

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Sustainable Development Goal Target 3.7



NO DATA

Most countries do not disaggregate data from national health surveys by sexual orientation and/or **do not ask questions** about gender identity.



NO SERVICES

LGBTI people are systematically disadvantaged, or actively **excluded**, from supportive drug and alcohol services.

Social exclusion and discrimination drive substance and alcohol abuse among LGBTI people, and **services are inadequate** for those who seek help.



DRUG USE

The use of drugs, especially **stimulants, is significantly higher** among lesbian, gay, and bisexual people when compared to heterosexual people.

Among gay men, use of cannabis, ecstasy, and methamphetamine were all at least **3 times higher** than heterosexual men.

LGBTI people experience a broad range of harms as a consequence of their drug use, including significantly **high rates of overdose** and drug induced mental trauma.



ALCOHOL USE

Higher levels of **problematic alcohol use** among lesbian and bisexual women compared to heterosexual women have been reported in numerous countries around the world.

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Australia

Use of drugs by some intersex individuals was closely intertwined with experiences of bullying or used to help cope following genital reconstruction surgeries.

Use of any non-prescribed drug within the previous 12 months was **3 times higher** among lesbian and bisexual women.



Canada

Transgender people are significantly more likely to use cocaine and amphetamines compared to an age-matched reference population.

Gay and bisexual men were **7 times** more likely to have used stimulant drugs and **15 times** more likely to have used crystal methamphetamine compared to heterosexual men.



U.S.A.

Transmen and transwomen report high rates of marijuana, cocaine, crack, and amphetamine use, and that substance use differs by gender.

MEMBER STATES MUST:

1

Collect the coverage of drug use treatment interventions that are tailored for LGBTI people.

2

Disaggregate data by SOGIESC on the harmful use of alcohol.

3

Collect the number of services that address the use of stimulant drugs among LGBTI people nationally.



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