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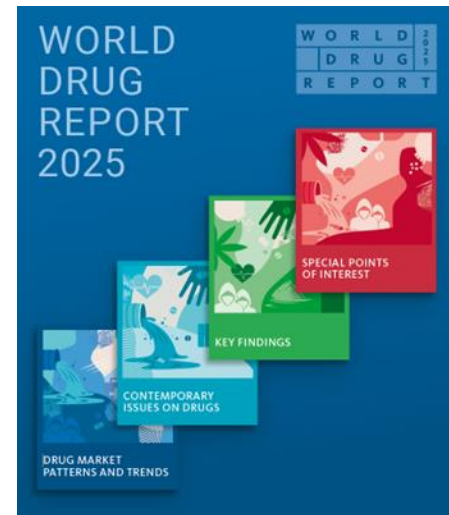
Highlights from UNODC World Drug Report 2025

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Latest trends in drug markets



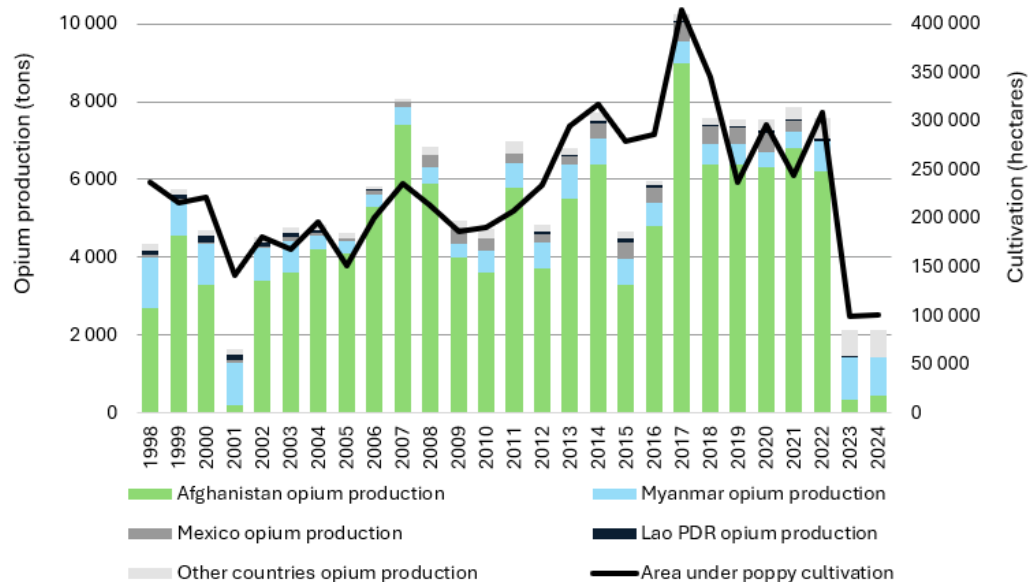
Record high cocaine market

Cocaine trafficking flows departing the Americas as described in reported seizures, 2023–2024

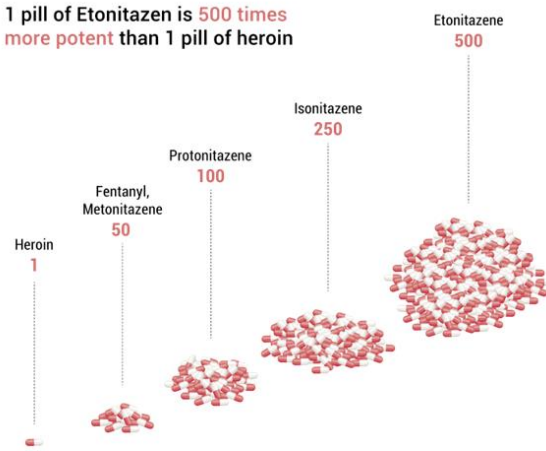


Opiate market and related threats

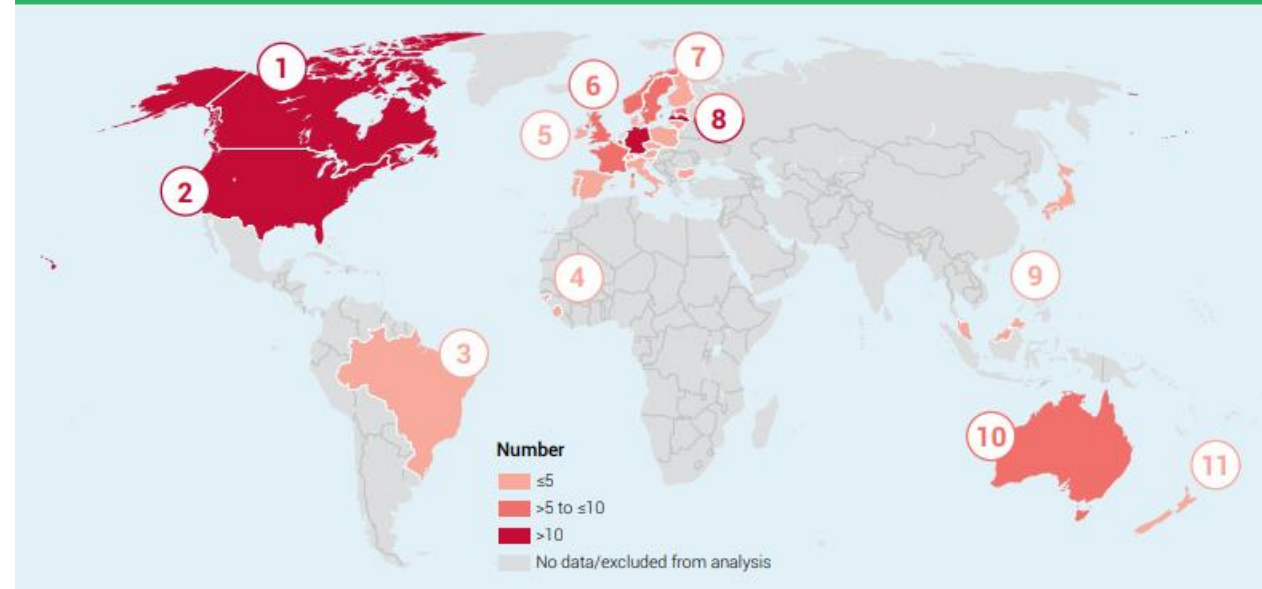
Global opium poppy cultivation and production of opium, 1998–2024



