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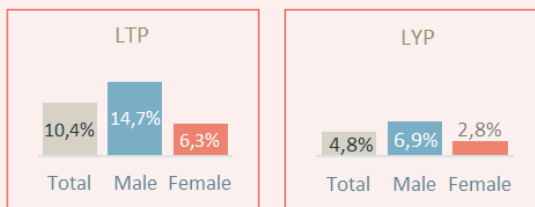
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CONSUMPTION

GENERAL POPULATION

Nacional Survey on Psychoactive Substances Use in the General Population (15-74 year-olds) [1]

Lifetime and last 12 months Prevalence of use Any illicit substance (AIS)

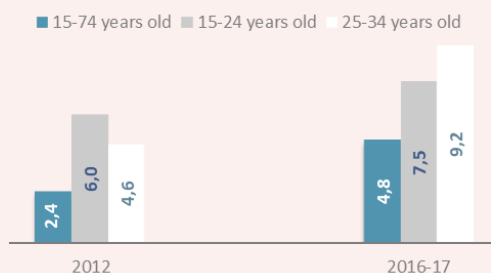


Age Group	LTP - AIS	LYP - AIS
15-34	16,0%	8,4%
15-24	14,0%	7,5%
25-34	17,7%	9,2%

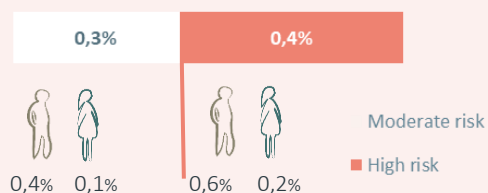
Lifetime and last 12 months Prevalence of use By substance type

Substance Type	LTP	LYP
Cannabis	9,7%	4,5%
Cocaine	1,1%	0,2%
Ecstasy	0,6%	0,1%
Heroin	0,5%	0,1%
LSD	0,4%	<0,1%
Amphetamines	0,4%	<0,1%
NPS	0,3%	0,2%
Hall. Mushrooms	0,2%	0,0%

Last 12 months prevalence of illicit substances use Any illicit substance (%)

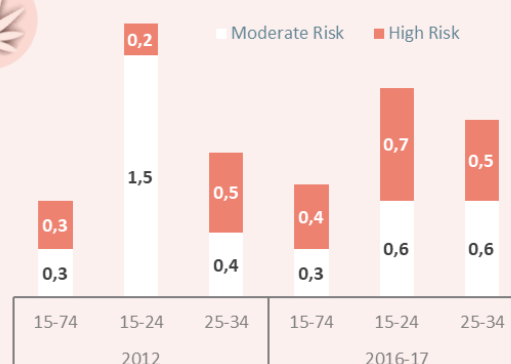


Cannabis dependence (CAST¹) last 12 months



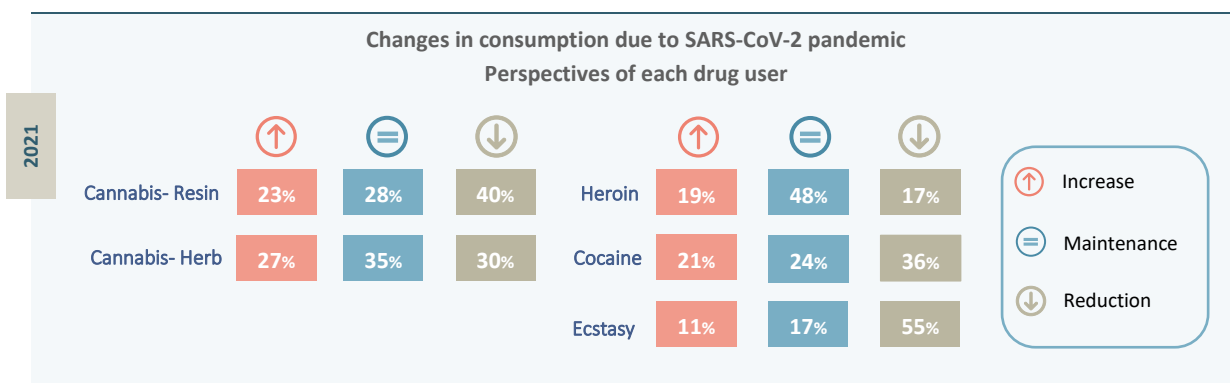
Age Group	Moderate Risk	High Risk
15-34	0,6%	0,6%
15-24	0,6%	0,7%
25-34	0,6%	0,5%

Cannabis dependence (CAST¹) (%) last 12 months

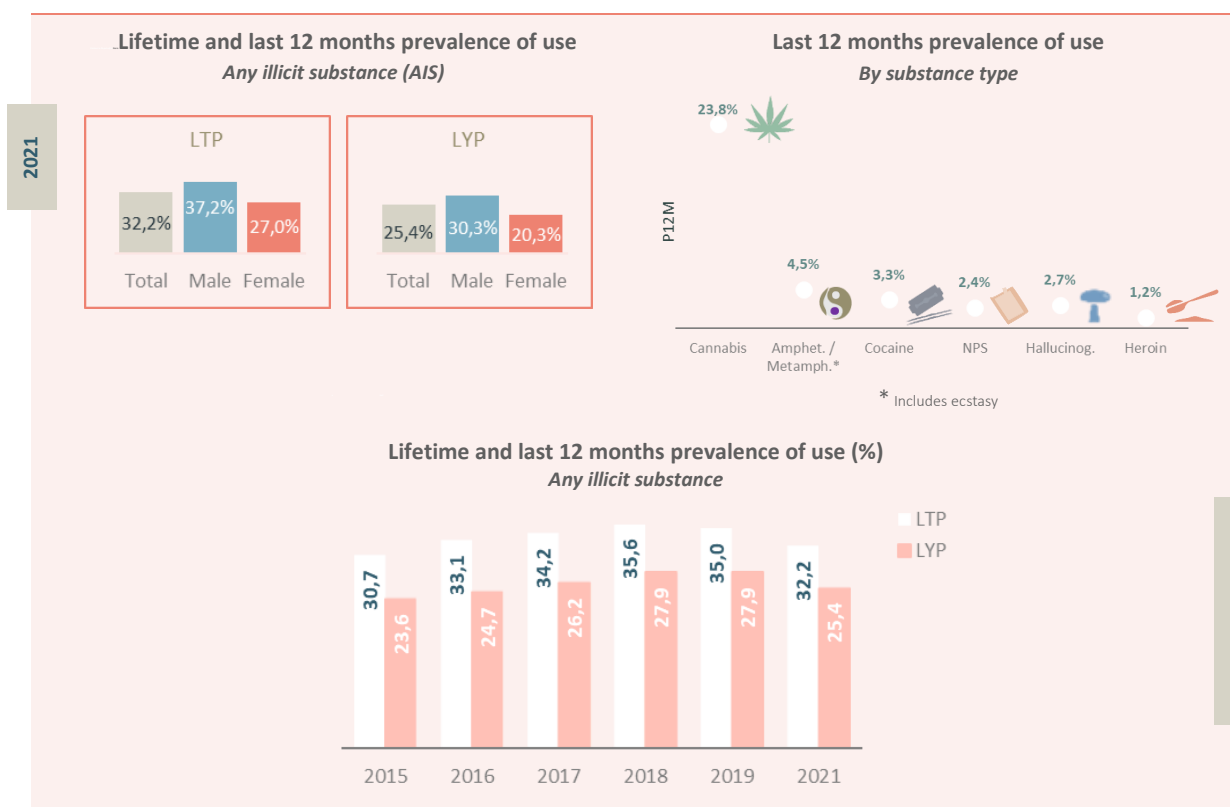


¹ Cannabis Abuse Screening Test (CAST).

