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Trends in new heroin clients in Italy



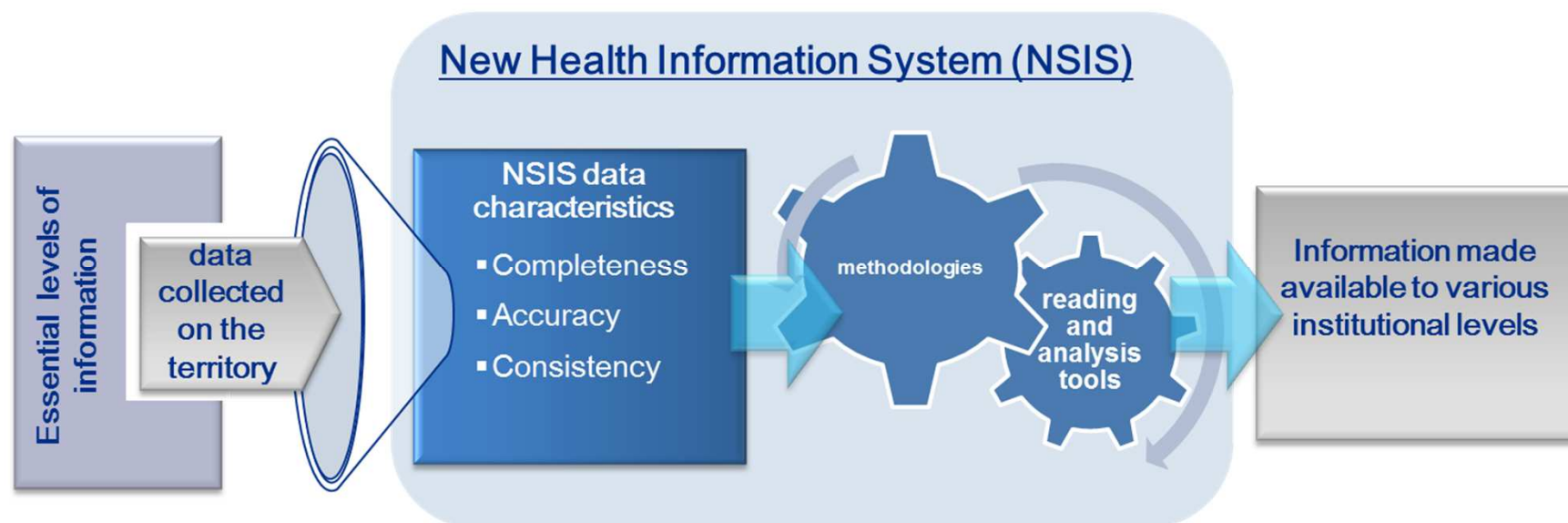
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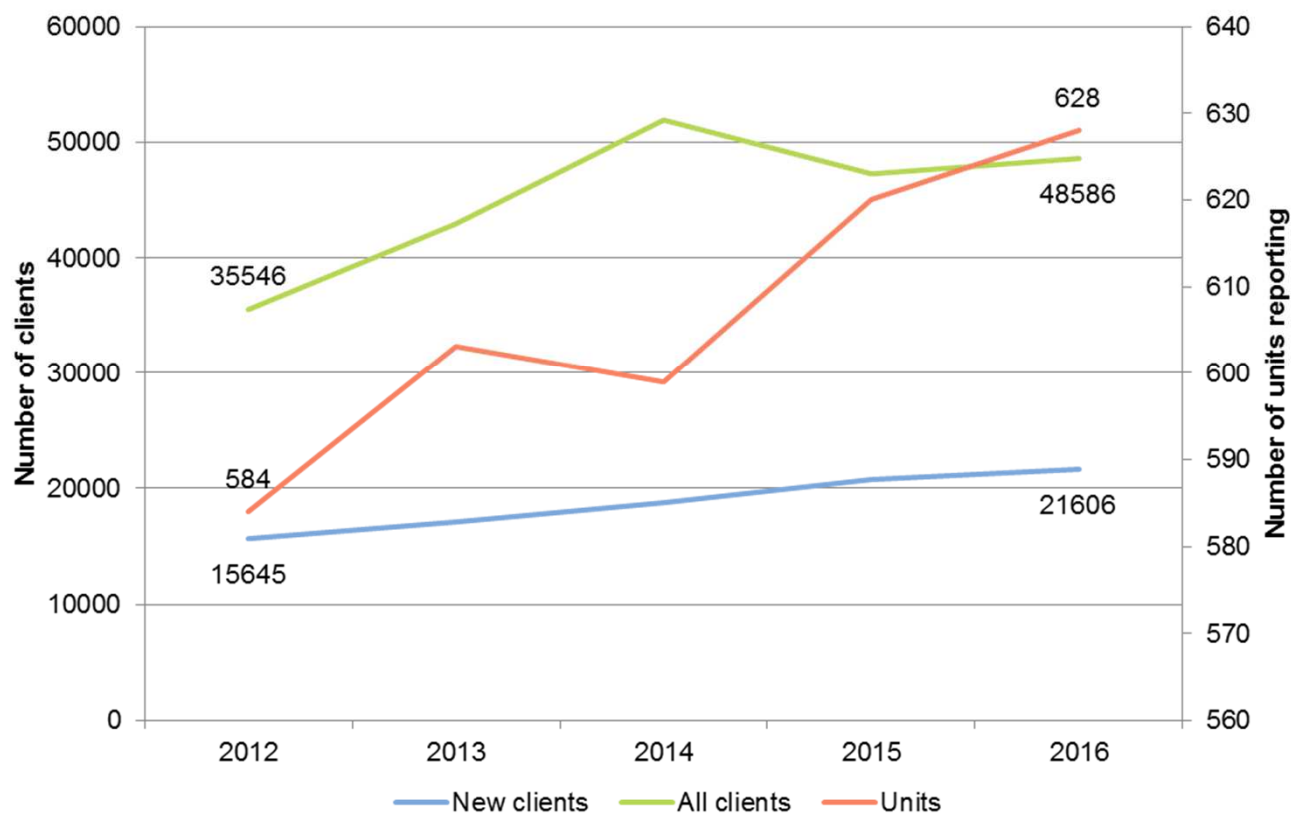
In Italy New Health Information System (NSIS) is designed to collect individual contacts with different services of the National health system, according to a "path" logic of information, and to make available, at regional and national level, a shared heritage of data based on the individual and to support, through advanced analysis of the different levels of assistance, the NHS, the monitoring of the essential levels of care and healthcare costs, the clinical operational decisions.

