

Prevalence of Drug Use in Ukraine

2014-2021*

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General Information

STUDIES:

1. At government level Ukraine doesn't conduct any studies on the prevalence of drug use among the population.

2. Use of Substances among Young People aged 15-17.

Since 1995, a survey of student youth has been conducted on a regular basis in the framework of the international project "European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs" (ESPAD). The latest data refer to 2019.

3. Use of Substances among people within the Age Group 15-64.

No special studies conducted at government level

4. Use of Substances among High-Risk Groups

No special studies conducted at government level

HOWEVER:

Despite the lack of studies, we may, however, analyze and operate the data collected from the monitoring agents involved according to the [Government Resolution 689 of 10.07.2019!](#)

Data collection

In terms of prevalence of drug use, the most relevant data collection source in Ukraine is:

Form No. 32 “Report on Individuals with Mental Disorders due to Drug Use”.

Notes:

- The data are published on the website of the [Center for Medical Statistics of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine](#) and only in Ukrainian.
- Other existing forms like [Form 10](#) are not relevant for estimates and analysis to illustrate the situation according to EMCDDA recommendations.
- According to Form-32, there are analyzed people who applied to healthcare facilities and were taken under surveillance.
- The previous efforts of the Drug Monitoring Center aimed at elaborating a Unified Form 100% based on EMCDDA recommendations didn't bring the required results for some institutional reasons.

Data Classification in Form-32

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| <p>1. Demographic</p> <p>✓ <u>Age Groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-17• 15-35• 18+ <p>✓ <u>Residential Area:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural population• Urban population | <p>2. Substance groups</p> <p>✓ <u>Total drugs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opioids• Cannabinoids• Cocaine• Hallucinogens (incl. LSD)• Poly drugs• Other (incl. Ephedrone) <p>✓ <u>Other stimulants (excl. alcohol)</u></p> |
| <p>3. Period of Surveillance</p> <p>✓ <u>All cases in the reporting year</u> <u>(Prevalence of Drug use)</u></p> <p>✓ <u>New cases in the reporting year</u> <u>(Morbidity of Drug Use)</u></p> | <p>4. Type of Treatment</p> <p>✓ <u>Prophylactics Group</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Dispensary Group (of our interest):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outpatient• Inpatient• Compulsory in healthcare facilities• Compulsory in penitentiary facilities |

