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Drug use in Ireland: Findings from the Healthy Ireland Survey

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Main findings



7.3%

of respondents (corresponding to 301,000 adults in the general population) reported last-year drug use.

The most commonly used drugs were:



6.1%
cannabis



2.0%
cocaine

Factors associated with higher rates of any drug use were



being
unemployed



having only
completed
**second-level
education**



being
single



being
Irish

Respondents who used drugs were more likely than those who reported no drug use to also



smoke
(54% versus 18%)



drink
in a hazardous manner
(71% versus 50%)



have a probable
mental health
problem (30% versus 12%)

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