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Page 30, Area Table 2 – figures for Merseyside marked as being unavailable (..) have been amended to 4,994 (2002), 4,795 (2003), 4,707 (2004), 7,120 (2005), 8,241 (2006) and 9,649 (2007), all as previously published in the 2010/11 edition. Figures for the North West region were unaffected by these errors.

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# Conventions used in figures and tables

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## Table abbreviations

- '0' indicates amounts rounded to 1 (this does not apply when amounts are presented to one decimal point)
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- '\*' indicates not applicable

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## Conversions

1 kilogram (kg) = 1,000 grams (g)

1 tonne (metric ton) = 1,000 kilograms (kg)

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## Summary

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The numbers of seizures made are affected by police activity and changes in recording practices and police powers, such as the introduction of cannabis warnings. Therefore, the number of drug seizures made and quantity of drugs seized should not be taken as measures of drug prevalence in England and Wales. This is addressed in the Drug Misuse Declared publications, based on results from the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

- There were 216,296 drug seizures by the police and the UK Border Agency (UKBA) in England and Wales in 2011/12, a two per cent increase on 2010/11.
- Class A seizures decreased by five per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12, to 33,481. Class B seizures rose by three per cent to 181,011, while class C seizures fell by eight per cent to 6,915.
- Cocaine was again the most commonly seized class A drug, though there was a one per cent decrease in the number of seizures between 2010/11 and 2011/12, to 17,449. The second highest seized class A drug was heroin with 9,150 seizures, a 15 per cent decrease from 2010/11 and its fourth consecutive fall.
- The majority of class B seizures were for cannabis. The 173,153 seizures in 2011/12 compared to 167,410 during the previous year, a three per cent increase. This included increases in the number of herbal cannabis and cannabis plants seizures (up 6% and 14% respectively), and a decrease in cannabis resin seizures (down 23%).
- The most commonly seized class C drug in 2011/12 was benzodiazepine with 2,689 seizures, which was eight per cent higher than the previous year's 2,489 seizures.
- Police seizures of 'other class C' drugs decreased by 21 per cent, from 1,729 in 2010/11 to 1,368 in 2011/12, following a 78 per cent increase the previous year.
- There were 3.5 tonnes of cocaine seized in England and Wales in 2011/12. This was up from 2.4 tonnes in 2010/11 (up 45%), though at a similar level as seen in 2007/08. The quantity of cocaine seized has gradually fallen from a peak of 6.9 tonnes seized in 2003.
- Seizures of heroin amounted to 1.8 tonnes in England and Wales in 2011/12, up 153 per cent on the 0.7 tonne seized in 2010/11. This is largely due to the increase in seizures weighing 100 kg or more by the UKBA.
- There was a five per cent increase in the combined amount of cannabis resin and herbal cannabis seized between 2010/11 (39.4 tonnes) and 2011/12 (41.5 tonnes). This coincided with a 16 per cent decrease in the amount of cannabis plants seized over the same period (from 729,584 to 612,373 plants).
- Additionally, 1.0 million doses of anabolic steroids (down 63%) and 1.0 tonne of amphetamines were seized (up 47%).





# 1 Introduction

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This publication presents figures for drug seizures made in 2011/12 in England and Wales by police (including the British Transport Police) and the UK Border Agency (UKBA). Drug seizure data from the Serious Organised Crime Agency are not included within this publication.<sup>1</sup>

The presented figures are correct at time of publication and may include revisions submitted by police forces for the years covered by, and received since the publication of, 'Seizures of drugs in England and Wales, 2010/11'. Three police forces – Devon and Cornwall, Cleveland and Norfolk – have reported making improvements to their drug seizure recording practices during 2011/12. While these have resulted in increases in the number of seizures being recorded, they have not necessarily affected the recording of drug quantities.

## UKBA seizures<sup>2</sup>

Although the UKBA will have made seizures outside England and Wales (e.g. Scotland, Northern Ireland), such seizures are excluded from figures presented in this publication. For 2011/12, however, UKBA figures include those seizures made off-shore and which have been attributed to the nearest port (within England or Wales only) on their recording system. Additionally, from 2011/12, data presented for UKBA no longer include seizures made by HM Revenue and Customs.

## Substances covered by this release

The statistics relate to all drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (MDA), which divides drugs into three categories – classes A, B and C – according to their harmfulness, with class A drugs considered to be the most harmful. However, it is not feasible to publish seizure statistics in detail for every drug covered by the MDA. While all drugs are included in the totals, only those in Table 1.1 are covered in detail within this bulletin.<sup>3</sup>

**Table 1.1 Drugs and their classifications under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971**

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<b>Class A</b>		<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>
Cocaine	LSD	Amphetamines <sup>a</sup>	Anabolic steroids
Crack	Methadone	Barbiturates <sup>a</sup>	Benzodiazepines
Ecstasy	Morphine	Cannabis <sup>b</sup>	GHB
Heroin			Ketamine
			Temazepam

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a. Amphetamines and barbiturates are class A drugs if prepared for injection.

b. Cannabis was reclassified from a class B to a class C drug in January 2004, and then classified back as a class B drug on 26 January 2009.

Tapentadol and amineptine became controlled drugs at the end of March 2011. While seizures of these particular substances can be individually recorded on the statistical return that police forces submit to the Home Office, they are grouped as 'other class B' and 'other class C' drugs respectively for the purposes of this bulletin.

As with 2010/11, the UKBA has been unable to separately identify some of the drugs included in Table 1.1 from their recording system. This has resulted in UKBA seizures of methadone being included within the 'other class A' grouping, barbiturates within 'other class B', and benzodiazepines and temazepam within 'other class C'.

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1 For more information see paragraph 8 in the [Notes](#) section.

2 For more information see paragraphs 4 to 7 in the [Notes](#) section.

3 Where a seizure is made of a drug that is not listed in Table 1.1, it is aggregated into an 'other' class category. Further information on drugs covered under the MDA, including a link to the full list of drugs covered, is available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/38/schedule/2>.

### Purity of seized substances

The National Statistics on drug seizures in previous years' editions of this publication have been supplemented with data, provided by the Forensic Science Service (FSS), on the purity of drugs seized; these data were not National Statistics. Purity figures for cocaine, crack, heroin and amphetamine seizures in 2009/10 and 2010/11 are shown in Summary Table 4. Data for 2011/12 are not included in this statistical bulletin as, due to the managed closure of the FSS, it has not been possible to obtain figures on a comparable basis to earlier years' data. As UK Focal Point on Drugs<sup>4</sup> collects and publishes purity data for use in reports by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Home Office is proposing to not include purity data in its future statistical releases.

### International comparisons

EU member states, EU-candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey) and Norway submit data on drug seizures to the EMCDDA for inclusion in its annual report.<sup>5</sup> The Home Office also has a statutory requirement to provide drug seizures data to the UNODC on a yearly basis.<sup>6</sup> When considering data for different countries, it is worth noting that they may relate to different time periods, and may have been collected or recorded on a different basis. As such they may not be directly comparable with figures for England and Wales.

Data relating to seizures of drugs by police forces in Scotland during 2010/11 have been published by the Scottish Government.<sup>7</sup> These follow the same counting rules as those presented in this statistical bulletin and, as well as providing a comparison to seizures in England and Wales, allow for a more complete UK-wide picture. In 2010/11, police forces in Scotland made 27,319 seizures of controlled drugs. Of these, 6,232 involved a class A drug, 18,164 involved a class B drug and 4,256 involved a class C drug. Data for 2011/12 are not currently available.

#### Box 1.1 Counting rules

##### Single or multiple seizures

A single seizure is where only one drug is seized on a particular occasion (e.g. cocaine).

A multiple seizure is where two or more drug types (e.g. heroin and cocaine) are seized on a particular occasion. The occasion is counted once in the total number of seizures, but a seizure is counted against each individual drug type and drug class involved.

Example: A seizure is made of cocaine, cannabis resin and herbal cannabis. This seizure would be counted as:

- Total seizures:  
One seizure in the overall total for the number of seizures by that agency.
- Drug type:  
One seizure of cocaine; one seizure of cannabis resin; one seizure of herbal cannabis;  
one overall seizure of cannabis.
- Drug class:  
One seizure of class A and one seizure of class C .

##### Avoiding double counting

Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.

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4 Information about UK Focal Point on Drugs, and its reports, is available at: <http://www.nwph.net/ukfocalpoint/>.

5 EMCDDA's 2012 report is being published online on 15 November 2012 at <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/>.

6 UNODC's 2012 world drug report was published online in June 2012 at: <http://www.unodc.org/>.

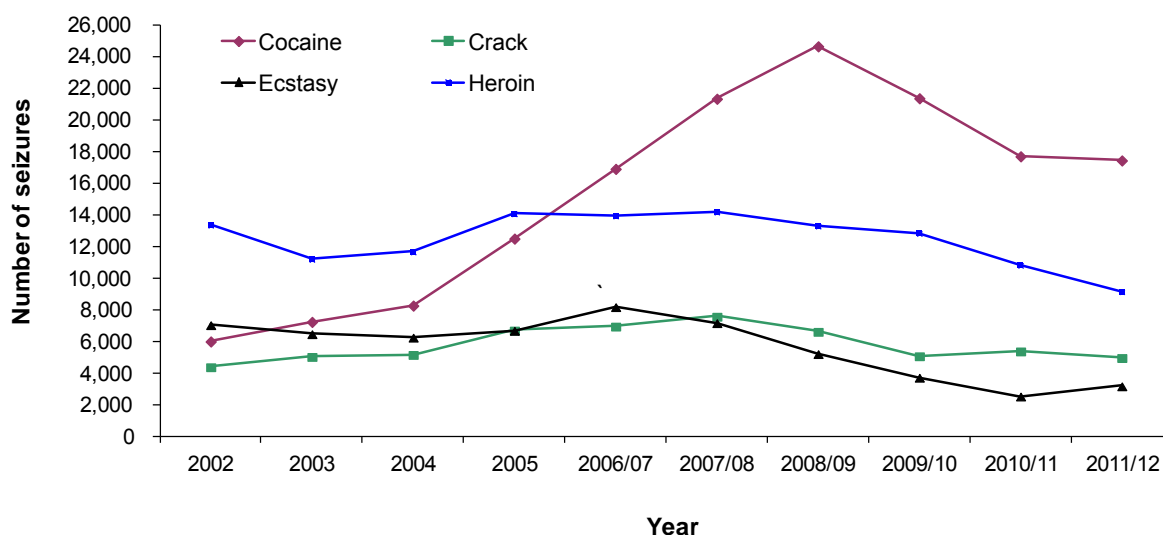
7 Latest drug seizure statistics for Scotland were published on 24 April 2012, and are available online at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00391948.pdf>.

## 2 Number of seizures

The numbers of seizures made are affected by police activity and changes in recording practices and police powers, such as the introduction of cannabis warnings (see Box 2.1). Therefore, the number of drug seizures each year should not be taken as a measure of drug prevalence in England and Wales. This is addressed in the Drug Misuse Declared publications, based on results from the Crime Survey for England and Wales (formerly the British Crime Survey).<sup>8</sup>

- Police and the UKBA made 216,296 drug seizures in England and Wales in 2011/12, representing a two per cent increase on 2010/11. The number of seizures more than doubled between 2004 and 2008/09, to a peak of 241,473 seizures, though the increase in 2011/12 follows two annual decreases (Summary Table 1c).

**Figure 2.1** Number of seizures for the main class A drug types, 2002 to 2011/12



### Class A drugs

- In England and Wales seizures involving class A drugs fell by five per cent, to 33,481, in 2011/12. This is the fourth consecutive annual decrease in seizures of class A drugs, following three consecutive annual increases.
- Cocaine, for the sixth year in succession, was the most commonly seized class A drug, with 17,449 seizures, down one per cent on 2010/11. Cocaine seizures rose sharply between 2002 and 2008/09 and, despite the decline in recent years, the number of seizures in 2011/12 was almost triple the 6,015 made in 2002.
- Seizures of heroin fell by 15 per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12 to 9,150, its fourth consecutive annual fall.

Other notable class A drug seizures include the following:

- Crack seizures decreased by eight per cent, to 4,971 in 2011/12, and were 34 per cent lower than the peak of 7,578 seizures made in 2007/08.

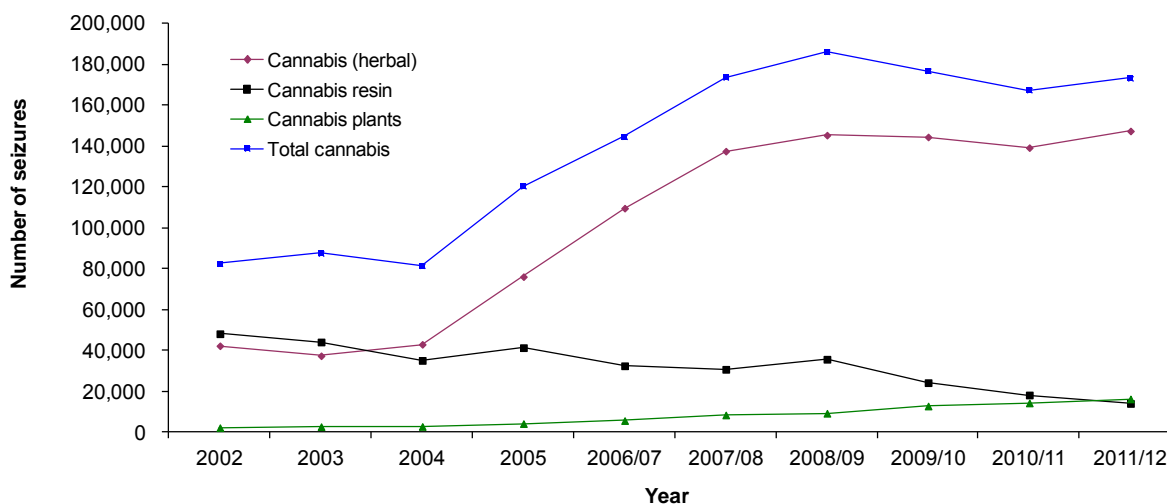
<sup>8</sup> See the latest edition of 'Drug Misuse Declared: Findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales', available at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/drugs-misuse-dec-1112/>.