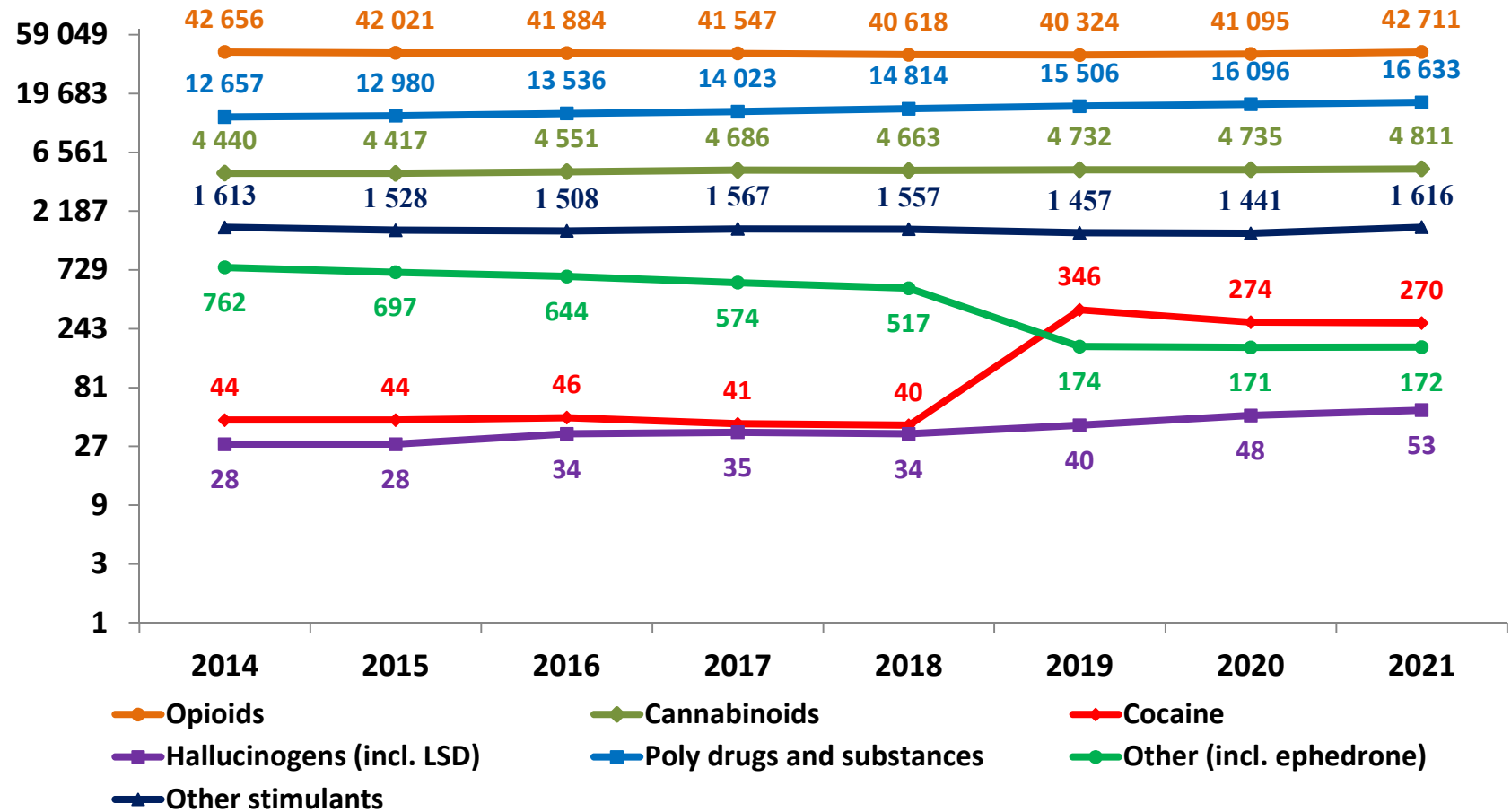
Prevalence* of Drug Use by Substance (persons)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| “ Total drugs”+ “Other substances (excl. alcohol)” | 62 200 | 61 715 | 62 203 | 62 473 | 62 243 | 62 579 | 63 860 | 66 266 |
| Total drugs | 60 587 | 60 187 | 60 695 | 60 906 | 60 686 | 61 122 | 62 419 | 64 650 |
| Opioids | 42 656 | 42 021 | 41 884 | 41 547 | 40 618 | 40 324 | 41 095 | 42 711 |
| Cannabinoids | 4 440 | 4 417 | 4 551 | 4 686 | 4 663 | 4 732 | 4 735 | 4 811 |
| Cocaine | 44 | 44 | 46 | 41 | 40 | 346 | 274 | 270 |
| Hallucinogens (incl. LSD) | 28 | 28 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 40 | 48 | 53 |
| Poly drugs and substances | 12 657 | 12 980 | 13 536 | 14 023 | 14 814 | 15 506 | 16 096 | 16 633 |
| Other (incl. ephedrone) | 762 | 697 | 644 | 574 | 517 | 174 | 171 | 172 |
| Other substances (excluding alcohol) | 1 613 | 1 528 | 1 508 | 1 567 | 1 557 | 1 457 | 1 441 | 1 616 |

