

Some characteristics of persons treated for drug problems in the EU

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 (c)			
			Austria (a)	1			1999	32,9	15,5	43,8	69/31	100	100			
Belgium	2	1998	n.a.	43,3	19,2	75/25	n.a.	43.0 (35.0)	6.5 (26.5)	n.a.	n.a.	0.6 (0.0)	22.6 (0.0)	4.0 (0.7)		
Belgium (French C.)	3	1998	29,2	30,2	24,8	75/25	19,9	67.1 (32.9)	5.6 (29.5)	0.6 (0.0)	1.3 (0.0)	0.3 (0.0)	13.2 (2.2)	8.2 (0.9)		
Belgium (Flemish C.)	4	1988	26,2	n.a.	n.a.	75/25	10,5	22.1 (24.9)	9 (8.9)	18.1 (6.5)	1.4 (n.a.)	1.0 (n.a.)	30.3 (0.0)	4.6(0.5)		
Belgium (Bruxelles)	5	1998	30,5	19	24,7	76/24	n.a.	72.7 (n.a.)	10.3 (n.a.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.6 (n.a.)	0.5 (n.a.)		
Denmark (b)	6	1999	31	n.a.	n.a.	75/25	29	49 (53)	1 (33)	5 (9)	0.5 (0)	n.a.	16 (0)	2 (0)		
Finland	7	1999	26,1	n.a.	n.a.	75/25	60,6	31.5 (81.6)	0.2 (n.a.)	39.1 (85.7)	0.9 (7.7)	0.1 (n.a.)	19 (n.a.)	0.4 (n.a.)		
France (c)	8	1999														
Germany (d)	9	1999	27,7	n.a.	n.a.	80/20	n.a.	64.7 (49.8)	7.7 (24.3)	n.a.	n.a.	1.3 (n.a.)	22.2 (n.a.)	0		
Greece	10	1999	28	n.a.	n.a.	84/16	69,8	89.5 (72.0)	1.6 (16.7)	0 (0)	0.1 (0)	0 (0)	6.9 (0)	0.7 (14.3)		
Ireland	11	1999	24,6	n.a.	n.a.	70/30	48,9	73.4 (66)	1.2 (14)	1.4 (10)	4.9 (0)	0.2 (0)	16.5 (0)	0.3 (0)		
Italy (e)	12	1999	30,9	19,3	27,9	86/14	n.a.	83.6 (74.5)	4.3 (14.5)	0.3 (6.7)	0.8 (0)	0.2 (n.a.)	8.0 (n.a.)	1.0 (1.3)		
Luxembourg	13	1999	27	n.a.	n.a.	70/30	66	74 (76)	11 (89)	1 (n.a.)	1 (n.a.)	0	10 (n.a.)	1 (n.a.)		
Netherlands	14	1999	31,4	n.a.	n.a.	81/19	10	63.2 (14.5)	21.2 (2.5)	2.6 (10.4)	0. (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	10.0 (0.5)	0.6 (1.7)		
Portugal (f)	15	1999	28,2	n.a.	n.a.	78/22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		
Spain	16	1999	30,4	n.a.	n.a.	85/15	21	74.6 (26.9)	17. (4.7)	0.6 (2.3)	0.3 (0.0)	0.1 (4.3)	5.6 (0.0)	0.4 (21.6)		
Sweden	17	1998	34	n.a.	n.a.	72/28	n.a.	32 (n.a.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1 (n.a.)	7 (n.a.)	43 (n.a.)		
U. Kingdom (g)	18	1999	27,1	n.a.	n.a.	74/26	37	71 (47)	6 (4)	8 (42)	1 (1)	0 (8)	10 (0)	1 (36)		

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.

