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| Statistical variable | Meaning of the value of statistics. | String | <p>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.</p> <p>Median drug history when first reported (i.e. the time for abusers to be reported to the CRDA by reporting agencies from their first drug abuse)</p> | All tables |
| Value of statistics | Value of statistics. | Numeric | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. @ Value and its corresponding percentage not released in order to safeguard confidentiality of information provided by individuals 3. * Percentage less than 0.05 4. - Nil 5. n.a. not available | All tables |
| Age group | Age group of reported drug abuser. | String | <p>Age : Age is the number of complete years a person has passed since birth. It is derived from month and year of birth reported.</p> | T1a, T1b, T1d, T1f, T1g, T1h, T1j, T1k, T1n, T1p, T1q, T2a, T2b, T2h, T3a and T4a |
| 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 | | T1i and T2d |
| Age of first abusing the respective type of drugs | Age of first abusing the respective type of drugs by reported drug abuser. | String | | T3c |

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| Common type of drugs abused | Common type of drugs abused including: Heroin, Methamphetamine(ICE), Triazolam/Midazolam/Zopiclone, Cocaine, Ketamine, Cannabis and Cough Medicine. | String | 1. More than one type of drugs abused may be reported for an individual drug abuser in a given year. 2. ^ From 2023, cannabis includes synthetic cannabinoids. | T2b and T3a-T3f |
| District of residence | This refers to the district where a reported person is known to be residing at the time of report. | String | | T1n, T3b and T4b |
| 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) home-maker refers to a person who looks after the home without pay; (v) 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 (vi) retired person refers to a person who has worked previously but is not currently working due to old age; (vii) others include (a) persons who do not have to work for a living and who cannot work due to permanent sickness or disablement; and (b) workers in illicit trade. | T1j, T2e, and T3e |
| 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. | T1k and T2f |

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| Ethnicity | Ethnicity of reported drug abuser. | String | The classification of race is determined with reference to a combination of concepts such as cultural origins, nationality, colour and language. The race of an abuser is determined by self-identification. If the abuser cannot determine his/her own race, reporting agency may classify the abuser according to his/her appearance or language. Otherwise, reporting agency may check the nationality of the abuser as a proxy for race. | T1l |
| 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 an individual drug abuser in a given year. | T1g and T3f |
| Major type of drugs abused | Major type of drugs abused including: Narcotics analgesics : They refer to heroin, opium, morphine and physeptone/ methadone. Psychotropic substances : They refer to hallucinogens (e.g. cannabis), depressants (e.g. methaqualone), stimulants (e.g. MDMA, methamphetamine and cocaine), tranquillizers (e.g. triazolam/midazolam/zopiclone and diazepam) and other substances such as ketamine, cough medicine and organic solvents. | String | 1. More than one type of drugs abused may be reported for an individual drug abuser in a given year. 2. ^ From 2023, cannabis includes synthetic cannabinoids. | T1d |
| Marital status | Marital status of reported drug abuser. | String | | T1m and T2g |
| Method of taking drugs | Method of taking drugs by reported drug abuser. | String | For each type of drug, more than one method of taking drugs may be reported for an individual drug abuser in a given year. | T1e and T3d |
| 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 | | T1b and T2a-T2h |
| Number of drug types taken | Number of drug types taken by reported drug abuser. | String | | T1c |
| Place of abusing drugs | This refers to Hong Kong or an area or a country outside Hong Kong, such as Macao SAR and Mainland China - Shenzhen. | String | More than one place of abusing drugs may be reported for an individual drug abuser in a given year. | T1f |

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| 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 an individual drug abuser in a given year. | T1h, T2c and T4c |
| Sex | Sex of reported drug abuser. | String | | T1a, T1b, T1i, T1m, T2a, T2g, T3a and T4a |
| Type of quarters | Type of quarters that reported drug abuser lives. | String | | T1o |
| Type of reporting agency | Type of reporting agency including: Law enforcement agencies (including Hong Kong Police Force, Correctional Services Department and Probation Offices under Social Welfare Department), treatment and welfare agencies, tertiary institutions, hospitals and clinics. | String | An individual drug abuser may be reported by more than one agency in a given year. | T1q, T1r and T2h |
| Whether partner took drugs | Reported married/cohabiting drug abusers with known information on whether partner took drugs. | String | | T1m and T2g |
| Whether previously convicted | Whether reported drug abuser was previously convicted. | String | | T1p |
| Year | Reporting year. | Numeric | | All tables |