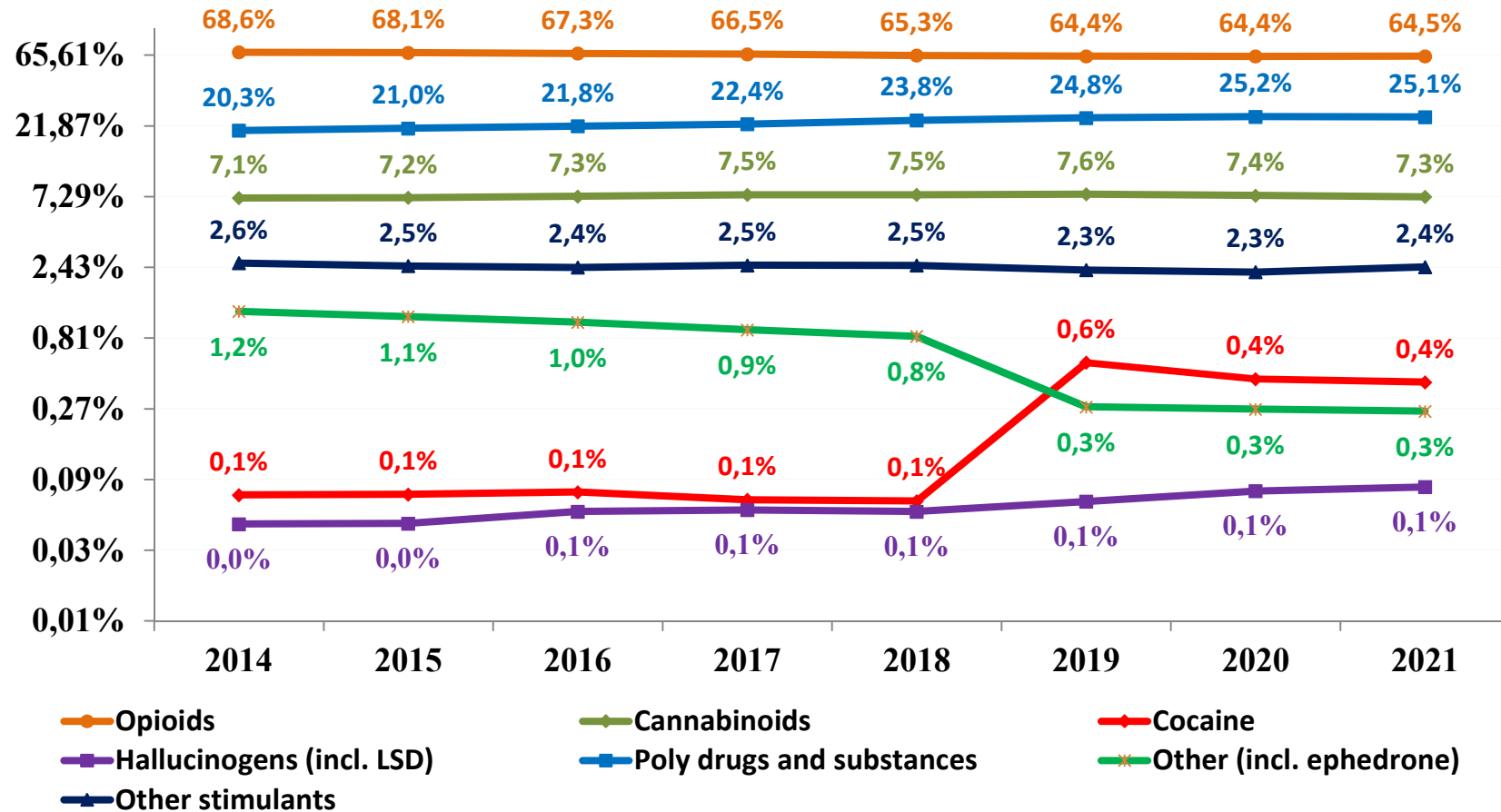
* **Prevalence** - total number of people under surveillance at the end of the reporting period

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Prevalence of Drug Use by Substance (persons)



Prevalence of Drug Use by Substance (%)



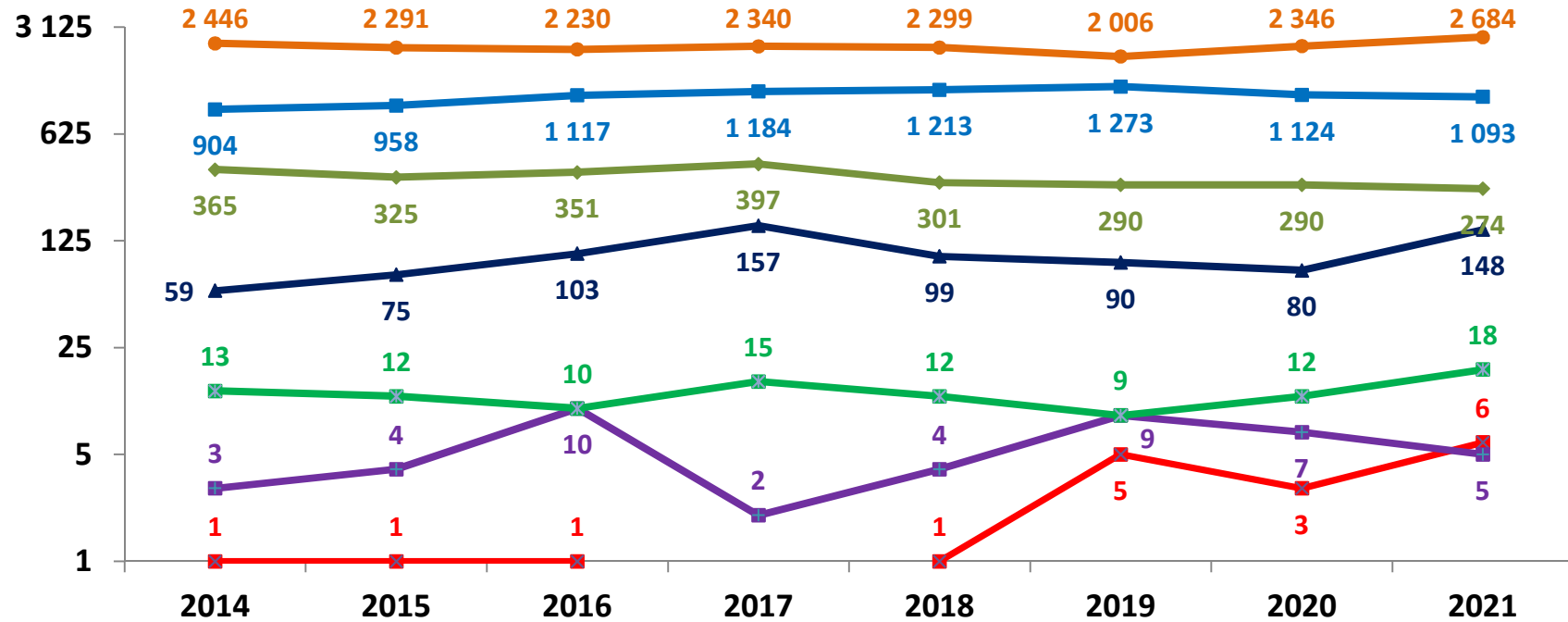
Morbidity* of Drug Use by Substance (persons)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| “ Total drugs”+ “Other substances (excl. alcohol)” | 3 791 | 3 666 | 3 822 | 4 095 | 3 929 | 3 682 | 3 862 | 4 228 |
| Total drugs | 3 732 | 3 591 | 3 719 | 3 938 | 3 830 | 3 592 | 3 782 | 4 080 |
| Opioids | 2446 | 2 291 | 2 230 | 2 340 | 2 299 | 2 006 | 2 346 | 2 684 |
| Cannabinoids | 365 | 325 | 351 | 397 | 301 | 290 | 290 | 274 |
| Cocaine | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| Hallucinogens (LSD) | 3 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| Poly drugs and substances | 904 | 958 | 1 117 | 1 184 | 1 213 | 1 273 | 1 124 | 1 093 |
| Other (Ephedrone) | 13 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 18 |
| Other substances (excluding alcohol) | 59 | 75 | 103 | 157 | 99 | 90 | 80 | 148 |

* **Morbidity** refers to the number of individuals who were taken under surveillance for the first time in their life in the reporting year (or ‘new patients’)

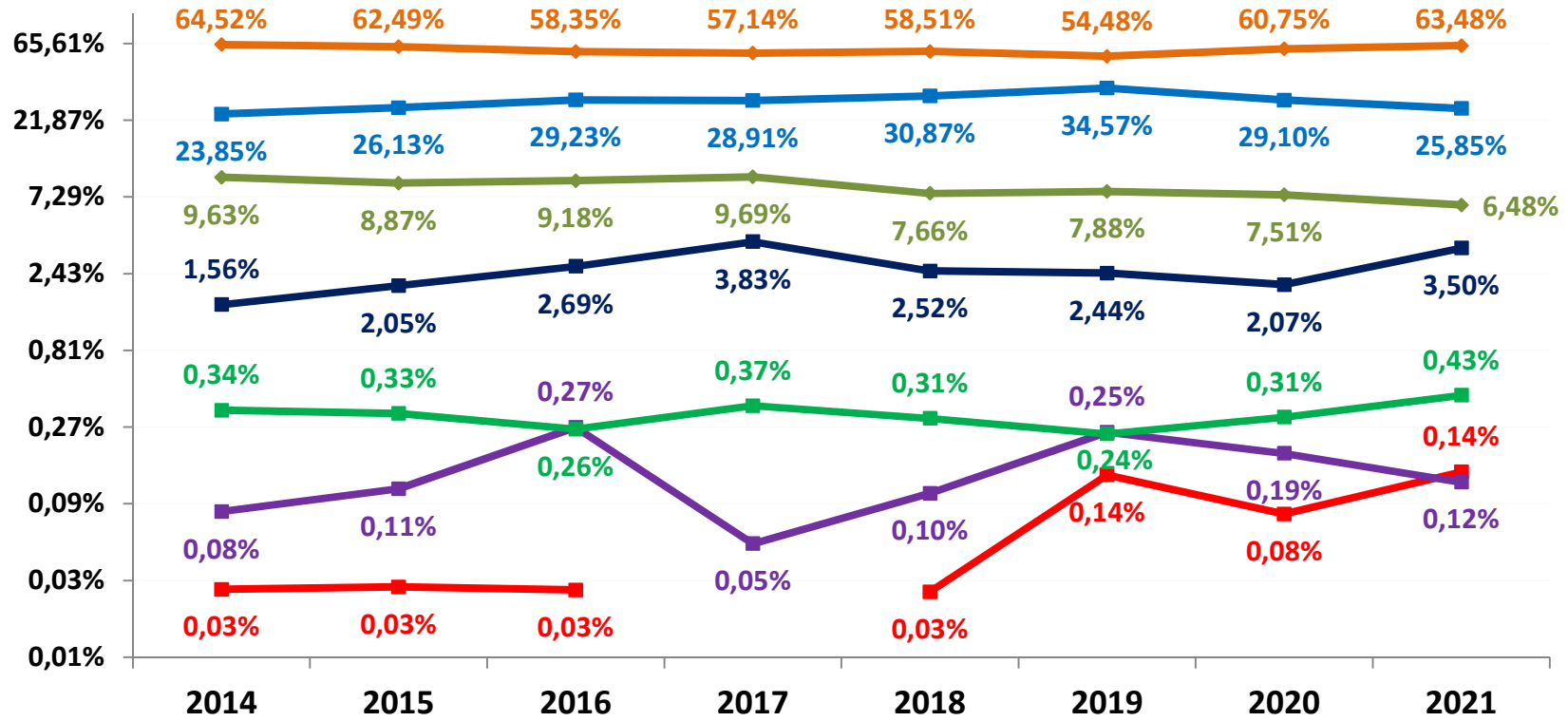
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- Opioids
 —◆— Cannabinoids
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- Hallucinogens (incl. LSD)
 —■— Poly drugs and substances
—x— Other (incl. ephedrone)
- ▲— Other stimulants

