.2	2.3	0.0
Poppers	2.7	3.6	1.7	6.7	0.5	3.2	0.0
New psychoactive substances	1.4	2.0	0.8	3.6	0.2	1.7	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0
Heroin	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	38.9	30.4	47.4	38.3	43.2	41.1	28.1
Sedatives or tranquillisers	7.1	5.3	8.8	4.6	7.1	6.0	12.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	77.9	80.3	75.7	79.2	82.4	81.0	61.3
Tobacco	22.6	26.2	19.0	26.5	23.2	24.6	11.9

Table 20: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 8: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 8 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	4.6	8.2	1.0	11.4	1.1	5.5	0.6

CHO 8 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Cannabis	3.8	6.8	0.8	9.2	1.0	4.5	0.6
Ecstasy	1.9	3.7	0.0	5.2	0.0	2.2	0.0
Cocaine	1.4	2.9	0.0	3.9	0.1	1.7	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	1.4	2.9	0.0	3.9	0.1	1.7	0.0
LSD	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
Amphetamines	0.7	1.3	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.8	0.0
Poppers	1.3	2.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	1.5	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	29.6	40.9	35.2	32.8	36.9	35.1	35.7
Sedatives or tranquillisers	2.2	2.8	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.9	5.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	78.7	70.7	74.7	76.9	77.3	61.4	64.2
Tobacco	21.7	16.1	18.9	22.1	19.7	9.0	18.0

Table 21: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 9: Last year drug use, by percentage

CHO 9 – last year use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	8.5	11.8	5.7	24.9	3.4	10.6	0.0
Cannabis	8.1	11.0	5.7	23.4	3.4	10.1	0.0
Ecstasy	1.2	1.7	0.8	4.6	0.0	1.5	0.0
Cocaine	3.2	6.3	0.6	8.8	1.6	4.0	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	3.2	6.3	0.6	8.8	1.6	4.0	0.0
LSD	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Magic mushrooms	1.6	1.7	1.5	5.9	0.0	2.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Poppers	1.2	1.7	0.8	3.1	0.7	1.5	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	43.3	40.3	45.8	39.3	47.6	44.9	36.6
Sedatives or tranquillisers	7.4	8.3	6.6	4.8	8.5	7.3	7.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
Alcohol	80.8	83.2	78.8	78.1	85.7	83.2	70.9
Tobacco	20.2	25.8	15.3	19.3	22.7	21.6	14.3

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Table 22: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 1: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 1 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	3.6	4.8	2.3	7.8	2.3	4.4	0.6
Cannabis	3.2	4.3	1.9	7.0	1.9	3.8	0.6
Ecstasy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.6	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	9.2	7.6	11.0	6.5	10.5	9.0	10.1
Sedatives or tranquillisers	3.0	2.8	3.3	0.5	2.9	2.0	7.2
Anabolic steroids	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	52.5	59.4	45.0	55.6	58.2	57.2	35.0
Tobacco	18.7	21.8	15.3	20.9	21.1	21.0	10.0

Table 23: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 2: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 2 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	6.3	10.7	1.6	16.8	1.8	7.6	0.0
Cannabis	2.5	4.6	0.2	5.9	1.1	3.0	0.0
Ecstasy	3.6	6.2	0.9	11.4	0.0	4.4	0.0
Cocaine	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.0
LSD	2.6	3.7	1.5	8.2	0.0	3.2	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.8	0.7	0.9	2.4	0.0	0.9	0.0
Poppers	3.6	6.1	0.9	10.0	0.7	4.3	0.0
New psychoactive substances	1.7	2.4	0.9	5.3	0.0	2.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	12.9	7.5	18.7	12.2	11.4	11.7	18.7
Sedatives or tranquillisers	4.2	1.7	6.9	1.4	3.6	2.8	10.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	61.6	71.5	50.9	66.9	66.9	66.9	36.1
Tobacco	16.9	19.0	14.5	19.7	18.3	18.8	7.5