The NSIS collects data produced at regional and local level with the aim of providing information in support of various institutional levels.

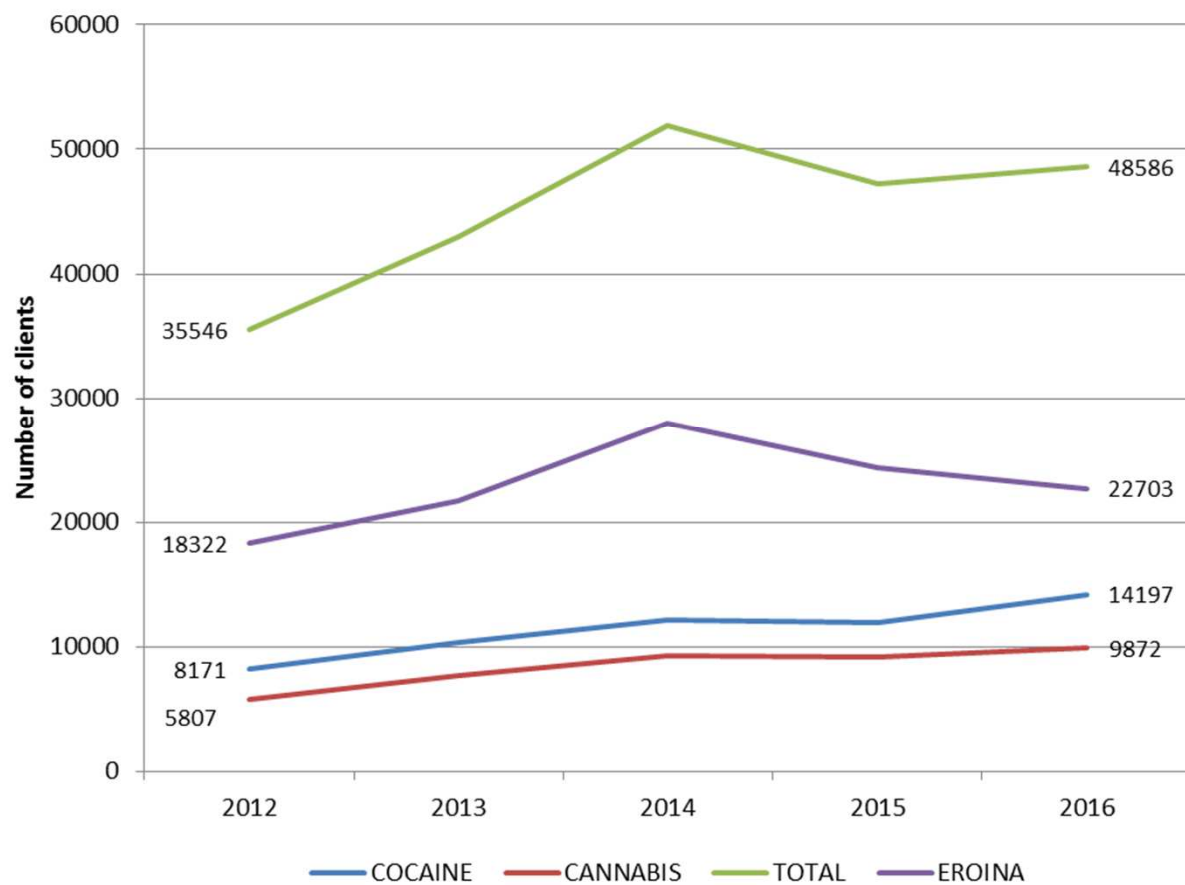


In 2012, within the NSIS, has been implemented ***The National Information System on