European Web Survey on Drugs / Portugal (≥ 18 year-olds) [2]

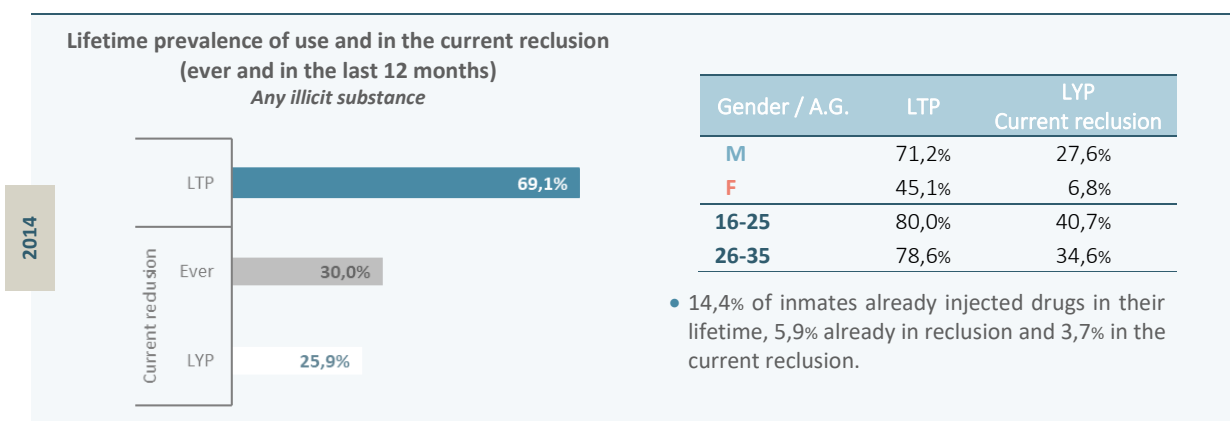


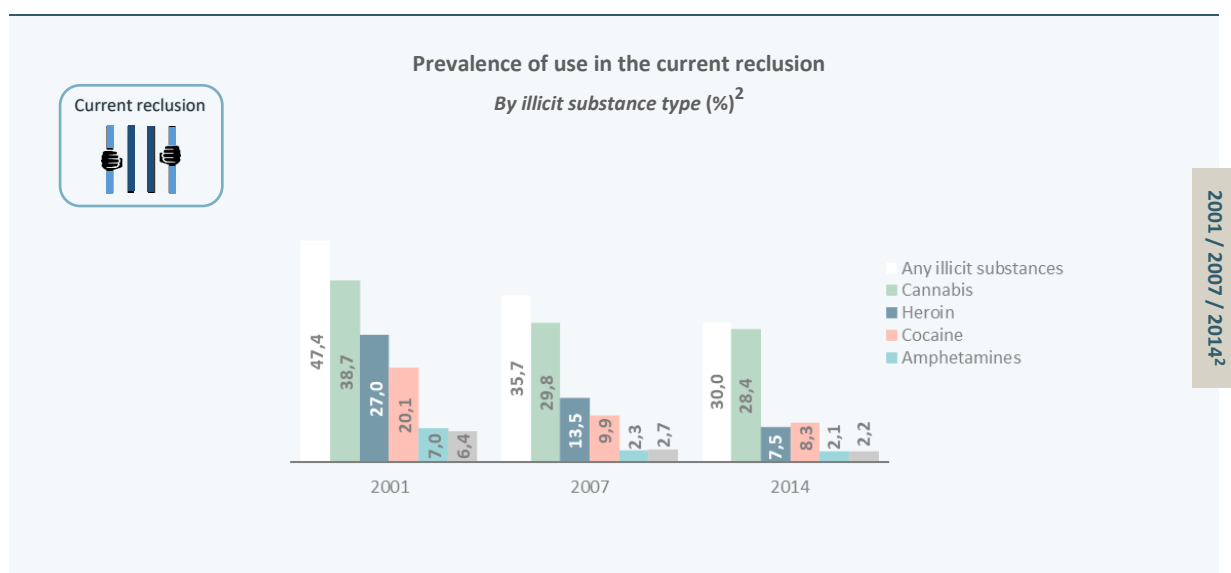
Survey on the Young Participants of the National Defense Day (18 year-olds) [3]



PRISON SETTING

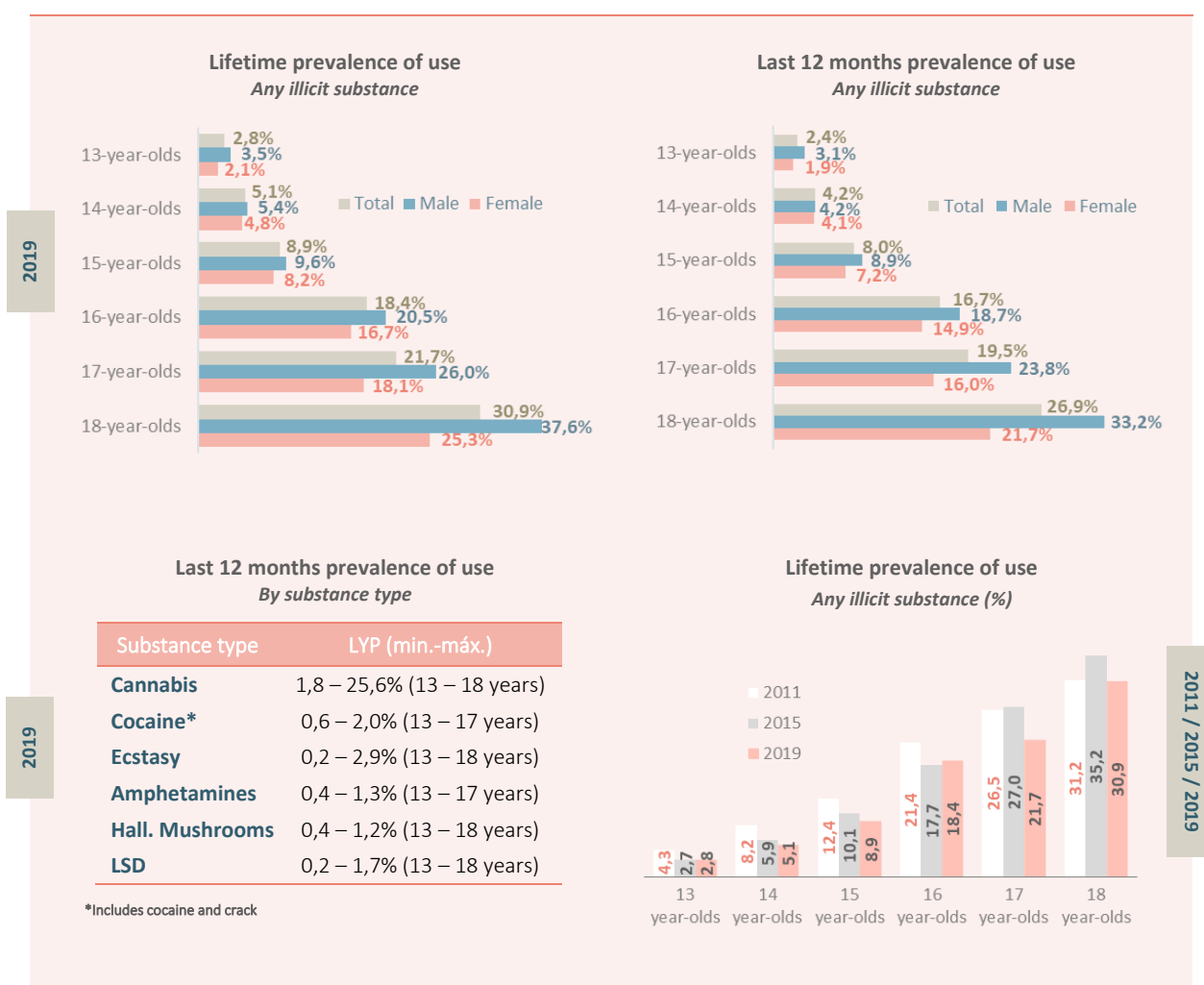
National Survey on Addictive Behaviours in Prison Settings (≥16 year-olds) [4]