Table 24: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 3: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 3 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	2.8	3.2	2.2	6.6	1.6	3.5	0.0
Cannabis	1.8	2.9	0.5	4.2	1.2	2.3	0.0
Ecstasy	0.7	0.0	1.7	2.4	0.0	0.9	0.0
Cocaine	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
LSD	0.5	0.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.5	0.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.7	1.3	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.9	0.0

CHO 3 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	13.0	11.3	15.1	14.5	14.3	14.3	8.0
Sedatives or tranquillisers	3.1	2.8	3.5	1.0	4.3	3.0	3.5
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	52.8	54.6	50.4	58.7	58.7	58.7	31.6
Tobacco	19.2	21.3	16.4	23.2	20.2	21.3	11.5

Table 25: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 4: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 4 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	3.0	4.7	1.5	8.4	1.1	3.8	0.0
Cannabis	2.6	3.7	1.5	6.8	1.1	3.2	0.0
Ecstasy	0.7	1.5	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.9	0.0
Cocaine	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.6	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.6	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	7.0	4.6	9.1	8.1	5.8	6.7	8.2
Sedatives or tranquillisers	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.4	1.6	1.1	3.8
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	60.5	61.6	59.5	62.7	60.6	61.3	57.6
Tobacco	19.2	21.2	17.4	27.6	18.5	21.9	8.5

Table 26: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 5: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 5 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	2.8	3.9	1.9	8.6	0.7	3.5	0.0
Cannabis	1.7	3.2	0.5	4.9	0.7	2.1	0.0
Ecstasy	1.4	1.4	1.3	4.8	0.0	1.7	0.0
Cocaine	0.8	1.7	0.0	2.8	0.0	1.0	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.8	1.7	0.0	2.8	0.0	1.0	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	17.2	8.6	24.5	17.2	17.2	17.2	16.6
Sedatives or tranquillisers	3.9	3.4	4.4	3.8	2.6	3.0	8.1
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	56.4	58.3	54.8	53.1	63.9	60.2	39.8
Tobacco	19.5	23.0	16.5	24.7	18.3	20.5	15.2

Table 27: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 6: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 6 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	4.4	5.9	3.3	7.4	3.3	4.8	2.6
Cannabis	3.3	4.3	2.5	4.8	2.7	3.4	2.6
Ecstasy	0.3	0.0	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Cocaine	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.0
LSD	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poppers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	12.2	10.9	13.2	6.7	14.6	11.7	14.4
Sedatives or tranquillisers	4.0	2.4	5.2	6.3	1.8	3.4	6.6
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	73.4	78.1	69.8	75.4	78.6	77.4	54.4
Tobacco	13.5	16.9	10.8	17.2	13.5	14.9	7.0

Table 28: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 7: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 7 – last month use	All	Male	Female	15-34	35-64	15-64	65+
Any illegal drug	6.3	8.4	4.1	12.9	3.3	7.4	0.0
Cannabis	3.5	4.6	2.4	7.0	1.9	4.1	0.0
Ecstasy	1.4	2.2	0.7	2.7	0.9	1.7	0.0
Cocaine	1.6	2.6	0.6	3.7	0.6	1.9	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	1.6	2.6	0.6	3.7	0.6	1.9	0.0
LSD	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Poppers	1.6	2.0	1.1	3.7	0.5	1.9	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	16.7	11.0	22.2	17.8	16.2	16.9	15.6
Sedatives or tranquillisers	4.1	2.6	5.6	0.8	4.7	3.0	10.2
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	62.9	67.4	58.4	63.0	67.5	65.6	49.2
Tobacco	20.0	24.6	15.6	22.9	20.7	21.6	11.7

Table 29: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 8: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 8 – last month use	GENDER			AGE			
	All	Male	Female	15-34	35-64	15-64	65+
Any illegal drug	2.8	5.1	0.5	7.0	0.5	3.3	0.0
Cannabis	2.3	4.1	0.5	5.7	0.5	2.7	0.0
Ecstasy	1.0	1.9	0.0	2.7	0.0	1.1	0.0
Cocaine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amphetamines	0.5	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
Poppers	0.7	1.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0

