2022 Drug Treatment Demand in Ireland

Drug treatment demand

Total number of cases treated
12,009

Main problem drug

34% cocaine
33% opioids
19% cannabis
11% benzodiazepines

Gender

28% females
72% males

Characteristics

33 yrs median age
14% homeless
22% employed
21% ever injected

Main problem drug by age

19 years or younger cannabis
20–34 years cocaine
35 years or older opioids

Parental status

47% of treated cases were parents who had children

Of cases with children aged 17 or younger

40% of cases lived with children

53% females
32% males

Polydrug use

57% of cases use more than one drug

Drugs most commonly used together

1st cocaine plus alcohol
2nd cocaine plus cannabis
3rd opioids plus cocaine

Cocaine

4,048 cocaine cases

78% powder
22% crack

Cocaine powder

79% male
21% female

30 yrs median age
41% employed

Crack cocaine

58% male
42% female

39 yrs median age
6% employed

All percentages cited above are a proportion of the total number of cases

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