SCHOOL SETTING

Study on Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Use and Other Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (13-18 year-olds) • Continental Portugal [5] [6] [7] [9] [10]

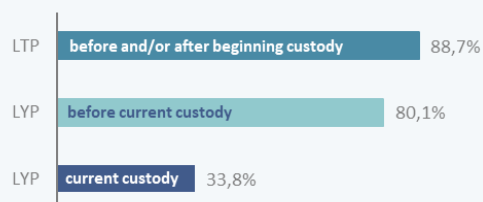


² In 2014 the set of substances presented in the questionnaire was extended (7 in 2001 and 2007 to 18 in 2014).

CUSTODIAL FACILITIES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS SETTING

Survey on Addictive Behaviours in Young Offenders in Custodial Facilities (14-20 year-olds) [8]

Lifetime prevalence of use*, last 12 months before custody and last 12 months in the current custody³
Any illicit substance

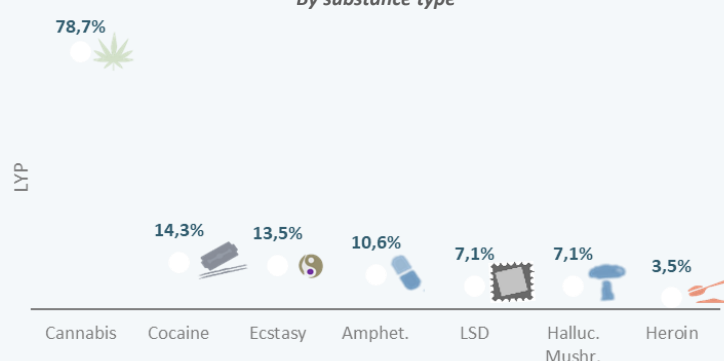


Gender / Age Group	LTP *	LYP	
		Before current custody	In the current custody ³
M	88,1%	79,4%	32,3%
F	93,3%	86,7%	46,7%
14-15	76,5%	64,7%	23,5%
16-17	89,7%	84,1%	27,5%
18-20	91,1%	80,0%	44,6%

* Before and/or after the beginning of custody.

Last 12 months before current custody prevalence of use

By substance type



SOME CONSEQUENCES RELATED WITH CONSUMPTION

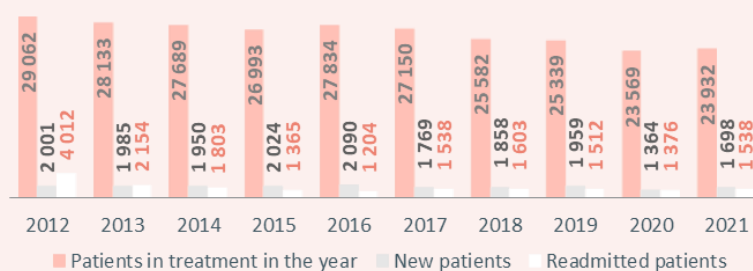
Treatment [9] [10]

Patients in treatment in the year and patients that started treatment in the year (n)
(outpatient – public network)



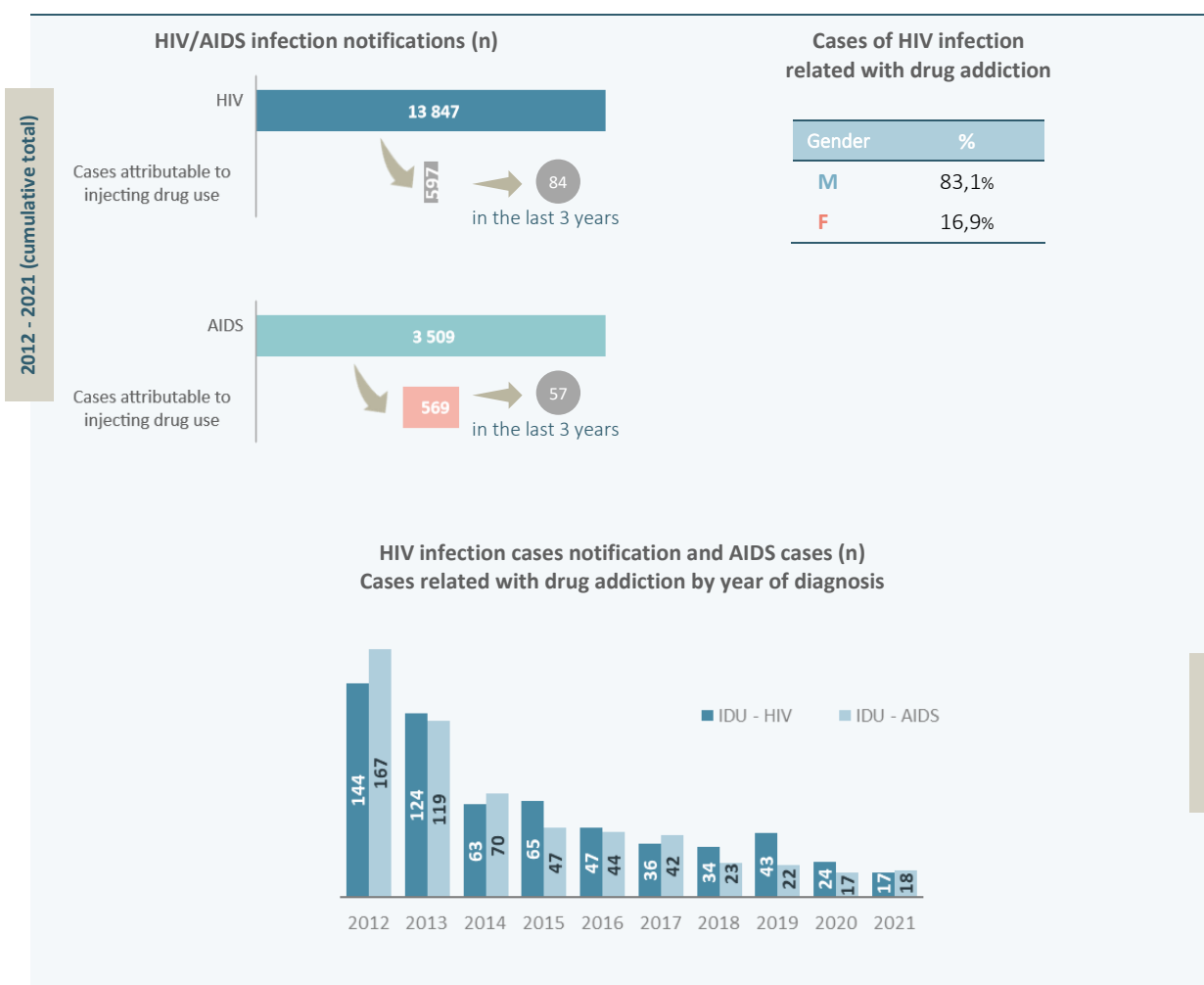
Gender / Age Group	Patients in treatment in the year	Patients that started treatment in the year
M	84,1%	85,5%
F	15,9%	14,5%
≤ 34 year-olds	13,5%	42,0%
35 - 49	47,6%	40,6%
≥ 50 year-olds	38,9%	17,3%

