



DrugScope Reading List

Statistics on drug use in the UK

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This reading list contains a selection of key documents on statistics with web links to the full document where available. For a more comprehensive list please search our library database, DrugData, [here](#). Please email us on info@drugscope.org.uk if you need any more information.

General statistical digests

United Kingdom Drug Situation: Annual Report to the European Monitoring Centre

Produced annually by UK Focal Point on Drugs, Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University. Covers the whole of the United Kingdom and brings together data on policy, prevalence, treatment, crime.

Latest edition 2007

[http://www.ukfocalpoint.org.uk/documentbank/UK Focal Point Annual Report 2007.pdf](http://www.ukfocalpoint.org.uk/documentbank/UK_Focal_Point_Annual_Report_2007.pdf)

Statistics on Drug Misuse: England,

Jointly produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Information Centre (NHS)

Brings together information about adults and young people on prevalence and health outcomes. Latest edition 2007

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/drugmisuse07/Drugs misuse-England 2007.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/drugmisuse07/Drugs_misuse-England_2007.pdf)

Statistics on young people and drugs misuse: England

Jointly produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Information Centre (NHS)

Brings together information on prevalence, attitudes to drug taking, drug treatment and mortality among schoolchildren aged 11-15

Latest edition 2006

http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/youngpeopledrugmisuse2006/StatisticsOnYoungPeopleAndDrugMisuse250506_PDF.pdf

Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland

Produced by the Information Services Division Scotland, NHS Scotland

Covers prevalence, services and treatment, health impact and criminal justice.

Latest edition 2007

<http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/publications/07dmss/07dmssb.htm>

European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) statistical bulletin 2007

The EMCDDA provides information covering the European Union and Norway on drug use in the general population.

Latest edition 2007

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/stats07/main>

Prevalence & trends

England & Wales – Adult

Drug Misuse Declared: findings from the British Crime Survey

Published annually by the Home Office RDS in October.

This bulletin examines illicit drug use among 16-59 year olds and trends in drug use since 1998 based on the British Crime Survey (BSC). The BSC is a large nationally representative survey of adults living in private households in England & Wales
Latest edition 2006/07

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/hosb1807.pdf>

England & Wales – Young people

Drug use, smoking and drinking among young people in England in 2007.

This report contains results from an annual survey of secondary school pupils aged in years 7 to 11 (mostly aged 11 to 15). Overall, 7,831 pupils in 273 schools in England completed questionnaires in the autumn term of 2007

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/sdd07/SDD%20Main%20report%2007%20%20808%29-Standard.pdf>

Northern Ireland

Drug use in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Prevalence rates for key illegal drugs, as well as, for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (e.g. tranquillisers), are obtained through the Drug Prevalence Survey.

Latest edition 2006/2007

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/first-results-200607-drug-prevalence-survey.pdf>

Statistics from the Northern Ireland Drug Addicts Index 2007

This bulletin summarises information about persons registered on the Northern Ireland Drug Addicts Index and is provided by Drug and Alcohol Information Unit (DAIRU)
Latest edition 2007

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/addicts-index-report-2007.pdf>

Scotland

Scottish Crime and Victimization Survey [Adults]

Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey [Young people]

See *Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland 2007 section A*

Treatment

England

The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System [NTDMS]

The NDTMS relates to the process of collecting, collating and analysing information from and for those involved in the drug treatment sector in England.

A summary of figure relating 2006/07 is available online at

http://www.nta.nhs.uk/areas/facts_and_figures/national_statistics.aspx

Statistics from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System 2004-2005

http://www.nta.nhs.uk/areas/facts_and_figures/0405/docs/ndtms_report_2004-05.pdf

Hospital Episodes Statistics

Hospital Episodes Statistics (HES) is a database of hospital admissions in England.

www.hesonline.nhs.uk

Prescriptions Dispensed in the Community 1997 – 2007

For details of prescriptions and costs in England

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/primary->

[care/prescriptions/prescriptions-dispensed-in-the-community-1997--2007-%5Bns%5D](#)

Northern Ireland

Census of drug and alcohol treatment services in Northern Ireland

This bulletin is produced by the Drug and Alcohol Information Unit (DAIRU) and summarises information about people receiving treatment.

