

# WA STRATEGY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

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## DRUG OFFENCES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1998 - 1999

### Introduction

This bulletin contains a breakdown of the number of offences based on charges laid by the West Australian Police for the whole State for 1998 and 1999. The data is a count of the number of offences where a person has been processed and was extracted from the Offence Information System (OIS). Processed persons include arrests, summons, cautions or appearance before the Juvenile Justice Team.

This data has been provided to the WA Drug Abuse Strategy Office by the **Crime Information Unit** of the West Australian Police Service. This information reflects police activity and only deals with crime which has been detected and resulted in the apprehension of an offender. It is a count of the number of offences where a person has been processed.

### Limitations

There are a number of limitations of this data as it:

- does not measure court outcomes;
- represents a count of multiple offences (as it does not count the number of distinct persons); and
- cannot readily identify the type of drug seized (as the seizure database is separate from the OIS and has unstructured data files and lacks uniform definitions).

As there may be multiple seizures of drugs for each offence report, duplicate seizures have been removed so that the count of seizures is based on the most serious offence. This is on a scale from (1) sell/supply (the most serious offence), (2) cultivation, (3) manufacture and (4) possession/use (the least serious offence).

### Legislation

The data reported in this publication is concerned with offences contained in the **Misuse of Drugs Act 1981**, as follows:

- possession/use of prohibited drugs or prohibited plants;
- possession of smoking implements;
- sell/supply of prohibited drugs or prohibited plants;
- cultivation of prohibited plants;
- manufacture of prohibited drugs; and
- other drug offences.

This **Misuse of Drugs Act 1981** is applicable to offences involving a large number of scheduled prohibited substances or plants. There are also other offences that are dealt with under the **Poisons Act 1964**, primarily concerned with prescribed drugs, which are not included in the data used in this bulletin.

### Summary

Over the two year period there were between about 3,000 and 3,500 drug offences per quarter, except for the June quarter 1998, when there was a total of 3,931 offences (Figure 1, page 3).

### Type of offence

The most frequent charge involved possession and/or use of drugs, accounting for 54% of all drug offences in both years. There were between about 1,600 to 1,800 charges per quarter, except for the March quarters 1998 and 1999, when there was a total of 2,161 charges and 1,939 charges respectively (Table 1, page 3).

The second most frequent charge involved the possession of smoking implements, accounting for 31% and 32% of all drug charges in 1998 and 1999 respectively.

### Age group

The most charges involved persons in the 15 to 34 year age range, with nearly 80% of all offences involving this age group (Table 2, page 3). The most frequent charges involved the 15 to 19 age group with 29% of all drug charges in both years. The second most frequent charges involved the 25 to 34 age group, accounting for 27% and 28% of all drug charges in 1998 and 1999 respectively.

Overall there were similar proportions of offences involving the seven age groups for both 1998 and 1999 as follows:

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	1998	1999
<15	5.6%	5.1%
15-19	29.5%	28.9%
20-24	22.1%	21.6%
25-34	27.2%	28.3%
35-44	12.3%	12.1%
45-54	2.9%	9.4%
55+	0.4%	0.6%

### Seizures

Over the two year period the total number of seizures increased by 41.2%, from 12,580 seizures in 1998 (Table 9, page 10) to 17,769 seizures in 1999 (Table 18, page 13).

From 1998 to 1999 there were increases in the number of seizures in relation to all drugs, except cocaine and LSD, as follows (Tables 10-17, pages 11-12; Tables 19-26, pages 14-15):

Amphetamines	+ 87.0%
Cannabis	+ 38.7%
Cocaine	- 53.8%
Dexamphetamines	+ 88.6%
Heroin	+ 26.8%
LSD	- 4.3%
Ecstasy	+ 67.7%
Methylamphetamine	+ 61.5%

## 1998 Overview

In 1998 there was a total of 13,322 drug offences (Table 5, page 6) of which 10,981 (82.4%) involved males (Table 3, page 4) and 2,341 (17.6%) involved females (Table 4, page 5).

For all age groups the greatest number of offences involved the possession and/or use of drugs. For those aged *less* than 45 years possession of smoking implements was the second most frequent offence. However, for those aged 45 years and older the second most frequent offence involved cultivation charges (Figure 4, page 6).

For both males (Figure 2, page 4) and females (Figure 3, page 5) with increasing age the proportion of offences involving less serious drug charges *decreased* (ie possession and/or use and possession of implements) compared to more serious offences (ie cultivation, sell/supply or manufacture).