Patients in treatment in the year and patients that started treatment in the year – new and readmitted (n)
(outpatient – public network)

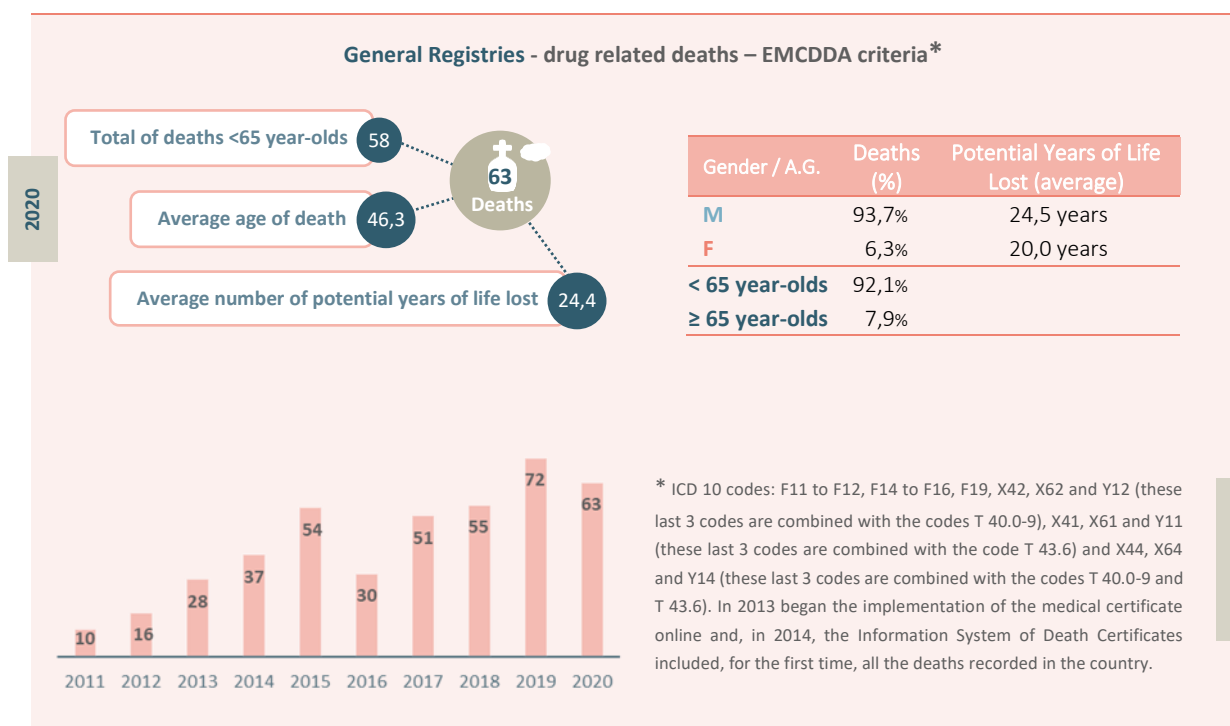


³ While in custody, some young offenders have authorization to go outside the Facility, for weekends, vacations or to go to school/professional training.

HIV and AIDS [11]



Mortality [9] [10]



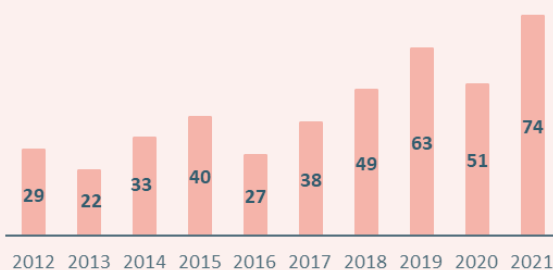
Specific Registries - deaths by overdose

2021



Average age of death 43

Gender / A.G.	Deaths (%)
M	82,4%
F	17,6%
≤ 34 year-olds	26,0%
35 – 49	45,2%
≥ 50 year-olds	28,8%

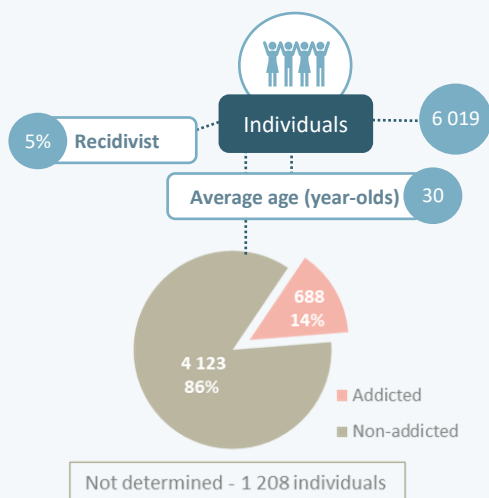


2012 - 2021

Litigations for Administrative Offenses Related with Drugs (Law 30/2000) [9] [10]

