

Annex 1: Nationally representative estimates of illicit drug use by ethnicity, 2006/07–2008/09 BCS

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1 INTRODUCTION

The British Crime Survey (BCS) is a nationally representative survey in which people resident in households in England and Wales are asked about their experiences of crime and attitudes to crime-related issues, such as the police and criminal justice system, and perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour. The BCS also includes a self-completion module for respondents aged 16 to 59 which enables more sensitive questions to be asked, including illicit drug use.

Ethnic background¹ details are collected from all respondents by asking them to choose one of the following ethnic groups from a show card:

White

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background

Chinese or other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Any other ethnic group

Questions on illicit drug use are asked if the respondent agrees to the self-completion module (whether they respond themselves, or request that the interviewer completes the module on their behalf). Not all respondents provide answers to the ethnicity question or to all the drug use questions (although item non-response is low).

The BCS is used to provide general population estimates of illicit drug use prevalence in England and Wales. Estimates are routinely broken down by the high level (5-fold) ethnic group classification highlighted in bold in the list above (Hoare and Moon, 2010; Hoare, 2009; Hoare and Flatley, 2008). More detailed figures on drug use using the full ethnic breakdown have not been published since the 2001/02 BCS (Aust and Smith, 2003), and even then robust figures could only be produced for cannabis, any Class A drug or any illicit drug use.

Typically, just over 2,000 out of the 28,000 respondents that agreed to do the self-completion module in each year identified themselves as being from a background other than White. Due to this relatively small number, and to be able to provide robust estimates of individual drug use among all minority ethnic groups, data from the 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS have been combined.

¹ The ethnic group question on the BCS is taken from: Harmonised Concepts and Questions for Social Data Sources. Primary Standards. Ethnic Group. <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/harmonisation/downloads/P3.pdf>

The achieved sample of those who provided sufficient information to calculate 'any drug use' in the *last year* from the combined three-year BCS dataset (2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09) was 85,383. This comprises 78,352 respondents who identified themselves as **White** (88%), 696 who reported being of **Mixed** (1%) ethnic background, 3,203 who described themselves as **Asian or Asian British** (6%), 1,992 as **Black or Black British** (3%) and 1,140 as **Chinese or other** (2%) ethnic group. For a full breakdown of the proportion of adults within ethnic groups in this population, see Annex Table 1.1.

Estimates have been produced for use of illicit drugs *ever*, and in the *last year*, although the commentary focuses on *last year* drug use as this is the best indicator available to measure patterns of recent drug use. Prevalence estimates for *last year* drug use among ethnic groups have also been produced from another combined three-year BCS dataset (2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06) to provide a comparison over time.

2 FINDINGS

2.1 Prevalence of drug use in the *last year* by ethnicity

- Adults from **Mixed** ethnic backgrounds were more likely to have taken any drug in the *last year*.
- Adults from the **Asian or Asian British** group generally had the lowest levels of *last year* drug use.
- Levels of *last year* drug use among adults from a **Black or Black British** background were lower than those in **White** or **Mixed** groups, and higher than **Asian or Asian British**. Within the **Black or Black British** group adults from a Black-Caribbean background had higher levels of cannabis and hence any drug use in the *last year* than Black-African adults.
- Prevalence of Class A drug use was highest among **White** and **Mixed** ethnic groups.

Those from **Mixed** ethnic backgrounds generally had the highest level of any drug use in the *last year* (17.6%), compared with all other ethnic groups², with adults identifying as Mixed-White/Black Caribbean having the highest levels of drug use (24.4%, compared with, for example, White-British, 10.5%) (Table A1.1).

The clear driver for the overall prevalence of drug use being higher among **Mixed** ethnic groups was cannabis use; this group had a higher prevalence (14.8%) than any other group, for example, compared with adults from a **White** background (8.4%). The general pattern within the different **Mixed** ethnic groups was that Mixed-White/Black Caribbean adults had the highest level of *last year* cannabis use (19.8%), though the difference between this group and other Mixed ethnic groups did not reach statistical significance (likely due to the small number of respondents in each group).

While drug use was higher overall for the **Mixed** ethnic group compared with adults from a **White** background, there was no difference between the groups when looking at some individual drug types (Table A1.1).

- While prevalence of Class A drug use was also high among the **Mixed** ethnic group (4.8% took a Class A drug in the *last year*), this was not significantly different to that in the **White** ethnic group (3.7%).
- The level of powder cocaine use among both the **Mixed** and **White** ethnic groups was also higher than for other ethnic groups. For example, 6.0 per cent of adults from the Mixed-White/Black Caribbean group had taken powder cocaine in the last year, compared with 0.7 per cent from an Asian-Indian or 0.3 per cent from an Asian-Pakistani background.