Addictions (SIND)*** to collect data on clients of health public services for drug addiction (about 620). This information is used to fill TDI tables.

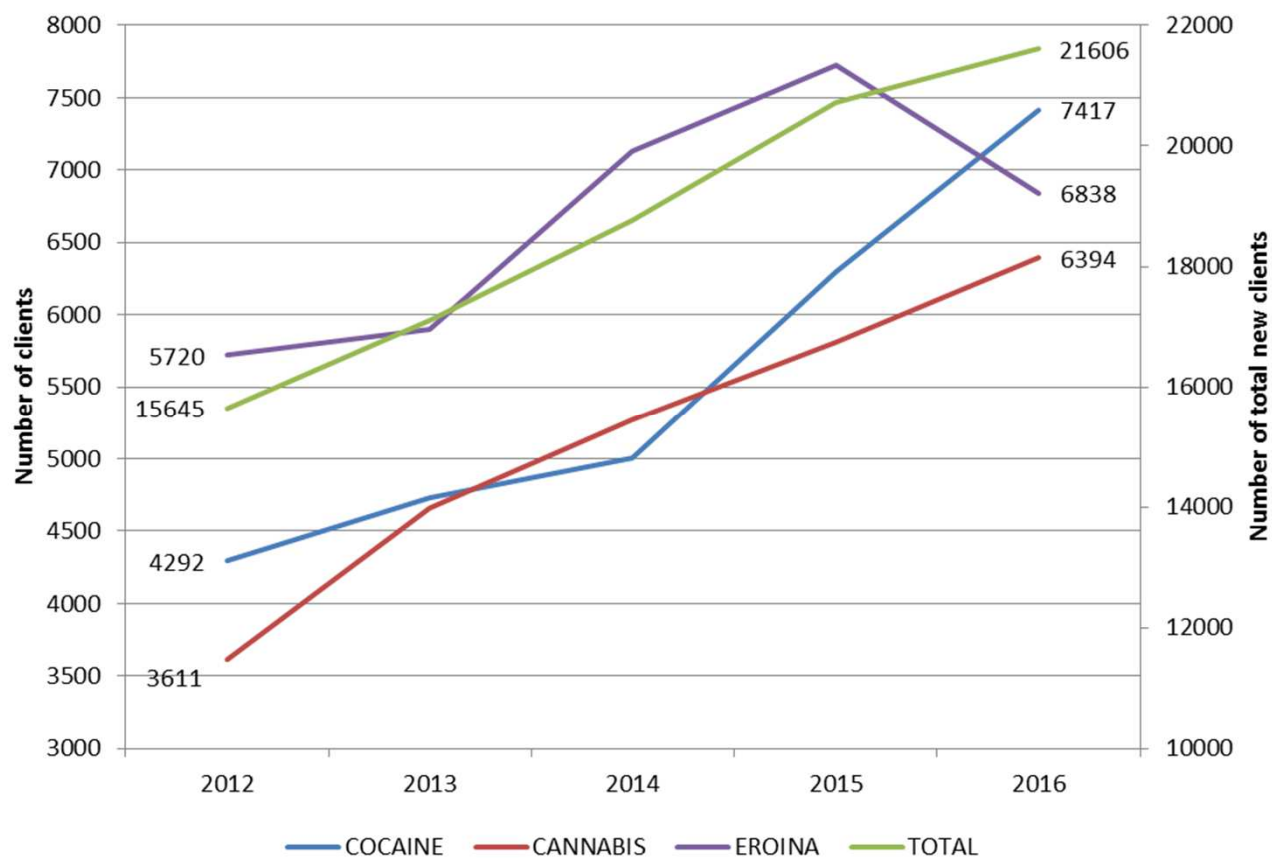
Number of clients (all and new) and units reported from 2012 to 2016 in Italy



