

# Drugs in the Netherlands

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## Idea

*Drugs are associated with a happy time, like they are part of life. I cannot accept that acceptance. Behind a pill or line of coke hides a world of crime; liquidations, money laundry, corruption, fraud and environmental crimes.*

— Erik Akerbook, Chief Dutch National Police Forces

Last tuesday the chief of the Dutch National Police Force warned about the normalization of drug use in the Netherlands. He especially pressed the fact that there is a whole industry that makes the use of soft and hard drugs possible. We find this an interesting observation and want to investigate into the world of drugs for the group assignment of Data Processing. We have not pinned down the exact topic yet, but are currently leaning towards a focus on the Netherlands looking at drug use, drugs crimes and nuisance related to drug use and crime. First we want to place the Netherlands in an international/european context and then zoom in on the Netherlands and the different topics discussed before. Our storyline will be dependent on the most interesting figures we can find in the datasets we have found.

## Data

Weve found the following datasets that might be interesting to look into in the future. They differ in their extensiveness, but all revolve around the topics of drug use, drug crime and drug nuisance.

Name dataset	Description	Link
Drugsgebruik onder bevolking van 15 tot en met 64 jaar, 2014	Very extensive dataset on drug use in the Netherlands, split up by age groups, family composition of the user, origin, income and capital.	<a href="https://www.cbs.nl/-/media/imported/documents/2015/29/drugsgebruik-onder-bevolking-15-tm-64-jaar-2014-mw.xls">https://www.cbs.nl/-/media/imported/documents/2015/29/drugsgebruik-onder-bevolking-15-tm-64-jaar-2014-mw.xls</a>
Drugshandel- en drugsgebruik in de woonbuurt 2013-2016	Dataset on drug use and drugs trade in Dutch cities and towns.	<a href="https://www.cbs.nl/nl-nl/maatwerk/2017/30/drugsgebruik-en-drugshandel-in-de-woonbuurt-2013-2016">https://www.cbs.nl/nl-nl/maatwerk/2017/30/drugsgebruik-en-drugshandel-in-de-woonbuurt-2013-2016</a>
Ervaren drugsoverlast in woonbuurt 2013-2016	Small dataset on drugs nuisance experienced in communities of 70.000 inhabitants or more.	<a href="https://www.cbs.nl/nl-nl/maatwerk/2017/30/ervaren-drugsoverlast-in-woonbuurt-2013-2016">https://www.cbs.nl/nl-nl/maatwerk/2017/30/ervaren-drugsoverlast-in-woonbuurt-2013-2016</a>
Netherlands, Country drug report 2017.	A summary of the drug problem in the Netherlands.	<a href="http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/system/files/publications/4512/TD0616155ENN.pdf">http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/system/files/publications/4512/TD0616155ENN.pdf</a>