² It should be noted that although the high prevalence of illicit drug use (17.6%) means around one in six adults of **Mixed** ethnic origin took drugs in the last year, this represents only one per cent of the population overall.

- This was also true for *last year* ecstasy use with **Mixed** and **White** ethnic groups reporting highest level of use (although the differences were less pronounced); 1.9 per cent of White-British adults took ecstasy in the *last year* compared with all groups from **Asian or Asian British** (0.1%), **Black or Black British** (0.4%), and **Chinese or other** (0.4%) ethnic backgrounds.

Adults from the **Asian or Asian British** group generally had the lowest levels of any drug use in the *last year* and levels were similar among those identifying as Asian-Indian (2.7%), Asian-Pakistani (2.9%) or Asian-Bangladeshi (2.6%).

Within the **Black or Black British** group, those from a Black-Caribbean background had higher levels of cannabis and hence any drug use in the *last year* (7.9% and 8.7% respectively) than adults with a Black-African background (2.7% and 3.5% respectively).

The higher level of drug use among adults from a **Mixed** ethnic group may reflect the younger age profile of individuals in this group. While overall around one-third of the 16 to 59 year old population in this analysis (mean age 37.4) was aged between 16 and 29, the equivalent proportion for the **Mixed** ethnic group (mean age 30.5) was over half. As levels of illicit drug use are known to be higher among younger adults³, the age profile of the different ethnic groups is likely to have an effect on drug use estimates for adults within those groups; this will be most notable for adults identifying themselves as being of **Mixed** background who have the lowest average age (Table A1.2). See Box A1.1 for further details.

Box A1.1 Age standardised prevalence of drug use in the *last year* by ethnicity

Age standardisation adjusts rates to take into account the age profile of the population under study and is regularly used in the analysis of morbidity and mortality statistics. This is because the age structure of the population could directly affect statistics such as mortality rates; it may be that a high number of deaths in an area could be due, at least in part, to a large ageing population. In a similar way, drug use rates are known to be higher among younger adults, and also among men, hence high levels of drug use among ethnic groups may be explained, at least in part, by the age and sex profile of the group.

The age-standardised rates are provided in Annex Table 1.2 as an indication of comparable levels across different groups. Due to the difference in age profile between the ethnic groups, and the known gender difference in drug use, age-standardised estimates of drug use prevalence within sex were created.

Standardising the drug use rates in this way results in some of the differences observed between groups disappearing, which suggests that in these cases age, not ethnicity, is the key driver of differences between groups.

- Using standardised rates, *last year* prevalence of any drug use among adults from a **White** and **Mixed** ethnic background were similar, unlike the general population estimates where adults from a **Mixed** background were more likely to have taken illicit drugs.
- Also, the high level of drug use among the Mixed-White/Black Caribbean group is no longer evident in comparison with all the **White** and **Mixed** ethnic groups, for example, Mixed-White/Asian.
- In the general population estimates, adults from a **Mixed** ethnic group had higher *last year* levels of cannabis use; however, age-standardised rates showed that levels of use were similar between adults from a **White** or **Mixed** ethnic background.

There is less of an effect on the patterns of Class A drug use when rates are adjusted for age; levels are relatively similar to the general population rates. This reflects that it is the high level of cannabis use (a Class B drug) among younger adults that is the key driver of differences in overall drug use.

³ See Chapters 3 and 4 in Hoare (2009).

2.2 Prevalence of drug use in the *last year* by ethnicity and sex

- Among adults from a **White** or **Asian or Asian British** background, men were more likely to be *last year* drug users than women.
- Men from a **White**, **Black or Black British** or **Asian or Asian British** ethnic group were more likely to have taken cannabis in the *last year* than women from the same group.

Prevalence of *last year* drug use is known to be around twice as high for men as for women aged 16 to 59 within the general population (for example, Hoare, 2009). Since adults from a **White** background make up the vast majority of the population (88%), as expected, there is a clear gender difference in illicit drug use among adults of **White** ethnic origin (men, 14.0%; women, 7.0%). This also holds true amongst the larger **White** ethnic groups (Table A1.3).

- Levels of *last year* drug use among men from White-British and White-other backgrounds (14.0% and 14.8% respectively) were higher than for women (7.0% and 6.9% respectively).
- For adults identifying as White-British, men had higher levels of *last year* drug use than women for all individual drug types (no doubt in part due to the large sample size of this group).

Among **Asian or Asian British** adults, men also had a higher level of *last year* use of any drug compared with women (4.0% and 1.8% respectively) and specifically within that group:

- Men of Asian-Pakistani and Asian-other backgrounds (4.3% and 6.7% respectively) were more likely to have taken any drug in the *last year* compared with women in the same groups (1.3% and 0.8% respectively).

