

Some characteristics of persons treated for drug problems in the EU for the first time

Sources	Year	Mean age	Age distribution		Gender distribution male/female	IV route of administration of main drug (%)	% distribution of main drug (% IV route of administration)								
			<25	>35			Opiates (a)	Cocaine	Amphetamines (b)	Ecstasy	Hallucinogens	Cannabis	Others		
			Austria (a)	1			1999	28,6	33,9	20,7	68/32	100	100		
Belgium	2	1998	n.a.	60,1	15,8	74/26	n.a.	19.6 (28.1)	6.0 (23.9)	n.a.	n.a.	1.0 (0.0)	37.6 (0.0)	6.5 (2.2)	
Belgium (French C.)	3	1998	25,8	52,7	11,8	76/24	9,5	53.7 (17.1)	8.0 (12.1)	0.5 (0)	3.0 (0)	0.7 (0)	25.9 (0)	5.5 (0)	
Belgium (Flemish C.)	4	1988	25,4	n.a.	n.a.	74/26	6,5	15.1 (23.3)	5.6 (11.7)	17.1 (7.5)	2.1 (n.a.)	1 (n.a.)	39.2 (n.a.)	6.5 (0.6)	
Belgium (Bruxelles)	5	1998	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Denmark (b)	6	1999	28	n.a.	n.a.	74/26	19	42 (40)	2 (13)	11 (3)	n.a.	n.a.	31 (0)	2 (0)	
Finland	7	1999	23,5	n.a.	n.a.	75/25	43,7	23.2 (66.2)	n.a.	39 (61.8)	1.6 (0)	n.a.	32.7 (0)	n.a.	
France (c)	8	1999	28,5	n.a.	n.a.	80/20	n.a.	58.8 (59)	5 (39)	0.2 (25)	1.3 (11)	0.4 (13)	25.3 (7.2)	1 (20.3)	
Germany (d)	9	1999	26,6	n.a.	n.a.	82/18	n.a.	44.2 (37.1)	9.8 (21.7)	n.a.	n.a.	2.2 (n.a.)	40 (n.a.)	0	
Greece	10	1999	26,6	n.a.	n.a.	83/17	57,4	84.9 (71.8)	2.3 (7.1)	0	0.2 (0)	0	10.7 (0)	1.6 (33.3)	
Ireland	11	1999	23	n.a.	n.a.	73/27	30,6	55.6 (55)	1.6 (8)	2.1 (6)	8.9 (0)	0.2 (0)	29.1(0)	0.2 (0)	
Italy (e)	12	1999	28	n.a.	n.a.	86/14	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Luxembourg	13	1999	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	75/25	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Netherlands	14	1999	31,4	n.a.	n.a.	84/16	6,8	50.6 (11.8)	29.7 (1.8)	3.0 (7.3)	0.9 (0)	0.1 (0)	13.5 (0.3)	0.5 (1.4)	
Portugal (f)	15	1999	29,1	n.a.	n.a.	80/20	32,6	92.2 (43.3)	3.0 (78.4)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.4 (n.a.)	2.0 (n.a.)	
Spain	16	1999	28,6	n.a.	n.a.	84/16	1,2	53.7 (19.5)	30.9 (2.2)	1.2 (0.5)	0.6 (0)	0.2 (0)	11.9 (0)	1.3 (17.6)	
Sweden	17	1998	33	n.a.	n.a.	70/30	n.a.	23 (n.a.)	1 (n.a.)	n.a.	n.a.	2 (n.a.)	10 (n.a.)	47 (n.a.)	
U. Kingdom (g)	18	1999	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	

The following are general remarks which are applicable for all tables.

- (a) In Austria data refer only to clients in substitution treatment only: data on opiates as main drug and IV route of administration are consequently 100%.
- (b) Denmark: data on Opiates refer only to heroin.
- (c) In France data refer to the annual census on clients in treatment.
- (d) In Germany information about IV route of admission of opiates refers to heroin and information about IV route of admission of cocaine refers to cocaine CIH.
- (e) In Italy data refer to all client in treatment during the reporting year, including clients continuing treatment from previous year.
- (f) In Portugal data on all treatment demands refer to all interventions (not people); it is not possible to distinguish among drugs.
- (g) In United Kingdom data regard the period from 1 April 1999 to September 1999.