CHO 8 – last month use		GENDER		AGE			
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	11.8	6.7	16.9	11.2	10.8	11.0	16.4
Sedatives or tranquillisers	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	5.6
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	61.0	67.8	54.0	63.0	65.2	64.2	42.9
Tobacco	16.4	19.3	13.5	18.1	18.0	18.0	7.4

Table 30: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 9: Last month drug use, by percentage

CHO 9 – last month use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	5.1	5.9	4.4	14.0	2.4	6.3	0.0
Cannabis	4.9	5.4	4.4	13.3	2.4	6.0	0.0
Ecstasy	0.6	1.3	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.7	0.0
Cocaine	0.6	1.3	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.7	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	0.6	1.3	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.7	0.0
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Amphetamines	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Poppers	1.2	1.7	0.8	3.1	0.7	1.5	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	18.1	12.2	23.2	16.4	21.1	19.5	12.3
Sedatives or tranquillisers	2.9	3.0	2.7	0.0	3.0	2.0	6.3
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	69.9	73.9	66.4	66.2	75.3	72.3	59.6
Tobacco	17.4	24.0	11.7	15.5	20.0	18.5	12.8

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Table 31: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 1: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 1 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	16.5	19.1	13.6	24.2	16.7	19.5	5.1
Cannabis	14.8	16.6	12.9	21.2	15.4	17.6	4.3
Ecstasy	5.7	8.1	3.1	10.1	5.5	7.2	0.2
Cocaine	4.4	5.9	2.7	7.9	4.1	5.5	0.2
Cocaine (incl. crack)	4.4	5.9	2.7	7.9	4.1	5.5	0.2
LSD	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.3	0.9	1.4	0.7
Magic mushrooms	1.5	1.9	1.0	2.1	1.6	1.8	0.5
Amphetamines	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.0
Poppers	2.5	4.5	0.2	6.7	0.9	3.1	0.2
New psychoactive substances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvents	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.0
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Heroin	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	35.4	30.3	41.0	26.4	40.8	35.4	35.6
Sedatives or tranquillisers	9.4	7.4	11.7	2.4	11.8	8.2	14.1
Anabolic steroids	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.2	0.9
Methadone	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
Alcohol	74.2	77.7	70.4	78.2	78.9	78.7	57.6
Tobacco	40.6	44.4	36.4	27.1	47.6	39.8	43.8

Table 32: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 2: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 2 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	21.2	29.2	12.6	32.3	20.3	24.9	3.3
Cannabis	17.4	24.6	9.5	21.8	19.3	20.3	3.3
Ecstasy	15.0	22.4	7.1	26.9	12.4	18.0	0.6
Cocaine	3.8	6.6	0.7	7.0	3.1	4.6	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	5.7	9.8	1.4	8.4	5.8	6.8	0.6
LSD	11.0	16.0	5.6	18.0	10.0	13.1	1.2
Magic mushrooms	6.5	10.7	2.0	5.7	9.2	7.8	0.0
Amphetamines	11.2	15.9	6.1	18.8	10.1	13.4	0.3
Poppers	7.6	11.8	3.2	18.7	3.2	9.2	0.0
New psychoactive substances	3.9	6.6	0.9	11.8	0.1	4.7	0.0
Solvents	4.6	8.1	0.8	7.2	4.4	5.5	0.0
Crack	3.7	6.4	0.7	4.7	4.1	4.3	0.6
Heroin	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	72.9	68.3	77.8	73.1	75.9	74.8	63.4
Sedatives or tranquillisers	11.3	8.5	14.4	4.7	12.0	9.2	21.4
Anabolic steroids	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Alcohol	78.6	84.2	72.6	83.2	82.1	82.5	59.9
Tobacco	45.7	53.1	37.7	32.4	55.7	46.7	40.9