The gender difference in use of drugs among **Asian or Asian British** adults reflects differences in cannabis use; 3.2 per cent of men were *last year* users compared with 1.2 per cent of women among the different **Asian or Asian British** ethnic groups:

- Men identifying as Asian-Pakistani or Asian-other (3.2% and 4.9% respectively) had higher levels of *last year* cannabis use compared with women within the same ethnic groups (0.7% and 0.6% respectively).

Unlike the pattern in the general population where *last year* drug use is higher for men than women, no gender differences were detected for the other ethnic groups: **Mixed**, **Black or Black British**, and **Chinese or other** (1%, 3% and 2% of the population respectively).

However, there was a gender difference among **Black or Black British** adults for cannabis use: 6.5 per cent of men took cannabis in the *last year*, compared with 3.8 per cent of women. Among men who identified as Black-African, 4.4 per cent used cannabis in the *last year*, higher than the 1.2 per cent of women from the same ethnic group; there was no statistically significant gender difference between Black-Caribbean men and women.

Box A1.2 Comparison of *last year* drug use among ethnic groups over time

Between the 2003/04 and 2008/09 BCS, *last year* drug use among adults aged 16 to 59 decreased, mainly driven by a reduction in the use of cannabis. Class A drug use remained stable between 2003/04 and 2008/09. Within this stable trend there was a fall in the use of hallucinogens which was offset by an increase in powder cocaine use. Use of amphetamines also fell across this period.

Using the BCS combined three-year dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09), recent drug use estimates are provided for each ethnic group. Comparing estimates from this dataset with estimates from the preceding three-year BCS dataset (2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06) enables an evaluation of whether drug use behaviour has changed within ethnic group over this period. The proportion of adults within the ethnic groups remains similar between the two datasets (Annex Table 1.1).

Comparison of the two datasets shows a similar pattern to the general trend described above. *Last year* use of any drug fell (mainly driven by falls in cannabis use) among **White, Asian or Asian British** and **Black or Black British** adults (Tables A1.1 and A1.4).

- Among adults from a **White** background, there was a decrease among both White-British (11.8% to 10.5%) and White-Irish (13.7% to 9.1%).
- Within the **Asian or Asian British** group, there was a fall in drug use among adults from an Asian-Indian group (4.8% to 2.7%).
- Among **Black or Black British** adults, Black-Caribbean adults showed a fall (13.9% to 8.7%).

There was no change in the overall levels of drug use among adults identifying as **Mixed** or **Chinese or other** ethnic group.

No change over time was seen in overall Class A drug use among adults from any ethnic background, reflecting the general trend. Not surprisingly, there was an increase in powder cocaine use among adults from a **White** background (who make up the majority of the population). More specifically:

- Among all adults from a **White** background, the increase in powder cocaine use was only specifically seen for those in the White-British ethnic group (2.4% to 2.9%).

2.3 Comparison of drug use in the *last year* by country of birth

Adults from a **White** or **Mixed** ethnic background had the highest levels of illicit drug use, so for these groups the country of birth was used to see if there was any difference between levels of use among those who were born in the UK, and those who immigrated into the UK⁴.

Among the **White** group there were no differences in use of any drug or any Class A drug in the *last year* when comparing adults who were born in the UK and those who were not. There were some small yet statistically significant differences for individual drugs (Table A1.5).

- The level of amphetamine use was higher among adults born in the UK (1.4%) compared with non-UK adults (0.9%).
- Amyl nitrite use was higher among UK adults than non-UK adults (1.6% and 1.1% respectively).

For adults who identified as being from a **Mixed** ethnic background, drug use tended to be higher among those who were born in the UK, compared with those who were not.

⁴ All respondents were asked in which country they were born and any response can be given, although the coded responses are limited to: UK, British; English; Scottish; Welsh; Northern Irish; Irish (Republic); and Other. As such, it is not possible to identify respondents solely from England and Wales (where the BCS is carried out), so a composite variable was created which establishes country of birth as either UK, or non-UK.

- Use of any drug in the *last year* was more than twice as high for adults from a **Mixed** ethnic background who were born in the UK (21.0%) compared with those who were born outside the UK (8.5%). This also held true for Class A drug use, which was around four times higher (6.0% compared with 1.5%).
- Powder cocaine and cannabis use was notably higher among UK-born adults from the **Mixed** ethnicity group (5.0% and 17.7% respectively) compared with those not born in the UK (1.0% and 7.0% respectively).

Again, these differences are likely to be largely attributable to the differences in age between these groups. Three in five of the 16-59 year old population of **Mixed** ethnic background who were born in the UK were aged between 16 and 29 years (60%) compared with a third (33%) of those who were born outside the UK (data not shown).

2.4 Prevalence of drug use ever by ethnicity

Although not commented on here, prevalence of illicit drug use *ever* among adults age 16 to 59 is presented here by ethnicity and sex (Tables A1.6 and A1.7).