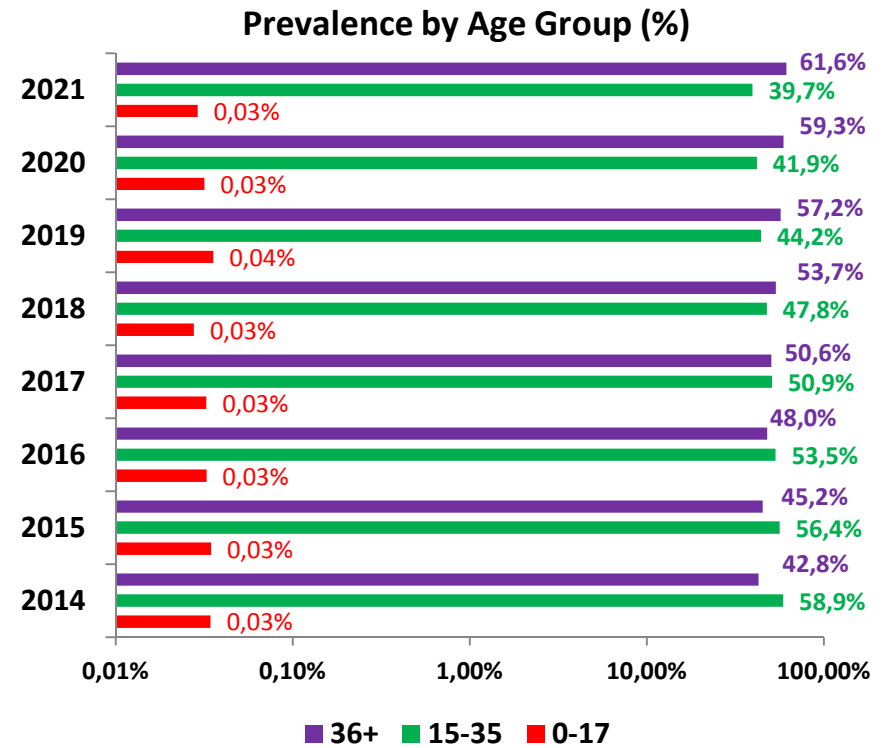
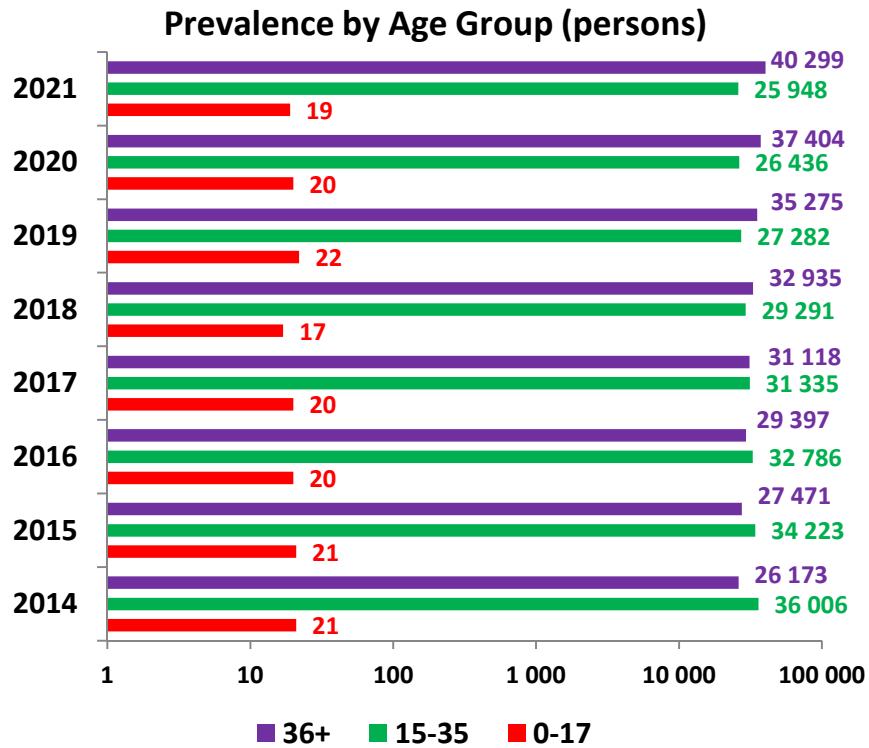
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- Other (incl. ephedrone)