Table 33: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 3: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 3 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	18.7	21.8	14.7	29.4	19.3	23.2	2.1
Cannabis	13.8	17.0	9.6	18.9	15.7	16.9	2.1
Ecstasy	5.7	6.7	4.6	11.0	5.0	7.3	0.0
Cocaine	5.7	7.8	2.9	6.9	7.4	7.2	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	5.7	7.8	2.9	6.9	7.4	7.2	0.0
LSD	3.6	5.2	1.5	4.8	4.3	4.5	0.4
Magic mushrooms	3.8	5.4	1.7	4.9	4.2	4.5	1.3
Amphetamines	2.6	3.5	1.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Poppers	3.0	3.1	2.8	6.4	2.1	3.8	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.7	1.2	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.9	0.0
Solvents	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.9	0.0
Crack	1.0	1.2	0.8	3.5	0.0	1.3	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	42.6	43.8	41.0	43.9	45.0	44.5	34.9
Sedatives or tranquillisers	12.7	11.0	14.8	6.1	17.3	13.0	11.9
Anabolic steroids	0.7	0.9	0.4	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.8
Methadone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	75.7	78.3	72.3	75.3	85.0	81.3	55.0
Tobacco	37.3	39.1	34.9	31.6	42.2	38.2	35.0

Table 34: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 4: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 4 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	20.6	26.8	15.0	32.7	19.8	24.6	4.4
Cannabis	19.8	25.4	14.8	31.0	19.3	23.6	4.4
Ecstasy	4.6	7.7	1.9	8.6	4.1	5.8	0.0
Cocaine	4.5	8.0	1.5	8.2	4.1	5.6	0.3
Cocaine (incl. crack)	4.5	8.0	1.5	8.2	4.1	5.6	0.3
LSD	2.2	4.6	0.0	1.3	3.1	2.5	1.0
Magic mushrooms	3.7	7.2	0.6	5.4	4.0	4.5	0.3
Amphetamines	3.1	4.7	1.7	6.2	2.1	3.6	1.3
Poppers	2.3	4.9	0.0	6.3	0.9	2.9	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.9	1.5	0.5	2.1	0.6	1.2	0.0
Solvents	0.9	1.8	0.0	2.2	0.4	1.1	0.0

CHO 4 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Crack	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	33.0	28.1	37.3	34.6	34.1	34.3	27.8
Sedatives or tranquillisers	9.3	9.9	8.8	5.7	10.2	8.5	12.4
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.6	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.0
Alcohol	78.3	79.1	77.7	80.9	78.8	79.6	73.9
Tobacco	46.6	52.9	41.0	38.8	49.0	45.3	52.7

Table 35: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 5: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 5 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	18.4	23.1	14.4	28.5	17.7	21.5	5.0
Cannabis	16.8	21.1	13.1	23.5	17.3	19.4	5.0
Ecstasy	4.7	6.0	3.7	11.7	2.7	5.8	0.0
Cocaine	4.7	5.2	4.3	14.0	1.5	5.8	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	4.7	5.2	4.3	14.0	1.5	5.8	0.0
LSD	1.8	3.2	0.7	4.6	0.8	2.1	0.6
Magic mushrooms	2.0	4.2	0.2	4.2	1.4	2.4	0.6
Amphetamines	2.0	3.3	0.8	4.8	1.1	2.4	0.0
Poppers	0.6	1.4	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.0
New psychoactive substances	1.4	2.0	0.9	4.1	0.4	1.7	0.0
Solvents	1.5	0.7	2.1	5.2	0.0	1.8	0.0
Crack	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Heroin	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	47.2	43.2	50.6	44.2	52.3	49.5	37.0
Sedatives or tranquillisers	13.4	11.4	15.2	16.3	10.7	12.7	16.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0
Alcohol	69.7	72.4	67.5	69.7	74.1	72.6	57.5
Tobacco	39.9	46.0	34.7	37.9	39.7	39.1	43.7

