

## Explanatory notes

Data reported later than 1 November 2023 could not be taken into consideration in the preparation of this report.

The defined daily doses for statistical purposes (S-DDD) are used by INCB as a technical unit of measurement for the purpose of statistical analysis and are not a recommended prescription dose. This definition, which is not free of a certain degree of arbitrariness, recognizes that there are no internationally agreed standard dosages for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, that they are used in certain countries for different treatments or in accordance with different medical practices, and that therefore amounts expressed in S-DDD units should be considered an approximate measure used for ranking consumption in different countries. For narcotic drugs, levels of consumption, expressed in S-DDD per million inhabitants per day, are calculated by using the following formula: the annual consumption reported by a country or a territory, excluding the amount utilized for the manufacture of preparations listed in Schedule III of the 1961 Convention, is divided by the defined daily dose established for each substance, then divided by the population, in millions, and then divided by 365 days. The result obtained is the S-DDD value for that particular drug for that country or territory.

The S-DDD by region value is calculated by adding up the consumption amount (excluding the amounts utilized for the manufacture of preparations listed in Schedule III), dividing by the defined daily dose for each substance, and then dividing, successively, by the total population of the countries in that region that have reported to the Board, expressed in millions, and then dividing by 365 days.

The global S-DDD value for each substance reflected in some diagrams is calculated by adding the S-DDD separately calculated for each individual country or territory to obtain a value which represents the sum of all S-DDDs of consumption for each substance.

Countries and areas are referred to by the names that were in official use at the time the relevant data were collected.

References to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in this report:

AIRCOP	Airport Communication Programme
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CARICC	Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre
CBD	cannabidiol
CICAD	Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
COPOLAD	Cooperation Programme between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union on Drugs Policies
CSTO	Collective Security Treaty Organization
ELITE	eLearning Individual Training Environment
EMCDDA	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
Europol	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation
FARC-EP	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army
GHB	<i>gamma</i> -hydroxybutyrate
GRIDS Programme	Global Rapid Interdiction of Dangerous Substances Programme
ha	hectare(s)

I2ES	International Import and Export Authorization System
IDS	INCB International Drug Control System
INCB	International Narcotics Control Board
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
IONICS	Project Ion Incident Communication System
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
OAS	Organization of American States
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPIOIDS project	global Operational Partnerships to Interdict Opioids' Illicit Distribution and Sales project
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PEN Online	Pre-Export Notification Online system
PICS	Precursors Incident Communication System
SENAD	National Secretariat for Drug Policy of Brazil
S-DDD	defined daily dose for statistical purposes
THC	tetrahydrocannabinol
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization