

Drug volumes

Table 1: Number of adult offenders sentenced for importation/exportation offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced											
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Customs and Excise Management Act 1979	170(1), 170(2)	Importation/exportation Class A	MC	19	8	6	4	4	1	1	4	3	0	7	
			CC	529	542	558	415	446	356	304	288	235	233	206	
			Total	548	550	564	419	450	357	305	292	238	233	213	
		Importation/exportation Class B	MC	11	4	13	6	11	7	10	8	8	10	8	
			CC	12	18	84	121	159	115	116	93	150	73	58	
			Total	23	22	97	127	170	122	126	101	158	83	66	
	Importation/exportation Class C	MC	17	12	5	0	3	3	7	11	5	4	3		
		CC	236	187	91	26	25	12	19	33	47	65	30		
		Total	253	199	96	26	28	15	26	44	52	69	33		
	Total Importation/exportation			MC	47	24	24	10	18	11	18	23	16	14	18
				CC	777	747	733	562	630	483	439	414	432	371	294
				Total	824	771	757	572	648	494	457	437	448	385	312

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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Table 2: Number of adult offenders sentenced for supply offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced											
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class A - Cocaine	MC	46	36	29	24	33	15	12	11	12	6	6	
			CC	464	648	694	623	613	670	848	920	946	1,067	916	
			Total	510	684	723	647	646	685	860	931	958	1,073	922	
		Supply Class A - Crack	MC	9	11	4	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	2	1
			CC	234	318	252	187	214	299	289	272	232	290	322	
			Total	243	329	256	189	215	299	290	275	234	292	323	
		Supply Class A - Heroin	MC	42	35	22	26	12	7	6	4	5	6	3	
			CC	1,081	1,135	1,131	1,124	1,006	848	820	856	712	868	945	
			Total	1,123	1,170	1,153	1,150	1,018	855	826	860	717	874	948	
		Supply Class A - LSD	MC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	1	4	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	
			Total	1	4	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	
		Supply Class A - MDMA	MC	11	13	7	6	4	3	1	6	2	0	4	
			CC	124	107	82	40	52	75	85	89	101	121	88	
			Total	135	120	89	46	56	78	86	95	103	121	92	
		Supply Class A - Methadone	MC	3	6	8	3	6	3	3	1	0	1	0	
			CC	12	18	17	16	16	14	13	7	7	4	2	
			Total	15	24	25	19	22	17	16	8	7	5	2	
		Supply Class A - Methamphetamine	MC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CC	3		3	2	1	0	3	1	4	0	1	5			
Total	3		3	2	1	1	3	1	4	0	1	5			
Supply Class A - Other	MC	10	16	9	8	10	6	8	5	5	1	2			
	CC	446	489	442	391	314	175	203	205	227	166	110			
	Total	456	505	451	399	324	181	211	210	232	167	112			
Total Supply Class A	MC	121	117	79	70	67	34	31	30	26	16	16			
	CC	2,365	2,722	2,622	2,383	2,216	2,085	2,259	2,355	2,226	2,518	2,389			
	Total	2,486	2,839	2,701	2,453	2,283	2,119	2,290	2,385	2,252	2,534	2,405			

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class B - Amphetamine	MC	20	14	6	21	14	14	5	6	7	8	8
			CC	55	60	94	63	73	68	67	83	96	87	32
			Total	75	74	100	84	87	82	72	89	103	95	40
		Supply Class B - Cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabinol, cannabinol derivatives	MC	0	5	48	151	187	156	156	96	83	99	88
			CC	0	15	81	269	370	416	419	499	626	496	425
			Total	0	20	129	420	557	572	575	595	709	595	513
		Supply Class B - Ketamine	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5
		Supply Class B - Mephedrone (4-Methylmethcathinone, Methcathinone)	MC	0	0	0	0	5	10	6	4	3	1	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	13	26	24	16	15	1
			Total	0	0	0	0	5	23	32	28	19	16	1
		Supply Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Supply Class B - Other	MC	4	3	15	41	46	37	22	17	24	9	5
			CC	6	15	51	202	228	224	314	311	296	268	181
			Total	10	18	66	243	274	261	336	328	320	277	186
		Total Supply Class B	MC	24	22	69	213	252	217	189	123	117	117	103
CC	61		90	226	534	671	721	826	917	1,036	868	642		
Total	85		112	295	747	923	938	1,015	1,040	1,153	985	745		

