

**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND  
DRUG STATISTICS**

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In 2016, 26.4% of Irish adults aged 15 years or older reported using an illegal drug in their lifetime, with 7.5% consuming in the past 12 months and 4.0% in the past month.

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Lifetime usage of cannabis (24.0%) is considerably higher than any other form of drug. The second most common is ecstasy (7.8%) then cocaine (6.6%).

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In 2016, 19.9% of Irish adults have used opiates in the past month, with 43.4% doing so in the past 12 months and 61.5% at one point in their lifetime.

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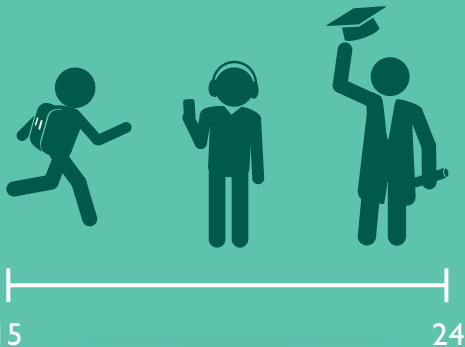
Ireland has a death rate from drugs more than three times above the European average.

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Ireland's drug-induced mortality rate is 71 per 1m people, the fourth highest out of 28 EU countries.

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An EU Survey of over 13,000 young people aged 15-24 indicated that those in Ireland were most likely to have used psychoactive substances.

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22% of Irish survey participants indicated that they had tried psychoactive substances, the next highest being Spain (13%).