Most drug dependents are poly-drug users, meaning they abuse more than one type of illegal drug.

Methamphetamine hydrochloride (meth/shabu) has been the primary drug used by abusers according to 2013. In 2013, 83.97% of the arrests involved shabu. It is followed by marijuana or cannabis sativa and methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or ecstasy

Illegal drug trafficking was still the most pervasive drug activity up to 2013.

Prices of illegal drugs depend on quality and the area of transaction:

>national account(as of December 2013):

shabu - Php3,800 to Php10,000 per gram

marijuana - Php20 to Php300 per gram

cocaine - Php4,600 to Php7,000 per gram

ecstasy - Php1,200 to Php2,500 per tablet

>the lowest price:

shabu - Php3,800 per gram ( National Capital Region (NCR) )

marijuana - Php100 per bulk ( Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) ), at. the

highest price: for both

shabu - Php10,000 per gram (Region4B)

marijuana - Php500 per bulk (Region4B)

<http://pdea.gov.ph/images/AnnualReport/2013AR/2013thephilippinedrugsituation.pdf>

(statistics on drugs in the Philippines)

<http://pdea.gov.ph/our-accomplishments/statistical-data>

(Program for treatment and rehabilitation)

\*\*Laws and Acts, don’t know how to edit

<http://www.unafei.or.jp/english/pdf/RS_No85/No85_07PA_Philippines.pdf>

<http://portal.doh.gov.ph/system/files/Manual_of_Operations_DATRC_2003.pdf>

METH (Shabu)

Methamphetamine (also called meth, crystal, shabu, etc.) is a stimulant drug, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder.

Methamphetamine can be taken orally, smoked, snorted, or injected. This delivers the drug quickly to the brain, producing intense and immediate effects of euphoria. Though the effects fade quickly, prompting the user to take more doses, creating a “binge and crash” pattern

Injecting meth, and sharing needles, syringes or other injecting equipment, will have the user risk getting or spreading viruses, like HIV or hepatitis C. There is also the risk that veins may be damaged and clots to develop

Overdosing may lead to stroke, and lung, kidney and gastrointestinal damage can develop, and coma and death can occur.

**SHORT-TERM EFFECTS**

* Loss of appetite
* Increased heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature
* Dilation of pupils
* Disturbed sleep patterns
* Nausea
* Bizarre, erratic, sometimes violent behavior
* Hallucinations, hyperexcitability, irritability
* Panic and psychosis
* Convulsions, seizures and death from high doses

**LONG-TERM EFFECTS**

* Permanent damage to blood vessels of heart and brain
* high blood pressure
* Liver, kidney and lung damage
* Destruction of tissues in nose if sniffed
* Respiratory (breathing) problems if smoked
* Infectious diseases and abscesses if injected
* Delusions (ex. insects crawling under the skin)
* Skin sores cause by scratches
* Malnutrition, weight loss
* Severe tooth decay/Meth mouth
* Disorientation, apathy, confused exhaustion
* Strong psychological dependence
* Psychosis
* Depression
* Damage to the brain similar to Alzheimer’s disease, stroke and epilepsy

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/methamphetamine>

<http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/methamphetamine>

<http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/crystalmeth/the-deadly-effects-of-meth.html>

MARIJUANA

Marijuana can refer to dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the hemp plant, Cannabis sativa. The plant contains the chemical delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

\*THC is the component that can make you feel very chilled out, happy and relaxed.

\*THC can also make you hallucinate, making you hear or see things different from reality

Joint/Spliff/Blunt

- mixed with tobacco, rolled up, and smoked

\*Some people smoke it using a type of pipe called a bong.

Can also be consumed when mixed with ediblesd (cookies, brownies or even cups of tea). Cannabis consumption in this can have unpredictable effects and takes longer to wear off

>Short term effects:

loss of coordination and

distortions in the sense of time, vision and hearing,

sleepiness,

reddening of the eyes

increased appetite

relaxed muscles.

Heart rate can speed up

impaired memory

lessened ability to solve problems

it can cause feelings of anxiety, suspicion, panic and paranoia.

Regular cannabis use is known to be associated with an increase in the risk of later developing psychotic illnesses including schizophrenia

Long-term use can cause psychotic symptoms. It can also damage the lungs and the heart, worsen the symptoms of bronchitis and cause coughing and wheezing. It may reduce the body’s ability to fight lung infections and illness.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

<http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis#aka=Marijuana>

<http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/drugs/marijuana.html>