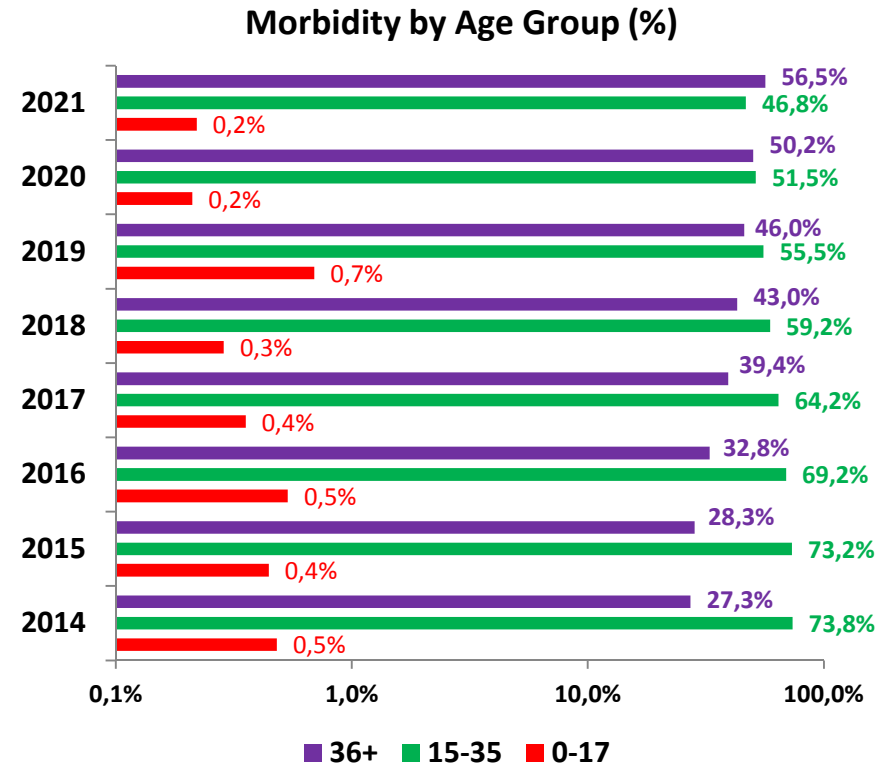
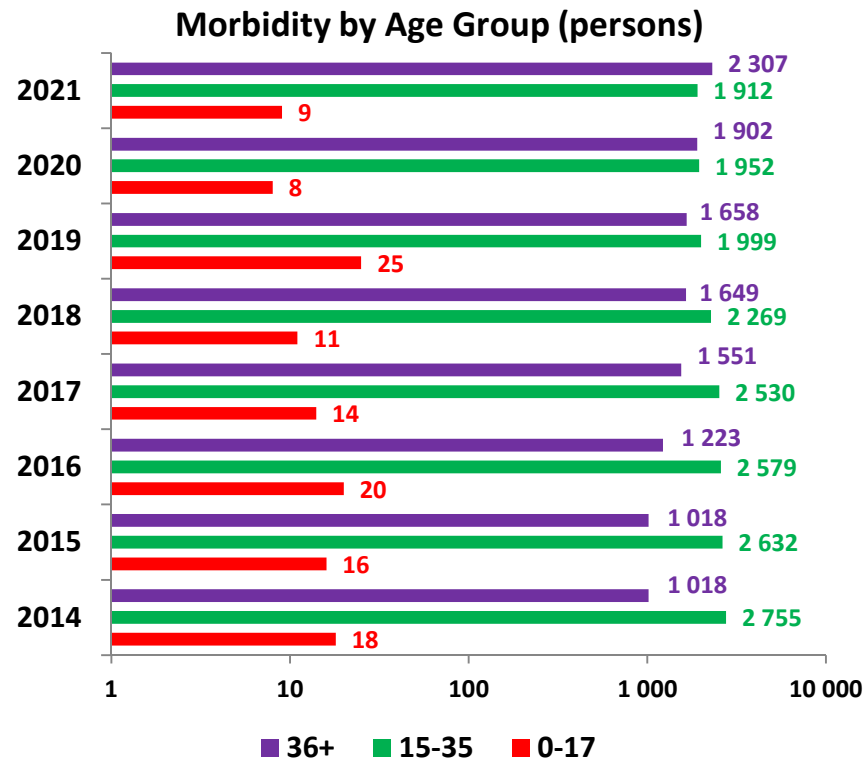
Prevalence of Drug Use by Age Group