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				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class C - Anabolic steroids	MC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	2	1	3	1	2	3	4	5	7	3	7	
			Total	3	1	3	2	2	4	4	5	7	3	7	
		Supply Class C - GHB 4-Hydroxy-n-butyric acid	MC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
			Total	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Supply Class C - Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
		Supply Class C - Khat	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Supply Class C - Piperazines (including BZP)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
		Supply Class C - Cannabis ¹	MC	140	108	46	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
			CC	165	164	185	62	14	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
			Total	305	272	231	67	15	6	0	0	1	1	0	0
		Supply Class C - Other	MC	31	43	33	33	37	36	24	9	19	12	11	11
			CC	187	234	186	77	57	34	44	43	25	30	15	15
Total	218		277	219	110	94	70	68	52	44	42	26	26		
Total Supply Class C	MC	172	151	80	39	38	40	24	9	19	13	11	11		
	CC	354	399	375	140	76	41	49	49	35	33	23	23		
	Total	526	550	455	179	114	81	73	58	54	46	34	34		

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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Table 3: Number of adult offenders sentenced for possession with intent to supply offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class A - Cocaine	MC	54	58	28	30	20	10	20	13	7	15	14
			CC	1,062	1,404	1,595	1,550	1,301	1,267	1,277	1,522	1,623	1,755	1,811
			Total	1,116	1,462	1,623	1,580	1,321	1,277	1,297	1,535	1,630	1,770	1,825
		PWITS Class A - Crack	MC	9	17	5	3	10	3	1	7	9	13	10
			CC	305	365	327	288	340	374	416	377	476	562	642
			Total	314	382	332	291	350	377	417	384	485	575	652
		PWITS Class A - Heroin	MC	33	57	18	17	10	13	5	10	6	18	3
			CC	1,015	1,158	1,097	1,203	993	911	989	1,033	1,173	1,246	1,212
			Total	1,048	1,215	1,115	1,220	1,003	924	994	1,043	1,179	1,264	1,215
		PWITS Class A - LSD	MC	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	10	8	4	7	1	4	2	2	3	1	8
			Total	15	10	4	7	1	4	2	2	3	1	8
		PWITS Class A - MDMA	MC	27	16	6	3	8	6	5	5	8	8	2
			CC	459	319	190	72	85	163	193	221	240	251	250
			Total	486	335	196	75	93	169	198	226	248	259	252
PWITS Class A - Methadone	MC	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		
	CC	3	2	5	7	2	3	4	0	2	1	1		
	Total	5	2	5	11	2	3	5	1	2	1	1		
PWITS Class A - Methamphetamine	MC	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
	CC	0	3	6	3	3	5	13	8	9	20	17		
	Total	0	3	7	5	3	5	13	8	10	20	17		
PWITS Class A - Other	MC	18	38	16	7	6	4	4	6	2	1	3		
	CC	241	223	197	231	168	151	170	134	152	135	132		
	Total	259	261	213	238	174	155	174	140	154	136	135		
Total PWITS Class A	MC	148	188	74	66	54	36	36	42	33	55	32		
	CC	3,095	3,482	3,421	3,361	2,893	2,878	3,064	3,297	3,678	3,971	4,073		
	Total	3,243	3,670	3,495	3,427	2,947	2,914	3,100	3,339	3,711	4,026	4,105		

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				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class B - Amphetamine	MC	26	24	38	29	38	37	30	20	24	21	12
			CC	253	292	248	291	263	210	202	234	230	150	112
			Total	279	316	286	320	301	247	232	254	254	171	124
		PWITS Class B - Cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabinol, cannabinol derivatives	MC	0	5	238	583	640	639	596	463	442	448	371
			CC	0	57	396	1,430	1,705	1,890	2,004	2,127	2,109	1,854	1,587
			Total	0	62	634	2,013	2,345	2,529	2,600	2,590	2,551	2,302	1,958
		PWITS Class B - Ketamine	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	27
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	27
		PWITS Class B - Mephedrone (4-Methylmethcathinone, Methcathinone)	MC	0	0	0	9	23	26	18	14	13	8	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	23	43	103	65	92	43	7
			Total	0	0	0	9	46	69	121	79	105	51	7
		PWITS Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
			CC	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	1
			Total	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	2
PWITS Class B - Other	MC	3	8	73	108	87	113	63	34	33	31	34		
	CC	15	14	77	424	343	349	288	308	288	210	114		
	Total	18	22	150	532	430	462	351	342	321	241	148		
Total PWITS Class B	MC	29	37	349	729	788	815	707	531	513	510	418		
	CC	268	363	721	2,145	2,337	2,494	2,597	2,734	2,728	2,270	1,848		
	Total	297	400	1,070	2,874	3,125	3,309	3,304	3,265	3,241	2,780	2,266		