1 pill of Etonitazene is 500 times
more potent than 1 pill of heroin



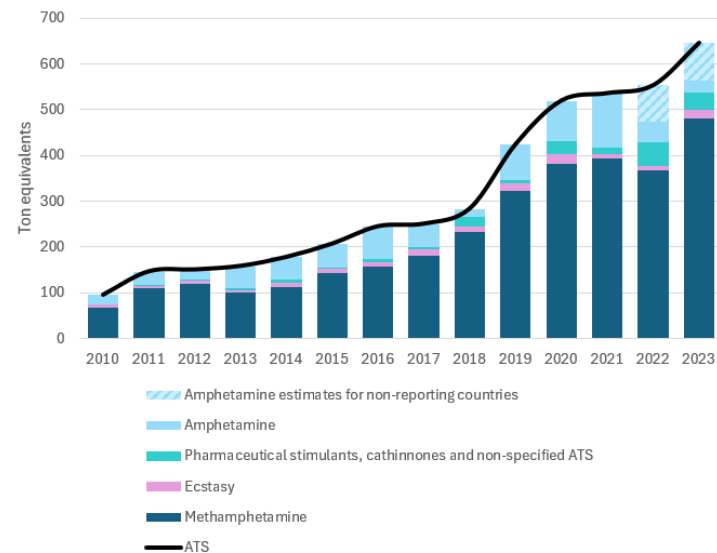
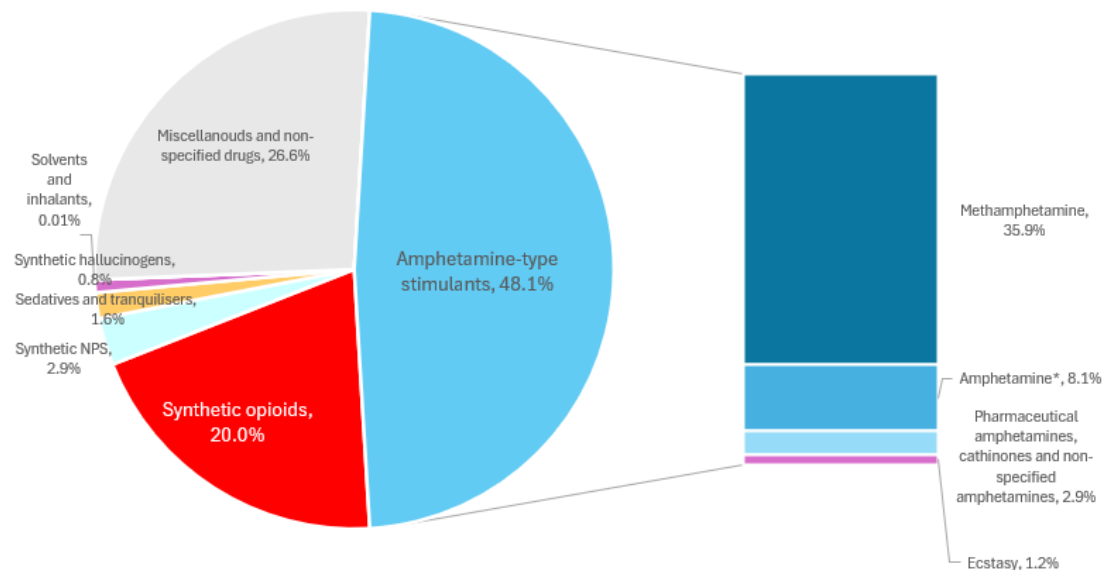
NUMBER OF UNIQUE NITAZENES DETECTED IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, 2019–2025





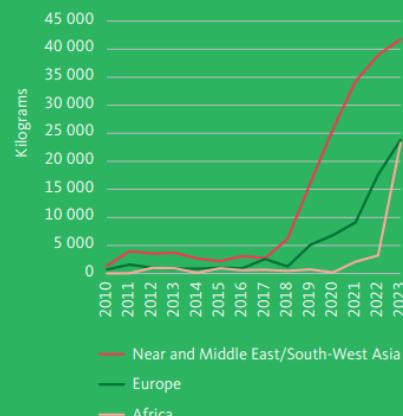
Synthetic Drugs

Share of synthetic drugs reported seized in 2023



Seizures of amphetamine-type stimulants, 2010-2023

METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZURES IN EMERGING MARKETS WHERE DEMAND IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP, 2010-2023



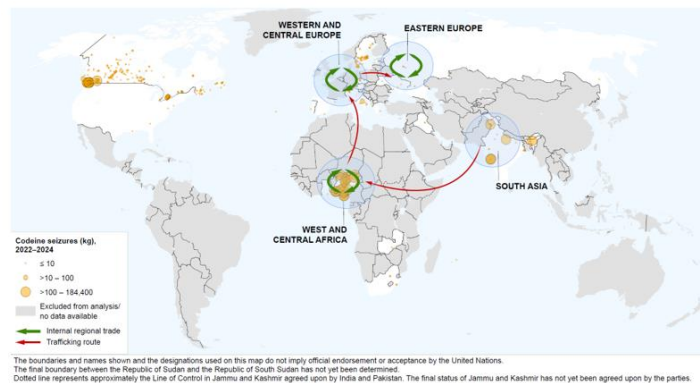
#ScaleUp

Scalable interventions for the treatment and care of stimulant use disorders



Pharmaceutical drugs

Significant individual seizures of codeine and main trafficking routes, 2022–2024



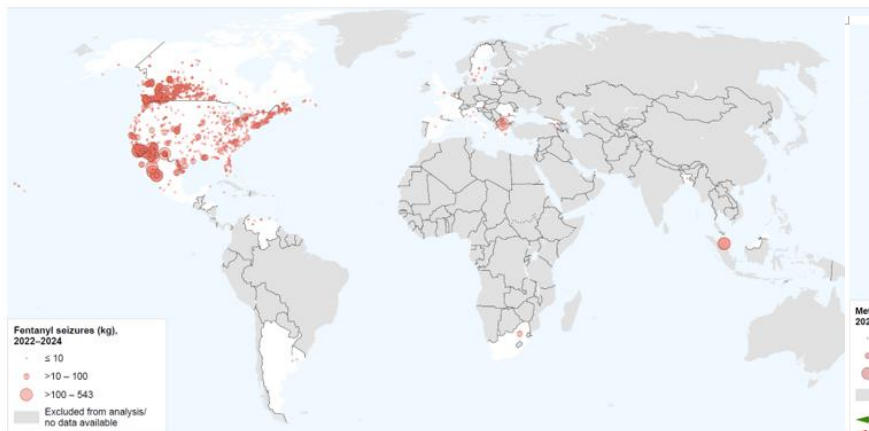
Significant individual seizures of tramadol and main trafficking routes, 2022–2024



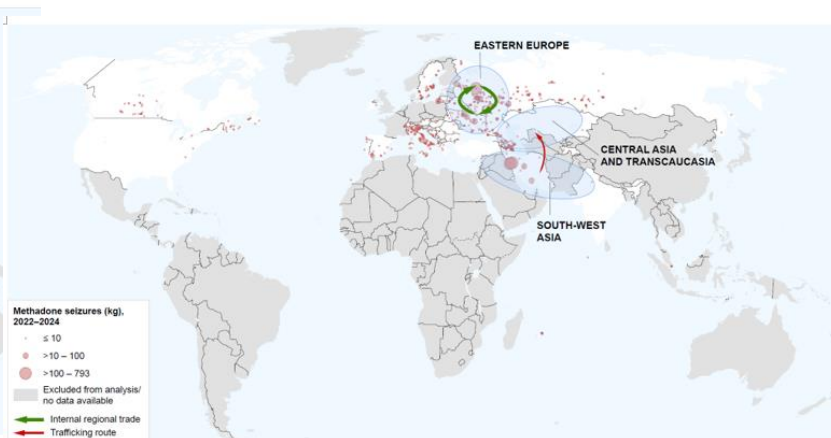
Significant individual seizures of pregabalin, 2022–2024



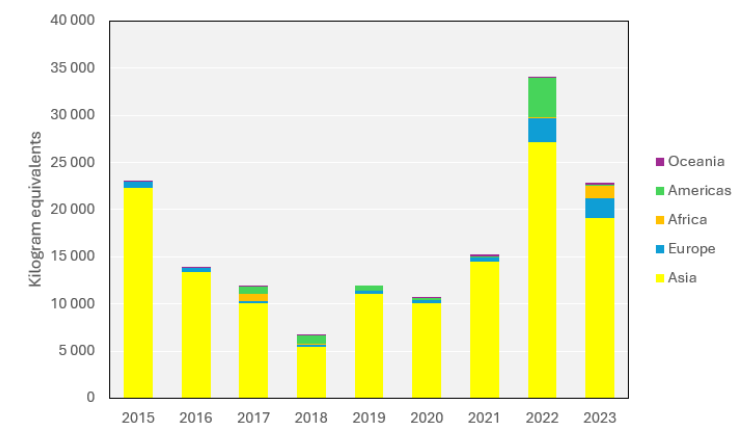
Significant individual seizures of fentanyl, 2022–2024



