

# ECSTASY

MDMA is the most popular illegal drug among UK respondents who have been clubbing in the past month; **77%** had used it in the past year. More regular clubbers among UK respondents took MDMA powder in the past year than took ecstasy pills

## TAKEN IN LAST YEAR

**67%**  
Powder

**57%**  
Pills

## BUYING PILLS

**26%**  
usually buy one or two pills at a time

**40%**  
usually buy three to five pills

**5%**  
usually buy six to nine pills

**29%**  
usually buy 10 or more pills at a time

## MDMA QUALITY

**28%**  
of respondents believe the purity of ecstasy pills has gone up in the past 12 months

**45%**  
of respondents believe the purity of ecstasy pills has gone down

**18%**  
18% of respondents believe the purity of MDMA powder has gone up in the last 12 months

**22%**  
22% of respondents believe the purity of MDMA powder has gone down

The average price of a normal pill is **£2.50**, the most common price is **£4/5**, but the percentage of people usually paying £10 for a pill has risen to **28%**



In the US, the average price of a pill was **\$14**, and the most common price paid was **\$10**

**73%**

of respondents who take ecstasy have been offered higher priced pills with the promise of better quality - usually at **£10**.

**78%**

bought them...

**81%**

thought they were better.

## MDMA POWDER

The average price for a gram of MDMA was **£38**; the most common price paid was **£40**

**75%** of users take one gram or less in a session; the average number of doses per gram is **7.8**

# COCAINE

**54%** of regular UK clubbers have taken cocaine in the past 12 months. Most users take a gram in one session; 10 per cent usually take **2g** or more. The most common amount paid for a gram is **£50**

**40%**

of cocaine users don't know how many lines they usually get from a gram...

**40%**

say that they get between 10 and 20.

● **98%** of cocaine users snort it  
● **1%** smoke it  
● **.5%** swallow it

**31%**  
have smoked cocaine

**30%**  
have swallowed cocaine

● **1.5%** of people who have taken cocaine injected it  
● **3%** rubbed it on their gums

## COCAINE QUALITY

believe the quality has gone up **5%**

**52%**

of cocaine users believe the quality of cocaine has gone down in the past 12 months

**39%**

of respondents who have taken cocaine have been offered 'higher quality' cocaine at a higher price (most commonly about **£60** per gram, but in **25%** of cases **£80** or more)

**64%**  
bought it...

**76%**  
thought it was better

# CANNABIS/SYNTHETIC CANNABIS

Cannabis was the most popular illegal drug overall in both the UK (**68.2%** of respondents had used it in the past year) and the US

## UK: TYPES OF CANNABIS USED IN THE PAST YEAR

Grass **50.9%**  
Skunk **75.5%**  
Resin **34.7%**

**3.3%** of UK respondents had used synthetic cannabis in the past year, up from **2.2%** the previous year. **14%** of US respondents had used synthetic cannabis in the past year

In the last three years over 200 synthetic cannabinoids have appeared, of varying chemical structure. Usually these are sprayed on non-psychoactive herbal mixtures and sold as smoking blends or incense - there's a wide variation between batches with variable branding, composition and potency.

## USERS COMPARED THE EFFECTS WITH NATURAL CANNABIS:

	Natural cannabis	Synthetic
Ability to function after use	6.84%	5.47%
Addictiveness	3%	2.62%
Munchies	6.87%	3.79%
Effects on memory	4.63%	4.26%
Negative effects when high	2.8%	4.8%
Paranoia	3.89%	4.75%
Value for money	6.73%	4.76%
Consistency of product	6.38%	5.92%

**93%** of people said they would choose natural cannabis over synthetics

**2.5%** of users had to seek medical attention after using synthetic cannabis. The most common complaint was panic and anxiety, followed by paranoia, breathing difficulties, sweating, chest pain, seeing things, agitation, hearing things and aggression

# MYSTERY POWDER

**14.6%** of respondents have snorted or ingested a 'mystery powder'

Blame it on the ever increasing amount of legal highs, cynicism about media coverage of drugs like mephedrone, or just that people are more blasé about drugs than ever, but almost 15% of respondents had taken a mystery white powder in the past year without knowing what it was or what it was originally sold as. Two thirds had been given it by someone they trusted; 80% were intoxicated when they did it. The most common place to snort a mystery powder was at a party (**32%**), followed by a club (**25%**), or at home (**25%**)

## WHAT DID PEOPLE THINK IT WAS?

● **20%** cocaine  
● **18%** mephedrone  
● **13%** ketamine  
● **10%** 'research chemical'  
● **6%** legal high  
● **16%** don't know  
● **17%** speed / MDMA / methoxetamine / caffeine / chalk / BZP

**23%** said it did nothing for them, **12%** reported that it made them feel sick and **65%** said it had positive effects. The younger you are, the more likely you are to have taken a mystery powder.

# BACK-DOOR BANQUET

**3.5%**

of respondents have taken MDMA powder rectally

**1.75%**

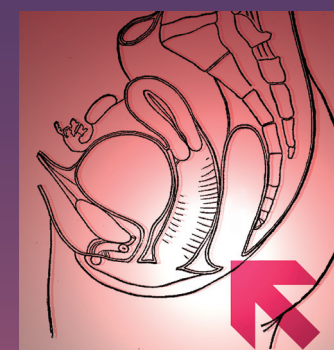
have taken cocaine rectally

**3.5%**

have taken amphetamine rectally

**2%**

have taken mephedrone rectally



**DR WINSTOCK** "Rectal use of drugs is not that uncommon in medicine, and can be used for the administration of pain killers and anticonvulsant drugs, among other things. Your rectum has a mucosal lining (like the inside of your mouth) and a very good blood supply. Drugs administered rectally can thus be absorbed

directly into your bloodstream. Drugs taken rectally avoid what is called 'first pass metabolism' (breakdown by your gut and liver), meaning that for some drugs you can end up getting higher concentrations in your bloodstream. Avoiding your stomach can also reduce nausea. Depending on the drug, the effect may come on quicker and might be stronger and last longer, so best always to reduce your dose if you have never used the drugs anally before. As always, there are risks. If applied regularly to the anus and rectum, drugs can cause irritation, soreness and ulcers. There is also a risk of spreading infection between the hands, mouth and the rectum. Some drugs (like cocaine) that are applied to the anus specifically for their numbing effect to facilitate anal sex can also lead to initially unnoticed trauma."