- Ecstasy seizures rose to 3,181 in 2011/12, a 25 per cent increase, following four consecutive falls. Seizures are now almost 40 per cent of 2006/07 levels.
- There were also 890 seizures of methadone (down 17%), 90 seizures of LSD (down 5%) and 115 seizures of morphine (up 1%).

### Class B drugs

- There were 181,011 seizures of class B drugs in 2011/12, a three per cent increase from 2010/11 and following two annual decreases.
- As in previous years, the majority of class B seizures were for cannabis. At 173,153, there were three per cent more class B seizures in 2011/12 than the previous year. This included increases in the number of herbal cannabis and cannabis plants seizures (up 6% and 14% respectively), and a decrease in cannabis resin seizures (down 23%).
- In the two years prior to the introduction of cannabis warnings in 2004 (see Box 2.1), cannabis seizures averaged approximately 85,000 a year. Since then cannabis seizures have averaged approximately 153,000 a year.
- The second highest number of seizures for a class B drug was for amphetamines with 6,693 in 2011/12, down from 7,185 in 2010/11.
- In addition, the number of 'other class B' drugs in 2011/12 (3,188 seizures) was 17 per cent higher than in 2010/11 (2,724 seizures), which itself was a seven-fold increase on the year before (377 seizures). For police seizures this increase is largely due to mephedrone and other cathinone derivatives becoming controlled drugs in April 2010.

**Figure 2.2** Number of cannabis seizures, 2002 to 2011/12



### Class C drugs

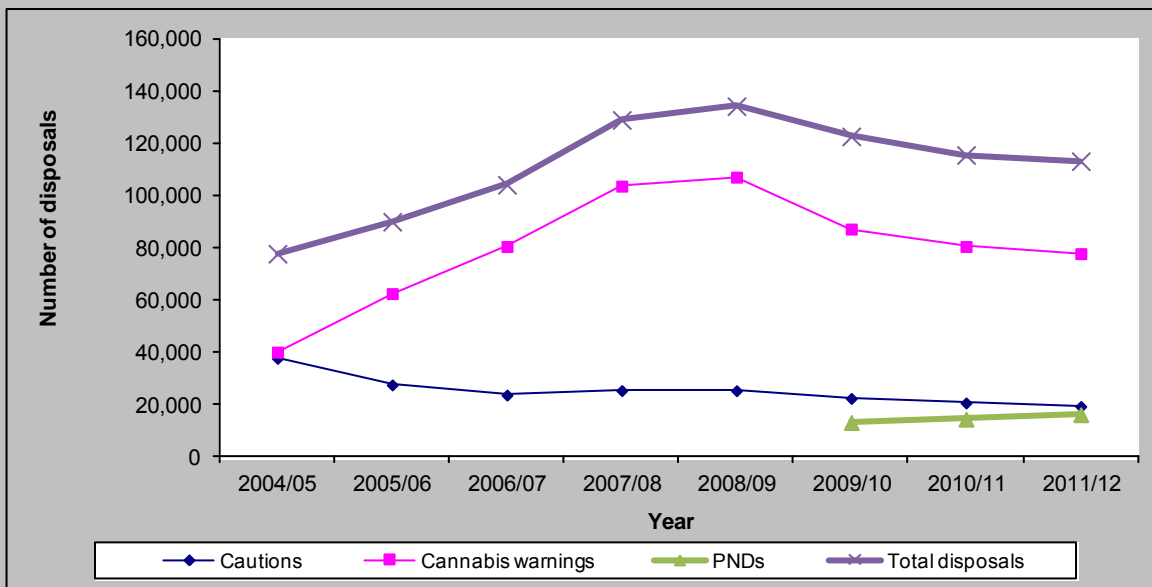
- In 2011/12 there were 6,915 seizures involving class C drugs, an eight per cent fall on 2010/11.
- As in previous years, the most commonly seized class C drugs in 2011/12 were benzodiazepines, with 2,689 seizures (up 8%). The 230 seizures of temazepam in 2011/12 compared to 250 seizures in 2010/11 (down 8%). It should be noted that these figures relate only to police seizures, since UKBA seizures of benzodiazepines and temazepam cannot be

separately identified from their recording system; for UKBA, both substances are instead included within the 'other class C' total.

- Ketamine became a controlled drug in 2006 and is categorised under 'other class C' for police forces until 2008/09 and for the UKBA until 2009/10. The 1,540 ketamine seizures in 2011/12 represented a 14 per cent decrease on the 1,793 made in 2010/11.
- The number of 'other class C' drugs fell by 23 per cent, from 2,595 in 2010/11 to 2,006 in 2011/12.
- Seizures of anabolic steroids increased by five per cent, from 675 in 2010/11 to 706 in 2011/12.

### Box 2.1 DISPOSALS FOR CANNABIS POSSESSION

Police have had additional disposal options made available to them in relation to cannabis possession since 2004/05. Formal warnings for cannabis possession came into effect from 1 April 2004 (renamed cannabis warnings from 16 January 2007). Whereas a caution involves processing an individual at a police station, a cannabis warning can be completed on the street, and the widespread use of this new disposal is thought to have been a large contributory factor in the increase in the number of police seizures for cannabis since April 2004. Additionally, on 26 January 2009, issuing penalty notices for disorder (PNDs) for cannabis possession was introduced as a disposal option for the police.



Between 2004/05 and 2011/12, the number of cautions issued for cannabis possession fell by 49 per cent, from 37,738 to 19,303. Cannabis warnings increased year-on-year from 40,138 in 2004/05 to a peak of 107,241 in 2008/09, then saw three annual decreases. There were 77,914 warnings issued in 2011/12, three per cent lower than in 2010/11, though still almost twice the level seen in 2004/05. There have been two annual increases in the number of PNDs issued for possession of cannabis since 2009/10, the first full year in which the disposal was available to police for that offence. At 16,142, the number of PNDs issued in 2011/12 was 23 per cent higher than in 2009/10. Overall, there were 113,359 police disposals for cannabis possession offences in 2011/12, down two per cent on 2010/11 and a 15 per cent decrease since the peak of 134,437 in 2008/09.

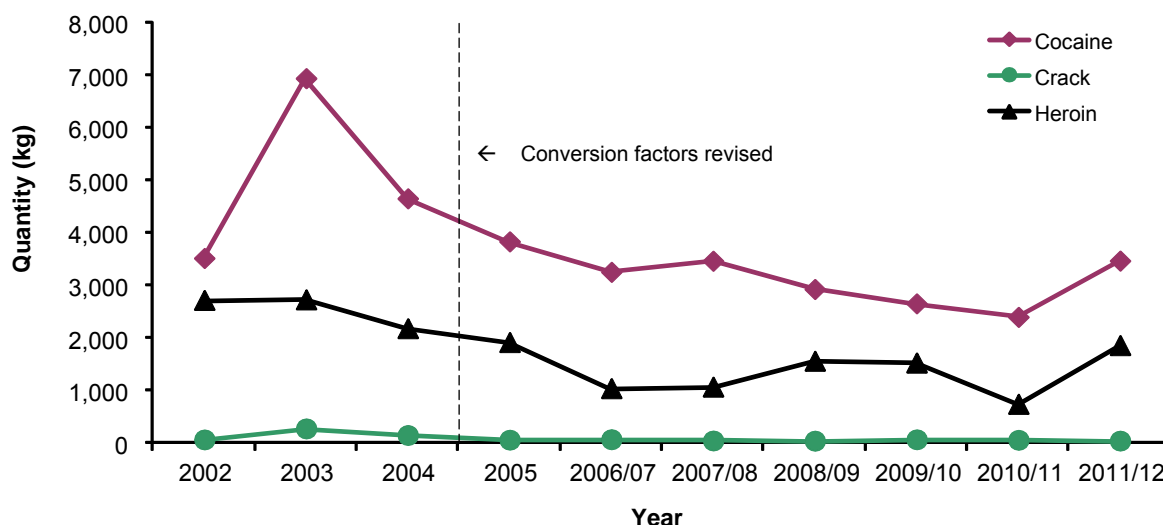
### 3 Quantity of drugs seized

Quantities data fluctuate from year to year and do not necessarily move in line with the number of seizures made (Summary Table 2). As the basis for conversion factors has changed, seizure quantities for the years up to and including 2004 are not directly comparable with those for the last six years (Box 3.1). Whilst most drug seizures consist of relatively small quantities (Summary Table 3), annual totals of drugs seized can be greatly influenced by a small number of large seizures. As with the *number* of drug seizures (Summary Table 1), any large quantity of seizures should not be taken as an indication of drug prevalence or availability.

#### Class A drugs

- In 2011/12, there were 3.5 tonnes<sup>9</sup> of cocaine seized, up 45 per cent on 2010/11 (2.4 tonnes) but following three consecutive annual decreases. Sixty-three per cent of the 17,449 cocaine seizures in 2011/12 were of quantities of less than one gram, with a further 34 per cent between one and 500 grams.
- Police and the UKBA seized 1.8 tonnes of heroin in 2011/12, up 153 per cent on the previous year (0.7 tonne) but following two consecutive annual decreases. Sixty-seven per cent of the 9,150 seizures of heroin in 2011/12 were under one gram and a further 31 per cent were between one and 500 grams.
- Crack seizures in 2011/12 totalled 34 kg, down 31 per cent on 2010/11. Just 0.2 per cent of the 4,971 seizures made in 2011/12 consisted of amounts over 500 grams.
- In addition, over 656,000 doses of ecstasy (up 77% on 2010/11) and nearly 87,000 doses of methadone (down 50% on 2010/11) were seized in 2011/12.
- The majority of unweighed class A drug seizures in 2011/12 were for ecstasy with 3,181 seizures; 93 per cent of these seizures were between 1–50 doses. There were also high proportions of seizures consisting of 1–50 doses for morphine (83%) and LSD (83%). The proportion of methadone seizures consisting of 1–50 doses stood at 67 per cent.

Figure 3.1 Quantity of weighed class A drug types seized, 2002 to 2011/12



9 Where 1 tonne is equal to 1,000 kg.

## Class B drugs

- A combined total of 41.5 tonnes of herbal cannabis and cannabis resin was seized in 2011/12, compared to 39.4 tonnes in 2010/11 (up 5%). There was a 16 per cent decrease in the number of cannabis plants seized in 2011/12 (612,373) compared to the previous year (729,584).
- Of the 147,384 seizures of herbal cannabis, just over a quarter weighed under one gram (37,623 seizures, or 26%), while almost three-quarters weighed between one and 500 grams (108,310 seizures, or 73%). Twenty-five seizures weighed 100 kg or over. On average, each herbal cannabis seizure weighed 149 grams.
- There were 14,178 seizures of cannabis resin, 13,970 (99%) of which weighed less than 500 grams.
- Eighty-nine per cent of cannabis plant seizures involved 50 or fewer plants.
- There was a 47 per cent increase in the quantity of amphetamines seized in 2011/12 compared to the year before (1.0 tonne compared to 0.7 tonne in 2010/11), and a 65 per cent decrease since the 2008/09 peak of 2.9 tonnes.

## Class C drugs

- The quantity of anabolic steroids seized decreased by 63 per cent, from 2.8 million doses in 2010/11 to 1.0 million doses in 2011/12.
- There was also a decrease in the quantity of benzodiazepine seized (from 664,322 doses in 2010/11 to 421,054 doses in 2011/12, down 37%).
- The quantity of ketamine seized decreased by 90 per cent, from 802 kg in 2010/11 to 79 kg in 2011/12.

### Box 3.1 CALCULATING QUANTITIES OF DRUGS

The quantities of drugs seized are summarised in terms of tonnes (for larger quantities), kilograms, doses or plants (for cannabis plants only). Most drugs can plausibly be seized in a preparation form other than kilograms or doses. Therefore, in order to present all seized quantities within a given drug type in terms of one comparable unit (either kilograms or doses), conversion factors are applied to estimate the overall quantity of drugs seized.

Conversion factors were revised from the 2005 publication to reflect trends in average drug preparations. These were used for annual 'Seizures in Drugs in England and Wales' publications since 2006/07's, and will be reviewed periodically in the future. All revisions to quantities conversion factors and units for presentation were made on the advice of the Forensic Science Service. Some drugs that were previously presented in kilograms are presented in doses from 2005. As the basis for these calculations has changed, figures for seizure quantities for the years up to and including 2004 are not directly comparable with those for the last six years.

Amount groupings (e.g. under 1 gram, 1–50 doses) presented in the breakdowns shown in Summary Tables 3a and 3c of this publication include data on all seizures made by police forces. For the UKBA's data in Summary Tables 3b and 3c, quantities requiring conversion are not included in the breakdowns, although they are included in the total estimated quantity (kilograms or doses).

## 4 Seizures by authority

### Number of seizures

- In 2011/12, 212,708 or 98 per cent of seizures were made by police forces with the remaining 3,588 or two per cent made by the UKBA. The number of seizures made by the police rose by two per cent compared to 2010/11, while those made by the UKBA fell by nine per cent (Summary Table 1).
- For police forces, class A seizures fell by five per cent, class B rose by three per cent and class C fell by six per cent (Summary Table 1a).
- For the UKBA, class A seizures fell by 13 per cent, class B rose by eight per cent while class C fell by 20 per cent (Summary Table 1b).