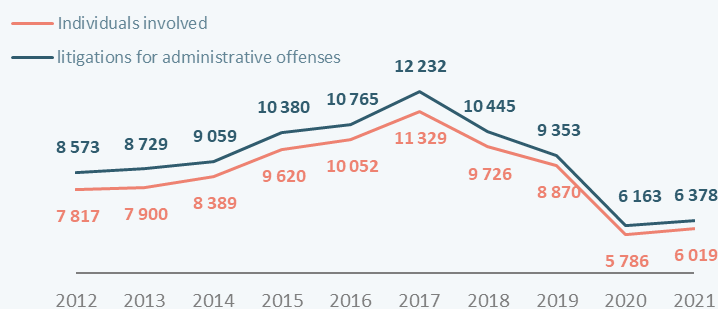
Individuals involved in Drug Law Offences related to drug use (occurrences in the year)

2021



Gender / .A. G.	%
M	93,3%
F	6,7%
16 – 19 year-olds	11,9%
20 - 24	33,1%
25 - 34	27,2%
35 - 44	14,8%
45 - 54	9,8%
≥ 55 year-olds	3,1%

Proceedings* and individuals** involved in Drug Law Offences related to use (n)



*Each process corresponds to one occurrence and to one person.

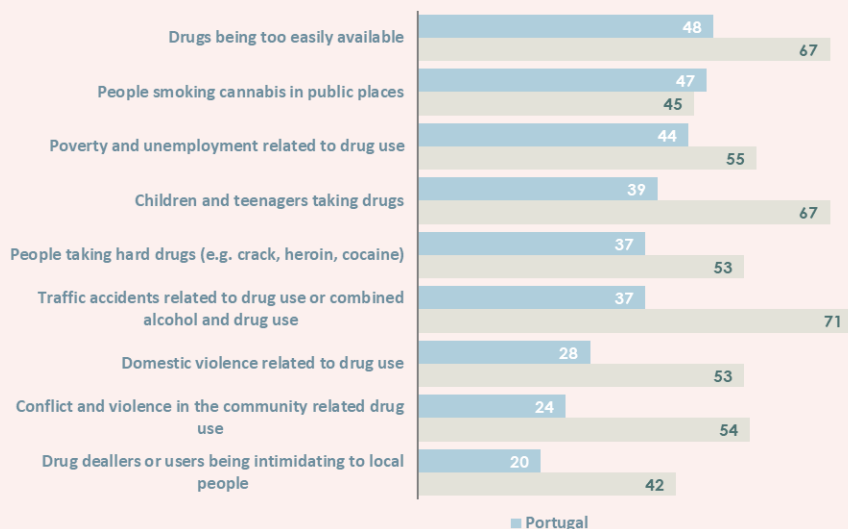
**Individuals who were sent twice or more to a Commission in any year (and thus originated the instatement of more than one process) were counted only once. Doesn't include individuals with acquittal decisions.

2012 - 2021

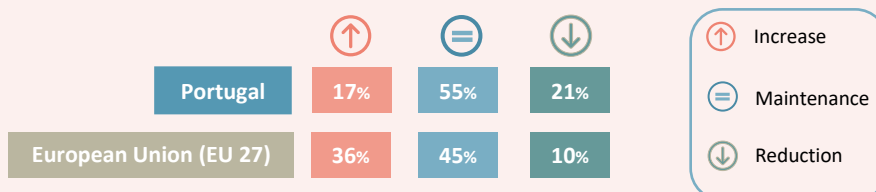
Flash Eurobarometer 493, Impact of Drugs on Communities (≥15 year-olds) [12]

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Perceived existence of problems related to drug use or dealing in local areas (% yes)



Perceived evolution of the problems caused by drugs in local areas in the past few years

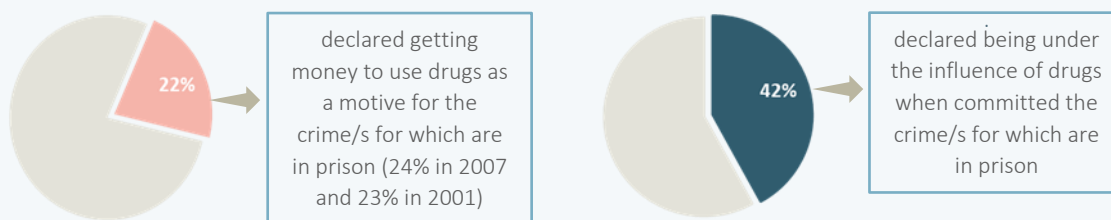


"Don't Know": 7% - Portugal e 10% - EU

Indirect Criminality (results of studies) [4] [8]

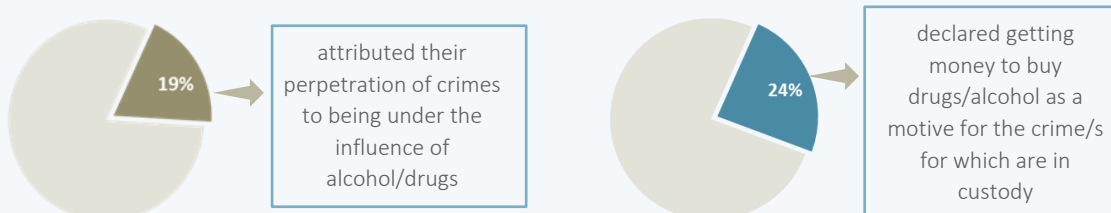
2014

National survey on addictive behaviours in prison settings (≥ 16 year-olds)



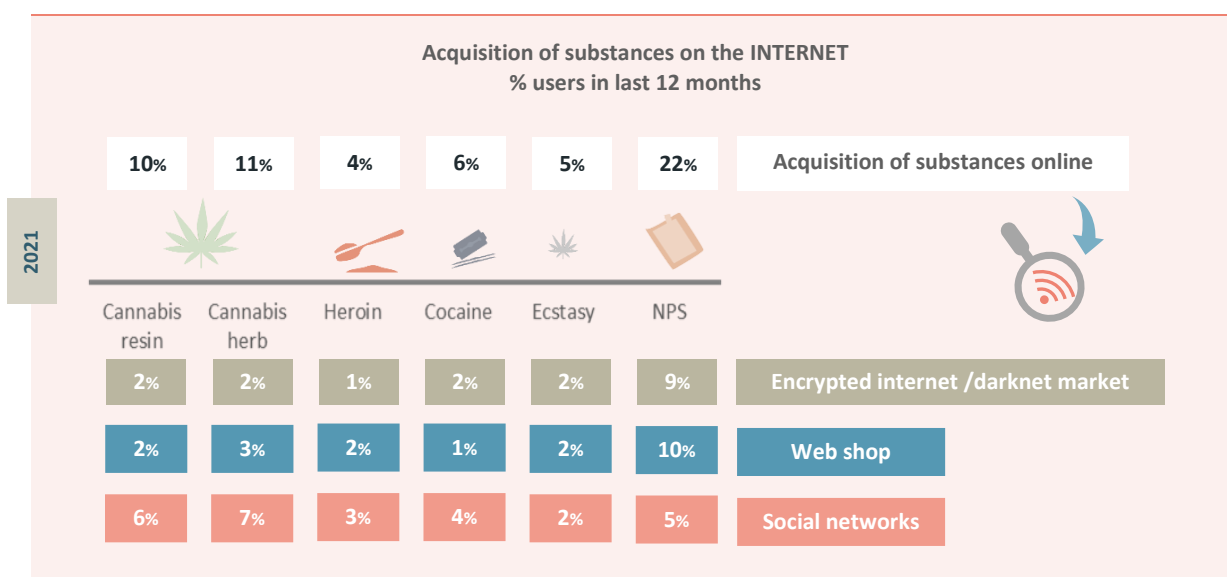
2015

Survey on addictive behaviours in young offenders in custodial facilities (14-20 year-olds)

