

Drug use dataset: Insights

D1: In both US and UK, there are more Cannabis users than Tobacco or Energy Drinks:

- US: Cannabis users (89%) than Tobacco (76%) or Energy Drinks (78%)
- UK: Cannabis users (91%) than Tobacco (85%) or Energy Drinks (79%)

D2: 15% of drug users have taken mystery white powder from a stranger

D3: one in 30 drug users have used MDMA recently.

D4: 25% of MDMA users take “full gram” and 20% of MDMA users said they usually “take more” each session.

D5: Despite \$2.3 million in marketing warning on the dangers of drunk driving, people think police can't tell if they drive on drugs. Only a 30% of cocaine users and 32% of Cannabis users think they will be pulled over if they drink and drive

D6: Police in both UK and US routinely miss drugs during stop and search. 65% miss in UK and 70% miss in US

D6: If you are found to be carrying drugs varies hugely between US and UK. In UK only 10% of Cannabis users were arrested compared to 46% in US. The rules haven't made much difference. Only 2% fewer US citizens have tried Cannabis (91% in UK vs. 89% in US).

D7: users of sleeping pills get their drug from different resources: 21% (Drug dealer), 27% (Family doctor), 8% (other doctor), 57% (Friend), 9% (Internet)

D8: US doctors are far more likely to ask their patients about drug use (52% of US doctors vs. 20% of UK doctors).

D8: UK patients are more honest. Only 23% of UK patients denied their use of drugs versus 40% of US patients.

D9: Which drugs people want to cut down the most: 63% (Tobacco), 36% (Alcohol), 17% (Cocaine), 8% (MDMA)

D10: The number of deaths as a result of drug misuse and drug poisoning has fluctuated over the years (from 1993 to 2014) but it has reached its peak in 2014. The trend is similar between male and female drug users, however, the female death rates are lower than male death rates.