**Table 4.1 Number and percentage of drug seizures by class, drug type and authority, 2011/12<sup>1</sup>**

Drug class	Drug type	Police forces <sup>1</sup>		UKBA <sup>1</sup>		Total
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Class A drugs</b>	Cocaine	16,682	96	767	4	17,449
	Crack	4,969	100	2	0	4,971
	Ecstasy	3,168	100	13	0	3,181
	Heroin	9,033	99	117	1	9,150
	LSD	88	98	2	2	90
	Methadone <sup>2</sup>	890	100	..	..	890
	Morphine	109	95	6	5	115
	Other class A <sup>2</sup>	608	75	208	25	816
	<b>All class A<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>32,366</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33,481</b>
<b>Class B drugs</b>	Cannabis	171,553	99	1,600	1	173,153
	Amphetamines	6,644	99	49	1	6,693
	Barbiturates <sup>2</sup>	13	100	..	..	13
	Other class B <sup>2</sup>	3,067	96	121	4	3,188
		<b>All class B<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>179,241</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Class C drugs</b>	Anabolic steroids	573	81	133	19	706
	Benzodiazepines <sup>2</sup>	2,689	100	..	..	2,689
	GHB	44	100	-	0	44
	Ketamine	1,449	94	91	6	1,540
	Temazepam <sup>2</sup>	230	100	..	..	230
	Other class C <sup>2</sup>	1,368	68	638	32	2,006
	<b>All class C<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6,053</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6,915</b>
Unknown		4,020	100	-	0	4,020
	<b>All seizures<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>212,708</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>216,296</b>

1. Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.
2. UKBA seizures of methadone (class A), barbiturates (class B), benzodiazepines and temazepam (both class C) could not be separately identified from their recording system for 2011/12. They are instead included within the relevant 'other class' total.
3. As a seizure can involve more than one drug, figures for individual drugs and drug classes cannot be added together to produce totals.



- Police forces accounted for 97 per cent of all seizures of class A drugs and 99 per cent of all seizures of class B drugs. For class C drugs, police forces were responsible for 88 per cent of seizures.
- Within the class A drugs seized, the police were responsible for almost all seizures of crack (100%), ecstasy (100%), heroin (99%), LSD (98%), cocaine (96%) and morphine (95%).
- Similarly, for class B drugs, over 99 per cent of seizures of cannabis and amphetamines were conducted by the police. All seizures of cannabis plants were made by the police.
- Of drugs in class C, all seizures of GHB in 2011/12 were conducted by the police. The UKBA was responsible for 19 per cent of anabolic steroid seizures and six per cent of ketamine seizures.
- It is not possible to calculate the proportion of methadone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and temazepam seizures made by the police and UKBA for 2011/12 since the latter is unable to separately identify these drugs on its recording system.

### Number of seizures by region

- Proportions of the number of drug seizures for the UKBA and police force regions varied little from 2010/11 to 2011/12 (Area Table 6). At 28 per cent, the largest proportion of drug seizures in 2011/12 took place in London, the most heavily populated region in England and Wales. Outside of London, the largest proportion of seizures took place in the South East (12%) and the smallest proportion in the North East (4%). The UKBA and British Transport Police each accounted for two per cent of seizures in England and Wales. Their data cannot be broken down by region.
- There has been a steady decline in the proportion of seizures made by the UKBA, accounting for five per cent of seizures in 2002 compared with two per cent in 2011/12. Of the police force regions, and notwithstanding the fluctuations seen in intervening years, the proportion of seizures in the North West in 2011/12 was four percentage points lower than in 2002, while London and the Eastern regions both saw percentage point increases over the same period (5 and 4 percentage points respectively).

### Quantity of seizures

Although the UKBA accounted for only two per cent of seizures in 2011/12 (Summary Table 1, Table 4.1), the proportion they seized in terms of quantity was much higher (Summary Table 2, Table 4.2). This is due to the fact that the agency is often involved in high profile operations where large quantities of drugs are seized, for example at airports or ferry ports (Summary Table 3, Figure 4.1).

- In 2011/12, the UKBA seized 85 per cent of cocaine by quantity (64% in 2010/11), 88 per cent of heroin (57% in 2010/11) and 77 per cent of ecstasy (4% in 2010/11), while police seized 88 per cent of crack (72% in 2010/11).
- Police seized 523 kg of cocaine in 2011/12. This was 40 per cent lower than the amount seized in 2010/11 (868 kg) but followed three annual increases. In contrast, the UKBA seized 93 per cent more cocaine in 2011/12 (2,933 kg) than in 2010/11 (1,519 kg) following three annual decreases. That the UKBA's quantity figures are affected by high profile operations is demonstrated by a single cocaine seizure weighing approximately 1,200 kg in June 2011 aboard a pleasure cruiser at the port of Southampton.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> As reported at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-14380587>.

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- The 225 kg of heroin seized by police in 2011/12 was 28 per cent lower than the amount seized in 2010/11 (311 kg), while the UKBA seized 286 per cent more heroin in 2011/12 (1,623 kg) than in 2010/11 (420 kg). The increase in the amount of heroin seized by UKBA was largely due to four seizures weighing 100 kg or more.<sup>11</sup>
- The UKBA seized 52 per cent of amphetamines in 2011/12, compared to 19% in 2010/11.
- All cannabis plant seizures (612,373 plants) were made by police forces in 2011/12, while the UKBA accounted for 33.3 tonnes (80%) of the herbal and resin cannabis seized compared to the police's 8.2 tonnes (20%).
- Within class C drugs the UKBA seized 89 per cent of anabolic steroids (88% in 2010/11) and 86 per cent of ketamine (72% in 2010/11). Two kilograms of GHB were seized in 2011/12, all of which was seized by the police.
- As with the number of drugs seized in 2010/11, the quantity of methadone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and temazepam seized by the UKBA could not be separately identified from its recording system.

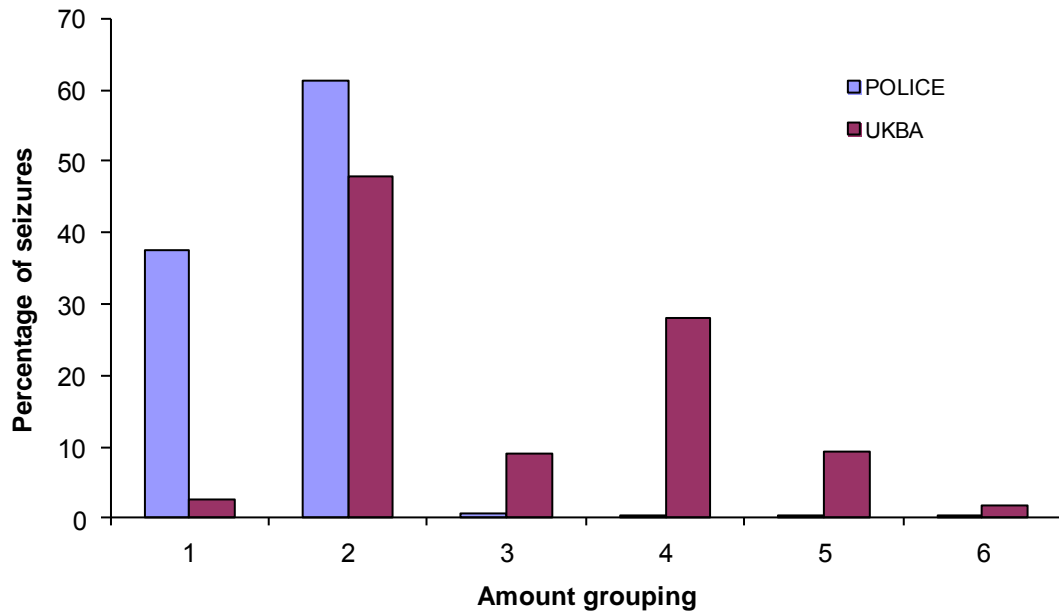
**Table 4.2 Quantity and percentage of drugs seized by class, drug type and authority, 2011/12<sup>1</sup>**

Drug class	Drug type	Units <sup>2</sup>	Police forces <sup>1</sup>		UKBA <sup>1</sup>		Total
			Quantity	%	Quantity	%	
<b>Class A drugs</b>	Cocaine	kg	523	15	2,933	85	3,456
	Crack	kg	30	88	4	12	34
	Ecstasy	doses (000s)	151	23	505	77	656
	Heroin	kg	225	12	1,623	88	1,849
	LSD	doses (000s)	3	87	1	13	4
	Methadone <sup>3</sup>	doses (000s)	87	100	..	..	87
	Morphine	doses (000s)	40	100	0	0	40
<b>Class B drugs</b>	Cannabis (herbal)	kg	4,297	20	17,702	80	22,000
	Cannabis resin	kg	3,907	20	15,566	80	19,473
	Cannabis plants	plant	612,373	100	-	0	612,373
	Amphetamines	kg	503	48	540	52	1,042
	Barbiturates <sup>3</sup>	doses (000s)	0	100	..	..	0
<b>Class C drugs</b>	Anabolic steroids	doses (000s)	116	11	913	89	1,029
	Benzodiazepines <sup>3</sup>	doses (000s)	421	100	..	..	421
	GHB	kg	2	100	-	0	2
	Ketamine	kg	11	14	68	86	79
	Temazepam <sup>3</sup>	doses (000s)	35	100	..	..	35

1. Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.
2. Drugs can be seized in a variety of forms or preparation types. In this table, quantities of drugs have been converted to weights (kg), doses (000s) or plants. To present all seized quantities within a given drug type in terms of one comparable unit, conversion factors are applied to estimate the overall quantity for that drug.
3. UKBA seizures of methadone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and temazepam could not be separately identified from its recording system for 2011/12.

<sup>11</sup> Data as provided to Home Office Statistics by the Border Force's Performance Team, 7 November 2012.

Figure 4.1 Percentage distribution of police and UKBA main class A and B seizures, 2011/12



Where

1 = "Under 1 g" or "1–50 doses/plants"	4 = "1–10 kg" or "501–1,000 doses/plants"
2 = "1–500 g" or "51–100" doses/plants"	5 = "10–100 kg" or "1,001–10,000 doses/plants"
3 = "500 g to 1 kg" or "101–500 doses/plants"	6 = "100 kg and over" or "over 10,000 doses/plants"

- More than three-fifths of police seizures of the main class A and class B drugs (61%) and just under half of UKBA seizures (48%) fell within the 1–500 g or 51–100 doses/plants groupings.
- A further 37 per cent of police seizures weighed less than one gram or consisted of between 1–50 doses or plants, while only three per cent of seizures made by the UKBA fell within these groupings.
- In contrast, 48 per cent of UKBA seizures weighed more than one kilogram, compared to one per cent of police seizures.

**Summary Table 1 Number of drug seizures by drug class, type and year<sup>1</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

**1a: Seizures made by police forces<sup>2,3</sup>**

Drug class	Drug type	2002	2003 <sup>4</sup>	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09 <sup>5</sup>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 2010/11 to 2011/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	4,776	6,094	7,154	11,310	15,776	20,092	23,635	20,351	16,873	16,682	-1
	Crack	4,362	5,013	5,151	6,694	6,943	7,567	6,615	5,077	5,372	4,969	-8
	Ecstasy	6,960	6,401	6,190	6,634	8,141	7,148	5,197	3,712	2,524	3,168	26
	Heroin	13,268	11,086	11,574	13,984	13,878	14,118	13,131	12,728	10,711	9,033	-16
	LSD	50	127	139	203	165	144	128	101	93	88	-5
	Methadone	764	562	630	938	933	1,008	1,065	1,028	1,067	890	-17
	Morphine <sup>6</sup>	..	..	..	90	79	100	109	110	113	109	-4
	Other class A <sup>6</sup>	744	625	545	617	642	616	538	599	600	608	1
<b>All class A<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>28,506</b>	<b>30,226</b>	<b>29,551</b>	<b>39,243</b>	<b>43,179</b>	<b>46,546</b>	<b>46,408</b>	<b>40,033</b>	<b>33,977</b>	<b>32,366</b>	<b>-5</b>	
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis	39,045	34,823	40,682	73,671	106,208	134,636	142,840	143,395	138,119	146,113	6
	Cannabis resin	47,244	43,426	34,497	40,731	31,781	30,182	35,159	24,022	18,022	13,892	-23
	Cannabis plants	2,326	2,840	2,930	4,327	5,805	8,539	9,380	12,920	14,423	16,386	14
	<b>Total cannabis<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>78,542</b>	<b>84,360</b>	<b>78,648</b>	<b>117,437</b>	<b>140,667</b>	<b>170,002</b>	<b>182,930</b>	<b>175,450</b>	<b>166,032</b>	<b>171,553</b>	<b>3</b>
	Amphetamines	6,119	6,136	6,438	7,772	8,418	8,820	7,698	7,263	7,143	6,644	-7
	Barbiturates <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	18	26	13	21	21	22	13	-
	Other class B <sup>10</sup>	264	201	182	208	245	171	217	321	2,477	3,067	24
	<b>All class B<sup>7,8,9</sup></b>	<b>89,359</b>	<b>85,293</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>8,635</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>189,125</b>	<b>181,318</b>	<b>173,606</b>	<b>179,241</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	73	117	155	257	457	391	546	530	562	573	2
	Benzodiazepines	995	763	684	905	1,366	1,457	1,816	2,141	2,489	2,689	8
	GHB <sup>11</sup>	.	21	21	29	61	63	47	59	66	44	-33
	Ketamine <sup>12</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,269	1,513	1,684	1,449	-14
	Temazepam	198	201	202	208	243	278	292	231	250	230	-8
	Other class C <sup>13</sup>	40	74	187	379	1,165	1,689	779	969	1,729	1,368	-21
	<b>All class C<sup>7,8</sup></b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>76,873</b>	<b>119,183</b>	<b>143,366</b>	<b>173,019</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>6,053</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	444	477	42	886	2,444	2,234	2,645	3,061	3,685	4,020	9	
<b>All drugs<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Police forces total<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>115,100</b>	<b>110,760</b>	<b>108,458</b>	<b>163,933</b>	<b>189,583</b>	<b>221,543</b>	<b>233,793</b>	<b>220,453</b>	<b>208,832</b>	<b>212,708</b>	<b>2</b>

**Summary Table 1 (cont'd) Number of drug seizures by drug class, type and year<sup>1</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