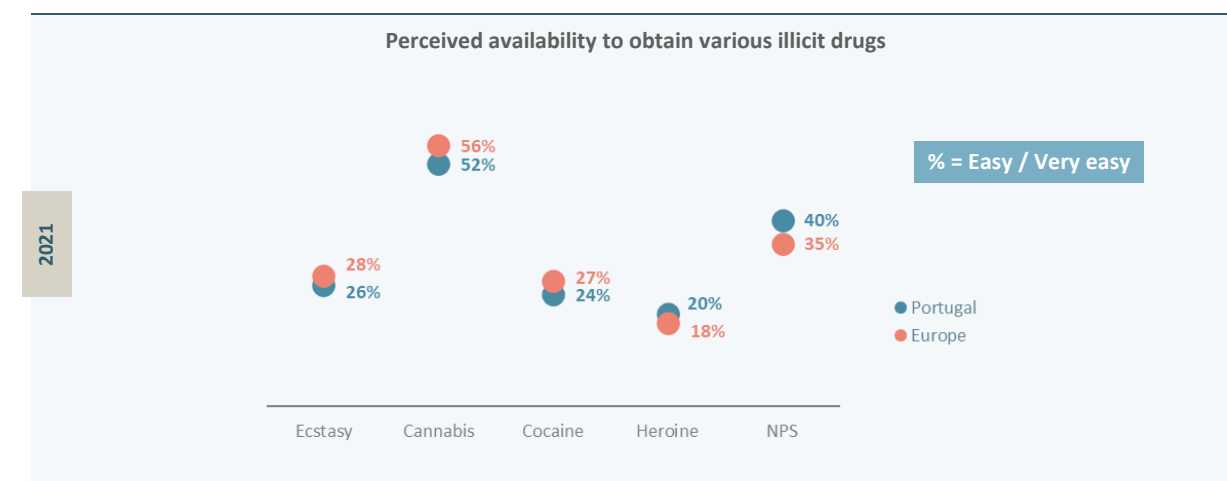


SUPPLY

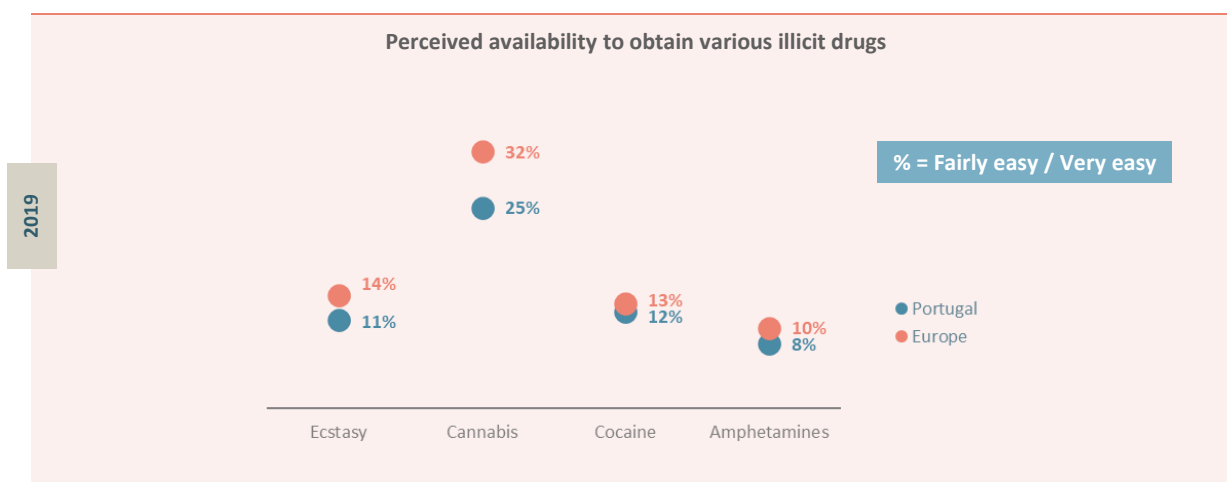
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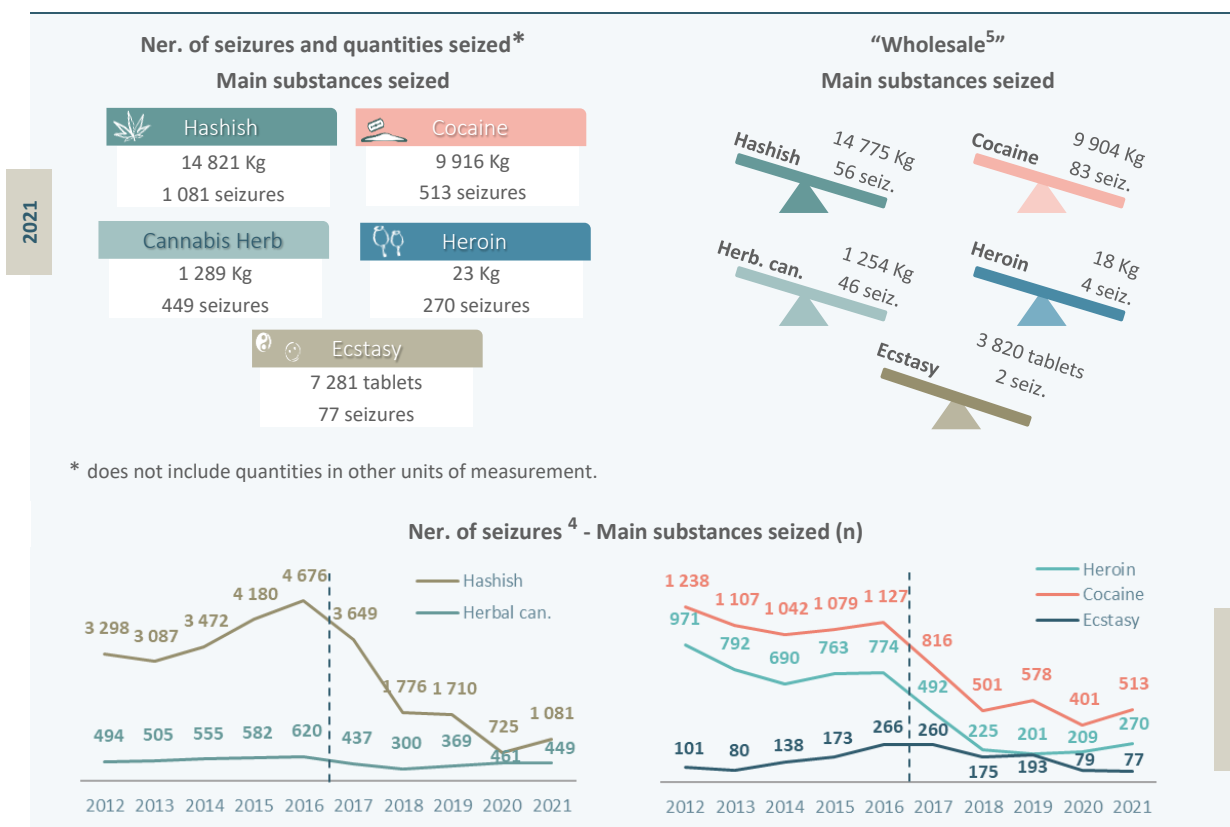


