



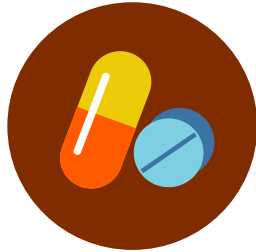
# Snapshot of the UNODC World Drug Report 2023



# Worldview 2023

## North America

- High level of opioid-related overdoses
- Increasing use of methamphetamines
- Cocaine use



## South America

- Concerns with cocaine production, use and trafficking



## Eurasia

- Expanding creation of NPS including ATS
- Increasing use of methamphetamines
- Opiates use



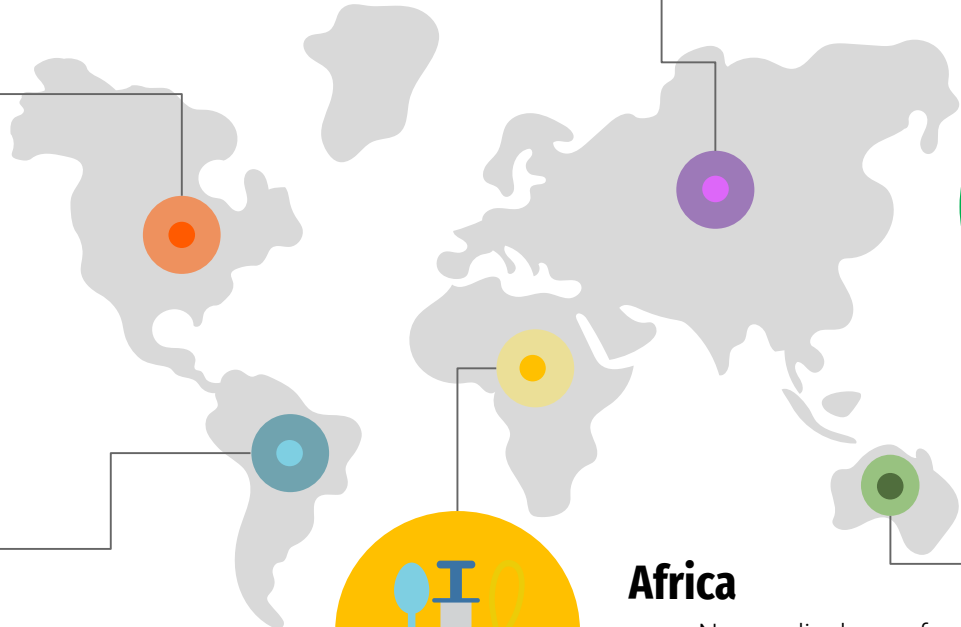
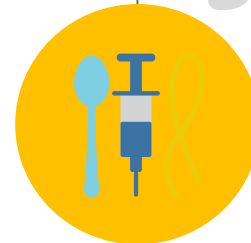
## Australia

- High usage of stimulants (amphetamines and cocaine)



