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Statistical News Release: Seizures of drugs in England and Wales, 2013/14

This annual statistical bulletin contains figures for seizures of drugs made in 2013/14 by local police forces and Border Force within England and Wales. The police force figures exclude seizures from Gwent who were unable to provide figures for the whole of 2013/14. There are 2 main measures of drug seizures: number of seizures made and the quantity seized.

In 2013/14 there were 192,294 drug seizures made in England and Wales by the police and Border Force, a fall of 3% since 2012/13. There were increases in the number of seizures in class A and C drugs and decreases in class B drugs when compared to 2012/13:

- Class A drugs seizures increased by 1%:
 - Within this, cocaine and heroin seizures increased, both by 1%.
 - Cocaine was the most commonly seized class A drug, as last year.

- Class B drugs seizures fell by 5%:
 - Within class B drugs, cannabis seizures fell by 5%.

- Class C seizures increased by 16%.

The following quantities of drugs were seized in 2013/14:

- 3.4 tonnes of cocaine
- 0.6 tonne of heroin
- 1.2 tonnes of amphetamine
- 18.0 tonnes of herbal cannabis
- 0.7 tonnes of cannabis resin
- 451,154 cannabis plants.

Drug seizure statistics can fluctuate from year to year and are not a measure of drug prevalence in society.

Notes to editors

1. [Seizures of drugs in England and Wales, 2013/14](#) is available online on the GOV.UK website.
2. Tables providing a greater level of detail on drug seizures and a User Guide giving further information about the drug seizures measures are also published.
3. Another Home Office statistical release on drugs, [Drug Misuse: Findings from the 2013/14 Crime Survey for England and Wales](#) was published on 15 August 2014 and is available on the GOV.UK website.

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