Flash Eurobarometer 493, Impact of Drugs on Communities (≥ 15 anos) [12]



The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs (16 anos) [13]



Police Seizures⁴ (Under the Drug Law) [9] [10] [14]


2021

Average Price⁶ and Purity / Potency⁷ - Main substances seized

	Price	Purity / Potency
	Per gramme	
Cocaine	33,91 €	68,9 (% cocaine clorid.)
Hashish	5,75 €	22,5 (% THC)
Herbal Can.	5,51 €	7,8 (% THC)
Heroin	20,91 €	15,3 (%)
Ecstasy	14,42 €	51,9 (%)
	Per tablet	
Ecstasy	- ⁸	98,8 (mg of MDMA)

Average Price⁶ and Purity⁷

Main substances seized - Lower and higher average value for each quinquennial

Prices	2012 – 2016		2017 – 2021	
	Per gramme			
Cocaine	42,52 – 48,63 €	▼	32,48 – 44,05 €	
Hashish	2,30 – 3,03 €	▲	2,35 – 5,75 €	
Herb. Can	5,47 – 8,21 € ⁸	▼	5,27 – 6,65 €	
Heroin	25,64 – 31,61 €	▼	17,13 – 27,71 €	
Ecstasy	24,40 – 36,75 €	▼	10,37 – 26,51 €	
	Per tablet			
Ecstasy	- ⁸		3,82 €– 5,42 € ⁹	

Pureza/Potência	2012 – 2016		2017 – 2021	
	Per gramme			
Cocaine (% cocaine hydrocl.)	32,8 – 40,3%	▲	43,9 – 68,9%	
Haxixe (% THC)	11,7 – 18,0%	▲	11,4 – 22,5%	
Herb. Can. (% THC)	5,4 – 8,3%	▲	6,7 – 8,3%	
Heroin (%)	11,5 – 19,5%	▲	14,8 – 18,1%	
Ecstasy (%)	- ⁹		11,3 – 51,9%	
	Per tablet			
Ecstasy (% mg MDMA)	72,4 – 88,1%	▲	97,9 – 130,5%	

⁴ Data does not reflect all the results obtained at national level, as it does not integrate the data of one police force as of mid-June 2017.

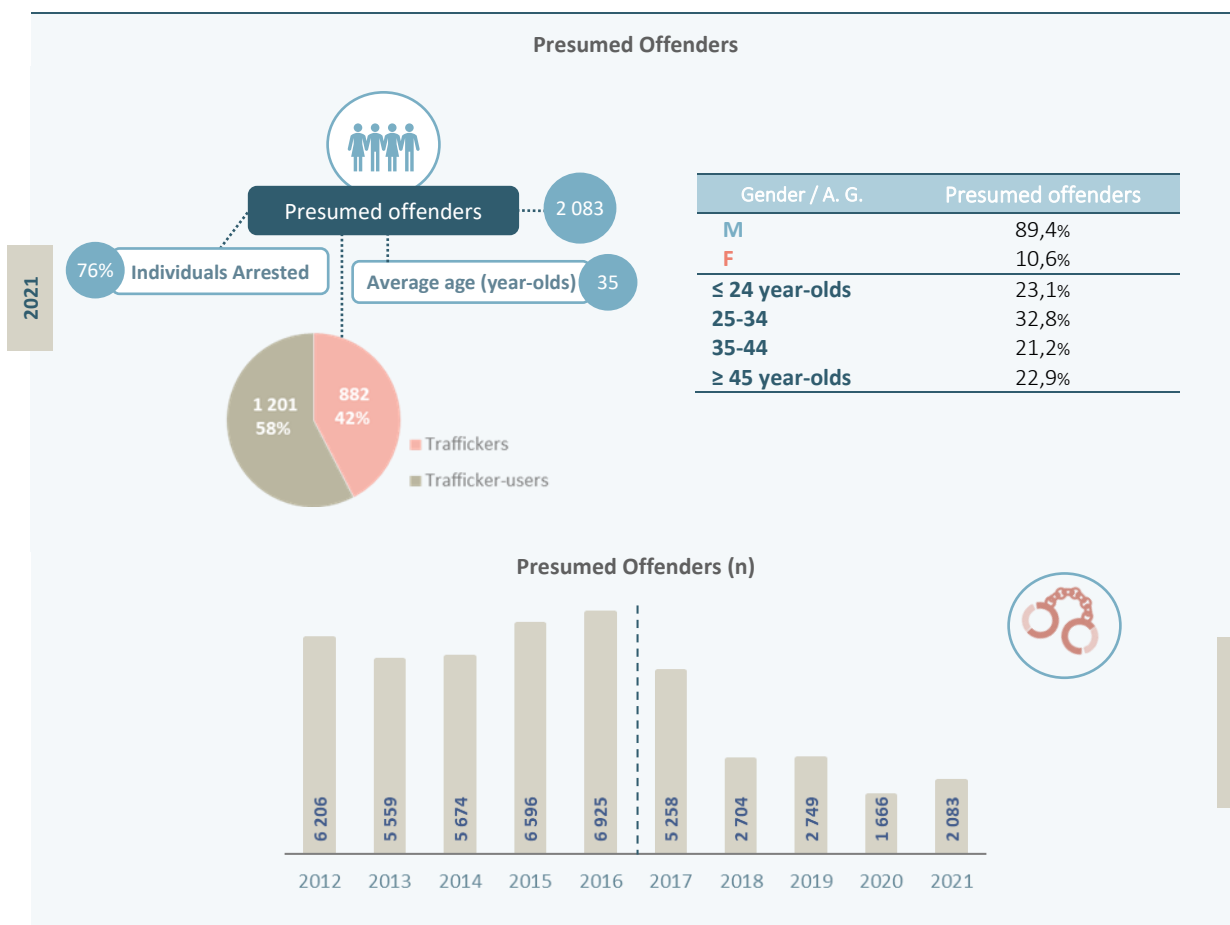
⁵ EMCDDA criteria: quantities ≥ 1kg (hashish, herbal can., cocaine and heroin) and ≥ 1000 tablets (ecstasy).