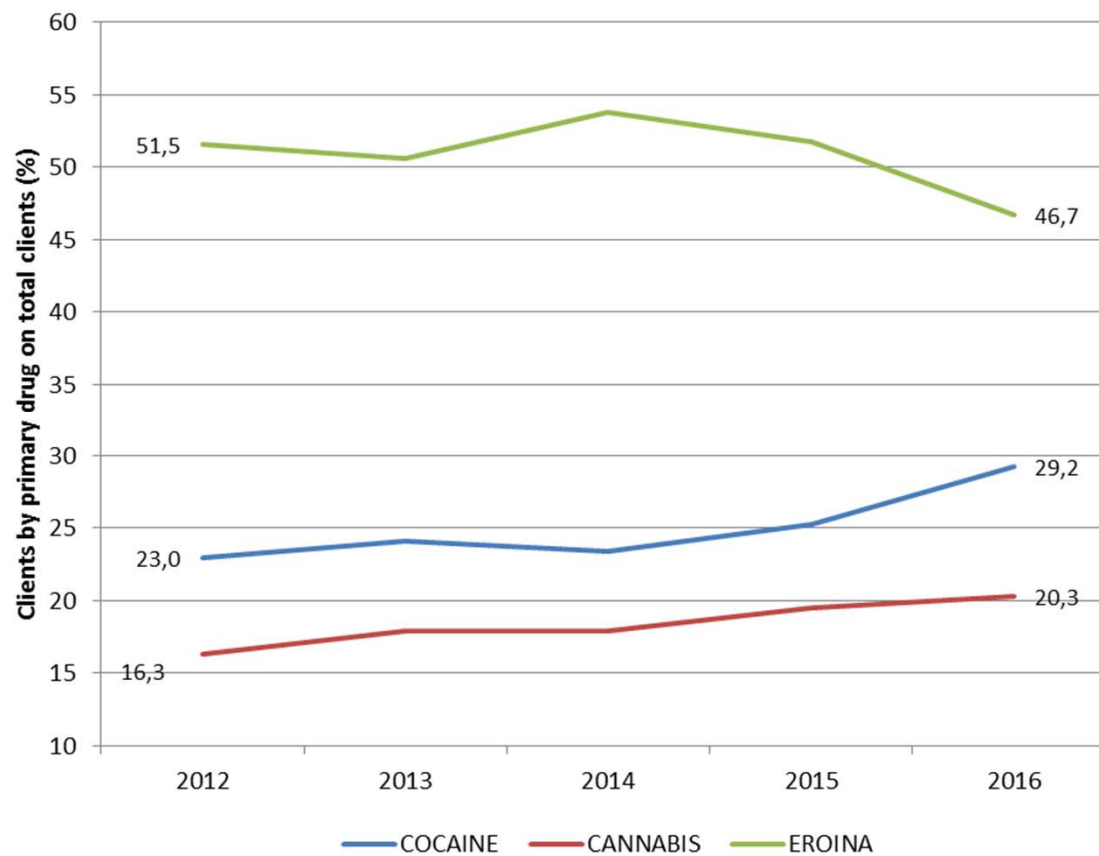
Number of all clients by primary drug from 2012 to 2016 in Italy