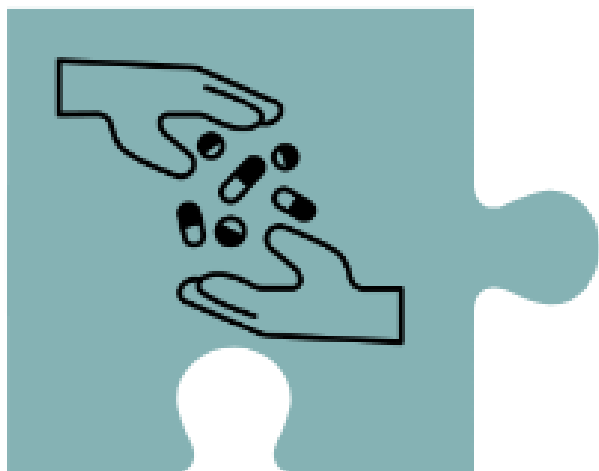
Significant individual seizures of methadone and main trafficking routes, 2022–2024



Seizures of ketamine, 2015–2023



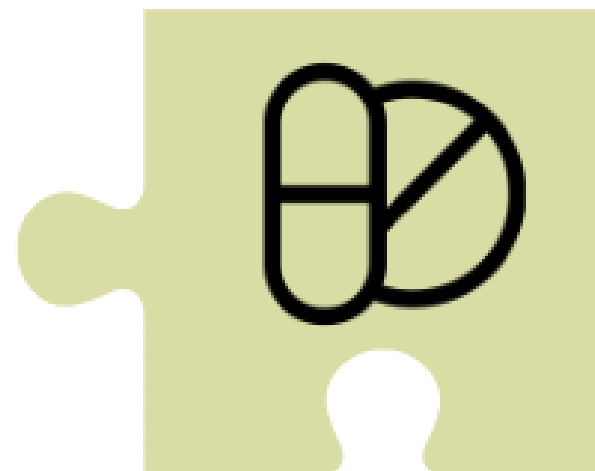
Promoting **SAFE** access to controlled medicines, **WHILE** preventing diversion and non-medical use



Ensure
access to
controlled
medicines



Prevent,
detect, and
respond to
diversion



Prevent and
treat non-
medical use
and misuse



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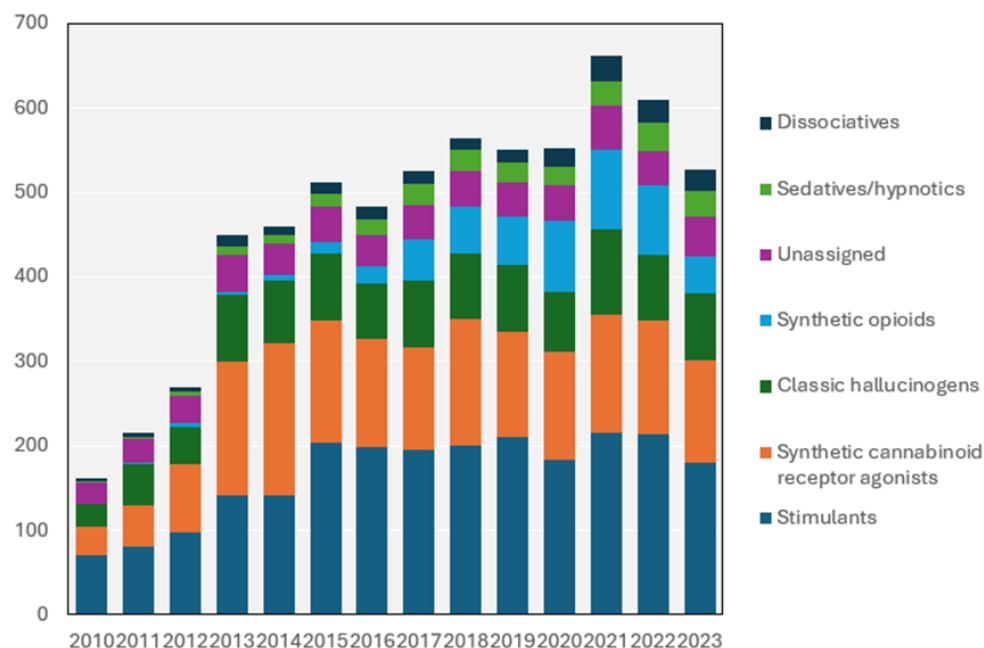


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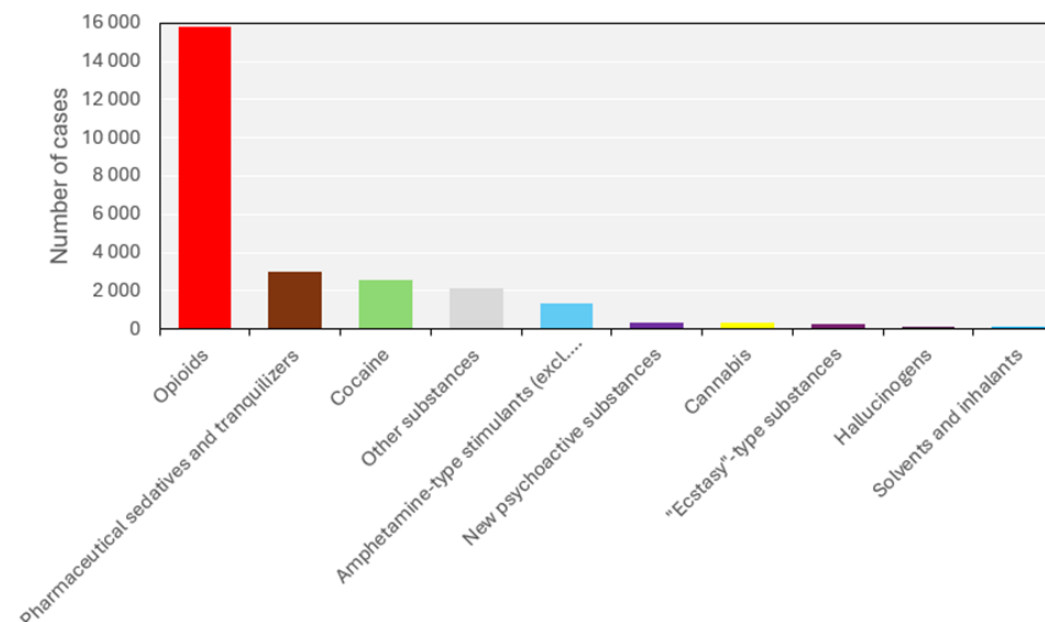


New Psychoactive Substances: where the control system is working

**Number of new psychoactive substances
reported to have been on the market, 2010–
2023**



**Toxicological findings in reported cases of direct drug-related mortality, 2023 or the
most recent year for which data are available**



Drug trafficking & organised crime

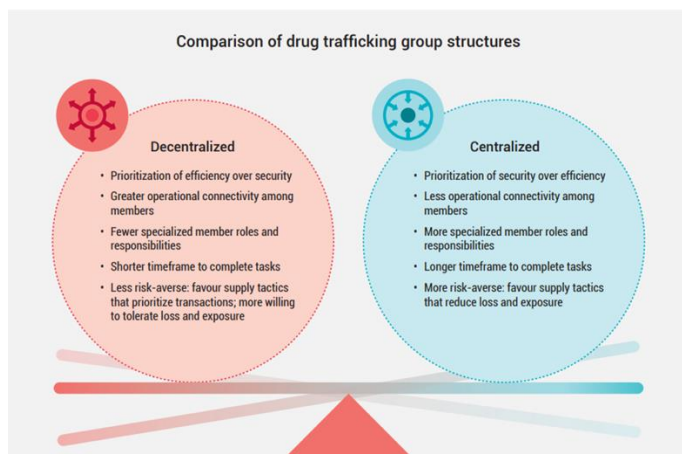
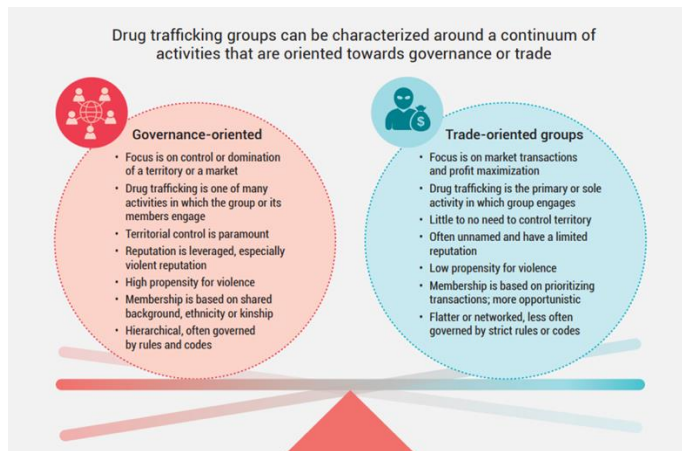
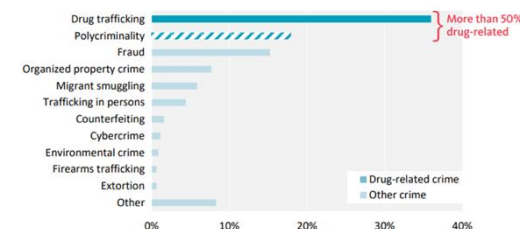
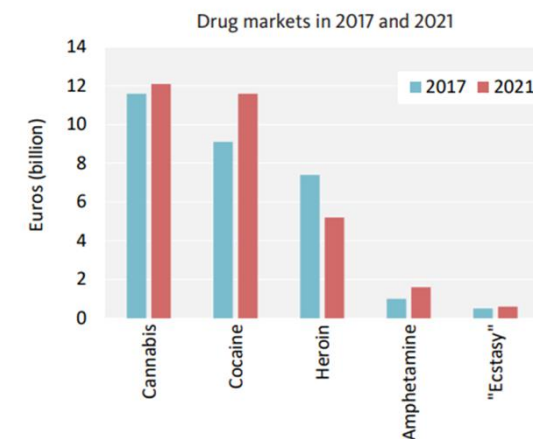


FIG. 5 Main activity of the criminal networks in the European Union assessed by Europol, 2024



Source: Europol, Decoding the EU's Most Threatening Criminal Networks (Luxembourg, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024).

FIG. 4 Value of retail drug markets in the European Union, 2017 and 2021



Evidence-
based drug
prevention &
treatment

Less people
using drugs

Less revenue
for organized
crime



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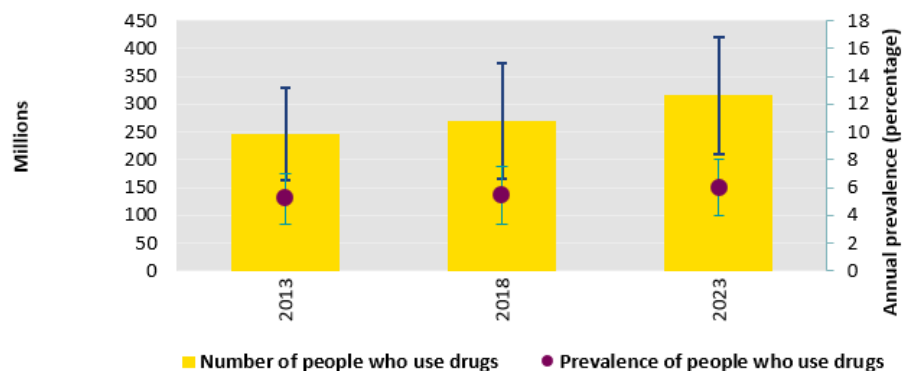
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Drug use and related harms

Drug use

Global number of people who use drugs and prevalence of drug use, 2013, 2018 and 2023



28% Number of users over 10 years

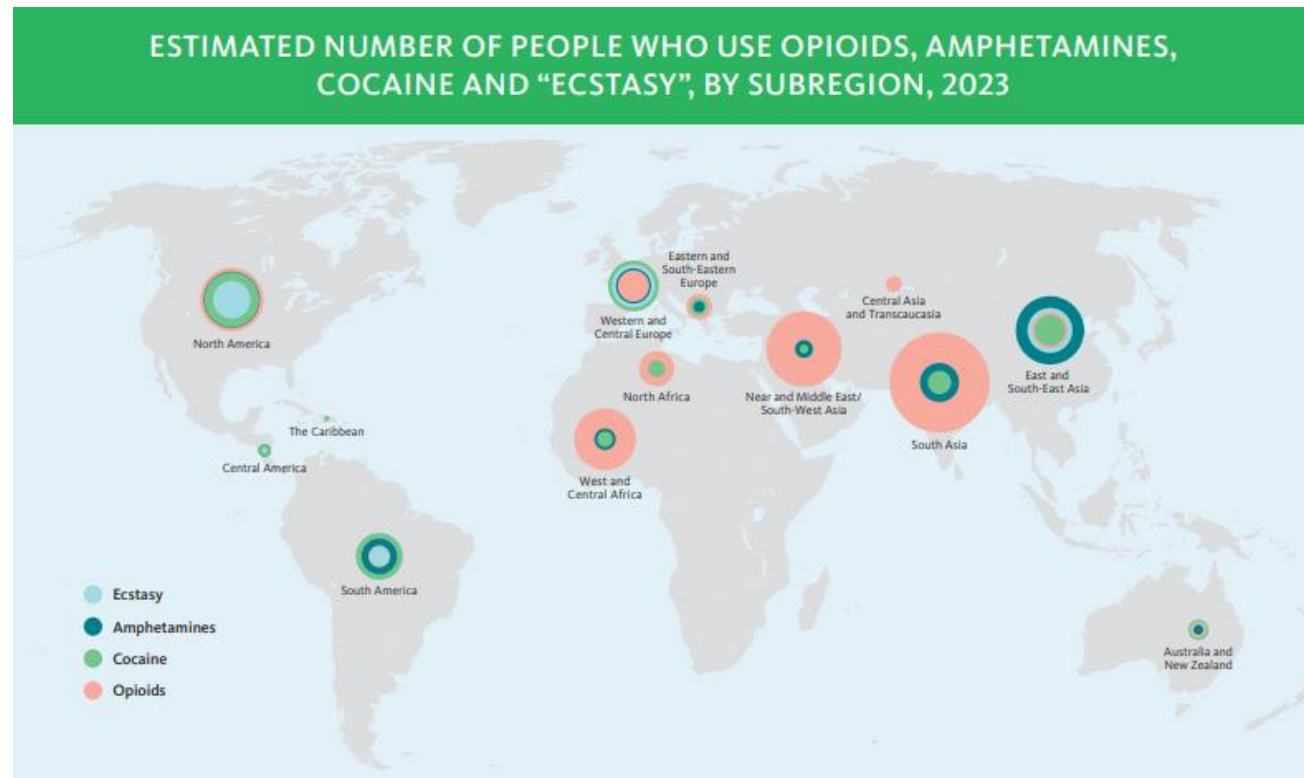


15% Prevalence of use over 10 years



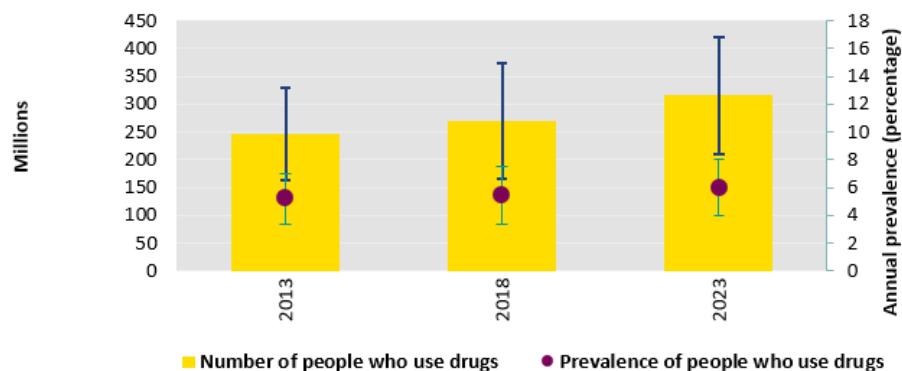
13% Number of people with drug use disorders over 10 years

While cannabis remains by far the world's most commonly used drug, accounting for : an estimated 42 per cent of drug use disorder cases worldwide (2021). ...