There was an overall pattern of increasing seriousness of drug offending (ie cultivation, sell/supply or manufacture) with age (Table 5, page 6). This pattern is shown in the following breakdown where 4 out of 10 of all drug offences in the 55 years and older age group involved the most serious offences.

	Possession/use	Implements	Other
<15	58.9%	35.4%	5.6%
15-19	53.7%	38.3%	7.9%
20-24	54.9%	31.5%	13.6%
25-34	53.2%	28.7%	18.1%
35-44	49.8%	23.3%	26.9%
45-54	46.7%	16.4%	36.8%
55+	48.3%	12.1%	39.7%
<b>All ages</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>

## 1999 Overview

In 1999 there was a total of 13,231 drug offences (Table 8, page 9) of which 10,808 (81.7%) involved males (Table 6, page 7) and 2,423 (18.3%) involved females (Table 7, page 8).

For all age groups the greatest number of offences involved the possession and/or use of drugs. For those aged *less* than 45 years possession of smoking implements was the second most frequent offence. However, for those aged 45 years and older the second most frequent offence involved cultivation charges (Figure 7, page 9).

For both males (Figure 5, page 7) and females (Figure 6, page 8) with increasing age the proportion of offences involving less serious drug charges *decreased* (ie possession and/or use and possession of implements) compared to more serious offences (ie cultivation, sell/supply or manufacture).

There was an overall pattern of increasing seriousness of drug offending (ie cultivation, sell/supply or manufacture) with age (Table 8, page 9). This pattern is shown in the following breakdown where 5 out of 10 of all drug offences in the 55 years and older age group involved the most serious offences.

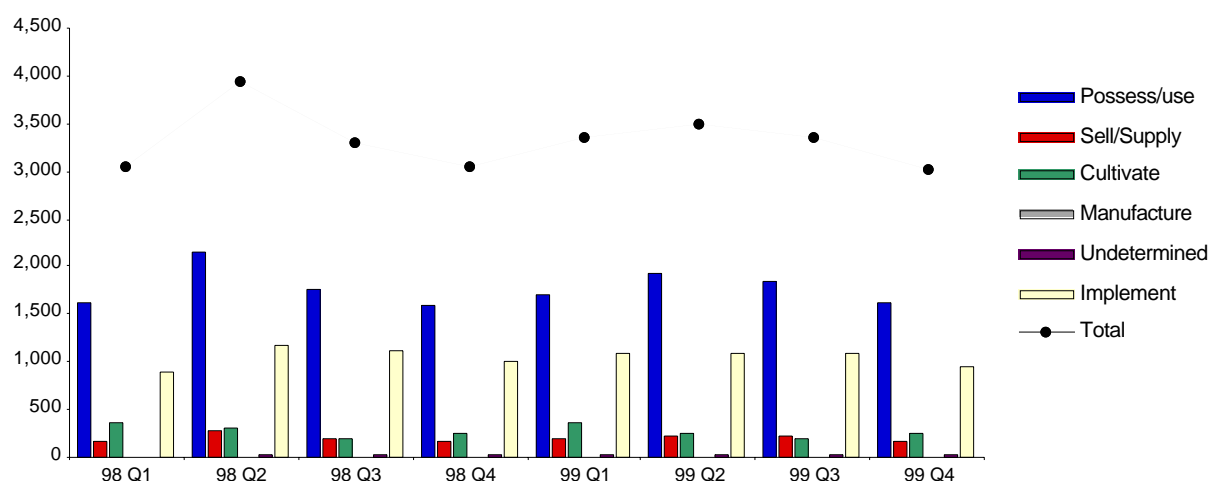
	Possession/use	Implements	Other
<15	55.1%	38.1%	6.8%
15-19	55.3%	38.1%	6.6%
20-24	54.7%	32.3%	13.0%
25-34	53.6%	29.2%	17.3%
35-44	50.2%	24.9%	24.9%
45-54	43.7%	17.8%	38.5%
55+	36.9%	10.7%	52.4%
<b>All ages</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

