

Results on new drugs from Survey on tobacco, alcohol and other drugs 2011-2012: Slovenia

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Data collection and methodology

- Based on EMCDDA [Handbook for Surveys on Drug Use among the General Population](#) (2002) and national references and practices NIJZ prepared recommendations for implementation of the survey in Slovenia
- [Data collection](#): 2011 (Oct-Nov) and 2012 (Apr-Jun)
- [Target population](#): inhabitants of Slovenia aged 15–64 years, living in private households
- [Mixed mode of interview](#): web, telephone, face-to-face
- [Sample size](#): 7514 respondents
- [Response rate](#): 52,9 %

New drugs

- New drugs: a broad spectrum of psychoactive substances that newly appeared on the drugs market or their abuse **appeared only recently** and they are thus not yet listed as illicit drugs.
- In July 2013, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia confirmed the Decree Amending the **Decree on the Scheduling of Illicit Drugs** with which 48 substances were listed as illicit drugs.
- At the time of the implementation of the Survey on Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs, **mephedrone** was the only new drug that had already been listed as an illicit drug in Slovenia.

Questions: the use of other (new) drugs

- Asked in the same way as the use of drugs in EMQ:
 - Personally knowing people who take other drugs (spice, mephedron, methylene, etc)
 - Lifetime prevalence
 - Name(s) of drugs used lifetime
 - Age of onset
 - Last year prevalence
 - Last month prevalence
 - Last month frequency (in days)
 - Name(s) of drugs used in the last month

Life time prevalence of drug use

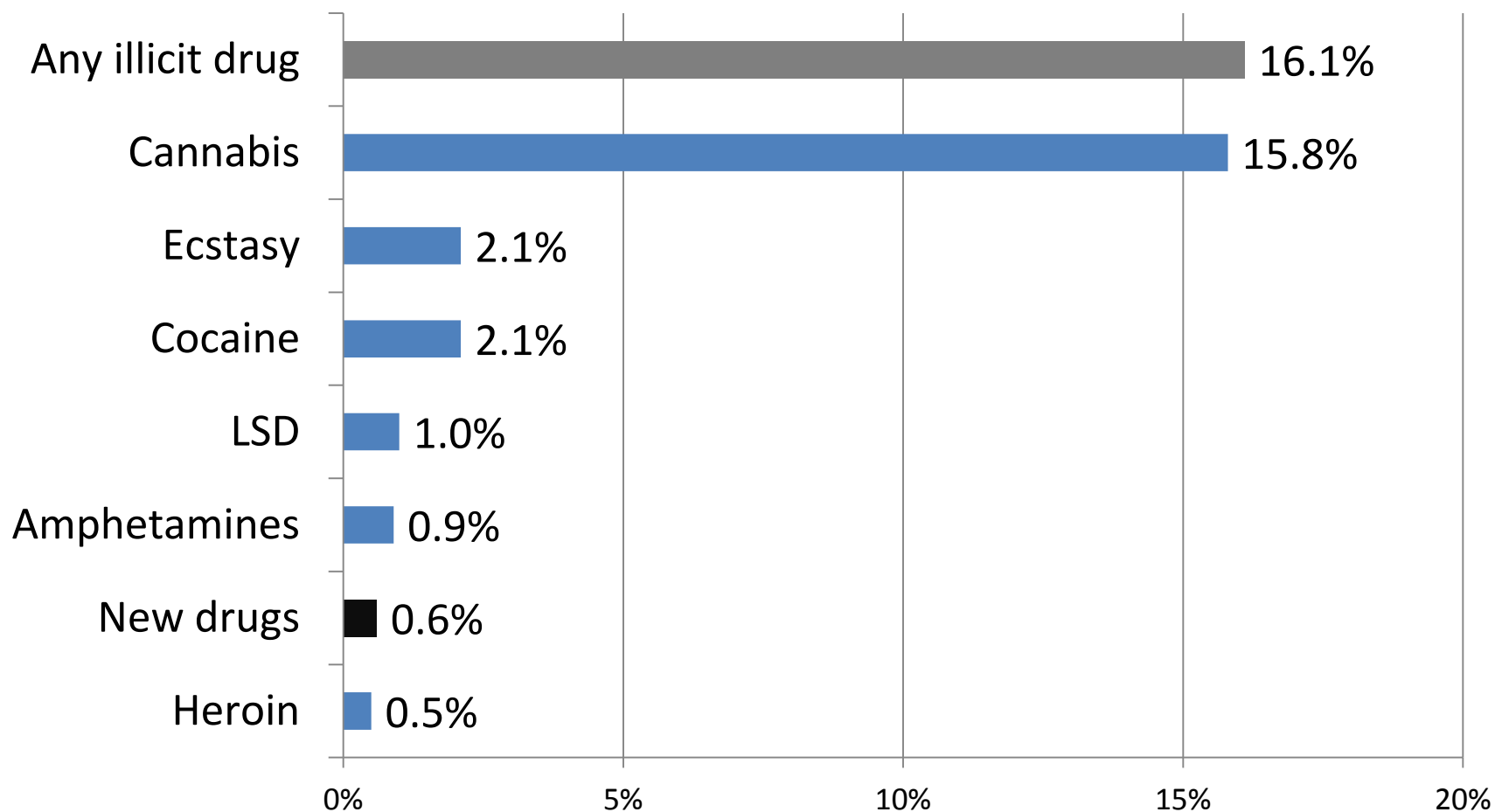


Figure 1: Lifetime prevalence of illicit drug use in the Slovenian population aged 15–64 by type of illicit drug

Use of new drugs

- Prevalence of new drugs use:
 - life time prevalence: 0,6 %
 - last year prevalence: 0,3 %
 - last month prevalence: 0,1 %
- Average age at first new drug use: 21 years old
- Drugs reported in the survey: methylone and mephedrone.
- Current situation (reported by DrogArt association and EWS Slovenia): 3-MMC is most widely used new drug at the moment.

Life time prevalence of new drugs

	Socio-demographic category	LTP
GENDER	Male	0,9%
	Female	0,3%
AGE	15-24 years	1,8%
	25-34 years	1,0%
	35-44 years	0,4%
	45-54 years	0,1%
	55-64 years	0,1%
EDUCATION	Primary school or lower	0,7%
	Secondary school	0,6%
	Tertiary education	0,5%
STATUS	Employed, self-employed, farmer	0,3%
	Primary, secondary or tertiary student	2,0%
	Retired person	0,0%
	Unemployed	1,6%

Thank you for your attention!

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