**1b: Seizures made by the the UKBA<sup>14,15</sup>**

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 2010/11 to 2011/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	1,239	1,157	1,125	1,202	1,141	1,254	1,024	1,026	837	767	-8
	Crack	25	25	13	11	12	11	8	4	13	2	-
	Ecstasy	84	74	66	54	43	25	21	12	13	13	-
	Heroin	89	109	94	88	64	68	171	108	110	117	6
	LSD	1	4	5	1	4	1	4	1	2	2	-
	Methadone <sup>16</sup>	2	3	5	6	3	4	4	8	..	..	..
	Morphine	1	3	3	0	3	1	8	2	1	6	-
	Other class A <sup>16</sup>	181	109	74	107	202	154	100	85	313	208	-34
	<b>All class A<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis	3,321	2,650	2,390	2,486	3,441	2,890	2,513	1,061	1,118	1,271	14
	Cannabis resin	1,019	795	722	723	809	688	636	317	290	286	-1
	Cannabis plants	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
	<b>Total cannabis<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>3,932</b>	<b>3,587</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>16</b>
	Amphetamines	62	72	66	65	59	43	62	39	42	49	-
	Barbiturates <sup>9,17</sup>	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	7	..	..	..
	Other class B <sup>10,17</sup>	11	6	9	38	70	114	383	56	247	121	-51
	<b>All class B<sup>7,8,9</sup></b>	<b>4,029</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	47	66	114	151	89	126	259	341	113	133	18
	Benzodiazepines <sup>18</sup>	43	141	146	842	895	1,358	2,222	816	..	..	..
	GHB <sup>11</sup>	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
	Ketamine <sup>12</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	109	91	-17
	Temazepam <sup>18</sup>	4	1	11	4	55	126	317	54	..	..	..
	Other class C <sup>13,18</sup>	11	12	17	468	124	143	309	22	866	638	-26
	<b>All class C<sup>7,8</sup></b>	<b>104</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>3,154</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>All drugs<sup>7</sup> UKBA<sup>14,15</sup></b>	<b>5,543</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>4,465</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>6,516</b>	<b>6,588</b>	<b>7,680</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>-9</b>	

**Summary Table 1 (cont'd) Number of drug seizures by drug class, type and year<sup>1</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

**1c: Total seizures made by police forces<sup>2</sup> and UKBA<sup>14</sup>**

		2002	2003 <sup>4</sup>	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09 <sup>5</sup>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 2010/11 to 2011/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	6,015	7,251	8,279	12,512	16,917	21,346	24,659	21,377	17,710	17,449	-1
	Crack	4,387	5,038	5,164	6,705	6,955	7,578	6,623	5,081	5,385	4,971	-8
	Ecstasy	7,044	6,475	6,256	6,688	8,184	7,173	5,218	3,724	2,537	3,181	25
	Heroin	13,357	11,195	11,668	14,072	13,942	14,186	13,302	12,836	10,821	9,150	-15
	LSD	51	131	144	204	169	145	132	102	95	90	-5
	Methadone <sup>16</sup>	766	565	635	944	936	1,012	1,069	1,036	1,067	890	-17
	Morphine <sup>6</sup>	1	3	3	90	82	101	117	112	114	115	1
	Other class A <sup>16</sup>	925	734	619	724	844	770	638	684	913	816	-11
	<b>All class A<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>30,080</b>	<b>31,682</b>	<b>30,903</b>	<b>40,685</b>	<b>44,635</b>	<b>48,054</b>	<b>47,727</b>	<b>41,268</b>	<b>35,264</b>	<b>33,481</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis	42,366	37,473	43,072	76,157	109,649	137,526	145,353	144,456	139,237	147,384	6
	Cannabis resin	48,263	44,221	35,219	41,454	32,590	30,870	35,795	24,339	18,312	14,178	-23
	Cannabis plants	2,328	2,840	2,930	4,327	5,805	8,539	9,380	12,920	14,423	16,386	14
	<b>Total cannabis<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>82,519</b>	<b>87,512</b>	<b>81,517</b>	<b>120,427</b>	<b>144,599</b>	<b>173,589</b>	<b>186,147</b>	<b>176,830</b>	<b>167,410</b>	<b>173,153</b>	<b>3</b>
	Amphetamines	6,181	6,208	6,504	7,837	8,477	8,863	7,760	7,302	7,185	6,693	-7
	Barbiturates <sup>9,17</sup>	..	..	..	18	30	17	25	28	22	13	-
	Other class B <sup>10,17</sup>	275	207	191	246	315	285	600	377	2,724	3,188	17
	<b>All class B<sup>7,8,9</sup></b>	<b>93,388</b>	<b>88,495</b>	<b>6,696</b>	<b>8,095</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>9,130</b>	<b>192,661</b>	<b>182,788</b>	<b>175,243</b>	<b>181,011</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	120	183	269	408	546	517	805	871	675	706	5
	Benzodiazepines <sup>18</sup>	1,038	904	830	1,747	2,261	2,815	4,038	2,957	2,489	2,689	8
	GHB <sup>11</sup>	.	21	21	29	61	63	47	59	66	44	-33
	Ketamine <sup>12</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,269	1,612	1,793	1,540	-14
	Temazepam <sup>18</sup>	202	202	213	212	298	404	609	285	250	230	-8
	Other class C <sup>13,18</sup>	51	86	204	847	1,289	1,832	1,088	991	2,595	2,006	-23
	<b>All class C<sup>7,8</sup></b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>80,027</b>	<b>123,614</b>	<b>148,424</b>	<b>178,055</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>6,505</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>All drugs<sup>7</sup> Total</b>	<b>120,643</b>	<b>115,516</b>	<b>112,923</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>196,099</b>	<b>228,131</b>	<b>241,473</b>	<b>224,401</b>	<b>212,786</b>	<b>216,296</b>	<b>2</b>	

## NOTES TO ACCOMPANY SUMMARY TABLE 1

1. Reporting of drug seizures has been moved to a financial-year basis from 2006/07.
2. Includes seizures made by British Transport Police.
3. All figures from 1999 to 2007/08 include estimates for Merseyside Police.
4. 2003 figures do not include data from Nottinghamshire police force area.
5. 2008/09 figures from Norfolk cover the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 January 2009 only.
6. Morphine is grouped under 'other class A' by police forces until 2005 and is not separately identifiable.
7. As a seizure can involve more than one drug, figures for individual drugs and drug classes cannot be added together to produce totals.
8. Cannabis was reclassified from a class B to a class C drug in January 2004, and then classified back as a class B drug on 26 January 2009. For clarity, cannabis is listed under class B for the entire time series shown. It has not, however, been considered as a class B drug throughout the time series when calculating the class totals. The totals for 'all class B' drugs are therefore much lower on account of this between 2004 and 2007/08 than the years before and after this period, with the 'all class C' being much higher.
9. Barbiturates are grouped under 'other class B' until 2005 and are not separately identifiable.
10. 2010/11 figures for 'other class B' drugs include mephedrone and other cathinone-based drugs, which became controlled drugs in April 2010.
11. GHB became a controlled drug in 2003.
12. Ketamine became a controlled drug in 2006. It is grouped in 'other class C' and not separately identified until 2008/09 for forces and 2009/10 for UKBA.
13. 2010/11 figures for 'other class C' drugs include GBL, 1,4-Butanediol, oripavine and BZP, which became controlled drugs in December 2009.
14. Includes data from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA (or HMRC) and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.
15. UKBA data prior to 2004 have been amended in line with police data counting rules.
16. Seizures of methadone could not be separately identified from the Border Force's recording system for 2011/12. They are instead included within the 'other class A' total.
17. Seizures of barbiturates could not be separately identified from the Border Force's recording system for 2010/11 or 2011/12. They are instead included within the 'other class B' total.
18. Seizures of benzodiazepines and temazepam could not be separately identified from the Border Force's recording system for 2010/11 or 2011/12. They are instead included within the 'other class C' total.

\* denotes data not applicable.

.. denotes data not available.

- for percentage changes, indicates that data are not reported because the base number is less than 50.

**Summary Table 2 Quantity of drugs seized<sup>1,2,3</sup> by drug class, type and year<sup>4</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

2a: Quantity seized by police forces<sup>5,6</sup>

Drug class	Drug type	Unit <sup>8,9</sup>	2002	2003 <sup>10</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>11</sup>	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09 <sup>12</sup>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 10/11 to 11/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	kg	171	2,026	1,334	1,062	1,005	401	408	646	868	523	-40
	Crack	kg	42	253	136	49	47	36	29	59	36	30	-
	Ecstasy	dose (000s)	647	2,998	1,767	1,384	1,890	342	299	116	357	151	-58
	Heroin	kg	1,687	1,100	1,192	813	500	364	517	687	311	225	-28
	LSD	dose (000s)	5	2	7	1,137	6	3	19	2	3	3	-
	Methadone <sup>8</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	51	34	62	65	102	106	205	150	172	87	-50
	Morphine <sup>8,13</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	..	..	..	6	4	5	3	6	8	40	-
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis <sup>14</sup>	kg	4,044	14,741	2,940	3,067	2,884	3,238	4,454	4,697	7,097	4,297	-39
	Cannabis resin <sup>14</sup>	kg	9,157	29,527	22,848	26,446	2,434	2,774	6,083	1,410	3,315	3,907	18
	Cannabis plants <sup>14</sup>	plant	55,131	85,312	93,469	220,019	363,679	535,888	643,510	758,943	729,584	612,373	-16
	Amphetamines	kg	722	886	981	1,017	571	905	754	794	574	503	-12
	Barbiturates <sup>15</sup>	dose (000s)	..	..	..	1	1	2	23	1	0	0	-
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	kg / dose (000s)	15	0	2	56	90	82	128	85	333	116	-65
	Benzodiazepines	kg / dose (000s)	1	3	1	968	199	116	176	687	664	421	-37
	GHB <sup>16</sup>	kg	*	6	1	1	9	7	2	4	5	2	-
	Ketamine <sup>17</sup>	kg	*	*	*	*	*	*	27	211	221	11	-95
	Temazepam <sup>8</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	0	0	7	9	14	91	16	9	35	-



**Summary Table 2 (cont'd) Quantity of drugs seized<sup>1,2,3</sup> by drug class, type and year<sup>4</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

**2b: Quantity seized by the UKBA<sup>7</sup>**

Drug class	Drug type	Unit <sup>8,9</sup>	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>11</sup>	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 10/11 to 11/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	kg	3,336	4,902	3,306	2,759	2,240	3,052	2,508	1,997	1,519	2,933	93
	Crack	kg	14	12	4	2	13	1	4	0	14	4	-
	Ecstasy	dose (000s)	3,485	3,901	2,973	1,635	4,795	623	247	55	14	505	-
	Heroin	kg	1,020	1,619	978	1,094	530	695	1,035	830	420	1,623	286
	LSD	dose (000s)	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	-
	Methadone <sup>8,18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	..
	Morphine <sup>8</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis <sup>18</sup>	kg	31,050	15,608	18,595	17,515	22,948	16,855	28,908	13,254	13,597	17,702	30
	Cannabis resin <sup>14</sup>	kg	32,757	41,168	40,387	24,145	17,416	13,936	25,716	11,153	15,344	15,566	1
	Cannabis plants <sup>14</sup>	plant	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Amphetamines	kg	488	693	276	1,074	818	906	2,185	532	137	540	293
	Barbiturates <sup>15,18</sup>	dose (000s)	..	..	..	0	310	0	0	0	..	..	..
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	kg / dose (000s)	382	157	555	2,481	4,969	6,907	3,816	3,345	2,459	913	-63
	Benzodiazepines <sup>18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	2	3	0	1,756	3,086	668	2,981	6,118	..	..	..
	GHB <sup>16</sup>	kg	*	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ketamine <sup>17</sup>	kg	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	82	581	68	-88
	Temazepam <sup>8,18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	0	0	15	500	94	118	125	..	..	..

## Summary Table 2 (cont'd) Quantity of drugs seized<sup>1,2,3</sup> by drug class, type and year<sup>4</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12

2c: Total quantity seized by police forces<sup>5,6</sup> and the UKBA<sup>7</sup>

Drug class	Drug type	Unit <sup>8,9</sup>	2002	2003 <sup>10</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>11</sup>	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09 <sup>12</sup>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 10/11 to 11/12
<b>Class A</b>	Cocaine	kg	3,506	6,928	4,640	3,821	3,244	3,453	2,916	2,643	2,387	3,456	45
	Crack	kg	56	266	140	51	60	37	33	59	50	34	-31
	Ecstasy	dose (000s)	4,132	6,899	4,740	3,019	6,685	965	547	171	371	656	77
	Heroin	kg	2,707	2,719	2,170	1,907	1,030	1,059	1,552	1,516	732	1,849	153
	LSD	dose (000s)	5	2	37	1,137	6	3	20	3	4	4	-
	Methadone <sup>8,18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	51	60	62	65	102	106	205	150	172	87	-50
	Morphine <sup>8,13</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	0	0	6	4	5	4	6	9	40	-
<b>Class B</b>	Herbal cannabis <sup>14</sup>	kg	35,094	30,349	21,535	20,583	25,832	20,093	33,363	17,951	20,693	22,000	6
	Cannabis resin <sup>14</sup>	kg	41,915	70,695	63,234	50,591	19,851	16,710	31,799	12,563	18,659	19,473	4
	Cannabis plants <sup>14</sup>	plant	55,152	85,312	93,469	220,019	363,679	535,888	643,510	758,943	729,584	612,373	-16
	Amphetamines	kg	1,210	1,580	1,257	2,091	1,390	1,811	2,939	1,326	711	1,042	47
	Barbiturates <sup>15,18</sup>	dose (000s)	..	..	..	1	311	2	23	1	0	0	-
<b>Class C</b>	Anabolic steroids	kg / dose (000s)	398	157	557	2,538	5,059	6,988	3,944	3,430	2,792	1,029	-63
	Benzodiazepines <sup>18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	3	5	1	2,723	3,285	784	3,157	6,805	664	421	-37
	GHB <sup>16</sup>	kg	*	40	1	1	9	7	2	4	5	2	-
	Ketamine <sup>17</sup>	kg	*	*	*	*	*	*	27	293	802	79	-90
	Temazepam <sup>8,18</sup>	kg / dose (000s)	0	0	0	22	508	108	209	141	9	35	-

1. Where the quantity of a seizure is recorded as 'trace' it is not included in these figures.

2. Drugs can be seized in a variety of forms or preparation types. In this table, quantities of drugs have been converted to weights (kg), doses (000s) or plants. To present all seized quantities within a given drug type in terms of one comparable

3. New conversion factors were introduced in 2005, in consultation with the Forensic Science Service. Quantities data prior to 2005 are not comparable with later data.

4. Reporting of drug seizures was moved to a financial-year basis from 2006/07.

5. Includes seizures made by British Transport Police.

6. All figures from 1999 to 2007/08 include estimates for Merseyside Police.

7. Includes data from HRMC. Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.

8. From 2005, quantities for methadone, morphine, barbiturates, anabolic steroids, benzodiazepines and temazepam are presented in doses rather than kg.