All substances



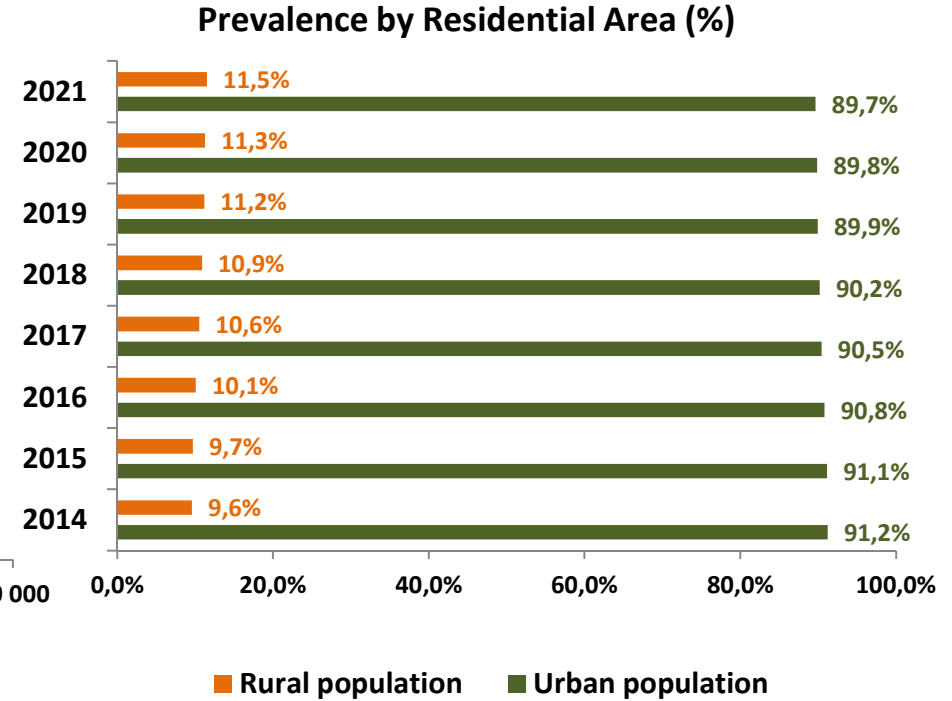
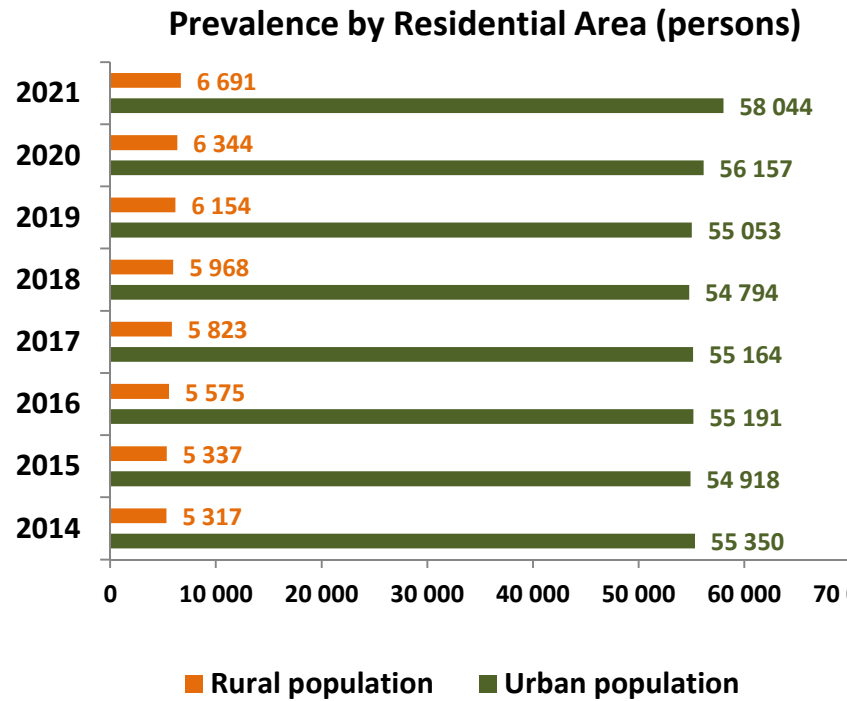
Morbidity of Drug Use by Age Group