## Africa

- Nonmedical use of Tramadol
- Heroin and cocaine trafficking



# World Drug Use Breakdown: 296 Million Users

Amphetamines

12.16%



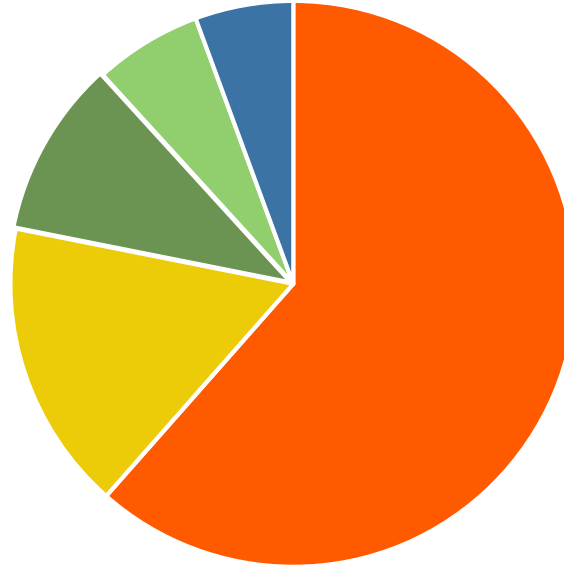
7.4%

Cocaine



Ecstasy

6.75%



■ Cannabis ■ Opioids ■ Amphetamines ■ Cocaine ■ Ecstasy

Cannabis

73.98%



20%

Opioids

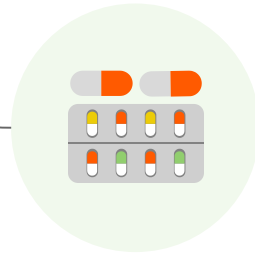


# New Substance Creation Trends Upward

618 New Psychoactive  
Substances on the market



87 Newly  
Identified NPS



Synthetic  
Opioids and  
“other drugs”  
have the  
highest growth  
rate

# People Who Inject Drugs

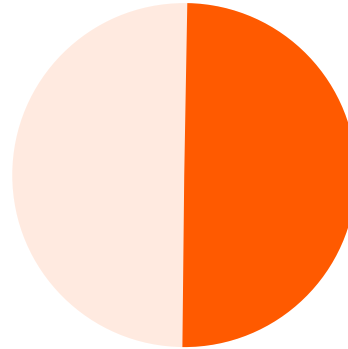
13,200,000M

Global number of people who inject drugs 

Growth compared to **estimated** users 



6.6M



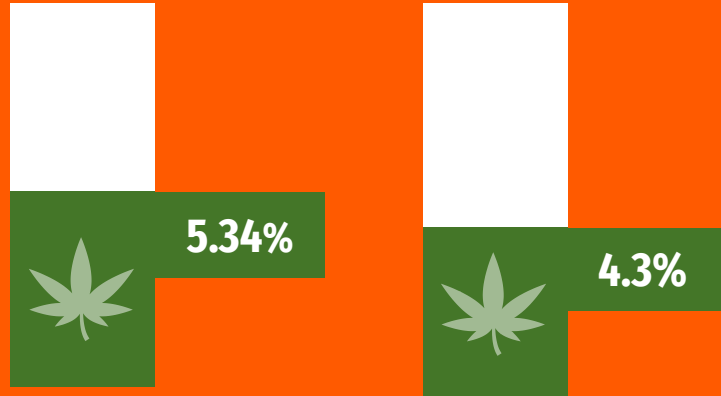
Living with hepatitis C

1.6M



Living with HIV

## Young People Remain Most Vulnerable to Drug Abuse (Cannabis)

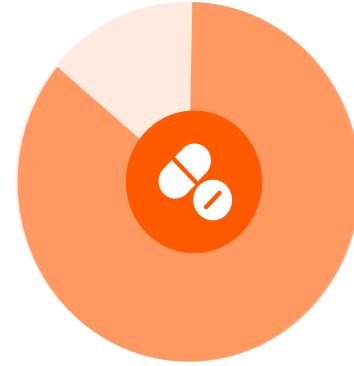


**Youth**

Ages 15-16

**Adult**

## Disparities in Access and Availability



Percentage of global population living where availability of pharmaceutical opioids is below national average.

**86%**

# Treatment Statistics



**1 in 5**

**People**

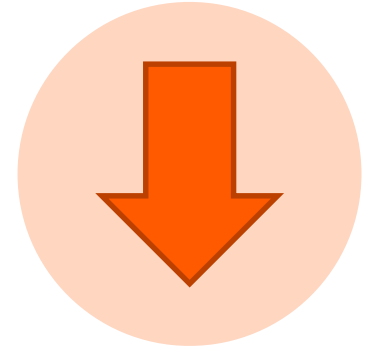
Received treatment for drug-related disorders in 2021.



**27%**

**Women**

Out of those 1 in 5, only 27% are women.