⁶ The prices concern the dealer and dealer-user drug market..

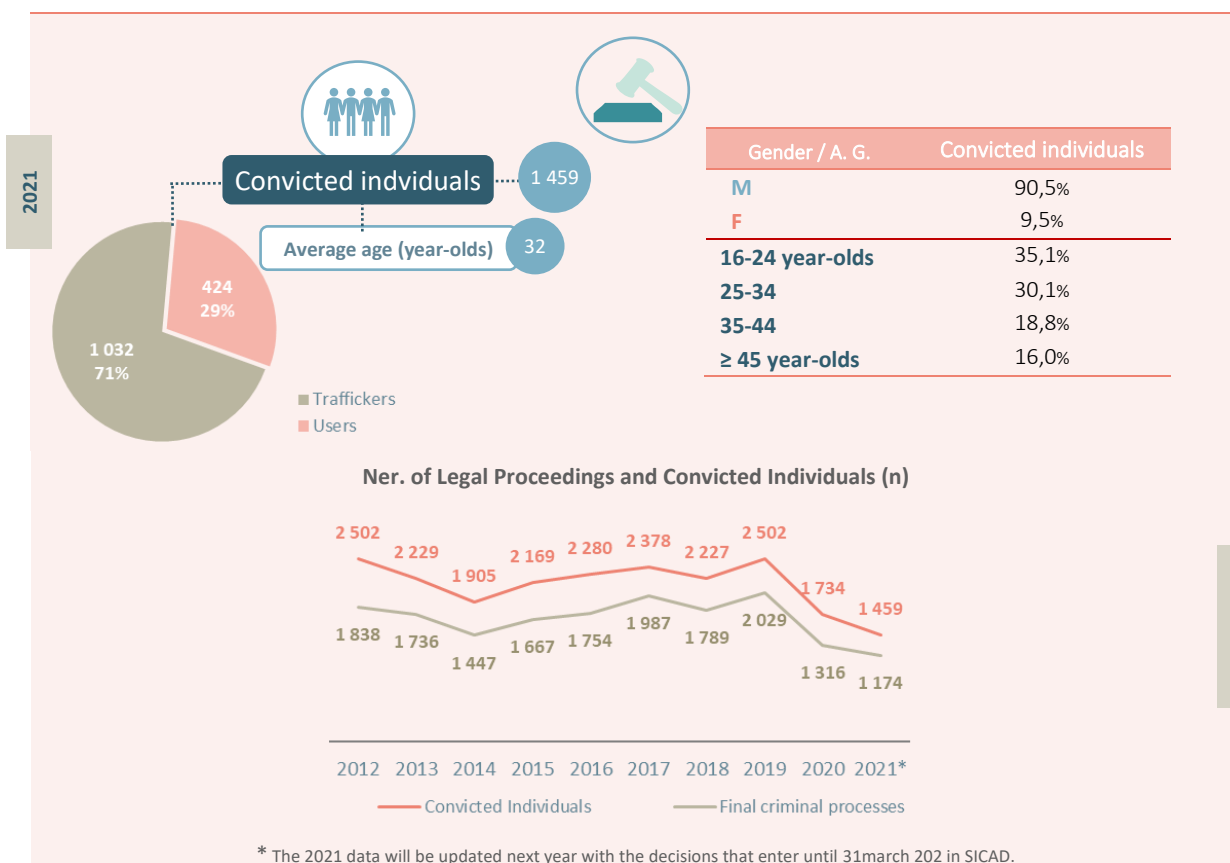
⁷ Samples seized with a net weight less than 1g. Since 2016, the figures about cannabis potency are based in every analyzed sample, no matter the market level.

⁸ Lack of data: herbal cannabis 2012 and ecstasy in 2012-2015 and 2020-2021.

⁹ Lack of data: ecstasy (gr) in 2011-2015.

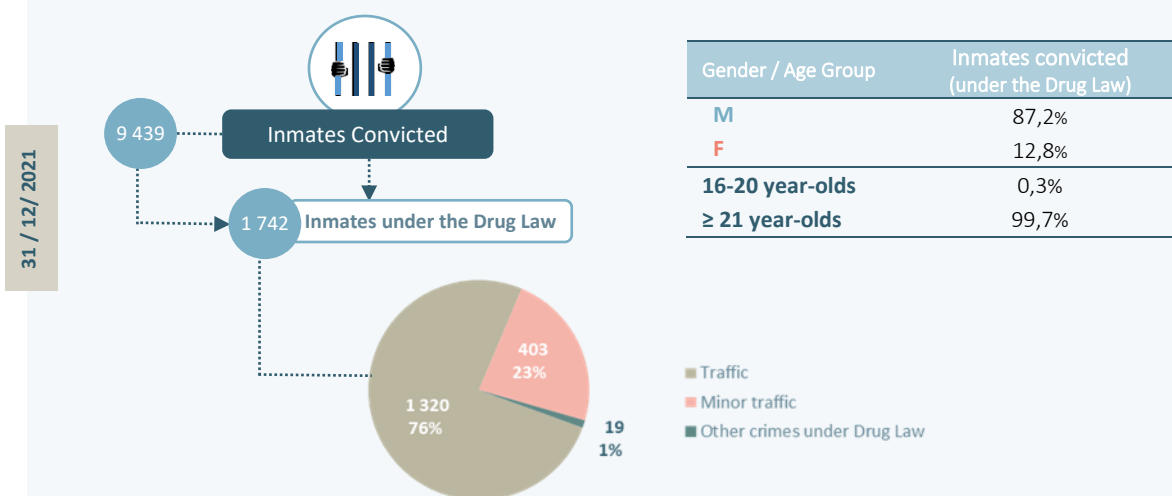


Court Decisions (Under the Drug Law) [9] [10]

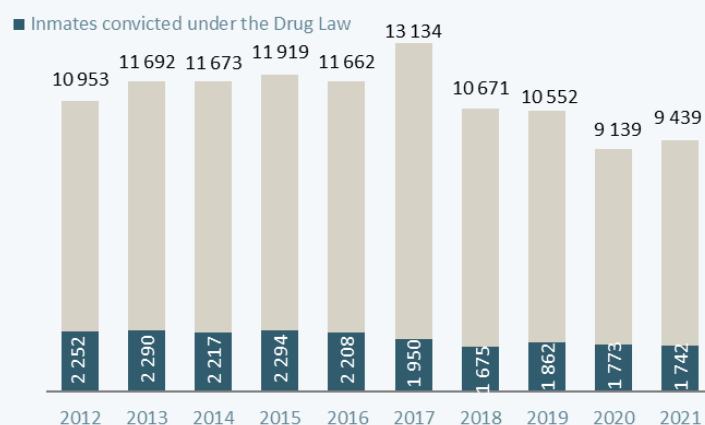


Inmates Convicted (Under the Drug Law) [9] [10]

Total of inmates convicted and inmates convicted under the Drug Law



Total of inmates convicted and inmates convicted under the Drug Law (n)



Situation at 31/12 of each year

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