9. Doses include dots, tablets and squares.

10. 2003 figures do not include data from Nottinghamshire.

11. Quantity figures for years up to and including 2004 are not comparable with those for later years.

12. 2008/09 figures for Norfolk cover the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 January 2009 only.

13. Morphine is grouped under 'other class A' by police forces until 2005 and is not separately identifiable.

14. Cannabis was reclassified from a class B to a class C drug in January 2004, and then classified back as a class B drug on 26 January 2009.

15. Barbiturates are grouped under 'other class B' until 2005 and are not separately identifiable.

16. GHB became a controlled drug in 2003.

17. Ketamine became a controlled drug in 2006. It is grouped in 'other class C' and not separately identified until 2008/09 for forces and 2009/10 for UKBA.

18. Seizures of methadone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and temazepam could not be separately identified from the UKBA's recording system for 2010/11 or 2011/12.

\* denotes data not applicable.

.. denotes data not available.

## Summary Table 3 Seizures of controlled drugs by drug class, type and amount seized<sup>1,2</sup>, 2011/12

### 3a: Seizures made by police forces<sup>3</sup>

Drug type	Unit <sup>4</sup>	Class	Total number of seizures	Weighed amount seized							Total (kg)	Average (g)
				Under 1g	1g to 500g	500g to 1kg	1kg to 10kg	10kg to 100kg	100kg and over			
Cocaine	kg	A	16,682	10,923	5,623	43	88	4	1	523	31	
Crack	kg	A	4,969	3,177	1,785	5	2	0	0	30	6	
Heroin	kg	A	9,033	6,156	2,800	37	37	3	0	225	25	
Herbal cannabis	kg	B	146,113	37,589	107,702	378	412	29	3	4,297	29	
Cannabis resin	kg	B	13,892	2,421	11,340	44	61	15	11	3,907	281	
Amphetamines	kg	B	6,644	3,059	3,470	39	70	5	1	503	76	
				Unweighed amount seized								
				1-50 doses / plants	51-100 doses / plants	101-500 doses / plants	501-1,000 doses / plants	1,001-10,000 doses / plants	Over 10,000 doses / plants	Total (000s of doses/plants)	Average (doses/plants)	
Ecstasy	dose	A	3,168	2,950	98	81	12	24	3	151	48	
LSD	dose	A	88	74	3	5	3	1	2	3	39	
Methadone	dose	A	890	597	115	155	13	10	0	87	98	
Morphine	dose	A	109	94	5	7	2	0	1	40	364	
Cannabis plants	plant	B	16,386	14,590	714	897	140	44	1	612,373	37	

### 3b: Seizures made by the UKBA<sup>5,6</sup>

Drug type	Unit <sup>4</sup>	Class	Total number of seizures	Weighed amount seized <sup>6</sup>							Total (kg)	Average (g)
				Under 1g	1g to 500g	500g to 1kg	1kg to 10kg	10kg to 100kg	100kg and over			
Cocaine	kg	A	767	7	342	117	255	34	1	2,933	3,824	
Crack	kg	A	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	2,015	
Heroin	kg	A	117	4	31	20	39	18	4	1,623	13,874	
Herbal cannabis	kg	B	1,271	34	608	72	362	169	22	17,702	13,928	
Cannabis resin	kg	B	286	8	201	13	38	8	17	15,566	54,427	
Amphetamines	kg	B	49	5	18	4	8	5	1	540	11,016	
				Unweighed amount seized <sup>6</sup>								
				1-50 doses / plants	51-100 doses / plants	101-500 doses / plants	501-1,000 doses / plants	1,001-10,000 doses / plants	Over 10,000 doses / plants	Total (000s of doses/plants)	Average (doses/plants)	
Ecstasy	dose	A	13	3	1	1	0	0	0	505	38,883	
LSD	dose	A	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	253	
Methadone <sup>7</sup>	dose	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Morphine	dose	A	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	
Cannabis plants	plant	B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### 3c: Seizures made by police forces<sup>3</sup> and UKBA<sup>5,6</sup>

Drug type	Unit <sup>4</sup>	Class	Total number of seizures	Weighed amount seized <sup>6</sup>							Total (kg)	Average (g)
				Under 1g	1g to 500g	500g to 1kg	1kg to 10kg	10kg to 100kg	100kg and over			
Cocaine	kg	A	17,449	10,930	5,965	160	343	38	2	3,456	198	
Crack	kg	A	4,971	3,177	1,786	5	3	0	0	34	7	
Heroin	kg	A	9,150	6,160	2,831	57	76	21	4	1,849	202	
Herbal cannabis	kg	B	147,384	37,623	108,310	450	774	198	25	22,000	149	
Cannabis resin	kg	B	14,178	2,429	11,541	57	99	23	28	19,471	1,373	
Amphetamines	kg	B	6,693	3,064	3,488	43	78	10	2	1,042	156	
				Unweighed amount seized <sup>6</sup>								
				1-50 doses / plants	51-100 doses / plants	101-500 doses / plants	501-1,000 doses / plants	1,001-10,000 doses / plants	Over 10,000 doses / plants	Total (000s of doses/plants)	Average (doses/plants)	
Ecstasy	dose	A	3,181	2,953	99	82	12	24	3	656	206	
LSD	dose	A	90	75	3	6	3	1	2	4	44	
Methadone <sup>7</sup>	dose	A	890	597	115	155	13	10	0	87	98	
Morphine	dose	A	115	95	6	7	2	0	1	40	346	
Cannabis plants	plant	B	16,386	14,590	714	897	140	44	1	612,373	37	

1. Drugs can be seized in a variety of forms or preparation types. In this table, quantities of drugs have been converted to kg, doses (000s) or plants. To present all seized quantities within a given drug type in terms of one comparable unit, conversion factors are applied to estimate the overall quantity for that drug. New conversion factors were introduced in 2005, in consultation with the Forensic Science Service. Quantities data prior to 2005 are not comparable with later data.

2. Quantities data for all drugs are not applicable as conversion factors are not applied to all drugs.

3. Includes seizures made by British Transport Police.

4. Doses include dots, tablets and squares.

5. Includes seizures made by the HMRC. Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.

6. Quantity data from the UKBA requiring conversion are not included in the weighed and unweighed breakdowns in 3b and 3c. Therefore, the total number of seizures for any particular drug will not be the sum of the quantity breakdowns. The UKBA's quantity data are, however, included in the total estimated quantity and average quantity columns.

7. Seizures of methadone could not be separately identified from the UKBA's recording system for 2010/11 or 2011/12.

- denotes nil.

... denotes data not available.

**Summary Table 4 Average purities of drug seizures analysed by the Forensic Science Service by drug type and year<sup>1</sup>, 2009/10 and 2010/11**

Percentages					England and Wales, FSS			
Year <sup>1,2</sup>	Police forces				UKBA			
	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	Amphetamines	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	Amphetamines
2009/10	21	29	44	8	63	47	54	31
2010/11	28	32	30	9	64	62	42	49

1. Data represent the average of all analysed drug samples submitted to the FSS. Data refer to the year that information on the analysis was provided rather than the year of seizure.

2. These data were provided to the Home Office by the FSS in October 2011 and were originally published in Table 4.1 of 'Seizures of Drugs in England and Wales, 2010/11' (HOSB 17/11), available at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/police-research/hosb1711/>. Summary Table 4 of that release also contains a breakdown of seizure purities by quarter.

**Area Table 1 Number of seizures of controlled drugs by seizing authority and year<sup>1,2</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

Police force region or authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 2010/11 to 2011/12
Cleveland <sup>3</sup>	1,010	800	765	2,657	3,143	2,494	2,382	2,462	1,532	2,140	40
Durham	1,100	1,060	1,601	1,660	2,018	2,056	1,524	1,497	1,716	1,590	-7
Northumbria	3,990	4,680	3,526	4,720	4,062	3,648	5,384	5,011	5,328	5,584	5
<b>North East Region</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>9,037</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>8,198</b>	<b>9,290</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>8,576</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>9</b>
Cheshire	1,200	780	633	293	736	1,258	2,024	2,085	2,223	1,635	-26
Cumbria	770	1,100	1,307	1,247	1,313	1,301	1,201	1,489	1,536	1,657	8
Greater Manchester	2,960	4,240	3,064	6,797	10,089	12,581	11,952	10,801	11,740	11,024	-6
Lancashire	3,440	3,480	3,311	2,809	2,866	3,505	3,816	4,176	3,812	3,885	2
Merseyside <sup>4</sup>	6,800	6,540	6,405	9,681	11,196	13,083	13,784	12,946	1,797	1,948	8
<b>North West Region<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>16,140</b>	<b>14,720</b>	<b>20,827</b>	<b>26,200</b>	<b>31,728</b>	<b>32,777</b>	<b>31,497</b>	<b>21,108</b>	<b>20,149</b>	<b>-5</b>
Humberside	2,380	1,840	2,359	2,791	2,666	2,458	2,887	2,817	2,993	3,196	7
North Yorkshire	720	690	1,096	1,481	1,385	1,614	1,602	1,566	1,731	1,926	11
South Yorkshire	1,400	990	3,410	2,388	4,225	4,843	5,514	6,555	6,020	6,039	0
West Yorkshire	4,440	4,130	4,354	5,551	4,600	2,754	3,410	3,666	4,555	5,373	18
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber Region</b>	<b>8,940</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>11,219</b>	<b>12,211</b>	<b>12,876</b>	<b>11,669</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>15,299</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>8</b>
Derbyshire	1,390	1,870	1,745	2,010	3,155	2,134	2,417	2,722	3,052	3,287	8
Leicestershire	1,450	1,370	1,517	2,303	1,821	2,338	2,655	2,821	2,899	2,368	-18
Lincolnshire	750	1,050	631	560	646	913	745	507	323	329	2
Northamptonshire	550	520	612	1,837	1,893	1,267	1,354	1,501	2,147	1,882	-12
Nottinghamshire <sup>5</sup>	1,170	..	2,073	1,129	3,946	4,864	4,116	2,273	2,528	2,232	-12
<b>East Midlands Region<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>7,839</b>	<b>11,461</b>	<b>11,516</b>	<b>11,287</b>	<b>9,824</b>	<b>10,949</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>-8</b>
Staffordshire	1,470	1,150	1,070	1,799	2,473	3,949	3,325	3,297	3,224	3,990	24
Warwickshire	390	660	543	1,090	1,360	1,293	1,289	1,551	1,273	1,009	-21
West Mercia	1,980	1,750	595	2,904	3,314	3,303	3,007	3,113	3,145	3,369	7
West Midlands	8,270	9,710	7,932	10,262	10,732	10,389	10,608	9,596	9,143	9,701	6
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>13,270</b>	<b>10,140</b>	<b>16,055</b>	<b>17,879</b>	<b>18,934</b>	<b>18,229</b>	<b>17,557</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>18,069</b>	<b>8</b>
Bedfordshire	580	690	785	1,036	802	960	1,348	1,101	1,837	1,994	9
Cambridgeshire	1,110	1,320	1,608	1,624	2,249	2,840	2,628	2,270	2,019	2,467	22
Essex	1,480	1,590	1,634	2,348	1,949	2,747	3,988	3,321	4,281	3,655	-15
Hertfordshire	370	890	1,453	1,339	2,802	2,954	3,640	4,933	4,660	4,974	7
Norfolk <sup>3,6</sup>	830	1,410	1,256	1,634	1,089	1,086	569	598	870	2,100	141
Suffolk	940	800	1,360	1,526	1,365	1,248	1,170	1,014	962	1,307	36
<b>Eastern Region<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>9,507</b>	<b>10,256</b>	<b>11,835</b>	<b>13,343</b>	<b>13,237</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>16,497</b>	<b>13</b>
London, City of	640	390	594	1,336	899	883	690	771	658	631	-4
Metropolitan Police	27,380	20,360	19,255	40,158	54,458	71,404	76,390	66,511	62,714	59,847	-5
<b>London Region</b>	<b>28,020</b>	<b>20,750</b>	<b>19,849</b>	<b>41,494</b>	<b>55,357</b>	<b>72,287</b>	<b>77,080</b>	<b>67,282</b>	<b>63,372</b>	<b>60,478</b>	<b>-5</b>
Hampshire	2,690	2,760	2,002	3,180	1,898	3,781	4,433	5,258	5,044	5,465	8
Kent <sup>7</sup>	1,760	1,770	1,385	2,970	2,357	2,527	2,404	2,767	4,934	4,979	1
Surrey	1,590	590	397	656	1,479	1,811	1,836	1,693	2,040	2,091	3
Sussex	2,460	2,550	3,989	7,176	6,087	7,529	6,141	6,373	6,364	6,738	6
Thames Valley	4,480	4,860	4,941	3,884	7,550	8,167	8,425	7,666	7,160	7,269	2
<b>South East Region</b>	<b>12,980</b>	<b>12,530</b>	<b>12,714</b>	<b>17,866</b>	<b>19,371</b>	<b>23,815</b>	<b>23,239</b>	<b>23,757</b>	<b>25,542</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>4</b>
Avon and Somerset	3,190	2,560	1,849	6,034	5,241	5,907	6,437	6,383	6,882	7,675	12
Devon and Cornwall <sup>3</sup>	4,210	5,650	3,191	5,963	4,747	4,621	4,057	2,823	2,884	4,504	56
Dorset	1,230	1,330	1,266	1,527	1,540	1,720	1,873	1,903	1,952	2,103	8
Gloucestershire	1,510	1,530	1,496	1,579	1,343	1,811	2,308	2,322	1,976	2,096	6
Wiltshire	860	750	709	760	706	569	972	1,138	1,354	1,698	25
<b>South West Region</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,820</b>	<b>8,511</b>	<b>15,863</b>	<b>13,577</b>	<b>14,628</b>	<b>15,647</b>	<b>14,569</b>	<b>15,048</b>	<b>18,076</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>England police total</b>	<b>104,940</b>	<b>100,210</b>	<b>97,719</b>	<b>150,699</b>	<b>176,200</b>	<b>204,610</b>	<b>214,305</b>	<b>201,297</b>	<b>191,308</b>	<b>195,757</b>	<b>2</b>
Dyfed-Powys	2,420	2,150	1,382	2,830	2,359	2,181	2,237	2,630	2,876	3,354	17
Gwent	1,370	1,230	1,144	1,210	1,815	2,020	2,302	2,107	2,268	2,489	10
North Wales	1,270	1,220	1,717	1,607	1,920	2,373	2,531	2,441	2,181	1,744	-20
South Wales	3,920	4,540	4,640	4,661	4,601	6,554	6,720	6,245	6,029	5,801	-4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>8,980</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>8,883</b>	<b>10,308</b>	<b>10,695</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>13,790</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>13,354</b>	<b>13,388</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>National Crime Squad<sup>8</sup></b>	30	120	137	104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>British Transport Police</b>	1,150	1,290	1,719	2,822	2,688	3,805	5,698	5,733	4,170	3,563	-15
<b>Total police</b>	<b>115,100</b>	<b>110,760</b>	<b>108,458</b>	<b>163,933</b>	<b>189,583</b>	<b>221,543</b>	<b>233,793</b>	<b>220,453</b>	<b>208,832</b>	<b>212,708</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>UKBA<sup>9,10</sup></b>	5,543	4,756	4,465	5,869	6,516	6,588	7,680	3,948	3,954	3,588	-9
<b>TOTAL ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>120,643</b>	<b>115,516</b>	<b>112,923</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>196,099</b>	<b>228,131</b>	<b>241,473</b>	<b>224,401</b>	<b>212,786</b>	<b>216,296</b>	<b>2</b>

1. Reporting of drug seizures has been moved to a financial-year basis from 2006/07.

2. Figures for the police from 2004 are unrounded. Previous years' data are rounded to the nearest ten; regional totals may not always be the sum of constituent forces due to rounding.

