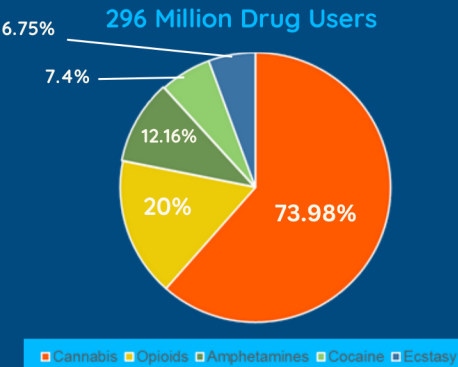


# WORLD DRUG REPORT SNAPSHOT 2023

Each year, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) evaluates the state of growing drug threats around the globe. By presenting this evidence, UNODC aims to shed light on the drug challenges that cannot be addressed by one country or one policy alone. The report highlights collected data and recommended strategies to address the crisis of drug use, production, and trafficking worldwide.



39.5 million people with drug use disorders

1 out of 5 are in treatment



Adolescents remain the most vulnerable to drug abuse.

Across the globe, the creation of NPS (new psychoactive substances) is expanding, and drug use is continuing to increase in every sector.

## North America

High level of opioid-related overdoses  
Increasing use of methamphetamine  
Cocaine use rising

## Central and South America

Continuing increase in manufacture of methamphetamine and opioids  
Cocaine production, use, and trafficking rising

## Europe and Asia

Opiate production, use, and trafficking expanding  
Increased cocaine market  
More amphetamine type stimulant (ATS) creation

## Africa

Non-medical use of Tramadol  
Heroin and cocaine trafficking crossing into use  
Prevalent use of synthetic stimulants



"Reducing inequalities and the gap in access to treatment and comprehensive services to minimize the adverse public health and social consequences of drug use in a continuum of care for people who use drugs, especially vulnerable and marginalized populations, is critical."<sup>1</sup>



Percentage of global population living without access to needed pharmaceutical opioids.

"Mental health conditions increase the risk of developing drug disorders, and drugs pose the risk of exacerbating mental health problems if taken outside medical supervision."<sup>1</sup>



**The economies surrounding illicit drug use, production, and trafficking are causing irreversible environmental damage and continuing to endanger human rights, particularly of vulnerable groups.**



Community, school, and family based large-scale prevention programs are **NECESSARY** to help address the world's drug crisis.