



*National Treatment Agency
for Substance Misuse*

**Statistics from the
National Drug Treatment Monitoring System
(NDTMS)
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This statistical release presents key results from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) on the number of young people (under 18) problem drug misusers in contact with drug treatment agencies and general practitioners in England in 2009/10, and the proportion of clients retained in drug treatment at twelve weeks following triage. These figures do not include clients treated in prisons.

The results provided here are produced by Manchester University National Drug Evidence Centre (NDEC) from data collected by the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System, and form part of National Statistics.

Key findings

- The number of under-18s accessing services in England during 2009-10 was 23,528. This is a reduction of 525 compared to 2008-09
- The number of under-18s treated for problem drug use associated with primary use of heroin and crack has fallen each year for the past five years
- The number of under-18s completing treatment successfully has more than doubled in five years

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TABLE 1: AGE AND GENDER

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
←12	110*	1%	45*	0%	155*	1%
12-13	230*	2%	150*	2%	385*	2%
13-14	794	5%	602	7%	1,396	6%
14-15	1,760*	12%	1,540*	18%	3,300*	14%
15-16	3,457	23%	2,313	27%	5,770	25%
16-17	3,780	25%	2,043	23%	5,823	25%
17-18	4,694	32%	2,007	23%	6,701	28%
Total	14,829	100%	8,699	100%	23,528	100%

TABLE 2: ETHNICITY

White British	19,739	85%	Other Asian	187	1%
White Irish	145	1%	Caribbean	432	2%
Other white	331	1%	African	222	1%
White & black Caribbean	620	3%	Other black	244	1%
White & black African	89	0%	Chinese	8	0%
White & Asian	168	1%	Other	190	1%
Other mixed	308	1%	Not stated	103	0%
Indian	119	1%	Total	23,308	100%
Pakistani	238	1%	Missing or inconsistent data	220	
Bangladeshi	165	1%	Total including missing	23,528	

TABLE 3: PRIMARY DRUG BY AGE

	←12		12-13		13-14		14-15		15-16		16-17		17-18		Total	
Heroin & other opiates	0	0%	0	0%	*	0%	14	0%	59	1%	107	2%	298	4%	480*	2%
Amphetamine	0	0%	*	0%	*	0%	21	1%	57	1%	72	1%	102	2%	256	1%
Cocaine	0	0%	*	1%	*	0%	30	1%	74	1%	133	2%	214	3%	457	2%
Crack	0	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	6	0%	13	0%	28	0%	50*	0%
Ecstasy	0	0%	*	1%	5	0%	11	0%	24	0%	18	0%	31	0%	90*	0%
Cannabis	62	47%	183	48%	786	57%	1,808	55%	3,423	60%	3,317	57%	3,544	53%	13,123	56%
Solvents	17	13%	24	6%	52	4%	53	2%	51	1%	41	1%	36	1%	274	1%
Alcohol	53	40%	161	42%	513	37%	1,296	40%	1,941	34%	1,969	34%	2,294	34%	8,227	35%
Other	*	1%	*	1%	18	1%	34	1%	99	2%	115	2%	128	2%	399	2%
Total	135*	100%	380*	100%	1,383	100%	3,270*	100%	5,734	100%	5,785	100%	6,675	100%	23,355*	100%
Missing or inconsistent data	21		*		13		33		36		38		26		170*	
Total including missing	155*		385*		1,396		3,300*		5,770		5,823		6,701		23,528	

TABLE 4: PRIMARY AND ADDITIONAL DRUG BY AGE

	←12		12-13		13-14		14-15		15-16		16-17		17-18		Total	
	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional
Heroin & other opiates	0	0	0	*	*	5	14	14	59	37	107	45	298	89	480*	190*
Amphetamine	0	*	*	*	*	29	21	78	57	204	72	225	102	267	256	807
Cocaine	0	*	*	*	*	41	30	164	74	393	133	566	214	760	457	1,929
Crack	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	6	31	13	67	28	134	50*	253
Ecstasy	0	0	*	7	5	25	11	122	24	266	18	326	31	343	90*	1,089
Cannabis	62	12	183	62	786	216	1,808	647	3,423	1,041	3,317	1,219	3,544	1,415	13,123	4,612
Solvents	17	*	24	11	52	32	53	59	51	78	41	52	36	48	274	285*
Alcohol	53	20	161	88	513	428	1,296	983	1,941	1,916	1,969	1,907	2,294	2,115	8,227	7,457
Other	*	15	*	40	18	149	34	321	99	529	115	501	128	585	399	2,140

TABLE 5: SUBSTANCE MISUSE INTERVENTION PATHWAYS

Psychosocial only	11,538	49%	Psychosocial + family work+YP harm reduction	935	4%
YP harm reduction only	2,212	9%	Psychosocial + YP harm reduction	6,092	26%
Family work only	102	0%	Psychosocial + YP harm reduction + pharmacological	89	0%
Specialist pharmacological only	22	0%	Other or combinations (including pharmacological)	239	1%
Psychosocial + family work	374	2%	Other or combinations (not including pharmacological)	1,018	4%
Psychosocial + pharmacological	70	0%	No named interventions	825	4%
Psychosocial + family work + pharmacological	12	0%			

*All numbers under 5 have been suppressed. Where totals could then be derived, figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 and marked with an asterisk

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TABLE 6: WAITING TIMES: FIRST INTERVENTION

	← 3 weeks		→ 3 weeks	
Psychosocial	13,409	97%	457	3%
Harm reduction	6,701	98%	135	2%
Criminal justice	664	98%	11	2%
Family work	713	99%	9	1%
Shared care	*	100%	0	0%
Specialist pharmacological	90	99%	*	1%
Inpatients	*	100%	0	0%
Supported child care	8	100%	0	0%
Access to residential treatment	6	100%	0	0%
Other interventions or combinations	139	83%	28	17%
Total	21,735	97%	640*	3%

TABLE 7: ACCESSING SERVICES: AGE TRENDS

	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
← 12	212	1%	233	1%	227	1%	193	1%	155*	1%
12-13	358	2%	457	2%	467	2%	442	2%	380*	2%
13-14	1,040	6%	1,253	6%	1,476	6%	1,500*	6%	1,396	6%
14-15	2,380	14%	2,961	14%	3,466	14%	3,550*	15%	3,300*	14%
15-16	3,884	23%	4,953	23%	5,658	24%	5,574	23%	5,770	25%
16-17	4,347	26%	5,315	25%	5,987	25%	6,133	25%	5,823	25%
17-18	4,780	28%	6,019	28%	6,624	28%	6,663	28%	6,701	28%
Total	17,001		21,191		23,905		24,053		23,528	

TABLE 8: ACCESSING SERVICES: PRIMARY DRUG TRENDS

	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
Heroin & other opiates	881	5%	755	4%	651	3%	547	2%	480*	2%
Amphetamine	332	2%	323	2%	346	1%	230*	1%	256	1%
Cocaine	453	3%	655	3%	806	3%	745*	3%	457	2%
Crack	200	1%	137	1%	155	1%	110	0%	50*	0%
Ecstasy	325	2%	432	2%	438	2%	210*	1%	90*	0%
Cannabis	9,043	55%	10,824	52%	12,021	51%	12,642	53%	13,123	56%
Solvents	210	1%	301	1%	305	1%	284	1%	274	1%
Alcohol	4,886	30%	7,039	34%	8,589	36%	8,799	37%	8,227	35%
Other	174	1%	183	1%	241	1%	270*	1%	399	2%

TABLE 9: ACCESSING SERVICES: OUTCOME TRENDS

	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
Successfully completed	4,105	48%	5,726	50%	8,073	57%	9,546	65%	10,160	69%
Referred on	572	7%	701	6%	938	7%	510	3%	856	6%
Dropped out/left	2,525	29%	2,902	25%	2,529	18%	2,253	15%	2,408	16%
Prison	200	2%	285	2%	339	2%	371	3%	183	1%
Treatment declined by client	*	0%	246	2%	703	5%	620*	4%	529	4%
Not known	102	1%	202	2%	98	1%	71	0%	51	0%
Other	1,108	13%	1,448	13%	1,401	10%	1,250	9%	478	3%
Total	8,615*		11,510		14,081		14,620*		14,665	

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TABLE 10: PRIMARY DRUG BY REGION

	North East		North West		Yorkshire & Humberside		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England		London		South East		South West	
Heroin & Other opiates	50*	3%	40*	1%	62	3%	50*	3%	57	2%	40*	2%	52	2%	84	3%	50*	2%
Amphetamine	20	1%	47	1%	40	2%	40	2%	14	1%	15	1%	6	0%	36	1%	38	2%
Cocaine	28	2%	140	3%	23	1%	12	1%	53	2%	42	2%	46	1%	64	2%	49	2%
Crack	*	0%	*	0%	8	0%	0	0%	10	0%	7	0%	12	0%	5	0%	*	0%
Ecstasy	15*	1%	15*	0%	8	0%	5*	0%	5	0%	5*	0%	7	0%	12	0%	20*	1%
Cannabis	766	47%	2,555	56%	1,142	50%	1,036	53%	1,501	57%	986	55%	2,349	70%	1,731	55%	1,057	53%
Solvents	32	2%	46	1%	47	2%	32	2%	26	1%	14	1%	17	1%	30	1%	30	2%
Alcohol	678	41%	1,651	36%	870	38%	739	38%	949	36%	655	36%	854	25%	1,145	36%	686	35%
Other	53	3%	31	1%	72	3%	46	2%	29	1%	35	2%	24	1%	59	2%	50	3%
Total (clients)	1,645*	100%	4,525*	100%	2,272	100%	1,959	100%	2,644	100%	1,797	100%	3,367	100%	3,166	100%	1,980*	100%
Missing or inconsistent data	0		14		33		*		19		*		70		13		20	
Total including missing	1,645*		4,540*		2,305		1,960*		2,663		1,800*		3,437		3,179		2,000*	

TABLE 11: AGE AND GENDER BY REGION

	North East		North West		Yorkshire & Humberside		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England		London		South East		South West	
<12	10*	1%	45*	1%	27	1%	10*	0%	17	1%	8*	0%	14	0%	11	0%	15*	1%
12-13	35*	2%	80*	2%	43	2%	30*	2%	38	1%	25*	1%	64	2%	43	1%	25*	1%
13-14	113	7%	332	7%	149	6%	116	6%	152	6%	72	4%	213	6%	132	4%	117	6%
14-15	245*	15%	690*	15%	322	14%	255*	13%	329	12%	245*	14%	528	15%	420	13%	265*	13%
15-16	401	24%	1,088	24%	598	26%	464	24%	644	24%	463	26%	836	24%	792	25%	484	24%
16-17	382	23%	1,118	25%	566	25%	494	25%	702	26%	449	25%	834	24%	793	25%	485	24%
17-18	456	28%	1,188	26%	600	26%	590	30%	781	29%	536	30%	948	28%	988	31%	614	31%
Total (clients)	1,645*	100%	4,540*	100%	2,305	100%	1,960*	100%	2,663	100%	1,800*	100%	3,437	100%	3,179	100%	2,000*	100%
Male	1,020*	62%	2,865*	63%	1,355	59%	1,350*	69%	1,694	64%	1,095*	61%	2,210	64%	2,023	64%	1,215*	61%
Female	625*	38%	1,675*	37%	950	41%	610*	31%	969	36%	700*	39%	1,227	36%	1,156	36%	785*	39%
Total (clients)	1,645*	100%	4,540*	100%	2,305	100%	1,960*	100%	2,663	100%	1,800*	100%	3,437	100%	3,179	100%	2,000*	100%

TABLE 12: DISCHARGE REASON BY REGION

	North East		North West		Yorkshire & Humberside		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England		London		South East		South West	
Complete (drug free)	778	70%	1,926	69%	876	68%	929	73%	1,148	69%	897	72%	1,396	66%	1,421	71%	789	68%
Referred on	77	7%	120	4%	104	8%	90	7%	49	3%	72	6%	179	8%	116	6%	49	4%
Dropped out / left	197	18%	464	17%	197	15%	186	15%	359	21%	198	16%	267	13%	335	17%	205	18%
Prison	10	1%	49	2%	17	1%	23	2%	15	1%	18	1%	21	1%	18	1%	12	1%
Treatment declined by client	51	5%	100	4%	46	4%	26	2%	44	3%	31	2%	117	6%	73	4%	41	4%
Other	*	0%	124	4%	31	2%	21	2%	49	3%	26	2%	108	5%	22	1%	23	2%
Not known	0	0%	6	0%	*	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%	*	0%	35	3%
Inappropriate referral	0	0%	13	0%	10	1%	0	0%	7	0%	*	0%	28	1%	*	0%	10	1%
Total (clients)	1,115*	100%	2,802	100%	1,285*	100%	1,275	100%	1,671	100%	1,245*	100%	2,121	100%	1,990*	100%	1,164	100%

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