

DRUG MISUSE



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FINDINGS FROM THE 2015/16 CRIME SURVEY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Among 16-59 year olds...

6.5% used cannabis

2.2% used powder cocaine

1.5% used ecstasy

0.7% took a new psychoactive substance

1 in 12

used an illicit drug



...in the last year

Among 16-24s...

1 in 5 used an illicit drug



2.6% took a new psychoactive substance

...in the last year

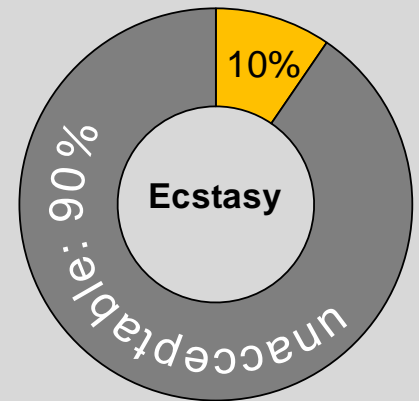
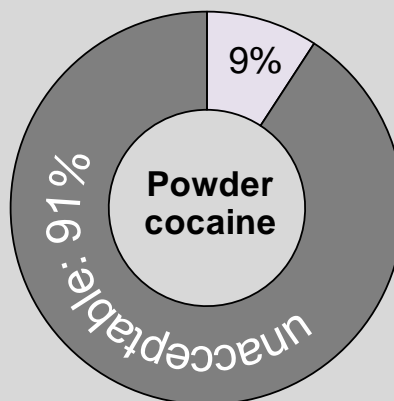
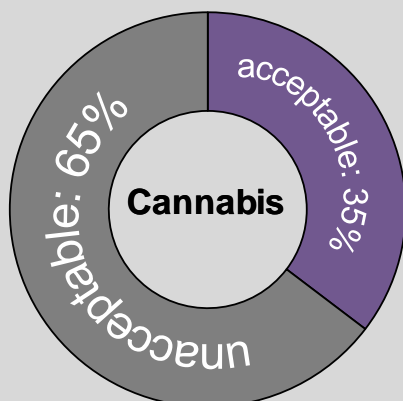
4.7% of 16-24s are frequent* drug users

3.3% of 16-59s are frequent* drug users

The majority of ecstasy and powder cocaine users take the drug once or twice a year

37% of cannabis users aged 16-59 are classed as frequent* users

The majority of 16-59s think it unacceptable for people their own age to take cannabis, cocaine or ecstasy



* Frequent drug use is defined as taking an illicit drug more than once a month in the last year.