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GLOBAL  
DRUG  
SURVEY

Welcome to the biggest study of drug use of all time: the *Mixmag / Guardian* Drugs Survey, conducted by Global Drug Survey. The new partnership with the *Guardian* newspaper not only meant that we broke all records for participation, but helped build a truly global reach. Over 15,500 people filled it in, from Brazil to Birmingham, Phoenix to Finland

The massive response also changed the demographic slightly: while previous surveys have been dominated by regular clubbers, this year a much wider spread of people took part. Because of this, we've split some of the figures [for things like drugs taken in the last year] to compare the results for respondents who have been clubbing in the past month with the wider picture. A huge number of respondents from the United States (3,300) this year also

means we also have a raft of figures comparing drug use in the UK and the US. Unless stated otherwise, the figures given here refer to the 7,700 people from the UK who filled in the survey. Over the next few pages we've picked out some of the more startling trends and the most relevant figures, but you can see more online at [Mixmag.net/drugssurvey2012](http://Mixmag.net/drugssurvey2012), where the full results will be published along with detailed explanations of what we like to call 'the science bit'.

## WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

Typical UK respondents

**69.7%**  
are male

**30.3%**  
are female

**82.7%**  
are heterosexual

**68.4%**

of respondents agree or strongly agree with the statement 'drugs can make a good night out better'

**76.2%**

say they **don't** need drugs for a good night out

**45.1%**

think drugs 'can make a bad night out good'

Average age is  
**28 years and 4 months**  
The most common age is **21**

**78.2%** are working  
**39.5%** are [or are also] studying  
**23.8%** are unemployed

# DRUG USE

DRUGS EVER TRIED  
BY UK RESPONDENTS

<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>MDMA</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>MDMA powder</b>	<b>64.9%</b>
<b>MDMA pills</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>69.4%</b>
<b>Ketamine</b>	<b>47.8%</b>
<b>Nitrous oxide</b>	<b>49.6%</b>
<b>Mephedrone</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
<b>Benzos [valium etc]</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Mushrooms</b>	<b>53.1%</b>
<b>Caffeine tablets</b>	<b>47.3%</b>
<b>Poppers</b>	<b>56.9%</b>
<b>Speed</b>	<b>52.9%</b>
<b>LSD</b>	<b>39.6%</b>
<b>2CB</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
<b>Amphetamine [paste]</b>	<b>25.3%</b>
<b>Viagra</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Methoxetamine</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>DMT</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Synthetic cannabis</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
<b>Benzo Fury</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>MDAI</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Opium</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>Methyline</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Crack</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>2CI</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
<b>GBL</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>GHB</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Ritalin</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Methamphetamine</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Solvents</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Steroids</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

DRUGS USED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS [UK RESPONDENTS]

Alcohol	95.2
Cannabis	68.2%
MDMA	53.7%
MDMA powder	46.3%
MDMA pills	39.2%
Cocaine	41.8%
Ketamine	24.5%
Nitrous oxide	27.2%
Mephedrone	19.5%
Benzos [valium etc]	18.1%
Mushrooms	13.9%
Caffeine tablets	13.4%
Poppers	13.1%
Speed	11.8%
LSD	10.5%
2CB	7.4%
Amphetamine [paste]	4.8%
Viagra	4.7%
Methoxetamine	4.2%
DMT	3.4%
Synthetic cannabis	3.3%
Benzo Fury	2.4%
MDAI	2.2%
Opium	1.9%
Methyline	1.4%
Crack	1.1%
2CI	3.7%
GBL	1.6%
GHB	1.5%
Heroin	1.1%
Ritalin	1.9%
Methamphetamine	.8%
Solvents	.4%
Steroids	.5%

DRUGS USED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS [US RESPONDENTS]

Alcohol	95.5%
Cannabis	69.3%
MDMA	26.5%
MDMA powder	19.4%
MDMA pills	19.3%
Cocaine	19.8%
Ketamine	5.5%
Nitrous oxide	10%
Mephedrone	2%
Benzos [valium etc]	19%
Mushrooms	21%
Caffeine tablets	9%
Poppers	3%
Speed	10%
LSD	18%
2CB	3%
Amphetamine [paste]	2%
Viagra	3%
Methoxetamine	1.5%
DMT	6%
Synthetic cannabis	14%
Benzo Fury	<.5%
MDAI	.5%
Opium	4%
Methyline	2.5%
Crack	1%
2CI	3.9%
GBL	1%
GHB	<.5%
Heroin	2.5%
Ritalin	10%
Methamphetamine	2.1%
Solvents	<0.01%
Steroids	<.5%

DRUGS USED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS [UK REGULAR CLUBBERS]

Alcohol	98%
Cannabis	69%
MDMA	77%
MDMA powder	67%
MDMA pills	57%
Cocaine	54%
Ketamine	40%
Nitrous oxide	43%
Mephedrone	30%
Benzos [valium etc]	22%
Mushrooms	13.9%
Caffeine tablets	13.4%
Poppers	13.1%
Speed	8%
LSD	16%
2CB	12%
Amphetamine [paste]	7%
Viagra	5%
Methoxetamine	6%
DMT	5%
Synthetic cannabis	5%
Benzo Fury	3%
MDAI	3%
Opium	2%
Methyline	2%
Crack	1%
2CI	6%
GBL	2.5%
GHB	2%
Heroin	1%
Ritalin	3%
Methamphetamine	1%
Solvents	.5%
Steroids	.5%

91.1% of UK respondents have tried cannabis, 75% some form of MDMA. More (69.4%) had tried cocaine than legal 'drugs' such as caffeine tablets, poppers and nitrous oxide. Nearly half of UK respondents had tried ket and 42% mephedrone. Cannabis is the most used illegal drug of the last year among UK and US respondents, with MDMA in second place and cocaine in third. In the US, MDMA is well behind cannabis - now effectively

decriminalised in some states (26.5% compared to 69.3% for weed). Fewer US respondents were regular clubbers, and the picture of drug use there is quite different, with hallucinogens (shrooms, LSD) far more prevalent than in the UK, and club drugs like ketamine and meph nowhere near UK levels. Synthetic cannabis and Ritalin use are much higher in the US, while crack and meth are at similar low level either side of the pond.