Table 36: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 6: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 6 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	33.1	36.5	30.5	38.5	37.4	37.8	10.8
Cannabis	32.6	36.5	29.7	37.5	37.4	37.4	9.8
Ecstasy	9.9	15.1	6.0	11.7	12.1	11.9	0.5
Cocaine	13.0	14.5	11.7	18.6	13.7	15.5	1.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	13.0	14.5	11.7	18.6	13.7	15.5	1.0
LSD	5.7	9.0	3.1	4.5	8.1	6.8	0.5
Magic mushrooms	7.6	11.0	5.0	4.9	11.4	9.0	1.0
Amphetamines	4.2	7.0	2.1	1.7	6.5	4.7	2.0
Poppers	3.3	5.6	1.6	1.5	5.5	4.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	3.6	4.3	3.2	5.8	3.6	4.4	0.0
Solvents	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.7	1.3	0.0
Crack	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Heroin	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	51.0	48.6	52.9	44.1	57.2	52.4	44.4
Sedatives or tranquillisers	16.6	15.2	17.7	10.8	18.6	15.7	20.9
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Alcohol	83.3	86.4	80.9	82.5	86.8	85.2	74.2
Tobacco	39.8	46.9	34.4	31.9	43.6	39.3	42.4

Table 37: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 7: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 7 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	31.1	37.7	24.7	40.7	33.3	36.5	2.7
Cannabis	27.3	33.3	21.4	36.1	28.8	32.0	2.7
Ecstasy	12.5	16.3	8.7	18.5	12.1	14.8	0.0
Cocaine	8.4	11.5	5.2	13.3	7.4	9.9	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	8.4	11.5	5.2	13.3	7.4	9.9	0.0
LSD	8.3	10.6	6.0	12.9	7.5	9.9	0.0
Magic mushrooms	5.6	7.5	3.6	4.7	8.1	6.6	0.0
Amphetamines	6.6	9.6	3.6	8.8	7.0	7.8	0.2
Poppers	5.9	7.7	4.1	9.9	4.8	7.0	0.0
New psychoactive substances	3.5	5.7	1.3	6.3	2.5	4.1	0.0
Solvents	3.1	5.2	1.1	3.1	4.2	3.7	0.0
Crack	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.0
Heroin	0.6	1.2	0.0	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	67.4	62.2	72.4	65.1	74.8	70.6	50.7
Sedatives or tranquillisers	16.2	13.2	19.1	8.2	18.7	14.1	27.4
Anabolic steroids	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Alcohol	86.2	87.6	84.8	83.4	91.5	88.0	76.2
Tobacco	48.0	52.9	43.2	40.2	53.4	47.7	50.4

Table 38: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 8: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 8 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	15.1	20.3	9.8	20.5	15.5	17.7	0.9
Cannabis	13.0	17.2	8.8	16.4	14.3	15.2	0.9
Ecstasy	6.3	9.9	2.7	10.5	5.1	7.4	0.5
Cocaine	3.6	6.2	1.0	5.2	3.6	4.3	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	4.0	6.8	1.0	5.2	4.1	4.6	0.5
LSD	3.1	4.4	1.7	4.4	2.9	3.5	0.5
Magic mushrooms	3.1	4.6	1.5	3.2	3.8	3.5	0.5
Amphetamines	2.3	3.8	0.8	3.8	1.9	2.7	0.5
Poppers	4.4	7.6	1.2	10.2	1.6	5.2	0.0
New psychoactive substances	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.6	0.0
Solvents	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.0
Crack	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.5
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	57.5	52.1	62.9	54.3	60.8	58.1	54.6
Sedatives or tranquillisers	7.2	4.9	9.6	5.2	8.0	6.8	9.5
Anabolic steroids	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Alcohol	80.9	85.0	76.8	80.4	84.7	82.9	70.3
Tobacco	40.5	42.9	38.1	26.3	48.7	39.2	48.1