3. Devon and Cornwall, Cleveland and Norfolk have reported making improvements to their drug seizure recording practices during 2011/12.

4. Merseyside Police's data from 1999 to 2007/08 are estimated. Also, as a result of the force's 2010/11 data being taken from their forensic services provider's system, there were 86 per cent fewer seizures for Merseyside compared to 2009/10.

5. Nottinghamshire Police did not submit data for 2003. East Midlands data for 2003 does not include data from Nottinghamshire.

6. 2008/09 figures from Norfolk cover the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 January 2009 only.

7. Kent Police recorded 78 per cent more seizures in 2010/11 than 2009/10 as a result of implementing a new system in April 2010.

8. National Crime Squad was merged into the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) on 1 April 2006. SOCA data are not included in this table.

9. Includes data from HMRC (excluding 2011/12). Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.

10. UKBA data prior to 2004 have been amended in line with police data counting rules.

.. denotes data not available

**Area Table 2 Drug seizures per million population<sup>1</sup> by police force area and year<sup>2</sup>, 2002 to 2011/12**

Police force region	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	% change 2010/11 to 2011/12
Cleveland <sup>3</sup>	1,866	1,444	1,379	4,788	5,653	4,482	4,277	4,408	2,736	3,798	39
Durham	1,859	1,793	2,708	2,804	3,397	3,444	2,534	2,474	2,828	2,600	-8
Northumbria	2,884	3,354	2,528	3,386	2,906	2,607	3,840	3,561	3,759	3,901	4
<b>North East Region</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>3,557</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>8</b>
Cheshire	1,220	792	640	295	739	1,260	2,022	2,079	2,210	1,620	-27
Cumbria	1,579	2,250	2,660	2,520	2,644	2,619	2,418	3,003	3,103	3,352	8
Greater Manchester	1,192	1,684	1,212	2,681	3,966	4,926	4,659	4,186	4,514	4,193	-7
Lancashire	2,430	2,449	2,316	1,954	1,984	2,422	2,636	2,890	2,637	2,681	2
Merseyside <sup>4</sup>	4,994	4,795	4,707	7,120	8,241	9,649	10,189	9,588	1,331	1,439	8
<b>North West Region<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>-5</b>
Humberside	2,738	2,089	2,656	3,115	2,955	2,711	3,172	3,079	3,262	3,469	6
North Yorkshire	958	912	1,440	1,930	1,795	2,080	2,049	1,986	2,173	2,401	10
South Yorkshire	1,105	779	2,677	1,866	3,280	3,745	4,240	5,015	4,570	4,546	-1
West Yorkshire	2,134	1,971	2,068	2,614	2,141	1,269	1,557	1,661	2,046	2,388	17
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber Region</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>7</b>
Derbyshire	1,453	1,927	1,790	2,051	3,203	2,154	2,426	2,719	3,039	3,253	7
Leicestershire	1,568	1,469	1,616	2,431	1,905	2,420	2,723	2,869	2,935	2,382	-19
Lincolnshire	1,158	1,600	950	831	950	1,332	1,077	729	463	468	1
Northamptonshire	872	816	951	2,836	2,888	1,909	2,013	2,210	3,140	2,738	-13
Nottinghamshire <sup>5</sup>	1,152	..	2,007	1,083	3,755	4,604	3,877	2,125	2,346	2,054	-12
<b>East Midlands Region<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>-8</b>
Staffordshire	1,403	1,096	1,017	1,704	2,336	3,724	3,130	3,092	3,020	3,724	23
Warwickshire	770	1,294	1,056	2,108	2,608	2,464	2,436	2,909	2,379	1,883	-21
West Mercia	1,708	1,505	510	2,482	2,824	2,806	2,545	2,623	2,643	2,825	7
West Midlands	3,238	3,775	3,079	3,976	4,138	3,996	4,072	3,659	3,465	3,654	5
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>7</b>
Bedfordshire	1,024	1,206	1,363	1,792	1,377	1,637	2,277	1,837	3,035	3,243	7
Cambridgeshire	1,563	1,843	2,213	2,215	3,023	3,774	3,454	2,946	2,594	3,124	20
Essex	916	979	1,001	1,431	1,178	1,649	2,370	1,947	2,488	2,103	-15
Hertfordshire	358	856	1,393	1,282	2,665	2,788	3,402	4,551	4,254	4,491	6
Norfolk <sup>6</sup>	1,040	1,752	1,547	1,999	1,321	1,308	679	706	1,019	2,435	139
Suffolk	1,404	1,188	2,003	2,224	1,965	1,787	1,660	1,427	1,347	1,817	35
<b>Eastern Region<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>984</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>12</b>
London, City of <sup>7</sup>	83,649	49,461	71,774	154,451	95,537	84,143	65,752	68,049	57,282	54,038	-6
Metropolitan Police	3,719	2,762	2,600	5,371	7,225	9,405	10,062	8,686	8,100	7,659	-5
<b>London Region</b>	<b>3,898</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>7,396</b>	<b>9,579</b>	<b>10,139</b>	<b>8,774</b>	<b>8,173</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>-5</b>
Hampshire	1,513	1,543	1,114	1,763	1,044	2,070	2,408	2,831	2,698	2,900	8
Kent <sup>8</sup>	1,113	1,114	867	1,846	1,455	1,550	1,464	1,672	2,962	2,956	0
Surrey	1,501	557	373	616	1,381	1,678	1,683	1,538	1,833	1,855	1
Sussex	1,645	1,698	2,646	4,736	3,995	4,915	3,981	4,102	4,076	4,281	5
Thames Valley	2,141	2,310	2,338	1,830	3,527	3,787	3,867	3,482	3,217	3,226	0
<b>South East Region</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>3</b>
Avon and Somerset	2,150	1,704	1,221	3,946	3,384	3,779	4,071	4,001	4,286	4,728	10
Devon and Cornwall	2,667	3,554	1,993	3,693	2,913	2,811	2,443	1,693	1,726	2,680	55
Dorset	1,774	1,910	1,817	2,194	2,204	2,450	2,641	2,676	2,749	2,941	7
Gloucestershire	2,673	2,704	2,632	2,759	2,330	3,126	3,948	3,961	3,354	3,531	5
Wiltshire	1,401	1,214	1,138	1,212	1,118	896	1,512	1,750	2,067	2,567	24
<b>South West Region</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>1</b>
Dyfed-Powys	4,956	4,379	2,797	5,693	4,734	4,358	4,439	5,190	5,680	6,628	17
Gwent	2,480	2,220	2,062	2,178	3,265	3,628	4,127	3,767	4,047	4,433	10
North Wales	1,914	1,830	2,567	2,394	2,858	3,525	3,744	3,600	3,213	2,571	-20
South Wales	3,270	3,763	3,831	3,822	3,758	5,322	5,426	5,012	4,808	4,602	-4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>3,502</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>4,432</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>4,489</b>	<b>4,452</b>	<b>4,453</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>England and Wales average</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>3,943</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>1</b>

1. Rates per million population statistics are created using mid-year population estimates calculated by the Office for National Statistics. UKBA and BTP data cannot be broken down to a regional level and are therefore excluded from both the constituent parts and the totals in this table.

2. Reporting of drug seizures was moved to a financial-year basis from 2006/07.

3. Devon and Cornwall, Cleveland and Norfolk have reported making improvements to their drug seizure recording practices during 2011/12.

4. Rates for Merseyside between 2001 and 2007/08 were calculated using estimated figures for number of seizures. Also, as a result of the force's 2010/11 data being taken from their forensic service provider's system, there were 86 per cent fewer seizures compared to 2009/10.

5. 2003 figures do not include data from Nottinghamshire police force area.

6. 2008/09 figures from Norfolk cover the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 January 2009 only.

7. Small resident population should be noted when considering City of London rates.

8. As a result of Kent Police implementing a new system in April 2010, there were 78 per cent more seizures compared to 2009/10.

.. denotes data not available

**Area Table 3 Number of seizures of controlled drugs by drug class, type and seizing authority, 2011/12**

Police force region or authority	All drugs <sup>1</sup>	Class A drugs									Class B drugs					Class C drugs						Unknown	
		Cocaine	Crack	Ecstasy	Heroin	LSD	Methadone <sup>3</sup>	Morphine	Other class A	Total <sup>1</sup>	Cannabis	Amphetamines	Barbiturates <sup>4</sup>	Other class B	Total <sup>1</sup>	Anabolic steroids	Benzodiazepines <sup>5</sup>	GHB	Ketamine	Temazepam <sup>5</sup>	Other class C		Total <sup>1</sup>
Cleveland	2,140	280	58	15	137	-	7	-	1	464	1,388	148	-	50	1,542	8	73	-	3	22	26	132	175
Durham	1,590	102	6	19	80	1	19	6	10	237	1,135	160	-	13	1,275	9	51	-	2	6	13	76	68
Northumbria	5,584	568	3	110	200	5	20	4	5	895	3,649	502	-	82	4,130	41	279	1	28	24	75	431	355
<b>North East Region</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>6,172</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>6,947</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>598</b>
Cheshire	1,635	207	29	30	33	1	2	-	19	308	1,284	35	-	27	1,337	-	6	-	7	-	2	15	10
Cumbria	1,657	117	7	32	108	1	15	-	9	277	1,055	139	-	34	1,217	5	70	-	2	54	25	154	102
Greater Manchester	11,024	851	161	98	420	3	23	4	10	1,378	9,366	355	-	44	9,653	24	84	-	20	7	62	188	203
Lancashire	3,885	399	41	33	188	1	26	-	12	680	2,824	211	-	170	3,173	1	72	1	7	4	3	88	8
Merseyside	1,948	247	52	27	215	1	5	-	6	454	1,475	59	-	7	1,512	14	14	1	3	1	96	126	11
<b>North West Region</b>	<b>20,149</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>16,004</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>16,892</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>334</b>
Humberside	3,196	251	54	60	181	-	34	-	15	534	2,299	221	-	93	2,561	9	261	-	10	4	47	314	1
North Yorkshire	1,926	154	12	11	87	-	5	-	1	268	1,361	73	-	142	1,571	5	47	-	16	1	5	74	22
South Yorkshire	6,039	376	126	82	188	-	27	6	61	785	4,664	284	2	171	5,040	27	12	-	137	13	41	224	248
West Yorkshire	5,373	392	171	22	231	-	16	-	3	760	3,949	112	-	10	4,041	26	21	1	1	2	1	51	963
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber Region</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>12,273</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>13,213</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,234</b>
Derbyshire	3,287	205	44	34	168	1	36	11	15	472	2,623	188	-	94	2,842	36	50	1	10	6	47	139	-
Leicestershire	2,368	109	25	9	72	-	10	-	2	207	2,100	52	-	43	2,173	12	8	-	3	-	19	41	-
Lincolnshire	329	50	19	7	54	1	2	-	3	111	112	44	-	79	221	3	10	-	14	-	14	38	-
Northamptonshire	1,882	132	26	11	49	1	17	3	6	235	1,627	35	-	8	1,658	22	29	-	8	4	14	69	-
Nottinghamshire	2,232	348	78	46	165	-	11	2	2	566	1,601	238	1	23	1,784	20	30	2	12	-	28	80	46
<b>East Midlands Region</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>8,063</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>8,678</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>46</b>
Staffordshire	3,990	341	84	56	177	-	16	-	6	636	3,110	134	-	203	3,386	15	20	-	13	4	46	93	-
Warwickshire	1,009	136	20	97	30	-	2	-	6	262	770	34	-	22	812	1	2	-	12	-	2	17	1
West Mercia	3,369	61	77	11	138	-	44	2	3	292	2,509	36	-	66	2,578	20	28	6	9	4	34	90	696
West Midlands	9,701	711	282	74	496	-	49	3	14	1,584	8,057	96	3	63	8,203	18	9	1	20	9	49	106	0
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>18,069</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>14,446</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>14,979</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>697</b>
Bedfordshire	1,994	181	91	10	75	-	12	-	16	349	1,648	17	1	27	1,684	6	3	-	15	-	7	31	-
Cambridgeshire	2,467	174	129	50	198	5	19	-	23	507	1,929	86	-	13	1,998	8	25	1	20	7	17	75	8
Essex	3,655	322	149	66	218	1	2	-	2	667	2,966	95	-	36	3,057	3	9	-	26	-	17	52	-
Hertfordshire	4,974	539	93	41	215	5	15	-	11	869	4,105	58	-	5	4,154	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	60
Norfolk	2,100	146	64	28	110	1	25	2	10	353	1,667	78	-	11	1,737	9	26	-	39	4	19	96	-
Suffolk	1,307	85	18	17	49	-	2	5	2	174	1,097	28	-	2	1,121	1	4	-	33	-	4	42	-
<b>Eastern Region</b>	<b>16,497</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>13,412</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>13,751</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>68</b>
London, City of	631	72	-	26	6	-	1	-	1	104	527	10	-	-	536	1	3	-	3	-	3	10	3
Metropolitan Police	59,847	3,673	2,058	711	1,878	14	134	8	64	7,596	52,596	674	-	125	53,229	22	60	20	182	6	125	394	252
<b>London Region</b>	<b>60,478</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>53,123</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>53,765</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>255</b>
Hampshire	5,465	441	76	136	223	2	16	5	12	856	4,448	128	-	27	4,588	3	33	1	41	7	3	88	44
Kent	4,979	325	63	113	271	2	5	1	7	761	3,853	202	-	7	4,009	16	14	-	28	-	-	58	332
Surrey	2,091	227	45	89	90	3	13	1	7	396	1,624	51	1	84	1,725	12	38	1	72	-	42	153	-
Sussex	6,738	980	241	178	354	16	34	12	92	1,714	4,996	218	3	60	5,179	36	138	1	106	6	60	326	-
Thames Valley	7,269	728	131	97	243	1	12	1	8	1,125	6,019	123	2	47	6,145	9	39	1	137	1	36	219	161
<b>South East Region</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>20,940</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>21,646</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>537</b>
Avon and Somerset	7,675	841	143	307	379	9	32	9	50	1,470	6,086	266	-	281	6,458	36	147	-	193	12	135	467	1
Devon and Cornwall	4,504	293	22	78	237	2	83	9	8	693	3,421	254	-	165	3,742	7	202	-	19	3	56	275	24
Dorset	2,103	193	41	38	114	-	12	3	9	387	1,621	86	-	45	1,717	9	36	-	32	2	24	91	34
Gloucestershire	2,096	202	94	32	76	3	10	1	12	399	1,625	54	-	32	1,690	20	36	-	35	-	19	107	-
Wiltshire	1,698	147	72	29	88	1	15	4	15	330	1,337	68	-	7	1,391	11	14	-	15	1	6	45	15
<b>South West Region</b>	<b>18,076</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>14,998</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>195,757</b>	<b>15,606</b>	<b>4,905</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>8,241</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>30,155</b>	<b>158,523</b>	<b>5,652</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>164,869</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>3,843</b>
Dyfed-Powys	3,354	136	6	53	113	1	17	3	12	323	2,774	169	-	153	3,016	8	141	-	29	2	19	189	-
Gwent	2,489	100	14	4	97	-	2	1	13	226	1,944	182	-	134	2,211	4	70	-	21	2	7	100	41
North Wales	1,744	209	8	17	51	1	4	-	3	279	1,292	118	-	78	1,457	10	15	-	4	1	10	38	83
South Wales	5,801	419	24	40	462	2	23	2	15	962	4,013	439	-	253	4,580	23	433	4	26	10	94	568	25
<b>Wales</b>	<b>13,388</b> </																						