Drug use

Global number of people who use drugs and prevalence of drug use, 2013, 2018 and 2023



28% Number of users over 10 years – 316 million people



15% Prevalence of use over 10 years



13% Number of people with drug use disorders over 10 years

People with drug use disorders, 2023 (in millions)

64
million people

13%
over 10 years

8,1%
Population in treatment

1 in 18
among women in treatment



1 in 7
among men in treatment





Drug use and harm

People who inject drugs, 2023

14

million people who
inject drugs



6.9 million
living with hepatitis C

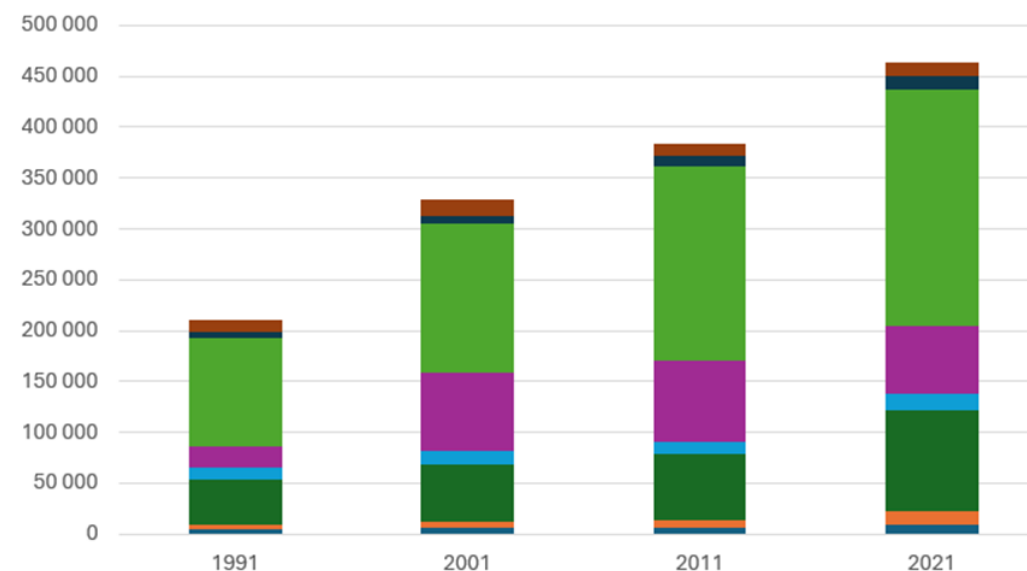


1.7 million
living with HIV



1.5 million
living with HIV
and hepatitis C

Deaths attributable to the use of drugs, 1991–2021

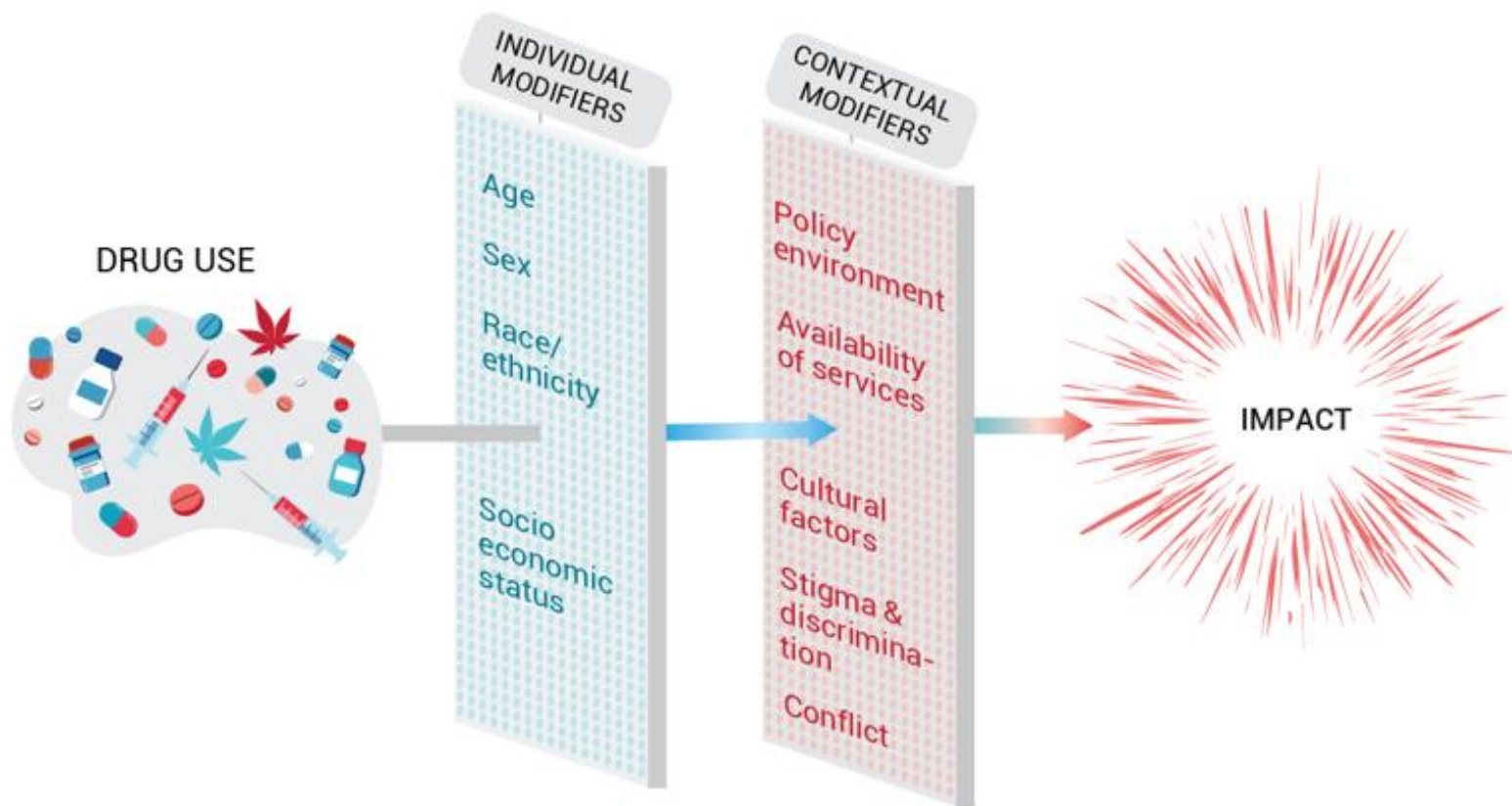


- Indirect: Self harm
- Indirect: Hepatitis B (acute and chronic including cirrhosis and liver cancer)
- Indirect: Hepatitis C (acute and chronic including cirrhosis and liver cancer)
- Indirect: HIV/AIDS
- Direct: Other drug use disorders
- Direct: Opioid use disorders
- Direct: Cocaine use disorders

