



# BULGARIA

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



### Cannabis

"in young adults (15-34 years) in the last year"

**10,3%**



### MDMA or ecstasy

"in young adults reporting use in the last year"

**3,1%**



### Cocaine

**0,5%**

Young adults reporting use in the last year



### Amphetamines

**1,8%**

Young adults reporting use in the last year

**Problem of drug use in Bulgaria is linked to the use of opioids (primarily heroin) and injecting drug use.**



heroin



Poverty



overdose

**In general, illicit drug use is concentrated among young people aged 15-34 years.**

### Overdose deaths

**22 (2016)**

At total of 2 781 people sought medical aid in emergency care centres as a result of drug dependency in 2016.



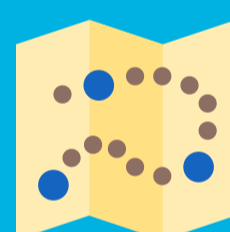
### Drug-induced deaths and mortality

All but four of the victims in 2016 were male. The mean age at the time of death was 38 years. The drug-induced mortality rate among adults (aged 15-64) was 4.47 deaths per million in 2016, which is lower than the most recent European average of 21.8 deaths per million.



### Drug markets

Bulgaria is situated on the Balkan route, is considered a transit country for illicit drugs, with trafficking activity shaped by supply and demand in Western European and Middle Eastern countries. In addition, the cultivation of cannabis, which is mainly carried out indoors, and production of synthetic stimulants are reported in Bulgaria.



### Alcohol in Bulgaria

About 2.3% of Bulgarians are alcohol-dependent and 6.9% have alcohol use disorders



### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN BULGARIA

**43% spirits,  
39% beer and  
17% wine**

Males over 15 years old drink 26.6 liters pure alcohol per capita per annum and women drink 9.2 liters.



**Traffic police had caught 8867 motorists driving while drunk, of whom 4440 had a blood-alcohol level higher than 1.2 promilles. (Jan- Oct 2018 )**



**Household consumption expenditure in Bulgaria, 2017 (as % of total expenditure)**

**in Alcohol, Tobacco and drugs 5.2%**



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Info:  
[http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/countries/drug-reports/2018/bulgaria\\_en](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/countries/drug-reports/2018/bulgaria_en)  
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