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				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class C - Anabolic steroids	MC	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	
			CC	1	4	5	1	3	2	6	4	3	2	4	
			Total	1	5	6	3	4	2	8	4	4	3	4	
		PWITS Class C - GHB 4-Hydroxy-n-butyric acid	MC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
			CC	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
			Total	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	1
		PWITS Class C - Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
		PWITS Class C - Khat	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
		PWITS Class C - Piperazines (including BZP)	MC	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	9	5	6	4	2	0	2	2
			Total	0	0	0	0	10	6	6	4	2	0	2	2
		PWITS Class C - Cannabis ¹	MC	282	350	187	11	1	6	1	0	1	1	0	0
			CC	501	564	490	118	13	4	4	0	2	0	0	0
Total	783		914	677	129	14	10	5	0	3	1	0	0		
PWITS Class C - Other	MC	51	74	60	57	61	39	39	27	23	14	13	13		
	CC	681	790	605	224	160	115	85	67	65	41	40	40		
	Total	732	864	665	281	221	154	124	94	88	55	53	53		
Total PWITS Class C	MC	334	425	248	70	64	46	42	27	25	17	14	14		
	CC	1,183	1,359	1,100	343	187	126	104	79	72	45	47	47		
	Total	1,517	1,784	1,348	413	251	172	146	106	97	62	61	61		

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Table 4: Number of adult offenders sentenced for permitting premises offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class A - Cocaine	MC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
			CC	6	15	19	12	9	15	12	15	25	27	29
			Total	6	15	19	12	10	15	12	16	26	29	29
		Permitting premises Class A - Crack	MC	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1
			CC	2	4	6	2	3	10	5	8	12	11	13
			Total	3	4	6	3	4	11	6	8	13	13	14
		Permitting premises Class A - Heroin	MC	2	0	0	0	1	4	3	1	0	2	1
			CC	21	24	13	12	11	17	20	24	27	34	24
			Total	23	24	13	12	12	21	23	25	27	36	25
		Permitting premises Class A - LSD	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Total	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Permitting premises Class A - MDMA	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	7	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1
			Total	7	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1
		Permitting premises Class A - Methadone	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Permitting premises Class A - Methamphetamine	MC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CC	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Permitting premises Class A - Other	MC	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0		
	CC	5	9	4	7	2	3	10	11	21	13	19		
	Total	6	11	5	9	2	6	11	11	21	13	19		
Total Permitting premises Class A	MC	4	2	2	3	3	8	5	2	2	6	2		
	CC	43	57	44	33	25	46	48	58	88	86	86		
	Total	47	59	46	36	28	54	53	60	90	92	88		

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				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class B - Amphetamine	MC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
			CC	4	2	4	7	8	5	5	4	2	2	
			Total	5	2	4	7	8	6	5	5	2	2	
		Permitting premises Class B - Cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabinol, cannabinol derivatives	MC	6	0	39	97	79	98	127	111	81	83	54
			CC	11	11	14	57	111	146	157	187	213	134	81
			Total	17	11	53	154	190	244	284	298	294	217	135
		Permitting premises Class B - Ketamine	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
		Permitting premises Class B - Mephedrone (4-Methylmethcathinone, Methcathinone)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	0
		Permitting premises Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Permitting premises Class B - Other	MC	0	0	15	22	20	22	20	15	16	14	7
			CC	0	2	9	82	91	119	113	59	47	34	19
			Total	0	2	24	104	111	141	133	74	63	48	26
		Total Permitting premises Class B	MC	7	0	54	119	99	121	147	127	97	97	61
CC	15		15	27	146	211	272	275	250	267	169	102		
Total	22		15	81	265	310	393	422	377	364	266	163		