**Area Table 4 Drug seizures per million population<sup>1</sup> by drug class, type and police force area, 2011/12**

Police force region	All drugs <sup>2</sup>	Class A drugs									Class B drugs					Class C drugs						Unknown	
		Cocaine	Crack	Ecstasy	Heroin	LSD	Methadone	Morphine	Other	Total <sup>2</sup>	Cannabis	Amphetamines	Barbiturates	Other	Total <sup>2</sup>	Anabolic steroids	Benzo-diazepines	GHB	Ketamine	Temazepam	Other		Total <sup>2</sup>
Cleveland	3,798	497	103	27	243	-	12	-	2	823	2,463	263	-	89	2,737	14	130	-	5	39	46	234	311
Durham	2,600	167	10	31	131	2	31	10	16	387	1,856	262	-	21	2,085	15	83	-	3	10	21	124	111
Northumbria	3,901	397	2	77	140	3	14	3	3	625	2,549	351	-	57	2,885	29	195	1	20	17	52	301	248
<b>North East Region</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>229</b>
Cheshire	1,620	205	29	30	33	1	2	-	19	305	1,272	35	-	27	1,325	-	6	-	7	-	2	15	10
Cumbria	3,352	237	14	65	218	2	30	-	18	560	2,134	281	-	69	2,462	10	142	-	4	109	51	312	206
Greater Manchester	4,193	324	61	37	160	1	9	2	4	524	3,562	135	-	17	3,671	9	32	-	8	3	24	71	77
Lancashire	2,681	275	28	23	130	1	18	-	8	469	1,949	146	-	117	2,189	1	50	1	5	3	2	61	6
Merseyside	1,439	183	38	20	159	1	4	-	4	335	1,090	44	-	5	1,117	10	10	1	2	1	71	93	8
<b>North West Region</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>48</b>
Humberside	3,469	272	59	65	196	-	37	-	16	580	2,496	240	-	101	2,780	10	283	-	11	4	51	341	1
North Yorkshire	2,401	192	15	14	108	-	6	-	1	334	1,697	91	-	177	1,958	6	59	-	20	1	6	92	27
South Yorkshire	4,546	283	95	62	142	-	20	5	46	591	3,511	214	2	129	3,794	20	9	-	103	10	31	169	187
West Yorkshire	2,388	174	76	10	103	-	7	-	1	338	1,755	50	-	4	1,796	12	9	0	0	1	0	23	428
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber Region</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>233</b>
Derbyshire	3,253	203	44	34	166	1	36	11	15	467	2,596	186	-	93	2,812	36	49	1	10	6	47	138	-
Leicestershire	2,382	110	25	9	72	-	10	-	2	208	2,113	52	-	43	2,186	12	8	-	3	-	19	41	-
Lincolnshire	468	71	27	10	77	1	3	-	4	158	159	63	-	112	314	4	14	-	20	-	20	54	-
Northamptonshire	2,738	192	38	16	71	1	25	4	9	342	2,367	51	-	12	2,412	32	42	-	12	6	20	100	-
Nottinghamshire	2,054	320	72	42	152	-	10	2	2	521	1,473	219	1	21	1,642	18	28	2	11	-	26	74	42
<b>East Midlands Region</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>10</b>
Staffordshire	3,724	318	78	52	165	-	15	-	6	594	2,903	125	-	189	3,160	14	19	-	12	4	43	87	-
Warwickshire	1,883	254	37	181	56	-	4	-	11	489	1,437	63	-	41	1,515	2	4	-	22	-	4	32	2
West Mercia	2,825	51	65	9	116	-	37	2	3	245	2,104	30	-	55	2,161	17	23	5	8	3	29	75	584
West Midlands	3,654	268	106	28	187	-	18	1	5	597	3,035	36	1	24	3,090	7	3	0	8	3	18	40	-
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>128</b>
Bedfordshire	3,243	294	148	16	122	-	20	-	26	568	2,681	28	2	44	2,739	10	5	-	24	-	11	50	-
Cambridgeshire	3,124	220	163	63	251	6	24	-	29	642	2,443	109	-	16	2,530	10	32	1	25	9	22	95	10
Essex	2,103	185	86	38	125	1	1	-	1	384	1,707	55	-	21	1,759	2	5	-	15	-	10	30	-
Hertfordshire	4,491	487	84	37	194	5	14	-	10	785	3,706	52	-	5	3,751	-	11	-	-	-	-	11	54
Norfolk	2,435	169	74	32	128	1	29	2	12	409	1,933	90	-	13	2,014	10	30	-	45	5	22	111	-
Suffolk	1,817	118	25	24	68	-	3	7	3	242	1,525	39	-	3	1,558	1	6	-	46	-	6	58	-
<b>Eastern Region</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>
London, City of <sup>3</sup>	54,038	6,166	-	2,227	514	-	86	-	86	8,906	45,131	856	-	-	45,902	86	257	-	257	-	257	856	257
Metropolitan Police	7,659	470	263	91	240	2	17	1	8	972	6,731	86	-	16	6,812	3	8	3	23	1	16	50	32
<b>London Region</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>6,789</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>33</b>
Hampshire	2,900	234	40	72	118	1	8	3	6	454	2,361	68	-	14	2,435	2	18	1	22	4	2	47	23
Kent	2,956	193	37	67	161	1	3	1	4	452	2,288	120	-	4	2,380	10	8	-	17	-	-	34	197
Surrey	1,855	201	40	79	80	3	12	1	6	351	1,441	45	1	75	1,530	11	34	1	64	-	37	136	-
Sussex	4,281	623	153	113	225	10	22	8	58	1,089	3,174	139	2	38	3,290	23	88	1	67	4	38	207	-
Thames Valley	3,226	323	58	43	108	0	5	0	4	499	2,671	55	1	21	2,727	4	17	0	61	0	16	97	71
<b>South East Region</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>63</b>
Avon and Somerset	4,728	518	88	189	233	6	20	6	31	906	3,749	164	-	173	3,979	22	91	-	119	7	83	288	1
Devon and Cornwall	2,680	174	13	46	141	1	49	5	5	412	2,036	151	-	98	2,227	4	120	-	11	2	33	164	14
Dorset	2,941	270	57	53	159	-	17	4	13	541	2,267	120	-	63	2,401	13	50	-	45	3	34	127	48
Gloucestershire	3,531	340	158	54	128	5	17	2	20	672	2,738	91	-	54	2,847	34	61	-	59	-	32	180	-
Wiltshire	2,567	222	109	44	133	2	23	6	23	499	2,021	103	-	11	2,103	17	21	-	23	2	9	68	23
<b>South West Region</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>
Dyfed-Powys	6,628	269	12	105	223	2	34	6	24	638	5,482	334	-	302	5,960	16	279	-	57	4	38	373	-
Gwent	4,433	178	25	7	173	-	4	2	23	403	3,463	324	-	239	3,938	7	125	-	37	4	12	178	73
North Wales	2,571	308	12	25	75	1	6	-	4	411	1,904	174	-	115	2,148	15	22	-	6	1	15	56	122
South Wales	4,602	332	19	32	367	2	18	2	12	763	3,184	348	-	201	3,633	18	344	3	21	8	75	451	20
<b>Wales</b>	<b>4,453</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>219</b>						



**Area Table 5 Quantities seized<sup>1,2,3</sup> of controlled drugs by drug class, type and seizing authority, 2011/12**

Police force region or authority (unit) <sup>4</sup>	Class A drugs							Class B drugs					Class C drugs				
	Cocaine (kg)	Crack (kg)	Ecstasy (dose, 000s)	Heroin (kg)	LSD (dose, 000s)	Methadone <sup>5</sup> (dose, 000s)	Morphine (dose, 000s)	Herbal cannabis (kg)	Cannabis resin (kg)	Cannabis plants (plant)	Amphetamines (kg)	Barbiturates <sup>5</sup> (dose, 000s)	Anabolic steroids (dose, 000s)	Benzodiaz- epines <sup>5</sup> (dose, 000s)	GHB (kg)	Ketamine (kg)	Temazepam <sup>5</sup> (dose, 000s)
Cleveland	13.2	1.0	0.1	7.0	-	0.7	-	16.7	3.8	5,201.0	19.6	-	0.6	8.3	-	-	10.7
Durham	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.9	2.4	0.3	17.6	4.4	5,479.0	10.7	-	1.0	3.7	-	0.0	0.1
Northumbria	8.8	0.0	3.5	11.9	0.7	2.0	0.0	64.7	51.6	11,539.0	20.5	-	3.2	40.6	0.1	0.0	6.3
<b>North East Region</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>22,219.0</b>	<b>50.9</b>	-	<b>4.9</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Cheshire	0.4	0.0	8.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	-	3.8	1.1	2,898.0	0.1	-	-	1.0	-	0.0	-
Cumbria	2.8	0.1	5.9	6.4	0.0	0.9	-	14.4	50.6	1,594.0	34.4	-	0.1	19.2	-	0.0	12.6
Greater Manchester	8.1	1.2	3.5	5.5	0.0	0.6	0.2	189.8	222.2	89,011.0	33.2	-	0.8	17.5	-	0.1	0.0
Lancashire	13.4	0.3	0.8	5.8	0.1	1.5	-	17.2	118.7	13,548.0	2.7	-	0.0	13.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Merseyside	27.0	0.5	18.5	48.6	0.2	0.3	-	108.0	249.3	2,380.0	54.7	-	4.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>North West Region</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>333.2</b>	<b>641.9</b>	<b>109,431.0</b>	<b>125.0</b>	-	<b>5.0</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Humberside	2.2	0.3	0.6	2.6	-	7.8	-	40.2	6.9	14,256.0	8.6	-	0.6	16.8	-	0.0	3.1
North Yorkshire	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.2	-	0.6	-	49.2	1.8	2,717.0	2.6	-	0.1	5.2	-	0.1	0.0
South Yorkshire	6.2	0.7	1.0	7.5	-	2.6	0.1	269.9	13.0	20,354.0	21.4	0.0	2.3	0.3	-	1.6	0.3
West Yorkshire	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	-	0.5	-	37.5	1.7	12,918.0	0.2	-	0.2	0.4	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber Region</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	-	<b>11.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>396.8</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>50,245.0</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Derbyshire	1.2	0.1	0.4	3.2	0.0	3.9	1.6	86.3	0.5	16,039.0	4.4	-	3.8	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
Leicestershire	1.6	0.6	0.4	5.7	-	2.4	-	25.0	0.5	16,375.0	0.6	-	1.4	0.7	-	0.0	-
Lincolnshire	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	-	6.9	12.1	303.0	5.5	-	0.1	0.0	-	0.2	-
Northamptonshire	6.9	0.1	1.6	0.1	-	3.3	0.0	277.7	134.2	15,105.0	0.3	-	2.1	17.6	-	0.3	0.0
Nottinghamshire	4.0	1.4	5.6	0.3	-	1.9	0.1	59.6	2.0	1,029.0	10.3	0.0	2.0	8.2	0.0	0.6	-
<b>East Midlands Region</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>455.5</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>48,851.0</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Staffordshire	2.1	1.4	0.9	5.4	-	1.3	-	54.5	277.0	16,774.0	1.0	-	0.5	28.6	-	0.0	0.0
Warwickshire	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.0	-	0.3	-	7.6	0.5	5,290.0	0.0	-	0.2	0.0	-	0.0	-
West Mercia	2.8	0.2	0.1	3.5	-	3.1	0.0	165.6	5.2	2,401.0	16.6	-	1.3	2.9	1.3	0.5	0.1
West Midlands	1.3	0.5	1.6	0.7	-	1.4	0.0	111.3	12.5	78,795.0	0.1	0.0	51.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	-	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>339.1</b>	<b>295.2</b>	<b>103,260.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Bedfordshire	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	-	0.6	-	22.5	0.6	554.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.4	-
Cambridgeshire	4.5	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.4	-	16.9	0.4	6,862.0	1.3	-	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Essex	5.2	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	-	151.0	426.1	18,005.0	1.1	-	0.0	0.1	-	0.0	-
Hertfordshire	13.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.3	-	52.9	6.2	11,461.0	0.4	-	-	0.2	-	-	-
Norfolk	1.5	1.3	2.8	6.4	0.0	9.1	0.0	828.6	761.4	4,437.0	3.2	-	0.8	1.6	-	0.5	0.0
Suffolk	175.6	0.2	11.2	0.3	-	0.1	0.2	18.5	0.5	4,580.0	0.8	-	0.2	1.8	-	0.3	-
<b>Eastern Region</b>	<b>202.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,090.5</b>	<b>1,195.2</b>	<b>45,899.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
London, City of	0.2	-	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	-	2.8	0.3	14.0	0.3	-	0.0	0.8	-	0.0	-
Metropolitan Police	62.3	12.2	54.7	39.2	0.1	3.9	0.0	671.1	1,141.3	76,618.0	52.2	-	0.9	6.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
<b>London Region</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>673.9</b>	<b>1,141.6</b>	<b>76,632.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	-	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Hampshire	3.3	0.3	1.9	2.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	58.6	3.5	8,807.0	6.0	-	0.5	17.7	-	0.4	0.1
Kent	3.5	0.3	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	-	32.1	3.0	9,381.0	4.6	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	-
Surrey	2.8	0.3	6.6	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	61.3	1.3	6,934.0	2.0	0.0	1.1	4.0	0.0	0.1	-
Sussex	61.2	1.1	2.9	5.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	147.1	66.6	33,046.0	9.2	0.1	1.8	5.3	0.0	0.9	0.6
Thames Valley	17.9	0.7	1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	222.5	211.9	20,770.0	2.4	0.0	0.4	5.3	0.1	1.1	0.0
<b>South East Region</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>521.7</b>	<b>286.4</b>	<b>78,938.0</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Avon and Somerset	13.1	1.0	2.6	8.1	0.1	6.2	1.1	149.4	11.6	23,731.0	3.1	-	2.9	14.5	-	1.8	0.1
Devon and Cornwall	12.6	0.5	3.4	1.0	0.0	16.6	35.3	68.8	5.4	13,459.0	128.2	-	8.0	27.7	-	0.0	0.0
Dorset	1.5	0.2	0.6	0.9	-	1.6	0.3	31.9	3.2	6,020.0	6.1	-	0.7	5.6	-	0.1	0.1
Gloucestershire	18.7	0.7	0.3	10.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	38.2	2.9	2,572.0	0.5	-	0.7	0.5	-	0.3	-
Wiltshire	9.9	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.0	20.1	5.3	4,302.0	13.8	-	10.1	5.7	-	0.0	0.0
<b>South West Region</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>308.4</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>50,084.0</b>	<b>151.7</b>	-	<b>22.5</b>	<b>54.0</b>	-	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>514.7</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>146.9</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>4,218.1</b>	<b>3,821.0</b>	<b>585,559.0</b>	<b>482.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>296.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>35.0</b>
Dyfed-Powys	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.1	29.1	5.1	4,215.0	3.1	-	0.6	12.2	-	0.4	0.0
Gwent	3.1	0.1	0.0	2.0	-	0.0	0.0	20.8	2.8	7,778.0	8.3	-	0.0	1.9	-	0.1	0.0
North Wales	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	7.4	1.8	3,588.0	0.2	-	0.4	0.7	-	0.0	0.0
South Wales	1.5	0.0	0.4	5.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	9.9	69.9	10,689.0	7.8	-	11.2	109.6	0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Wales</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>26,270.0</b>	<b>19.4</b>	-	<b>12.2</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
British Transport Police	2.3	0.0	3.3	20.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	12.2	6.1	544.0	0.4	-	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total police</b>	<b>523.5</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>150.8</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>4,297.4</b>	<b>3,906.6</b>	<b>612,373.0</b>	<b>502.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>421.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>35.1</b>
UKBA <sup>4</sup>	2,932.8	4.0	505.5	1,623.2	0.5	..	0.1	17,702.2	15,566.2	-	539.8	..	913.0	..	-	68.4	..
<b>TOTAL ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>3,456.3</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>656.3</b>	<b>1,848.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>21,999.6</b>	<b>19,471.4</b>	<b>612,373</b>	<b>1,042.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,029.3</b>	<b>421.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>

1. Drugs can be seized in a variety of forms or preparation types. In this table, quantities of drugs have been converted to kg, doses (000s) or plants. Doses include dots, tablets and squares. To present all seized quantities within a given drug type in terms of one comparable unit, conversion factors are applied to estimate the overall quantity for that drug.  
2. Quantities data for all drugs are not applicable as conversion factors are not applied to all drugs.  
3. Where the quantity of a seizure is recorded as 'trace' it is not included in these figures.  
4. Seizures from joint operations involving the UKBA and the police are recorded against the lead agency that takes possession of the seized drugs.  
5. Seizures of methadone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and temazepam could not be separately identified from the UKBA's recording system for 2011/12.

**Area Table 6 Proportion of drug seizures by region or authority, 2002 to 2011/12<sup>1</sup>**

Percentages										England and Wales
Police force region or authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
North East Region	5	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
North West Region <sup>2</sup>	13	14	13	12	13	14	14	10	10	9
Yorkshire and the Humber Region	7	7	10	7	7	5	6	7	7	8
East Midlands Region <sup>3</sup>	4	4	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	5
West Midlands Region	10	11	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8
Eastern Region <sup>4</sup>	4	6	7	6	5	5	6	7	7	8
London Region	23	18	18	24	28	32	32	30	30	28
South East Region	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	12	12	12
South West Region	9	10	8	9	7	6	6	7	7	8
Wales	7	8	8	6	5	6	6	6	6	6
National Crime Squad <sup>5</sup>	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
British Transport Police	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total police</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>UKBA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>All authorities</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

1. Reporting of drug seizures has been moved to a financial-year basis from 2006/07.
2. Includes estimated data for Merseyside Police from 1999 to 2007/08.
3. The 2003 figure excludes Nottinghamshire as the force did not submit data.
4. The 2008/09 figure includes Norfolk data for between 1 April 2008 to 31 January 2009 only.
5. National Crime Squad was merged into the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) on 1 April 2006. SOCA data are not included in this table.

## NOTES

1. The statistics in this bulletin and accompanying tables relate to the seizure of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) 1971, which came into force on 1 July 1973. The Act divides drugs into three categories according to their harmfulness. A full list of drugs in each category is given in Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, as amended by Orders in Council.
2. The Home Office first collated drug seizure statistics in an electronic format in 1974, originally covering the United Kingdom rather than England and Wales. Since the introduction of the MDA, there have been various changes to which drugs are covered as well as to recording practices by police forces and other agencies. As such, drug seizure statistics are not directly comparable from year to year and furthermore are not a measure of drug prevalence in society.
3. The statistics of seizures cover those made during the year by police (including the British Transport Police) that have been submitted to the Home Office. They also refer to seizures made by the UK Border Agency (UKBA).
4. The UKBA was launched in April 2008, creating a new front-line operation formed from the Borders and Immigration Agency, UK Visas as well as staff of HMRC employed at the frontier. As well as retaining responsibility for the inland control of illicit goods such as cigarettes, tobacco and alcohol, HMRC officers retained the legal power to seize drugs if they are discovered while they are conducting their inland duties. Consequently, for the years up to and including 2010/11, data for the UKBA include a small number of drug seizures that could be attributed to HMRC.
5. Following the publication, in February 2012, of the Vine Report into unauthorised border checks (<http://icinspector.independent.gov.uk/home/investigation-into-border-security-checks-20-02-12-2/>), the Home Secretary split the Border Force and UKBA into separate organisations. This came into effect from 1 March 2012. Future editions of the Home Office's statistical bulletin on the *Seizures of drugs in England and Wales* will refer to Border Force seizures rather than UKBA.
6. For 2011/12, UKBA figures include seizures made off-shore and which have been attributed to the nearest port (within England or Wales only) on their recording system. These include only those seizures made by its fleet of ongoing seagoing patrol vessels (cutters) that operate around the UK coastline; seizures made overseas by juxtaposed controls are excluded. In the years up to and including 2010/11, seizures made by cutters were not included in the UKBA's figures.
7. Just prior to the release of [Seizures of drugs in England and Wales 2010/11](#) on 9 November 2011, the UKBA's press office issued a [press release](#) containing limited data for drugs seizures for the first half of 2011/12. At the time, the UK Statistics Authority expressed concern that the UKBA's press release had not been compiled in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. Since then, Home Office officials and statisticians have been working more closely together to ensure they are fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. A breakdown of the UKBA figures contained in this current edition of *Seizures of drugs in England and Wales* is planned for release by the Border Force later in November 2012, within its quarterly compilation of performance information (via: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/our-performance/>). The drug seizure figures will be based on the same counting rules used to compile Seizures of drugs in England and Wales 2011/12, and quarterly figures relating to UKBA seizures in England and Wales will be presented separately from those for Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Border Force plans to release quarterly drug seizures performance data during 2013.
8. Seizures by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) have not been separately identified in this report because the majority of their domestic seizures are made in conjunction with local police forces, with the seizure attributed to the police. SOCA publishes its own data within its annual report, which includes seizures made outside UK borders and also those made with international partners. Their latest report, for 2011/12, was published in July 2012 and can be found via: <http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/library>.

9. Seizures involving more than one drug are counted as a single seizure in the total number of seizures but are counted separately against each individual drug or drug class involved (see Box 1.1). Annual movements in quantities are often heavily affected by a small number of very large seizures.
10. UKBA data for 2011/12 in this bulletin were supplied as finalised figures by the Border Force's Performance Team, and reflect the position as at 1 June 2012. Data processing and quality assurance were undertaken before handover to Home Office Statistics. For consistency, this has been completed following the Home Office's drug seizure counting rules and National Statistics guidance.
11. Seizures by UKBA have historically accounted for about four per cent of the total number of seizures but for the majority of the quantities seized. However, as mentioned above (Notes, paragraph 7), it should be noted that many SOCA seizures are attributed to local police forces when operations have been run together.
12. Previous editions in this National Statistics series contained supplementary figures on average (arithmetic mean) drug purities for cocaine, crack, heroin and amphetamines that had been provided to the Home Office by the Forensic Science Service (FSS); these data were not National Statistics. The FSS laboratories analysed seizures made by most police forces, the UKBA and HMRC, and data referred to the year in which substances were analysed rather than the year of seizure. With the managed closure of the FSS in March 2012, and as UK Focal Point collects and publishes purity data for use in reports by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Home Office is proposing to not include purity data in its future statistical releases.
13. The conversion factors used to estimate quantities of seizures from the police and the UKBA (including HMRC) have been revised from 2005 data in line with recommendations from the FSS. Average seizures of quantities for valid preparation types by drug type are used as conversion factors to present each drug quantity as one unit (kilograms, doses or plants). From 2005, for approximately half the main drug types the quantities of these seizures are presented in doses rather than kilograms. In previous years only LSD and ecstasy had been presented in doses.
14. The method of collecting the statistics for England and Wales changed from 1 January 1993. The current collection includes all seizures of controlled drugs, whether or not there is an offender, and whether the case results in court proceedings, in a caution, or no further action. In England and Wales, total seizures were about 22 per cent higher in 1993 using the new method of collection than in 1992 using the old method.
15. A new database of drug seizures made by the police was developed between 1999 and 2000, and implemented in September 2000, after it was discovered that the number of seizures for the period 1993 to 1999 had been undercounted. There are some differences between the way the current database counts seizures compared to the two databases used in the 1990s.
16. There have been a number of changes which have affected the statistics in this bulletin over the period covered in the tables, the more significant of which are as follows:
 

01/07/2003	GHB became a controlled drug.
29/01/2004	Reclassification of cannabis from a class B to a class C drug under the Criminal Justice Act 2003.
18/07/2005	Raw magic mushrooms classified as a class A drug. Previously only prepared (such as dried or stewed) magic mushrooms were classified as class A drugs.

01/01/2006	Ketamine classified as a class C drug.
18/01/2007	Methamphetamine (commonly known as “Crystal Meth”) was reclassified from a class B to a class A drug.
26/01/2009	Reclassification of cannabis from a class C to a class B drug.
23/12/2009	Gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL), 1, 4 – Butanediol, Oripavine and Benzylpiperazine (BZP) became class C controlled drugs.
16/04/2010	Mephedrone became a controlled drug (class B). Other cathinone-based substances also became class B controlled drugs, though some were already controlled as class C drugs.
28/03/2011	Tapentadol (class A) and amineptine (class C) became controlled drugs.

17. Not all drugs that come into the possession of the police have been “seized” in the strictest sense of the word. For example, a member of the public may hand in what appear to be drugs that have been found in the street. These items will be recorded at individual police stations and then destroyed.
18. Although care is taken in completing and analysing the returns used to compile the figures in this bulletin, the figures are subject to the inaccuracies of any large-scale recording system of this kind that involves different organisations. So that the reliability of data could be ensured, a reconciliation exercise was conducted, where each police force or other authority was asked to check their own data and supply revised figures where necessary.
15. The figures in the tables in this bulletin are generally shown to the last digit in order to provide a comprehensive record of the information collected. However, the figures are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown. In some tables components may not add to totals (or the total) because they have been rounded independently.