

**HBCS Ireland 2002: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND  
DRUGS FOR 15-17 YEAR OLDS: Comparisons across the  
western region**

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**Ever smoked tobacco**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Yes	70.9	65.5	59.3	67.5	62.5	57.8
No	29.1	34.5	40.7	32.5	37.5	42.2
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

**How often do you smoke?**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	19.0	17.4	26.3	20.8	21.8	16.7
Once a week	4.0	7.0	3.5	6.3	5.7	4.6
Less than once a week	5.0	4.3	8.8	6.9	1.1	7.4
Do not smoke	72.0	71.3	61.4	66.0	71.3	71.3
Missing	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.0	1.1	7.7
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## How often do you drink the following?

### Beer

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Every week	11.0	9.4	20.0	6.0	14.6	1.9
Every month	34.0	11.3	13.3	6.7	20.7	2.8
Rarely	32.0	22.6	31.4	30.9	30.5	29.6
Never	23.0	56.6	33.3	56.4	34.1	65.7
Missing	2.9	10.9	6.8	2.4	6.8	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Wine

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Every week	1.1	1.0	8.1	3.5	0.0	1.9
Every month	10.2	8.9	8.1	7.7	2.8	0.0
Rarely	39.8	38.6	29.3	47.6	25.4	28.6
Never	48.9	51.5	51.5	40.6	71.8	69.5
Missing	14.6	15.1	11.0	5.5	19.3	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Spirits

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Every week	5.8	18.5	8.4	10.7	16.5	9.3
Every month	18.6	19.4	15.8	13.3	17.7	13.9
Rarely	44.2	24.1	25.3	32.0	29.1	29.6
Never	31.4	38.0	47.4	44.0	36.7	47.2
Missing	16.5	9.2	11.0	2.4	10.2	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Cider

### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	1.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	1.3	0.0
Every week	12.8	8.4	17.8	8.7	6.3	3.8
Every month	29.8	22.4	17.8	16.8	15.2	10.4
Rarely	33.0	29.0	33.6	39.6	34.2	34.9
Never	23.4	40.2	26.2	34.9	43.0	50.9
Missing	8.7	10.1	6.8	3.7	10.2	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Alcopops

### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Every day	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.6	0.0	0.0
Every week	5.4	17.1	6.3	9.7	9.2	12.7
Every month	21.5	27.9	7.3	23.9	10.5	18.2
Rarely	37.6	36.0	29.2	38.7	35.5	34.5
Never	35.5	18.9	54.2	27.1	44.7	34.5
Missing	9.7	6.7	13.6	0.6	13.6	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Have you ever been really drunk?

### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	31.4	38.7	42.7	48.2	42.0	51.3
Once	18.6	17.6	16.2	14.0	8.0	14.8
2/3 times	18.6	24.4	12.8	22.6	14.8	19.1
4/10 times	11.8	10.1	9.4	9.1	18.2	8.7
More than 10 times	19.6	9.2	18.8	6.0	17.0	6.1
Missing	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.7
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Have you ever taken any of the following drugs?

### Cannabis

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	68.3	83.1	73.5	89.2	69.4	86.2
Once or twice	11.9	11.0	6.2	5.1	12.9	4.3
3/5 times	5.0	2.5	2.7	2.5	4.7	3.4
6/9 times	5.0	0.8	1.8	1.9	2.4	4.3
10/19 times	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
20/39 times	5.0	0.8	1.8	0.0	1.2	0.0
40 or more times	4.0	0.8	12.4	1.3	9.4	1.7
Missing	1.9	0.8	1.7	1.2	3.4	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Glue or Solvents

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	91.6	96.3	90.5	90.1	91.1	96.4
Once or twice	7.4	2.8	2.9	7.3	2.5	1.8
3/5 times	1.1	0.9	1.9	1.3	2.5	0.0
6/9 times	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
10/19 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
20/39 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.9
40 or more times	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.7	2.5	0.0
Missing	7.8	9.2	5.9	2.4	10.2	5.1
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Any other drug

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	92.7	94.4	87.0	93.6	89.7	97.3
Once or twice	6.3	4.6	6.5	5.8	6.4	1.8
3/5 times	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.6	2.6	0.0
6/9 times	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
10/19 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
20/39 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
40 or more times	0.0	0.9	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing	6.8	9.2	5.1	1.2	11.4	5.1
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Have you taken any of the following in the last twelve months?

#### Cannabis

#### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	72.7	88.8	73.0	90.4	71.8	88.8
Once or twice	10.1	6.9	9.9	5.7	9.4	3.4
3/5 times	3.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	4.7	3.4
6/9 times	7.1	0.9	1.8	1.3	4.7	2.6
10/19 times	2.0	0.9	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.9
20/39 times	4.0	0.9	1.8	0.6	0.0	0.0
40 or more times	1.0	0.9	10.8	0.6	9.4	0.9
Missing	3.9	2.5	3.4	1.2	3.4	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Glue or Solvents

### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	92.5	98.1	94.1	92.7	93.6	96.4
Once or twice	7.5	1.9	2.9	6.6	2.6	1.8
3/5 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.9
6/9 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10/19 times	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.6	0.9
20/39 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
40 or more times	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing	9.7	10.9	7.6	2.4	11.4	5.1
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

## Any other drug

### By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Never	93.5	95.3	86.9	95.5	92.4	98.2
Once or twice	5.4	2.8	8.4	3.9	3.8	0.9
3/5 times	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.6	2.5	0.0
6/9 times	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
10/19 times	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
20/39 times	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
40 or more times	0.0	0.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing	10.7	10.1	5.9	1.2	10.2	6.0
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

**At what age did you first do the following, if ever?**

**Drink alcohol**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Mean	16.21	16.41	16.18	16.07	16.10	15.85
Median	16.25	16.42	16.17	16.04	16.17	15.67
SD	.67	.75	.73	.76	.75	.65
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.3	0.0
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

**Get Drunk**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Mean	16.21	16.41	16.18	16.07	16.10	15.85
Median	16.25	16.42	16.17	16.04	16.17	15.67
SD	.67	.75	.73	.76	.75	.65
Missing	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

**Smoke a cigarette**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Mean	16.21	16.41	16.18	16.07	16.10	15.85
Median	16.25	16.42	16.17	16.04	16.17	15.67
SD	.67	.75	.73	.76	.75	.65
Missing	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.3	2.6
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

**Take cannabis**

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Mean	16.21	16.41	16.18	16.07	16.10	15.85
Median	16.25	16.42	16.17	16.04	16.17	15.67
SD	.67	.75	.73	.76	.75	.65
Missing	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.8	4.5	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>

### Sniff glue or solvents

By Gender and Western Region

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Region	MWHB	MWHB	WHB	WHB	NWHB	NWHB
Mean	16.21	16.41	16.18	16.07	16.10	15.85
Median	16.25	16.42	16.17	16.04	16.17	15.67
SD	.67	.75	.73	.76	.75	.65
Missing	1.0	1.7	0.8	1.8	3.4	0.9
<i>Total n</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>117</i>