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Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class C - Anabolic steroids	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	2		
		Permitting premises Class C - GHB 4-Hydroxy-n-butyric acid	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Permitting premises Class C - Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Permitting premises Class C - Khat	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Permitting premises Class C - Piperazines (including BZP)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
		Permitting premises Class C - Cannabis ¹	MC	54	51	15	10	4	11	4	2	2	3	1		
			CC	9	8	16	11	1	2	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	63	59	31	21	5	13	4	2	2	3	1		
		Permitting premises Class C - Other	MC	2	5	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		
			CC	51	51	42	19	4	4	2	2	1	0	1		
Total	53		56	50	20	4	5	3	2	1	0	1				
Total Permitting premises Class C	MC	56	56	23	11	4	12	5	2	3	3	2				
	CC	60	59	59	30	5	7	2	3	3	3	3				
	Total	116	115	82	41	9	19	7	5	6	6	5				

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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Table 5: Number of adult offenders sentenced for possession offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class A - Cocaine	MC	4,388	5,192	4,924	4,383	4,547	4,242	3,978	3,561	3,363	3,349	3,318
			CC	301	415	490	420	469	378	322	328	322	464	457
			Total	4,689	5,607	5,414	4,803	5,016	4,620	4,300	3,889	3,685	3,813	3,775
		Possession Class A - Crack	MC	1,081	1,408	1,020	876	941	791	749	548	610	718	707
			CC	74	93	90	56	72	44	49	54	66	62	65
			Total	1,155	1,501	1,110	932	1,013	835	798	602	676	780	772
		Possession Class A - Heroin	MC	4,276	4,469	4,521	4,320	2,677	2,438	2,461	2,434	2,211	1,996	1,693
			CC	282	314	285	335	239	173	187	188	208	202	182
			Total	4,558	4,783	4,806	4,655	2,916	2,611	2,648	2,622	2,419	2,198	1,875
		Possession Class A - LSD	MC	38	25	21	11	12	7	7	5	7	4	10
			CC	1	3	4	1	4	2	2	2	0	1	4
			Total	39	28	25	12	16	9	9	7	7	5	14
		Possession Class A - MDMA	MC	1,297	799	512	230	355	460	527	387	435	396	309
			CC	130	115	92	48	25	57	49	49	40	59	72
			Total	1,427	914	604	278	380	517	576	436	475	455	381
		Possession Class A - Methadone	MC	171	170	185	193	174	142	151	108	106	89	63
			CC	10	3	10	18	11	9	6	3	10	6	2
Total	181		173	195	211	185	151	157	111	116	95	65		
Possession Class A - Methamphetamine	MC	6	13	20	23	18	17	36	30	31	44	40		
	CC	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	1	6		
	Total	6	13	22	25	20	19	40	33	32	45	46		
Possession Class A - Other	MC	629	920	1,010	878	762	647	674	668	640	497	445		
	CC	113	124	132	113	52	49	37	41	27	29	31		
	Total	742	1,044	1,142	991	814	696	711	709	667	526	476		
Total Possession Class A	MC	11,886	12,996	12,213	10,914	9,486	8,744	8,583	7,741	7,403	7,093	6,585		
	CC	911	1,067	1,105	993	874	714	656	668	674	824	819		
	Total	12,797	14,063	13,318	11,907	10,360	9,458	9,239	8,409	8,077	7,917	7,404		
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class B - Amphetamine	MC	2,122	2,347	2,149	2,157	2,230	1,751	1,832	1,716	1,490	1,112	862
			CC	105	119	129	139	160	135	88	104	79	82	55
			Total	2,227	2,466	2,278	2,296	2,390	1,886	1,920	1,820	1,569	1,194	917
		Possession Class B - Cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabinol, cannabinol derivatives	MC	582	412	13,164	19,694	21,434	20,450	19,794	17,954	14,971	13,537	11,757
			CC	50	57	304	730	977	822	901	791	814	829	802
			Total	632	469	13,468	20,424	22,411	21,272	20,695	18,745	15,785	14,366	12,559
		Possession Class B - Ketamine	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	105	88
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	7
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	113	95
		Possession Class B - Mephedrone (4-Methylmethcathinone, Methcathinone)	MC	0	0	0	95	279	563	613	449	353	41	11
			CC	0	0	0	1	15	26	22	33	19	6	3
			Total	0	0	0	96	294	589	635	482	372	47	14
		Possession Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	69
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	70
		Possession Class B - Other	MC	125	202	1,470	1,476	1,249	1,294	1,463	1,229	851	407	517
			CC	11	16	50	188	146	125	94	115	107	123	56
Total	136		218	1,520	1,664	1,395	1,419	1,557	1,344	958	530	573		
Total Possession Class B	MC	2,829	2,961	16,783	23,422	25,192	24,058	23,702	21,349	17,667	15,097	13,304		
	CC	166	192	483	1,058	1,298	1,108	1,105	1,044	1,019	1,041	924		
	Total	2,995	3,153	17,266	24,480	26,490	25,166	24,807	22,393	18,686	16,138	14,228		

