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Quarterly statistics on drug abusers

Item	Description	Data Type	Remarks
Statistical variable	Meaning of the value of statistics.	String	**Reported drug abuser** : This refers to known or suspected drug abuser reported to the CRDA by reporting agencies. A drug abuser who has come into contact with reporting agencies within a given year and has been reported for more than once (by the same or different reporting agencies) is counted as one reported individual. The number of reported drug abusers for a particular drug type is defined as the total number of all individuals who had abused the drug within a given year, irrespective of whether they took it singly or concurrently with other drugs.
Value of statistics	Value of statistics.	Numeric	1. The figures presented are only based on the reported information available to the CRDA, hence excluding those individuals with unknown information on the concerned data items other than age and sex. 2. @ Figure less than 6 3. - Nil
Age group	Age group of reported drug abuser.	String	**Age** : Age is the number of complete years a person has passed since birth. It is derived from month and year of birth reported.
Age of first abuse	This refers to the age when drug abuse first started, regardless of the types of drugs taken then. If a particular type of drug is specified, it refers to the age of first abuse for such type of drug.	String	
Common type of drugs abused	Common type of drugs abused includes: Heroin, Methamphetamine (ICE), Triazolam/Midazolam/Zopiclone, Cocaine, Ketamine, Cannabis, Cough Medicine, Nimetazepam and MDMA (Ecstasy).	String	More than one type of drugs may be reported for each individual reported drug abuser.
District of residence	This refers to the district where a reported person is known to be residing at the time of report.	String	

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Economic activity status	Economic activity status of reported drug abuser.	String	A person can be classified into various different economic activity status including : (i) **full-time worker** refers to an employee, employer or a self- employed who had formal job attachment (i.e. had continued receipt of wage, or had an assurance or an agreed date of return to job or business, or was in receipt of compensation without obligation to accept another job) and was working under a regular pattern with fixed number of usual days of work per month or fixed number of usual hours of work per week/month during the seven days prior to the time of report; (ii) **casual/part-time worker** refers to a person who was working on a day-to-day basis or for whom the number of usual days of work per week or usual hours of work per working day/week was either not fixed or irregular during the seven days prior to the time of report; (iii) **unemployed** refers to a person who had been available for work but had not performed any work for pay during the seven days prior to the time of report; (iv) **student** refers to a person who is studying and was not working during the seven days prior to the time of report. Student worker should be classified as an employed person and (v) **others** include (a) persons who do not have to work for a living and who cannot work due to permanent sickness or disablement; (b) workers in illicit trade; (c) home-maker refers to a person who looks after the home without pay; and (d) retired person refers to a person who has worked previously but is not currently working due to old age.
Educational attainment	Educational attainment of reported drug abuser.	String	This refers to the highest level of education attained by a person in school or other educational institution, regardless of whether he/she had completed the course.
Ethnicity	Ethnicity of reported drug abuser.	String	
Locality of abusing drugs	This refers to the location where a reported person abused drugs, such as home, friend's home, public areas like recreation area/public park/public toilet and disco/karaoke.	String	More than one locality of abusing drugs may be reported for each individual reported drug abuser.
Marital status	Marital status of reported drug abuser.	String	

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Newly/previously reported drug abusers	**Newly reported person** refers to a person who is known to the CRDA for the first time (i.e. no precedent reported case on him/her in the CRDA at the time of report), irrespective of the types of drugs taken and the period of analysis. **Previously reported person** refers to a person who has been recorded by the CRDA before in the preceding years.	String	
Whether multiple drug abuser	Single or multiple drug abuser.	String	
Place of abusing drugs	This refers to Hong Kong or an area or a country outside Hong Kong.	String	More than one place of abusing drugs may be reported for each individual reported drug abuser.
Quarter	Reporting quarter.	String	
Reason for current drug use	Reason for current drug use of reported drug abuser.	String	More than one reason for current drug use may be reported for each individual reported drug abuser.
Sex	Sex of reported drug abuser.	String	
Whether previously convicted	Whether reported drug abuser was previously convicted.	String	
Year	Reporting year.	Numeric	