All substances



Prevalence of Drug Use by Residential Area

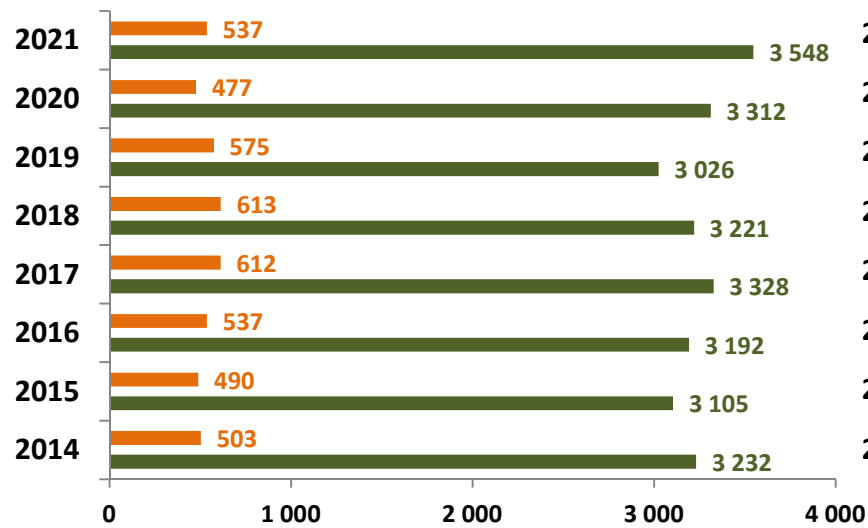
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Morbidity of Drug Use by Residential Area

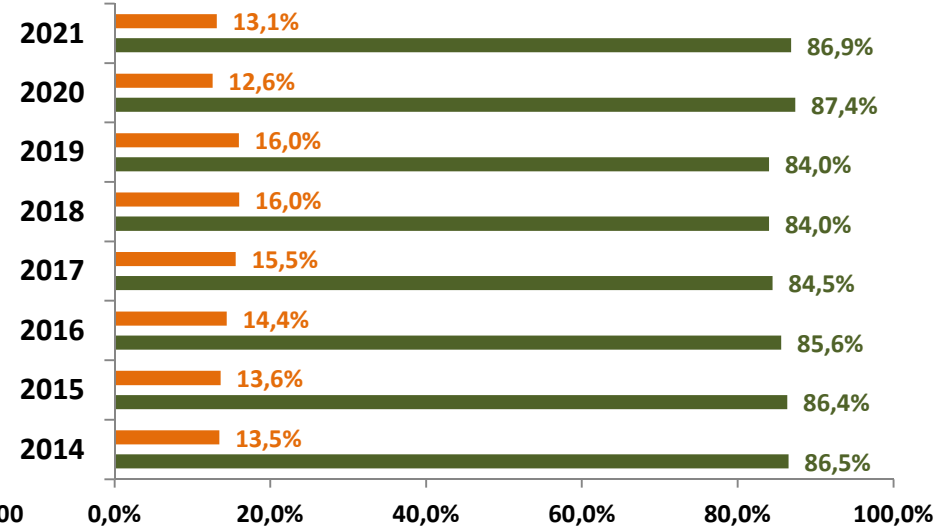
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Morbidity by Residential Area (persons)



■ Rural population ■ Urban population

Morbidity by Residential Area %



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Dispensary Treatment by Form

All substances