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Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class C - Anabolic steroids	MC	11	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Total	11	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
		Possession Class C - GHB 4-Hydroxy-n-butyric acid	MC	3	2	3	9	20	8	6	8	15	9	8
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
			Total	3	2	3	9	20	8	6	9	15	11	8
		Possession Class C - Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Possession Class C - Khat	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3	6
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3	6
		Possession Class C - Piperazines (including BZP)	MC	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	2	4	1
			CC	0	0	0	1	6	2	1	1	0	1	0
			Total	0	0	0	1	8	2	1	7	2	5	1
		Possession Class C - Cannabis ¹	MC	9,469	12,464	2,883	56	23	12	18	7	11	8	1
			CC	218	346	241	67	18	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	9,687		12,810	3,124	123	41	12	18	7	12	8	1		
Possession Class C - Other	MC	1,136	1,970	1,258	1,088	1,052	834	760	673	607	473	347		
	CC	243	291	217	115	92	53	46	31	49	28	31		
	Total	1,379	2,261	1,475	1,203	1,144	887	806	704	656	501	378		
Total Possession Class C	MC	10,619	14,436	4,144	1,153	1,099	855	785	694	635	494	363		
	CC	461	637	458	183	117	55	47	33	50	32	31		
	Total	11,080	15,073	4,602	1,336	1,216	910	832	727	685	526	394		

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Table 6: Number of adult offenders sentenced for production offences covered by the drugs guideline, by court type, 2007-2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced											
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class A - Cocaine	MC	14	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	6	8	9	6	4	8	1	9	4	3	4	
			Total	20	12	9	7	4	8	1	9	4	3	4	
		Production Class A - Crack	MC	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
			CC	2	6	1	4	0	9	9	5	1	0	0	
			Total	2	8	2	4	0	9	9	5	1	1	2	
		Production Class A - Heroin	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	8	4	2	9	1	4	4	3	1	2	3	
			Total	8	4	2	9	1	4	4	3	1	2	3	
		Production Class A - LSD	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
			Total	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
		Production Class A - MDMA	MC	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	
			Total	5	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	
		Production Class A - Methadone	MC	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	4	9	9	8	7	6	3	1	0	1	0	
			Total	4	10	9	8	7	6	3	1	0	1	0	
Production Class A - Methamphetamine	MC	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
	CC	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0			
	Total	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	0			
Production Class A - Other	MC	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0			
	CC	2	12	4	6	4	9	20	12	3	8	8			
	Total	8	15	7	7	5	10	21	12	3	8	8			
Total Production Class A	MC	23	11	4	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2			
	CC	24	42	26	38	18	37	40	31	9	18	16			
	Total	47	53	30	41	19	39	41	31	9	19	18			
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class B - Amphetamine	MC	5	23	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
			CC	0	4	0	4	1	2	5	9	3	3	3	
			Total	5	27	0	4	1	2	6	10	3	3	4	
		Production Class B - Cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabinol, cannabinol derivatives	MC	288	213	889	1,809	2,183	2,671	2,639	2,333	1,906	1,546	1,079	
			CC	265	227	668	1,697	2,653	3,137	2,961	2,816	2,441	1,663	1,269	
			Total	553	440	1,557	3,506	4,836	5,808	5,600	5,149	4,347	3,209	2,348	
		Production Class B - Ketamine	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
		Production Class B - Mephedrone (4-Methylmethcathinone, Methcathinone)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	
		Production Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
			CC	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	1	0	1	0	
			Total	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	2	1	1	1	
		Production Class B - Other	MC	3	2	114	164	133	119	93	75	54	51	53	
			CC	1	2	135	488	445	350	356	248	208	178	87	
			Total	4	4	249	652	578	469	449	323	262	229	140	
Total Production Class B	MC	296	238	1,003	1,973	2,316	2,790	2,733	2,410	1,961	1,598	1,134			
	CC	266	233	803	2,189	3,101	3,494	3,326	3,074	2,652	1,846	1,361			
	Total	562	471	1,806	4,162	5,417	6,284	6,059	5,484	4,613	3,444	2,495			