Latest edition 2007

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/census-drug-alcohol-treatment-mar07.pdf>

For further information on people receiving treatment, substitute prescribing and needle exchange see the DAIRU website

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/public_health/statistics_and_research-drugs_alcohol-2.htm

Scotland

For information about services, treatment and prescription statistics see *Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland 2007 section B*

Wales

Substance misuse in Wales (Experimental Statistics)

This bulletin covers referrals to drug and alcohol treatment and is produced by Health Solutions Wales. Latest edition 2006-07

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/40382313/statistics/health/health-2007/sdr176-2007?lang=en>

Crime

England & Wales – Adult

Arrestee Survey 2003-2006

This is a survey of drugs and crime of arrested individuals over 17. It looks at prevalence of drug use, types of drug used, offending, treatment and drug supply.

Latest edition

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/hosb1207.pdf>

Drug Offenders in England & Wales

This bulleting reports on police cautions, court proceedings and offenders in England & Wales. Latest edition 2004

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/hosb2305.pdf>

Offending, Crime and Justice Survey (OCJS)

The OCJS was commissioned by the Home Office to measure levels of self-reported, anti-social behaviour and drug use in the general household population in England and Wales, particularly children and young adults. A range of reports have been published based on the survey see http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/offending_survey.html

Seizures of Drugs in England & Wales

This report is produced by the Home Office and relates to drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Latest edition 2005

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/hosb1707.pdf>

Scotland – drug seizures: see Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland 2007 section D4

Deaths

There is no one definition of what we mean by drug-related deaths. For example, it could include: people who are dependent on drugs and overdose, suicides by overdose of people who have no previous history of using drugs, murders and manslaughters where people are drunk or under the influence of drugs or deaths which had nothing to do with the presence of a drug in the body. Cause of death is recorded on death certificates but doctors may not mention drugs, even where drugs might be involved.

Drug-related deaths in the UK

Data is collected by the national programme on Substance Abuse Deaths (np-SAD), based within the International Centre for Drug Policy at St George's Hospital, University of London. It was set up initially to track and monitor the deaths of drug addicts who had been notified to the Home Office. St George's Hospital, University of London also collate the annual survey of solvent deaths. Latest edition 2007
Available from np-SAD 020 8725 2623 npSAD@sgul.ac.uk

Deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales

This report is published in the Health Statistics Quarterly and produced by the ONS.
Latest edition 2002-06

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_health/HSQ36.pdf

Scotland – deaths:– see Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland 2007 section C5

Other

Drug Harm Index (DHI)

The Drug Harm Index (DHI) is used to measure Government performance in reducing drug harms. It measures drug harms by combining national indicators of harms into a single-figure index series. The harms include drug-related crime, community perceptions of drug problems and the various health consequences.

Measuring the harm from illegal drugs: the drug Harm index 2005

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/rdsolr2207.pdf>

Measuring different aspects of problem drug use: methodological developments

This report from the Home Office brings together the results of three studies that provide robust updated estimates of the size of the illegal drug use problem.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/rdsolr1606.pdf>

The illicit drug trade in the United Kingdom

This report from the Home Office presents findings from interviews with 222 imprisoned drug dealers and traffickers. It provides a detailed insight into the operation of the market for illicit drugs, filling an important gap in our understanding. The findings will be used for the further development of policy and operations to disrupt the supply of illegal drugs.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/rdsolr2007.pdf>

The economic and social costs of Class A drug use in England and Wales, 2000

The main findings from this study provide the first real evidence that costs are mostly associated with problematic drug use and drug-related crime, in particular acquisitive crime. In addition, significant cost consequences are identified for health care services, the criminal justice system and state benefits.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs2/hors249.pdf>

Websites

The following websites are useful sources of information

[Home Office Research Development and Statistics \(RDS\)](#)

The Home Office RDS service manages research and collects statistics in a number of areas including crime, policing, justice, immigration, drugs and race equality.

[Office for National Statistics](#)

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is the government department responsible for collecting and publishing official statistics about the UK's society and economy.

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