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Statistical News Release: Drug Misuse Declared: Findings from the 2011/12 Crime Survey for England and Wales (2nd Edition)

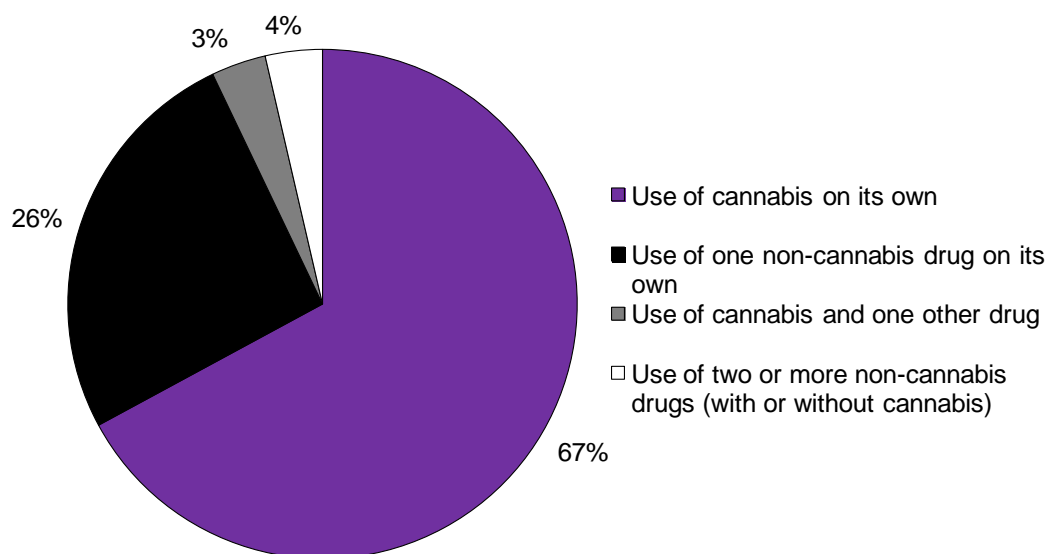
The second edition of Drug Misuse Declared 2011/12, the Home Office National Statistics publication on drug use in England and Wales, is released today. Previous content remains unchanged, but this edition contains further analysis from the 2010/11 and 2011/12 Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) and considers:

- Simultaneous polydrug use: the use of more than one drug at the same time;
- Simultaneous polysubstance use: the use of a drug at the same time as another drug and/or alcohol.

Simultaneous polydrug and polysubstance use among adults aged 16 to 59

- In the 2010/11 and 2011/12 CSEW, **seven per cent** of respondents who used drugs in the last year said that the last time they used drugs, they used more than one drug at the same time.
- **61 per cent** of the most recent cases of drug use involved consumption of alcohol at the same time.
- Almost all (95%) cases of simultaneous polydrug use involved the use of **cannabis** (73%), **powder cocaine** (49%), **ecstasy** (37%) and/or **amphetamines** (19%).

Composition of drug use last time drugs were used among adults aged 16-59 (2010/11 and 2011/12 CSEW)



Other findings

- The highest rates of polydrug use were found among those who had used **methadone** (58%), **ecstasy** (49%), **ketamine** (48%) and **amphetamines** (43%) the last time they had used drugs.
- The lowest rate of polydrug use was found among those who had used **cannabis** the last time they had used drugs (7%).
- **Ecstasy** and **powder cocaine** were used at the same time as alcohol on almost all the occasions they were used (95% and 91% respectively).

Notes to editors

1. 'Drug Misuse Declared: Findings from the 2011/12 Crime Survey for England and Wales (2nd Edition)' is available online via the UK National Statistics Publication Hub and the Home Office website.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/drugs-misuse-dec-1112/>

This annual release is published in HTML format for the first time; during this transition a pdf document is provided which will enable users to print out all HTML pages from one source document (all tables are solely available online).

2. A 'User Guide to Drug Misuse Declared' is also available, providing further information about the drug use measures.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/user-guide-drugs-misuse-dec>

3. The Crime Survey for England and Wales was formerly the British Crime Survey. The name of the survey was changed to better reflect the coverage of the survey.

4. While responsibility for the Crime Survey for England and Wales transferred to the Office for National Statistics on 1 April 2012, the Home Office has retained responsibility for analysis and publication of this Drugs Misuse Declared publication.

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