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Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced												
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class C - Anabolic steroids	MC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			CC	2	0	4	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	3		
			Total	3	0	4	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	3		
		Production Class C - GHB 4-Hydroxy-n-butyric acid	MC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			CC	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0		
		Production Class C - Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
		Production Class C - Khat	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Production Class C - Piperazines (including BZP)	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
		Production Class C - Cannabis ¹	MC	1,011	1,363	1,207	1,363	606	101	9	0	1	2	0		
			CC	364	551	498	165	77	7	3	3	0	0	0		
Total	1,375		1,914	1,705	1,528	683	108	12	3	1	2	0				
Production Class C - Other	MC	75	94	42	4	3	4	2	0	1	1	0				
	CC	407	540	365	89	21	6	10	7	2	4	2				
	Total	482	634	407	93	24	10	12	7	3	5	2				
Total Production Class C	MC	1,087	1,457	1,249	1,367	610	105	11	0	2	3	0				
	CC	773	1,091	867	256	99	19	14	11	3	5	5				
	Total	1,860	2,548	2,116	1,623	709	124	25	11	5	8	5				

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Drug outcomes

Table 7: Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for offences covered by the drugs guideline, 2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Customs and Excise Management Act 1979	170(1), 170(2)	Importation/exportation Class A	0	2	2	1	8	200	0	213
		Importation/exportation Class B	0	1	1	2	18	44	0	66
		Importation/exportation Class C	0	0	1	1	10	21	0	33
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class A	1	2	1	45	388	1,946	22	2,405
		Supply Class B	0	7	14	111	338	259	16	745
		Supply Class C	0	4	5	4	12	9	0	34
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class A	0	3	3	59	670	3,332	38	4,105
		PWITS Class B	0	19	46	365	1,188	612	36	2,266
		PWITS Class C	0	2	1	9	33	15	1	61
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class A	0	0	0	10	47	25	6	88
		Permitting premises Class B	0	18	20	62	47	7	9	163
		Permitting premises Class C	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class A	31	919	4,263	927	410	546	308	7,404
		Possession Class B	93	3,049	8,240	1,223	333	423	867	14,228
		Possession Class C	7	118	161	29	16	37	26	394
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class A	0	0	1	1	3	13	0	18
		Production Class B	3	165	445	490	700	644	48	2,495
		Production Class C	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Customs and Excise Management Act 1979	170(1), 170(2)	Importation/exportation Class A	0%	1%	1%	0%	4%	94%	0%	100%
		Importation/exportation Class B	0%	2%	2%	3%	27%	67%	0%	100%
		Importation/exportation Class C	0%	0%	3%	3%	30%	64%	0%	100%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class A	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	81%	1%	100%
		Supply Class B	0%	1%	2%	15%	45%	35%	2%	100%
		Supply Class C	0%	12%	15%	12%	35%	26%	0%	100%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class A	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	81%	1%	100%
		PWITS Class B	0%	1%	2%	16%	52%	27%	2%	100%
		PWITS Class C	0%	3%	2%	15%	54%	25%	2%	100%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class A	0%	0%	0%	11%	53%	28%	7%	100%
		Permitting premises Class B	0%	11%	12%	38%	29%	4%	6%	100%
		Permitting premises Class C	0%	0%	20%	40%	40%	0%	0%	100%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class A	0%	12%	58%	13%	6%	7%	4%	100%
		Possession Class B	1%	21%	58%	9%	2%	3%	6%	100%
		Possession Class C	2%	30%	41%	7%	4%	9%	7%	100%
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class A	0%	0%	6%	6%	17%	72%	0%	100%
		Production Class B	0%	7%	18%	20%	28%	26%	2%	100%
		Production Class C	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	60%	0%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Includes a number of orders, for example hospital orders, confiscation orders and compensation orders.