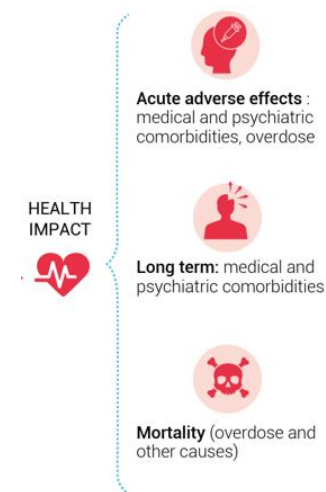
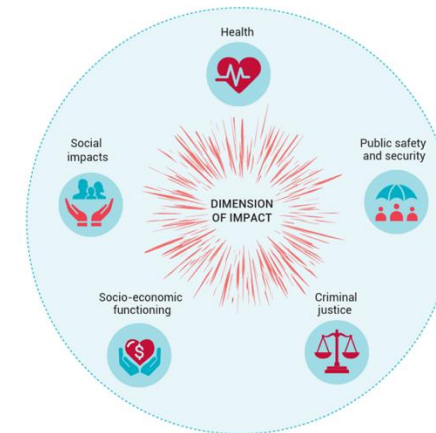


Impact of Drug Use

THE IMPACT OF DRUG USE IS INFLUENCED BY INDIVIDUAL AND CONTEXTUAL FACTORS (MODIFIERS)



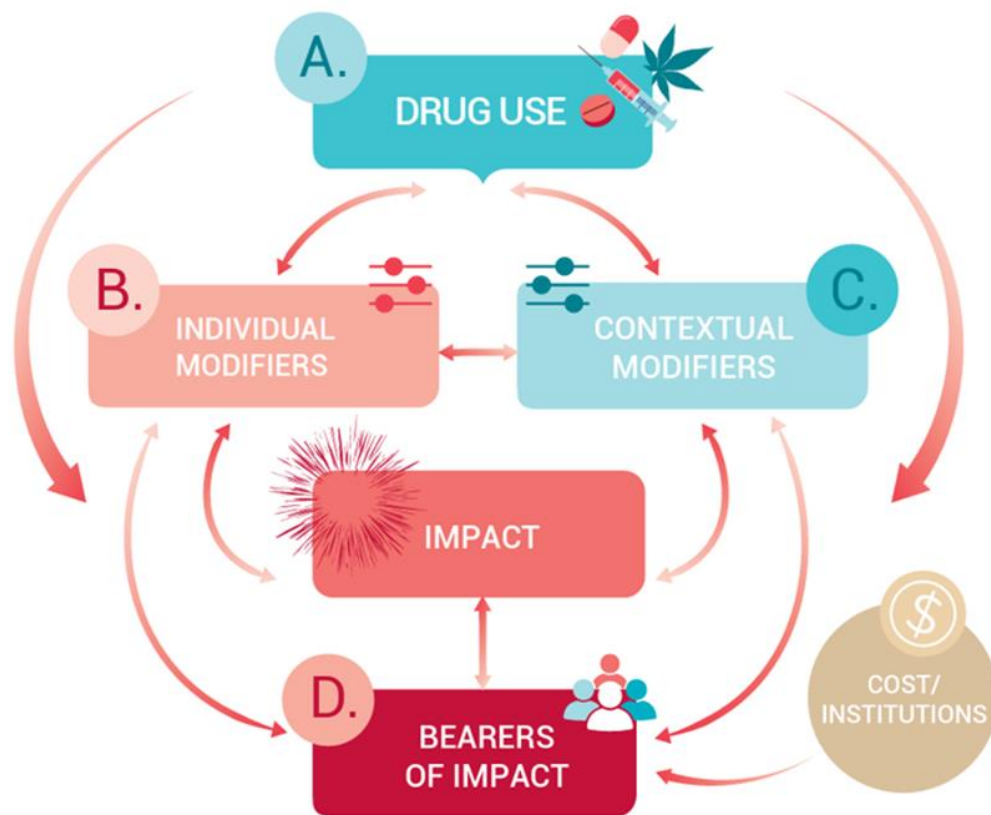
Drug use has an impact on different dimensions



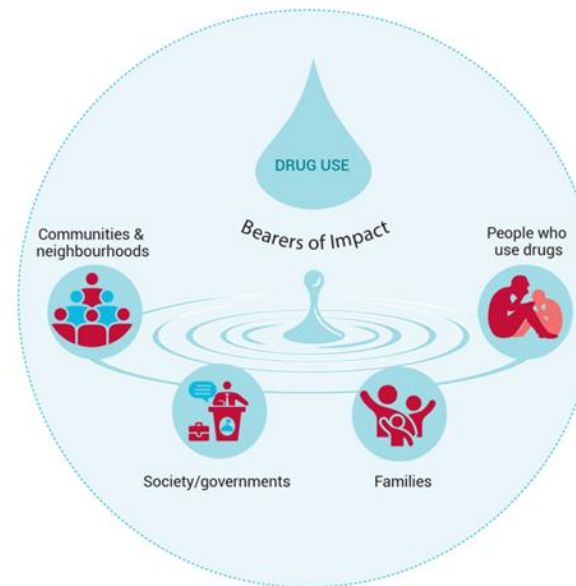


Impact of Drug Use

Drug use strikes different people differently as different mediators interact, develop and combine in different ways, defining many pathways of impact



D. THE IMPACT OF DRUG USE IS FELT BEYOND THOSE WHO USE DRUGS



Provision of services

ESTIMATED PROPORTION OF PEOPLE WITH DRUG USE DISORDERS THAT RECEIVE TREATMENT, BY REGION AND SEX, 2023



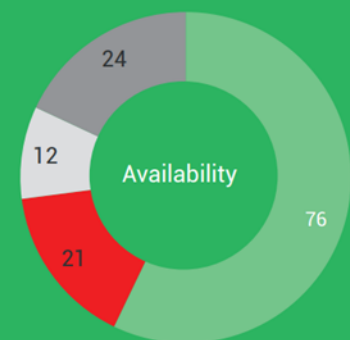
8,1 % of People with drug use disorders were in treatment in 2023



Provision of services

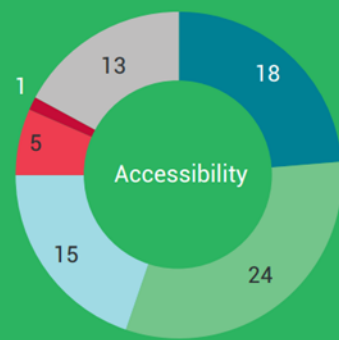
AVAILABILITY, COVERAGE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DRUG-RELATED INTERVENTIONS, 2023 OR THE MOST RECENT YEAR WITH AVAILABLE DATA

Share of reporting countries according to availability of opioid agonist maintenance therapy (n=133), 2023



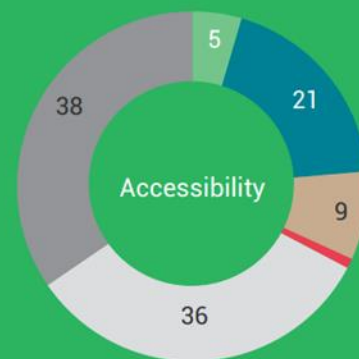
■ Yes
■ No
■ No response to the question
■ No response to the module

Share of countries reporting availability of opioid agonist maintenance therapy by level of accessibility (76 of 133 reporting countries), 2023



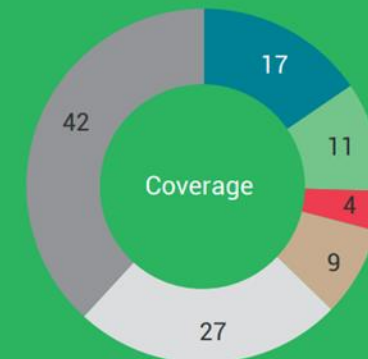
■ Fully accessible
■ Generally accessible
■ Some barriers exist
■ Hardly accessible
■ Not accessible at all
■ Unknown/No response to the question

Share of reporting countries according to accessibility of naloxone (n=110), 2021



