

# 2022 | Alcohol treatment demand in Ireland

HRB StatLink Series 15

## Alcohol treatment demand

Total number of cases treated

7,421



44%  
new cases



52%  
previously treated cases

## Characteristics

-42+

42 yrs  
median age



8%  
homeless



34%  
employed

## Gender



62%  
males

38%  
females

## Alcohol dependent

All cases

65%



64%  
new cases



68%  
previously treated cases

## Standard drinks



-18+ 2022

-15+ 2016

## Parental status



57%  
of treated cases were  
parents who  
had children

## Of cases with children aged 17 or younger



51%  
of cases lived  
with children



67%  
females  
40%  
males

**Polydrug use** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drugs most commonly used with alcohol** \_\_\_\_\_

**24%**  
of cases use  
other drugs  
with alcohol



**1st**  
alcohol plus  
cocaine



**2nd**  
alcohol plus  
cannabis



**3rd**  
alcohol plus  
cannabis  
and cocaine



**Polydrug problem drug by age** \_\_\_\_\_

19 years  
or younger  
**cannabis**



20–34 years  
**cocaine**



35 years or older  
**cocaine**



**Gender** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_



**-44+**  
**44 yrs**  
median age

**63%**  
alcohol  
dependent



**15**  
standard  
drinks



**19%**  
polydrug  
use



**5%**  
homeless



\_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_



**-41+**  
**41 yrs**  
median age

**67%**  
alcohol  
dependent



**20**  
standard  
drinks



**27%**  
polydrug  
use



**10%**  
homeless



The HSE low risk drinking guidelines for females is up to 11 standard drinks in a week and up to 17 standard drinks in a week for males with drinks spaced out over the week, with two to three alcohol free days per week.

<https://www2.hse.ie/living-well/alcohol/health/improve-your-health/weekly-low-risk-alcohol-guidelines/>

**Need Advice**

If you have any concerns regarding alcohol or other drugs please visit [www.drugs.ie](http://www.drugs.ie) or call 1800 459 459