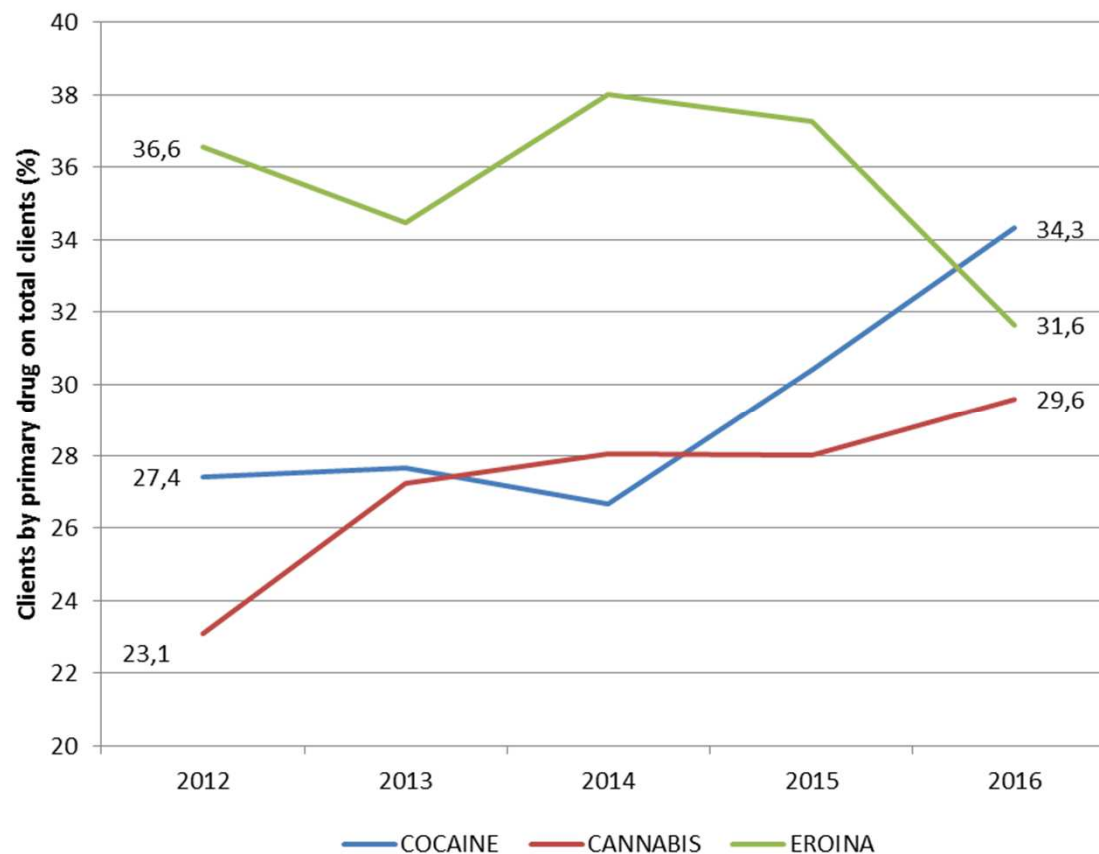
Number of new clients by primary drug from 2012 to 2016 in Italy



All clients by primary drug (% on total all clients) from 2012 to 2016 in Italy



New clients by primary drug (% on total new clients) from 2012 to 2016 in Italy



SUMMARY

- ✓ In Italy, the trend is also due to better coverage and quality over the years of the national information system on drug addiction (SIND).
- ✓ The number of new clients has a regular increase between 2012 and 2016 (+38%).
- ✓ The number of heroin new clients increases until 2015 but shows a decrease in 2016.
- ✓ The percentage of new heroin clients on the total of new clients has variations around the value 37% and considerably decreases in 2016 (31.6%).
- ✓ Currently, data for 2016 are provisional and must be validated.
- ✓ The data do not show an increasing trend in new heroin users. The increase observed between 2014 and 2015 may also be due to the increase in the number of units detected in 2015 compared to 2014.
- ✓ In the new clients, it is observed an increasing trend for cocaine and cannabis both in absolute and percentage values.



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