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Table A1.1 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs in the last year , by ethnicity, 2006/07–2008/09 combined dataset

Percentages	Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)																					Total
	White				Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			
	All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group	
Class A																						
Any cocaine	2.9	2.9	2.0	2.5	3.9	6.0	4.6	3.3	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.7	1.1	1.4	0.9	2.7
Powder cocaine	2.9	2.9	2.0	2.5	3.9	6.0	4.6	3.3	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.7	1.0	1.4	0.9	2.7
Crack cocaine	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Ecstasy	1.9	1.9	0.8	1.8	2.9	4.1	3.0	2.0	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.5	1.7
Hallucinogens	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.7
LSD	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Magic mushrooms	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6
Opiates	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1
Methadone	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.2	2.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	1.2
Class B																						
Cannabis	8.4	8.4	7.3	8.6	14.8	19.8	13.8	11.8	12.3	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.5	3.0	5.0	7.9	2.7	5.4	4.2	2.8	4.8	7.9
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Ketamine	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.2	0.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.4
Glues	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.2
Any Class A drug ¹	3.7	3.7	2.2	3.3	4.8	7.0	5.4	4.4	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.8	2.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	3.4
Any stimulant drug ²	4.5	4.6	2.8	3.8	5.1	8.0	4.8	3.7	3.1	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.8	2.5	1.7	2.3	1.5	4.1
Any drug ³	10.5	10.5	9.1	10.9	17.6	24.4	15.0	13.6	14.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.6	4.1	5.8	8.7	3.5	6.2	5.7	5.0	6.0	9.9
Unweighted base ⁴	78,352	74,285	545	3,522	696	228	117	175	176	3,203	1,528	784	271	620	1,992	865	1,027	100	1,140	322	818	85,383

1. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

2. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

3. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

4. Base numbers relate to any drug use. Bases for other drug measures will be similar.

Table A1.2 Age breakdown of 16 to 59 year olds by ethnicity

Percentages	Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)																					
	White				Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
	All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Banglad- eshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group	
Age																						
16-19	9	9	4	4	19	27	9	17	16	12	11	15	13	8	9	10	8	11	7	7	7	9
20-24	11	11	9	14	20	22	18	19	19	15	15	16	18	11	9	8	11	7	15	21	13	11
25-29	10	10	11	21	14	14	18	12	13	16	14	19	20	14	14	12	16	19	14	20	12	11
30-34	10	10	13	17	13	10	20	14	11	16	15	15	20	19	12	9	13	19	15	13	16	11
35-39	12	12	11	13	14	9	16	18	15	13	12	13	14	16	18	15	20	15	13	11	14	12
40-44	13	13	14	9	8	7	6	6	12	10	11	7	8	12	17	17	18	9	13	11	14	13
45-49	12	12	14	9	6	5	6	5	9	7	8	7	4	9	11	15	8	13	9	6	11	12
50-54	11	11	12	7	3	2	5	5	3	7	9	4	2	6	6	9	4	5	8	7	8	10
55-59	11	11	11	6	3	4	2	5	3	5	6	3	1	5	4	6	2	3	5	4	6	10
All 16-59	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Mean age (sd)	37.8 (12.52)	38.0 (12.60)	39.3 (11.74)	34.7 (10.76)	30.5 (11.02)	28.5 (11.22)	31.7 (9.84)	31.2 (11.53)	31.6 (10.72)	33.2 (11.24)	34.4 (11.83)	31.2 (10.66)	30.1 (9.00)	34.8 (10.80)	35.4 (10.65)	37.0 (11.50)	34.2 (9.80)	34.1 (10.31)	35.0 (11.24)	32.9 (11.16)	35.9 (11.16)	37.4 (12.44)
Unweighted base	79,271	75,126	559	3,586	718	237	119	178	184	3,254	1,550	795	279	630	2,020	878	1,039	103	1,160	327	833	86,423

Table A1.3 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs in the last year , by ethnicity and sex