Table 39: NDAS 2019-20, CHO 9: Lifetime drug use, by percentage

CHO 9 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Any illegal drug	29.1	37.6	21.9	39.4	33.1	35.2	3.6
Cannabis	27.2	36.4	19.4	37.4	30.5	32.8	3.6
Ecstasy	11.8	19.1	5.6	15.2	14.3	14.6	0.0
Cocaine	10.4	17.7	4.2	13.7	12.5	12.9	0.0
Cocaine (incl. crack)	10.4	17.7	4.2	13.7	12.5	12.9	0.0
LSD	6.1	12.3	0.8	5.9	8.1	7.3	1.0
Magic mushrooms	8.1	12.8	4.0	10.1	9.9	10.0	0.0
Amphetamines	3.6	7.3	0.3	2.2	5.5	4.4	0.0
Poppers	4.4	7.5	1.8	7.5	4.5	5.5	0.0
New psychoactive substances	3.4	6.3	1.0	5.2	3.7	4.2	0.0
Solvents	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.0

CHO 9 – lifetime use	All	Male	Female	Age 15-34	Age 35-64	Age 15-64	Age 65+
Crack	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Heroin	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.8	0.0
Opioid pain relievers	66.7	62.5	70.3	54.8	71.3	65.8	70.4
Sedatives or tranquillisers	18.8	17.8	19.7	12.1	21.7	18.5	20.2
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methadone	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.0
Alcohol	90.9	90.7	91.1	84.2	96.6	92.5	84.1
Tobacco	46.6	50.0	43.6	26.9	55.1	45.7	50.0

Health Service Executive expenditure for CHO areas.

Table 40: Expenditure for 2017 to 2021 and allocation for 2022 attributed to HSE Addiction Services per CHO area.

	Total HSE expenditure					HSE 2022 allocation
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
CHO 1 - Donegal, Sligo/ Leitrim/ West Cavan, Cavan/ Monaghan	2,931,368	3,127,781	3,163,733	3,331,989	3,675,867	4,437,685
CHO 2 - Galway, Roscommon, Mayo	2,456,143	2,562,538	2,819,432	3,330,646	3,146,436	2,950,468
CHO 3 - Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary / East Limerick	4,155,418	4,247,858	6,433,272	6,011,375	8,242,578	9,048,426
CHO 4 - Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork	8,871,816	9,406,563	9,859,045	9,537,411	11,261,447	11,443,813
CHO 5 - South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford	6,559,700	7,065,001	7,426,603	7,706,336	10,846,167	10,930,123
CHO 6 - Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South East	7,410,631	7,606,273	7,310,920	7,231,526	7,259,278	6,983,526
CHO 7 - Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, Dublin South West	27,893,015	27,458,987	28,759,830	29,625,474	29,543,634	30,680,734
CHO 8 - Laois/Offaly, Longford/ Westmeath, Louth/Meath	4,965,882	5,174,569	5,282,474	6,104,692	6,436,844	7,125,623
CHO 9 - Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West	25,864,993	24,660,570	27,678,806	26,844,421	28,265,278	28,192,463

Source: Dáil Éireann debate. Written answer 185 – Substance misuse [59720/22] (30 Nov 2022) www.drugsandalcohol.ie/37718/

In addition, other areas of the HSE provide services to clients with addiction problems including National Addiction Services, Primary Care Reimbursement Service, Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health, Acute Hospitals Services, Emergency Departments and Primary Care that are attributable to drugs programmes and the objectives of the National Drug Strategy.

In response to a Parliamentary Question, the HSE provided details on needle exchanges by area.

Table 41: The number of needle exchanges by CHO, June 2022

Area	Pharmacy needle exchange	Other (fixed site and mobile)
CHO 1	9	
CHO 2	12	
CHO 3	12	2
CHO 4	16	1
CHO 5	14	8
CHO 6 & 7		16
CHO 8	28	1
CHO 9		9

Please note that Addiction Services in CHO 6 & 7 are provided together by a joined up HSE Addiction service for the two areas.

Source: Dáil Éireann debate. Written answer 216 – Departmental data [33124/22] (22 June 2022) <https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/36930/>

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