Table 8: Average custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences covered by the drugs guideline, after any reduction for guilty plea, 2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Mean sentence length ^{1,3}	Median sentence length ^{2,3}
Customs and Excise Management Act 1979	170(1), 170(2)	Importation/exportation Class A	7 years 4 months	6 years
		Importation/exportation Class B	1 year 10 months	1 year 9 months
		Importation/exportation Class C	9 months	8 months
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(3)	Supply Class A	4 years 6 months	3 years 6 months
		Supply Class B	2 years 1 month	1 year 4 months
		Supply Class C ⁴	1 year 1 month	1 year 3 months
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(3)	PWITS Class A	3 years 5 months	3 years
		PWITS Class B	1 year 2 months	1 year
		PWITS Class C	1 year 3 months	10 months
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	8	Permitting premises Class A	1 year 4 months	1 year
		Permitting premises Class B ⁴	10 months	8 months
		Permitting premises Class C ⁵	-	-
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	5(2)	Possession Class A	5 months	1 month
		Possession Class B	2 months	1 month
		Possession Class C	1 month	2 weeks
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	4(2)	Production Class A	6 years 6 months	6 years
		Production Class B	1 year 10 months	1 year 6 months
		Production Class C ⁶	*	*

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) The mean is calculated by taking the sum of all values and then dividing by the number of values.
- 2) The median is the value which lies in the middle of a set of numbers when those numbers are placed in ascending or descending order.
- 3) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 4) These figures should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody for this offence.
- 5) No offenders were sentenced to immediate custody for this offence in 2017.
- 6) Figures have been excluded for this offence, due to the very low number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody in 2017 (less than five).

Offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

Table 9: Number of adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, 2007-2017^{1,2}

Legislation	Section	Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced												
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Psychoactive Substances Act 2016	4(1) & 10(1)	Produce a psychoactive substance	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	
			CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
			Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	5(1) & 10(1)	Supply a psychoactive substance	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
			CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
			Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	5(2) & 10(1)	Offer to supply a psychoactive substance	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
			CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1
			Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	7 & 10(1)	Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	28
			CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	68
			Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
	8(1) & 10(1)	Import a psychoactive substance	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0
			CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
			Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9(1) & 10(2)	Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	21	
		CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	
		Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	30
Total psychoactive substances offences		MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	53	
		CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	88	
		Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	141

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

1) No offenders were sentenced during this period for the following offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016: Export a psychoactive substance, Fail to comply with a prohibition / premises order re psychoactive substances, Remain on / enter premises in contravention of access prohibition re psychoactive substances, Obstruct a person entering premises / securing premises against entry re psychoactive substances, Obstruct enforcement officer in performance of functions under Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, and Fail to comply / prevent compliance with requirement / direction under Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.

2) The Psychoactive Substances Act came into effect in 2016, and so no offenders were convicted or sentenced for these offences prior to 2016.

Table 10: Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, 2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Psychoactive Substances Act 2016	4(1) & 10(1)	Produce a psychoactive substance	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	5(1) & 10(1)	Supply a psychoactive substance	0	1	2	2	1	7	0	13
	5(2) & 10(1)	Offer to supply a psychoactive substance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	7 & 10(1)	Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply	0	2	4	22	36	30	2	96
	8(1) & 10(1)	Import a psychoactive substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	9(1) & 10(2)	Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	0	2	0	0	5	22	1	30

Offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

Legislation	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Psychoactive Substances Act 2016	4(1) & 10(1)	Produce a psychoactive substance	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
	5(1) & 10(1)	Supply a psychoactive substance	0%	8%	15%	15%	8%	54%	0%	100%
	5(2) & 10(1)	Offer to supply a psychoactive substance	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%
	7 & 10(1)	Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply	0%	2%	4%	23%	38%	31%	2%	100%
	8(1) & 10(1)	Import a psychoactive substance	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	9(1) & 10(2)	Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	0%	7%	0%	0%	17%	73%	3%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Includes a number of orders, for example hospital orders, confiscation orders and compensation orders.

Table 11: Average custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, after any reduction for guilty plea, 2017

Legislation	Section	Offence	Mean sentence length ^{1,3}	Median sentence length ^{2,3}
Psychoactive Substances Act 2016	4(1) & 10(1)	Produce a psychoactive substance ⁴	*	*
	5(1) & 10(1)	Supply a psychoactive substance ⁵	8 months	8 months
	5(2) & 10(1)	Offer to supply a psychoactive substance ⁶	-	-
	7 & 10(1)	Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply	10 months	7 months
	8(1) & 10(1)	Import a psychoactive substance ⁶	-	-
	9(1) & 10(2)	Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	4 months	3 months

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) The mean is calculated by taking the sum of all values and then dividing by the number of values.
- 2) The median is the value which lies in the middle of a set of numbers when those numbers are placed in ascending or descending order.
- 3) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 4) Figures have been excluded for this offence, due to the very low number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody in 2017 (less than five).
- 5) These figures should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody for this offence.
- 6) No offenders were sentenced to immediate custody for this offence in 2017.

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