Percentages	Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)																						
	White					Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
	All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Banglad-eshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group		
Men																							
Class A																							
Any cocaine	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.9	6.1	2.3	4.9	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	1.6	0.8	1.4	0.2	4.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	3.8	
Powder cocaine	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	6.1	2.3	4.9	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	1.6	0.8	1.4	0.2	4.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.7	
Crack cocaine	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.3	3.1	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	
Ecstasy	2.7	2.7	1.6	2.6	3.2	4.8	1.5	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	2.4	
Hallucinogens	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5	1.0	
LSD	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4	
Magic mushrooms	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.9	
Opiates	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.2	
Heroin	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.2	
Methadone	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	
Class A/B																							
Amphetamines	1.8	1.9	2.2	1.1	1.7	1.7	0.0	2.9	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	1.6	
Class B																							
Cannabis	11.4	11.4	9.7	11.9	17.2	26.6	14.3	13.4	13.2	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.9	4.9	6.5	9.2	4.4	8.8	5.2	3.5	5.8	10.7	
Class B/C																							
Tranquillisers	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
Class C																							
Anabolic steroids	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Ketamine	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
Not Classified																							
Amyl nitrite	2.3	2.3	2.9	1.7	0.9	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.0	
Glues	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Any Class A drug ¹																							
Any stimulant drug ²																							
Any drug ³																							
Unweighted base ⁴																							
Women																							
Class A																							
Any cocaine	1.7	1.7	0.4	1.3	3.9	5.9	6.4	1.4	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.1	1.4	0.0	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.6	
Cocaine powder	1.7	1.7	0.4	1.3	3.9	5.9	6.4	1.4	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.1	1.4	0.0	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.6	
Crack cocaine	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
Ecstasy	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.9	2.6	3.5	4.3	0.9	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	1.0	
Hallucinogens	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
LSD	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
Magic mushrooms	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
Opiates	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Methadone	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
Class A/B																							
Amphetamines	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.8	
Class B																							
Cannabis	5.4	5.5	5.0	5.3	12.7	14.9	13.4	10.0	11.5	1.2	1.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	3.8	7.0	1.2	3.1	3.2	2.1	3.6	5.2	
Class B/C																							
Tranquillisers	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.9	1.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	
Class C																							
Anabolic steroids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Ketamine	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Not Classified																							
Amyl nitrite	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.2	1.9	2.2	4.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.1	1.8	0.7	0.9	
Glues	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.8	0.0	0.1	
Any Class A drug ¹																							
Any stimulant drug ²																							
Any drug ³																							
Unweighted base ⁴																							

1. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

2. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

3. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

4. Base numbers relate to any drug use. Bases for other drug measures will be similar.

Table A1.4 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs in the *last year* , by ethnicity, 2003/04–2005/06 combined dataset

Percentages										Three-year combined dataset (2003/04, 2004/05 & 2005/06 BCS)												
	White				Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
	All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Banglad-eshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group	
Class A																						
Any cocaine	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.7	4.2	2.9	4.8	5.2	4.7	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.6	2.5	1.6	1.0	1.8	2.3
Powder cocaine	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.7	4.2	2.9	4.8	5.2	4.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.6	2.5	1.6	1.0	1.8	2.3
Crack cocaine	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.1
Ecstasy	1.9	1.8	3.0	2.8	1.9	3.0	1.7	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.6	1.5	1.8
Hallucinogens	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.9	0.7	3.3	2.8	1.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.2	1.0
LSD	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Magic mushrooms	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.6	3.3	2.8	1.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.2	1.0
Opiates	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Methadone	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.8	1.4
Class B																						
Cannabis	10.2	10.1	11.6	10.6	14.5	17.5	14.8	13.8	11.4	3.4	4.0	2.9	0.6	4.1	8.0	13.2	3.6	11.9	5.5	2.8	6.4	9.7
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	1.3	1.3	0.3	1.6	1.8	1.3	3.7	0.3	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.2
Glues	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Any Class A drug ¹	3.6	3.5	5.3	4.2	6.0	4.8	8.1	6.6	6.0	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	0.6	2.5	2.2	1.1	2.6	3.4
Any stimulant drug ²	4.2	4.2	5.5	4.9	5.6	4.8	7.6	5.2	6.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.9	0.8	2.5	2.4	1.1	2.9	4.0
Any drug ³	11.9	11.8	13.7	12.6	16.2	20.3	16.9	15.2	11.4	4.3	4.8	3.9	2.2	4.5	9.0	13.9	4.7	13.2	6.8	3.4	8.1	11.4
Unweighted base ⁴	76,223	72,489	632	3,102	610	225	84	147	154	2,557	1,232	704	196	425	1,630	738	816	76	1,004	250	754	82,024

1. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

2. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

3. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

Table A1.5 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs in the *last year* , by ethnicity and country of birth

Percentages		Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)				
Country of birth	White			Mixed		
	All	UK	Non-UK	All	UK	Non-UK
Class A						
Any cocaine	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.9	5.0	1.0
Powder cocaine	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.9	5.0	1.0
Crack cocaine	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.0
Ecstasy	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.9	3.4	1.4
Hallucinogens	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.1
LSD	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0
Magic mushrooms	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.1
Opiates	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Methadone	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Class A/B						
Amphetamines	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.0
Class B						
Cannabis	8.4	8.3	9.3	14.8	17.7	7.0
Class B/C						
Tranquillisers	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.4
Class C						
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ketamine	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8
Not Classified						
Amyl nitrite	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.7	0.6
Glues	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Any Class A drug¹	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.8	6.0	1.5
Any stimulant drug²	4.5	4.5	4.3	5.1	6.4	1.4
Any drug³	10.5	10.4	11.5	17.6	21.0	8.5
<i>Unweighted base⁴</i>	<i>78,348</i>	<i>73,984</i>	<i>4,364</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>195</i>

1. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

2. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

3. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

4. Base numbers relate to any drug use. Bases for other drug measures will be similar.

Table A1.6 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs *ever* in their lifetime, by ethnicity

Percentages	Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)																					
White					Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
All	British	Irish	Other White background		All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Banglad-eshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group	
Class A																						
Any cocaine	8.9	9.0	10.9	7.9	11.5	13.3	9.8	10.1	11.5	2.1	2.2	1.7	1.2	2.7	2.5	3.1	2.0	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.5	8.3
Powder cocaine	8.8	8.8	10.9	7.8	11.3	12.8	9.8	10.1	11.5	2.0	2.1	1.7	0.6	2.7	2.4	2.9	1.9	3.4	3.2	2.7	3.3	8.1
Crack cocaine	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.1	2.0	3.8	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0
Ecstasy	8.5	8.5	9.0	8.8	10.7	11.6	9.5	11.0	10.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.0	2.0	2.2	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.6	0.8	3.4	7.8
Hallucinogens	10.0	10.1	12.1	8.8	10.0	8.5	8.8	10.4	12.1	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.7	2.4	1.8	2.1	1.4	3.9	4.0	3.3	4.3	9.2
LSD	5.9	5.9	5.1	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.4	4.7	7.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.4	2.2	1.3	2.6	5.4
Magic mushrooms	7.8	7.9	9.5	7.2	8.3	6.4	6.3	9.8	10.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.1	1.3	0.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	7.2
Opiates	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.8
Heroin	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7
Methadone	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.4
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	13.0	13.2	13.7	9.4	14.1	19.0	11.2	12.0	12.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.1	3.0	3.3	4.0	2.6	5.0	4.5	2.0	5.5	11.9
Class B																						
Cannabis	32.6	32.7	36.3	31.4	41.1	50.4	35.2	33.3	40.7	8.7	8.5	7.0	9.1	11.5	16.8	25.2	9.9	20.1	16.4	10.7	18.8	30.5
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.9	3.6	2.1	2.4	6.0	3.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.2	1.3	0.5	1.6	3.0
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6
Ketamine	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.1	0.0	3.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.5
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	10.3	10.5	8.5	6.1	10.6	16.9	8.4	8.5	6.5	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.0	2.2	1.3	2.5	0.4	2.1	2.9	3.5	2.7	9.3
Glues	2.5	2.6	3.0	1.3	3.4	5.5	3.6	1.9	2.3	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.0	2.4
Any Class A drug ¹	15.7	15.7	18.9	15.4	18.3	19.8	16.8	16.4	19.1	3.4	3.7	2.8	2.0	4.3	4.2	5.2	3.4	4.9	6.3	5.7	6.6	14.5
Any stimulant drug ²	19.8	20.0	22.4	16.2	21.3	29.0	16.6	17.8	18.5	4.2	4.5	3.5	2.8	5.1	5.7	7.0	4.6	6.7	7.6	5.4	8.5	18.2
Any drug ³	38.4	38.5	43.0	36.7	48.2	61.5	40.6	36.8	47.5	12.3	12.5	11.0	10.7	14.5	20.4	29.0	13.5	22.3	21.9	15.5	24.4	36.1
Unweighted base ⁴	78,796	74,693	553	3,550	707	234	119	176	178	3,224	1,537	788	272	627	2,002	870	1,030	102	1,147	323	824	85,876

1. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

2. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

3. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

4. Base numbers relate to any drug use. Bases for other drug measures will be similar.

Table A1.7 Proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs ever in their lifetime, by ethnicity and sex

Percentages										Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)												
White					Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Banglad-eshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group		
Men																						
Class A																						
Any cocaine	12.0	12.1	16.2	10.8	11.6	12.4	8.4	13.9	10.2	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.4	3.9	2.3	3.8	0.9	5.8	3.6	2.2	4.2	11.0
Powder cocaine	11.9	11.9	16.2	10.8	11.6	12.4	8.4	13.9	10.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	0.3	3.9	2.1	3.4	0.9	5.8	3.4	2.2	3.9	10.8
Crack cocaine	1.4	1.4	0.2	1.6	2.9	6.5	0.9	3.3	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.6	1.1	0.2	2.1	0.8	0.3	1.0	1.3
Ecstasy	11.4	11.4	11.9	10.9	13.0	13.5	7.1	16.1	12.5	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.7	3.1	4.4	2.0	3.8	2.3	0.6	3.0	10.4
Hallucinogens	14.1	14.3	17.5	11.2	12.6	12.8	10.1	14.3	12.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.6	3.0	2.8	3.7	2.0	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	12.8
LSD	8.6	8.7	8.9	6.5	7.0	8.2	3.3	4.5	10.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.6	2.6	0.9	2.1	2.1	0.3	2.8	7.7
Magic mushrooms	11.2	11.3	13.1	9.6	11.0	10.1	9.5	14.0	9.8	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.6	2.8	1.8	2.3	1.4	1.7	3.7	4.3	3.5	10.2
Opiates	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.3	2.6	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.1	1.1	0.3	1.5	1.2
Heroin	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.9	2.3	3.4	1.3	2.6	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.1	1.1	0.3	1.5	1.0
Methadone	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.6
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	16.2	16.5	17.9	11.2	14.2	16.7	12.5	13.1	13.8	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.8	3.9	4.5	5.5	3.5	7.8	5.7	2.5	7.0	14.8
Class B																						
Cannabis	38.9	39.0	45.9	36.1	44.6	55.3	40.0	36.9	44.1	11.4	9.8	9.9	13.5	16.2	23.8	35.4	16.0	18.1	19.9	14.1	22.2	36.4
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.9	2.1	2.6	7.8	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	1.6	3.4
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	1.0
Ketamine	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.7	2.3	0.7	0.0	3.7	3.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.2
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	13.6	13.9	10.1	8.9	13.0	23.4	7.6	11.5	6.8	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.7	3.5	0.3	2.1	2.8	3.5	2.5	12.3
Glues	3.4	3.5	5.4	1.3	4.5	8.3	6.5	2.8	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.2	2.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	2.9	1.5	2.0	1.3	3.1
Any Class A drug ¹	20.5	20.5	24.7	19.6	19.6	20.5	15.7	23.7	16.7	4.1	4.0	3.4	2.7	6.1	5.1	6.5	4.0	5.8	6.4	5.5	6.8	18.7
Any stimulant drug ²	24.6	24.8	28.0	20.5	23.7	31.7	16.6	23.1	19.8	5.2	5.1	4.3	4.0	7.0	7.2	8.6	5.9	9.8	8.6	5.1	10.0	22.5
Any drug ³	44.8	45.0	52.9	41.7	49.0	58.3	45.2	42.6	48.0	15.7	14.9	14.3	15.5	19.6	26.7	37.5	19.4	22.1	26.5	19.2	29.5	42.1
Unweighted base ⁴	36,231	34,338	249	1,644	295	78	53	93	71	1,661	775	405	143	338	793	332	426	35	568	146	422	39,548
Women																						
Class A																						
Any cocaine	5.9	6.0	6.2	4.9	11.3	13.9	11.0	5.7	12.7	1.4	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	2.7	2.6	2.8	1.8	2.9	3.3	2.7	5.6
Powder cocaine	5.8	5.8	6.1	4.8	11.0	13.1	11.0	5.7	12.7	1.4	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	2.7	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.9	3.2	2.7	5.4
Crack cocaine	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.5	1.2	1.8	1.2	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.6
Ecstasy	5.7	5.7	6.3	6.6	8.7	10.1	11.5	5.2	8.1	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.2	0.8	2.9	1.0	3.8	5.3
Hallucinogens	6.0	6.0	7.2	6.4	7.8	5.4	7.9	5.9	12.1	1.5	1.7	1.4	0.9	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	4.0	3.7	2.3	4.2	5.6
LSD	3.3	3.3	1.7	3.7	4.2	2.4	5.3	4.9	5.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.0
Magic mushrooms	4.5	4.5	6.1	4.7	5.9	3.6	3.7	5.1	10.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.2	4.0	2.4	1.8	2.7	4.2
Opiates	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	1.0	2.6	0.3	0.5
Heroin	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.4
Methadone	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.8	0.3	0.2
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	9.9	10.0	9.9	7.6	14.0	20.7	10.2	10.8	10.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.1	1.9	2.4	2.9	1.8	3.1	3.1	1.5	3.8	9.1
Class B																						
Cannabis	26.5	26.5	27.7	26.5	37.9	46.9	31.3	29.1	37.5	5.6	7.1	3.6	3.0	5.5	11.4	18.0	4.9	21.4	12.5	7.1	14.9	24.8
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	2.8	2.8	3.9	2.6	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.8	4.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.0	1.5	2.6
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Ketamine	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.8
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	7.0	7.2	7.0	3.4	8.4	12.1	9.0	5.1	6.2	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.7	0.4	2.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	6.4
Glues	1.7	1.8	0.8	1.2	2.5	3.5	1.2	0.9	3.2	0.6	0.1	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.3	2.6	0.8	1.6
Any Class A drug ¹	11.0	11.0	13.7	11.1	17.1	19.3	17.6	8.0	21.4	2.6	3.4	2.0	0.9	2.1	3.6	4.2	3.0	4.2	6.2	5.8	6.4	10.3
Any stimulant drug ²	15.1	15.3	17.3	11.8	19.3	27.0	16.7	11.6	17.3	3.0	3.8	2.5	1.1	2.7	4.5	5.9	3.4	4.5	6.4	5.7	6.7	14.0
Any drug ³	32.1	32.1	33.9	31.6	47.4	63.8	36.8	30.1	47.0	8.3	9.9	7.1	3.8	7.8	15.6	23.1	8.6	22.5	16.6	11.6	18.7	30.2
Unweighted base ⁴	42,565	40,355	304	1,906	412	156	66	83	107	1,563	762	383	129	289	1,209	538	604	67	579	177	402	46,328