**General Decline**

**From 2019-2020 and again from 2020-2021**

Likely due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

# Possible Responses

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**Minimizing the stigma of discussing drug use and asking for help with recovery**

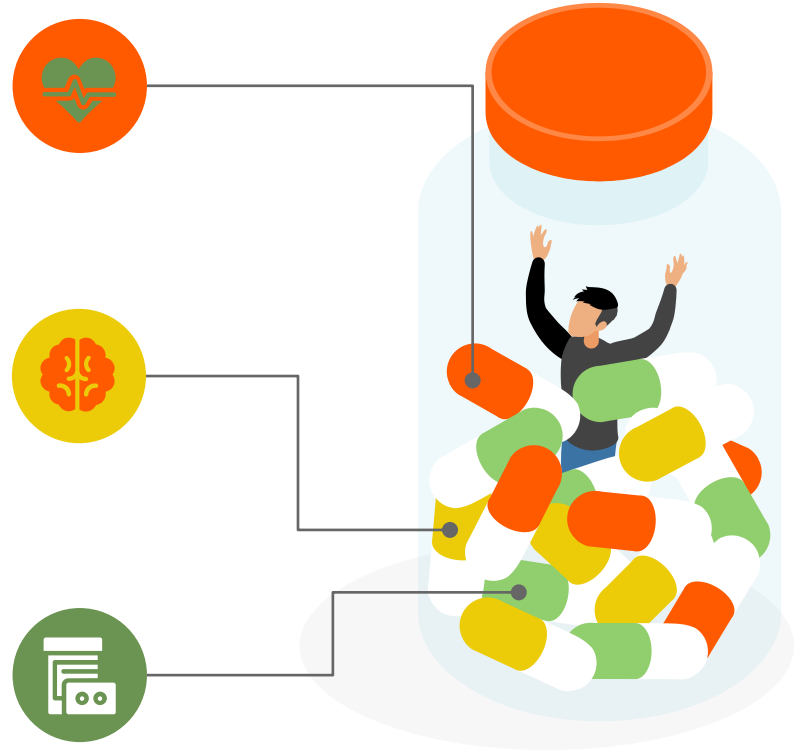
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**Improving access and availability of treatment services**

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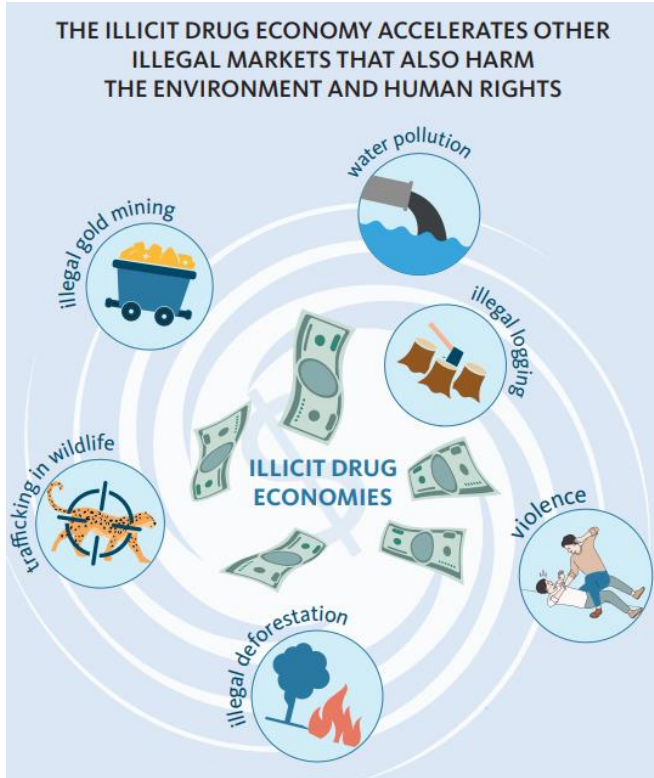
**Addressing greater structural inequalities**

Including harmful sociocultural norms, gender-based inequalities, economic inequalities, mental health stigma, etc.





# Drug Economy's Negative Affect on Other Areas



Credit: World Drug Report 2023



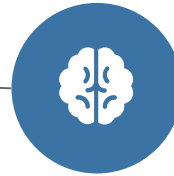
## Human Rights

Due to criminal activity and conflict, many are losing their right to live in a clean and healthy place



## Environment

Trafficking and production lead to misuse and pollution of land, water, animal resources, etc.



## Mental Health

Displaced and marginalized groups (due to the drug economy) are at higher risk of drug addiction



All information sourced from the United Nations: Office on Drugs and Crime World Drug Report (2023) which can be found here:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/world-drug-report-2023.html>



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