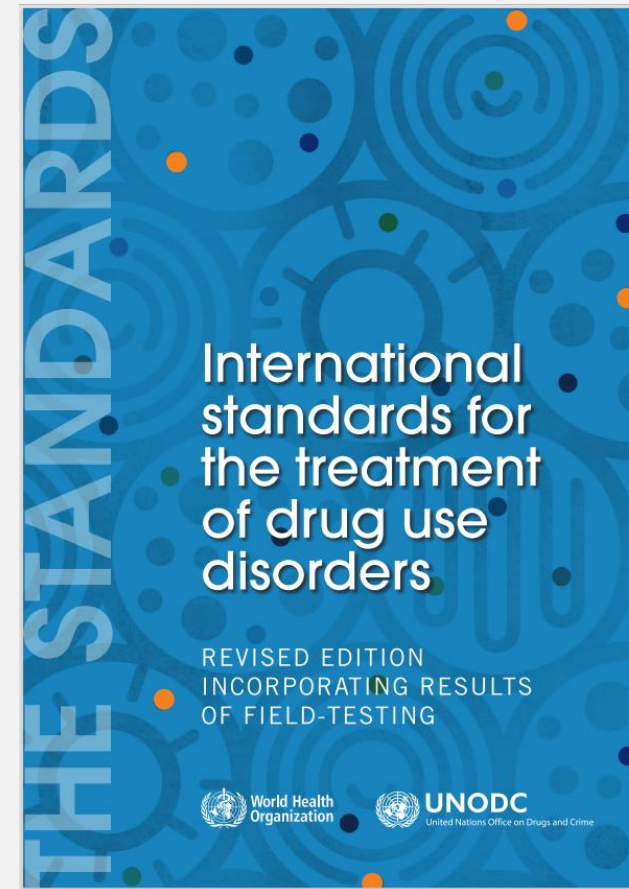
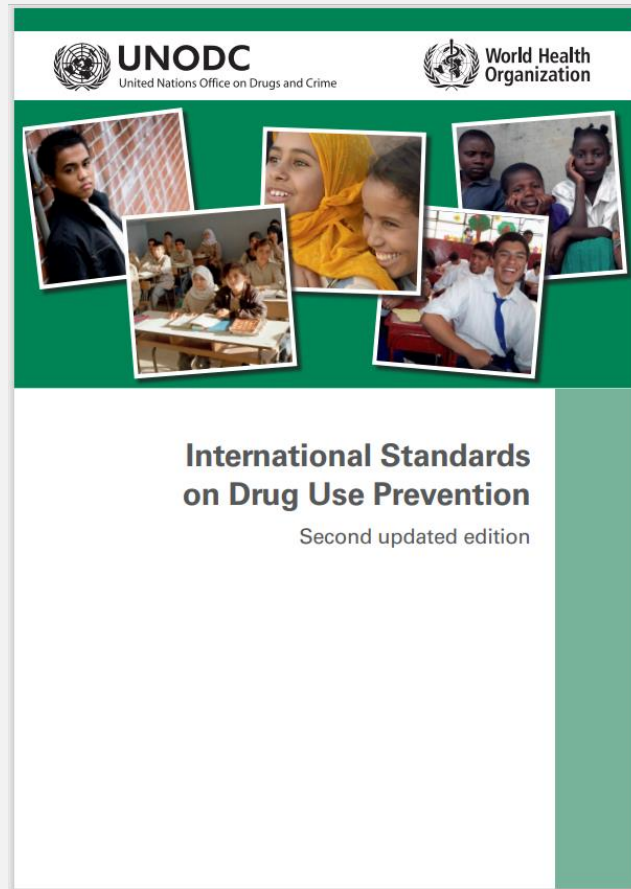
■ Without a prescription
■ With a prescription
■ Unknown
■ No response to question
■ No response to the module

Share of reporting countries according to coverage of needle and syringe programmes (n=110), 2021



■ High (>60% of people in need)
■ Medium (20-60% of people in need)
■ Low (<20% of people in need)
■ Unknown
■ No response to question
■ No response to the module

Invest in evidence-based services



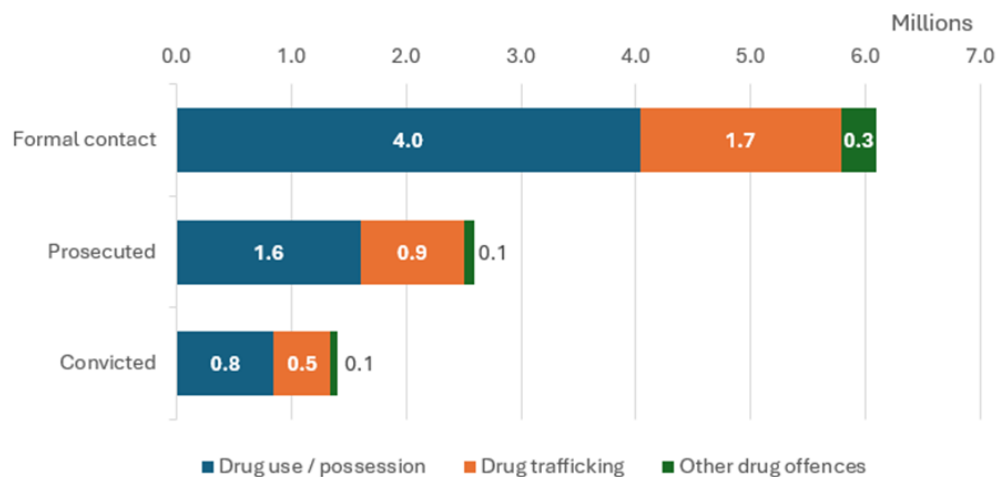


Criminal justice response

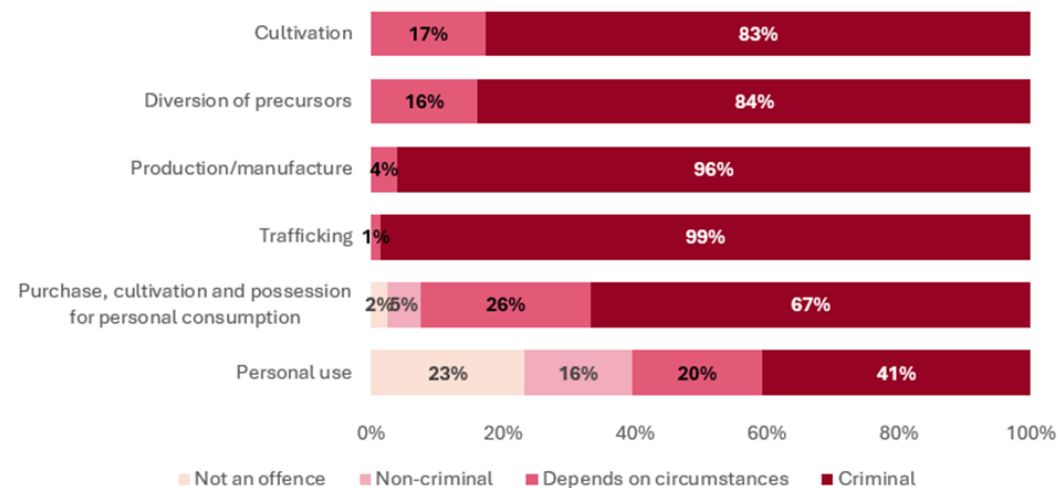


Criminal justice response

Estimated number of people worldwide in different stages of the criminal justice process for drug-related criminal offences, 2023