Annex Table 1.1 Proportion of the 16 to 59 year old population within each ethnic group

Percentages	BCS	
	2003/04- 2005/06 BCS	2006/07- 2008/09 BCS
White	90	88
White-British	85	83
White-Irish	1	1
White-Other White background	4	5
Mixed	1	1
Mixed-White and Black Caribbean	0	0
Mixed-White and Black African	0	0
Mixed-White and Asian	0	0
Mixed-Any other mixed background	0	0
Asian or Asian British	5	6
Asian or Asian British-Indian	2	3
Asian or Asian British-Pakistani	1	2
Asian or Asian British-Bangladeshi	0	1
Asian or Asian British-Other Asian background	1	1
Black or Black British	3	3
Black or Black British-Caribbean	1	1
Black or Black British-African	1	2
Black or Black British-Other Black background	0	0
Chinese or Other	2	2
Chinese	0	0
Other ethnic group	1	1
ALL ADULTS AGED 16 to 59	100	100

1. Data from the 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 BCS have been combined; as have data from the 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS.

Annex Table 1.2 Age-standardised¹ proportion of 16 to 59 year olds reporting use of drugs in the last year, by ethnicity

Percentages

Three-year combined dataset (2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09 BCS)

	White				Mixed					Asian or Asian British					Black or Black British				Chinese or other			Total
	All	British	Irish	Other White background	All	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed background	All	Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Other Asian background	All	Caribbean	African	Other Black background	All	Chinese	Other ethnic group	
Class A																						
Any cocaine	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.8	4.6	2.7	2.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.9	2.8
Powder cocaine	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.8	4.6	2.7	2.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.9	1.3	0.8	2.8
Crack cocaine	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Ecstasy	1.9	2.0	0.8	1.3	1.8	2.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.8
Hallucinogens	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.7
LSD	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Magic mushrooms	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6
Opiates	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1
Methadone	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Class A/B																						
Amphetamines	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	1.2
Class B																						
Cannabis	8.6	8.7	8.9	7.5	10.5	13.5	9.7	8.2	9.6	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.5	2.9	4.8	7.7	2.6	4.5	3.8	2.5	4.3	8.0
Class B/C																						
Tranquillisers	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Class C																						
Anabolic steroids	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Ketamine	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Not Classified																						
Amyl nitrite	1.7	1.7	2.2	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.2	0.7	1.4	0.4	1.5
Glues	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.2
Any Class A drug²	3.8	3.9	2.7	2.7	3.4	5.0	3.1	3.4	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.5
Any stimulant drug³	4.7	4.8	3.2	3.2	3.6	5.9	2.8	3.0	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	1.1	1.0	1.4	0.6	2.4	1.8	2.7	1.4	4.3
Any drug⁴	10.8	10.8	11.0	9.7	12.7	16.4	11.3	10.1	11.7	2.5	2.2	2.4	1.6	4.1	5.5	8.4	3.2	6.0	5.1	4.2	5.4	10.1
Unweighted base⁵	78,352	74,285	545	3,522	696	228	117	175	176	3,203	1,528	784	271	620	1,992	865	1,027	100	1,140	322	818	85,383

1. The combined BCS dataset was age-standardised using five-year age groups within sex (with the exception of 50-59 due to low numbers in these cells) for each of the 16 ethnic groups, so that the proportion within each age and sex group was equivalent to the profile of the 16 to 59 year old population. See Box A1.1 for an explanation of the effect of the standardised drug use rates.

2. 'Any Class A drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin and methadone.

3. 'Any stimulant drug' comprises cocaine powder, crack cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines and amyl nitrite.

4. 'Any drug' comprises powder cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, magic mushrooms, heroin, methadone, amphetamines, cannabis, tranquillisers, anabolic steroids, ketamine, amyl nitrite, glues, any other pills/powders/drugs smoked.

5. Base numbers relate to any drug use. Bases for other drug measures will be similar.