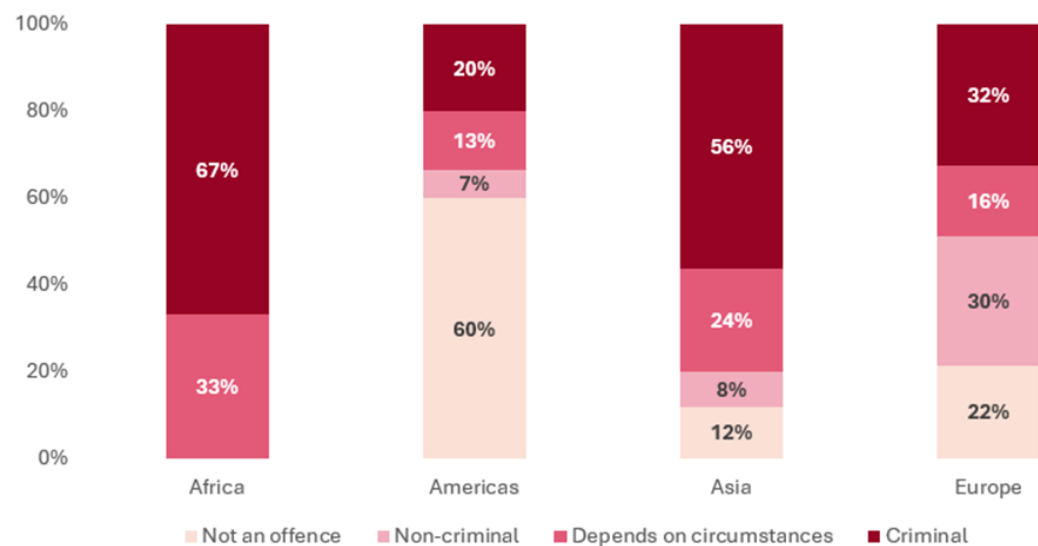
Percentage of reporting countries that criminalize specific drug-related activities, 2020



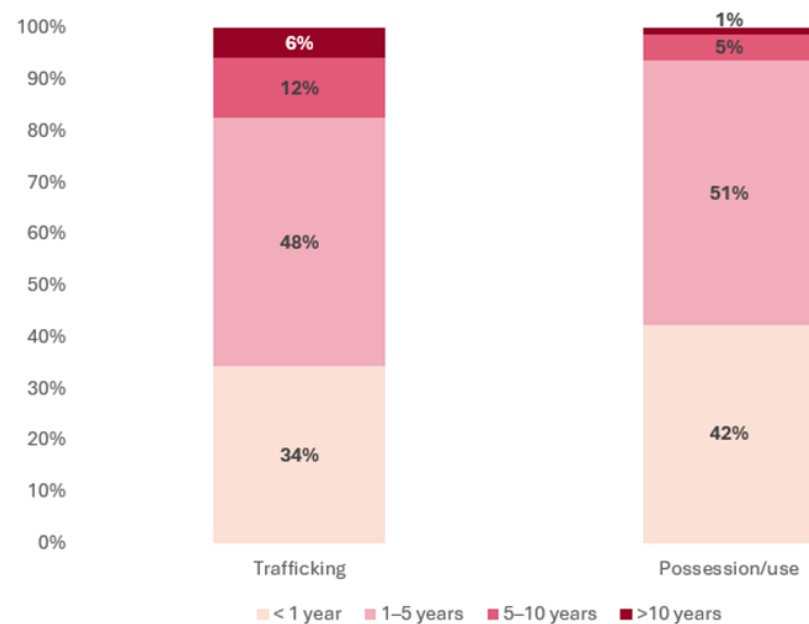


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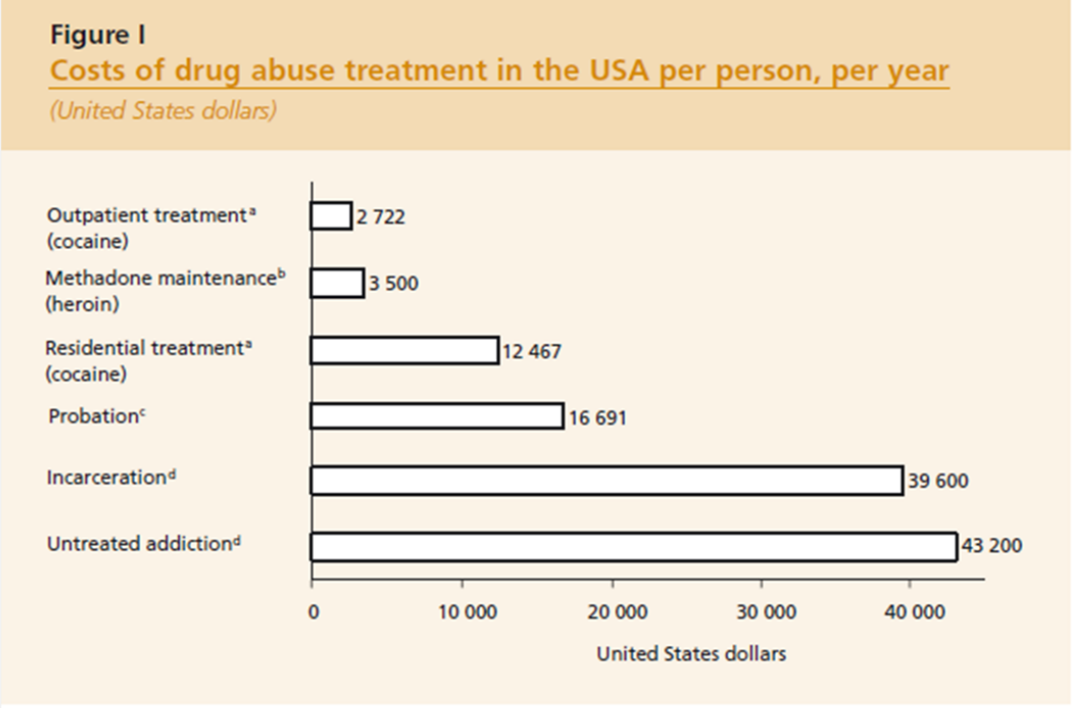
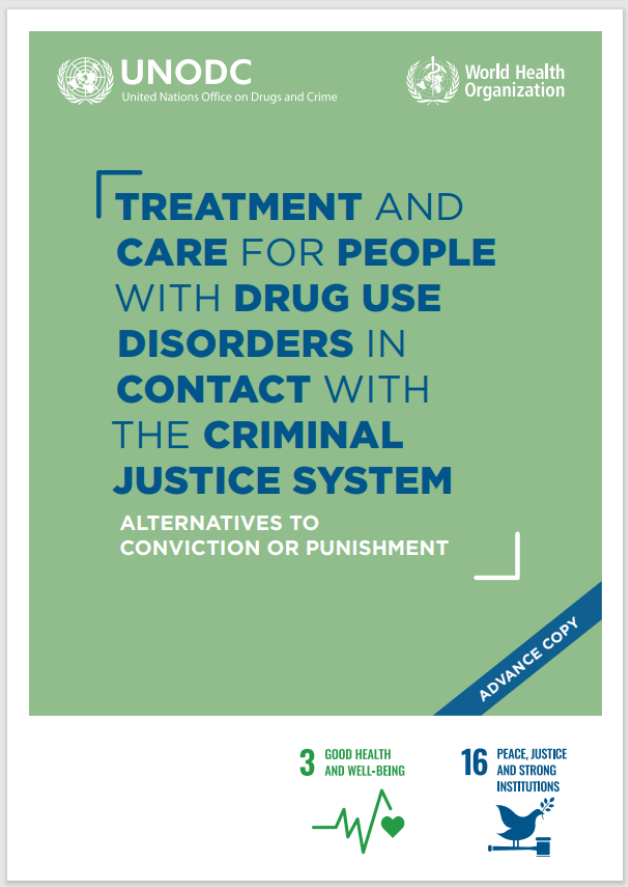
Percentage of reporting countries that criminalize personal use by region, 2020



Distribution of custodial sentence length by offence-type in reporting countries, 2020–2023



Evidence-based services are more effective and cost less



National Academy of Medicine (1996)



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