# OVERVIEW - OFFENCES FOR 1998-1999

**Table 1: Number of quarterly offences by drug type, WA, 1998-1999**

	1998					1999				
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
Possess/use	1,608	2,161	1,765	1,585	7,119	1,692	1,939	1,835	1,620	7,086
Sell/Supply	162	275	187	172	796	192	220	217	172	801
Cultivate	370	295	208	263	1,136	364	240	197	240	1,041
Manufacture	2	1	2	5	10	0	1	10	4	15
Undetermined	8	20	24	21	73	14	18	17	22	71
Implement	893	1,179	1,103	1,013	4,188	1,094	1,082	1,091	950	4,217
<b>All offences</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>13,322</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>13,231</b>

**Figure 1: Number of quarterly drug offences by type of offence, WA, 1998-1999**



**Table 2: Number of quarterly offences by drug type, WA, 1998-1999**

	1998					1999				
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
<15	147	232	217	149	745	150	213	186	126	675
15-19	810	1,126	1,062	930	3,928	906	1,016	1,035	872	3,829
20-24	716	817	702	712	2,947	705	751	688	720	2,864
25-34	835	1,116	870	807	3,628	998	996	923	828	3,745
35-44	420	513	340	360	1,633	446	388	415	346	1,595
45-54	96	113	87	87	383	922	110	106	101	1,239
55+	19	14	11	14	58	29	26	14	15	84
<b>All ages</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>13,322</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>13,231</b>

**OFFENCES BY AGE GROUP, MALES, 1998**

**Table 3: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - males**

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	83	386	313	343	157	30	5	1,317
Sell/supply	5	27	23	32	35	7	-	129
Cultivate	1	40	61	101	72	23	9	307
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Implements	39	229	187	203	67	9	1	735
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,492</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	124	506	383	505	195	49	6	1,768
Sell/supply	9	34	47	81	47	12	3	233
Cultivate	4	30	47	92	56	21	3	253
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	3	2	11	-	1	-	17
Implements	63	362	199	249	95	11	1	980
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3,252</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	88	458	325	396	136	31	7	1,441
Sell/supply	6	27	28	44	25	8	1	139
Cultivate	2	36	32	56	32	18	1	177
Manufacture	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Undetermined	-	5	6	3	4	-	-	18
Implements	68	354	205	201	62	16	2	908
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,685</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	65	430	299	344	143	36	8	1,325
Sell/supply	6	17	30	44	26	13	-	136
Cultivate	1	36	41	76	46	16	3	219
Manufacture	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	4
Undetermined	-	1	4	3	4	-	-	12
Implements	51	343	183	192	71	13	3	856
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,552</b>
<b>1998</b>								
Possess/use	360	1,780	1,320	1,588	631	146	26	5,851
Sell/supply	26	105	128	201	133	40	4	637
Cultivate	8	142	181	325	206	78	16	956
Manufacture	-	1	1	4	2	-	-	8
Undetermined	-	10	12	19	8	1	-	50
Implements	221	1,288	774	845	295	49	7	3,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10,981</b>

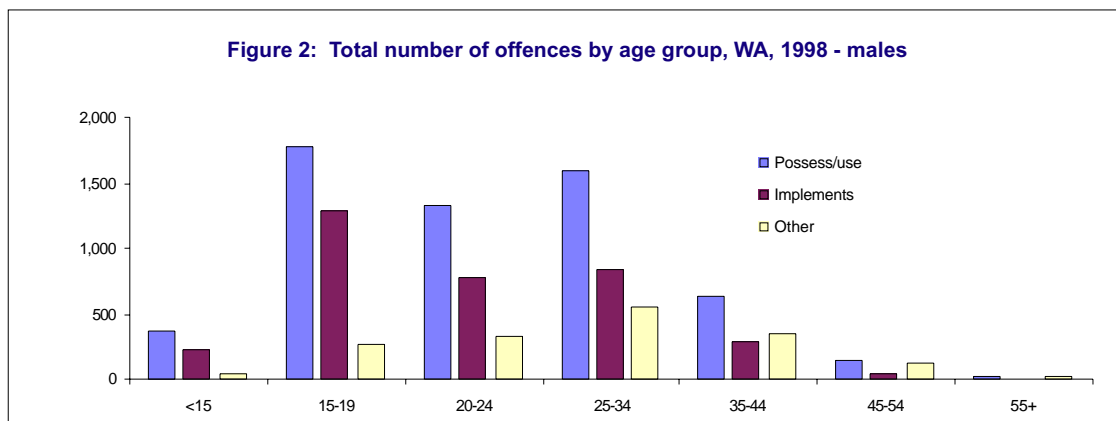
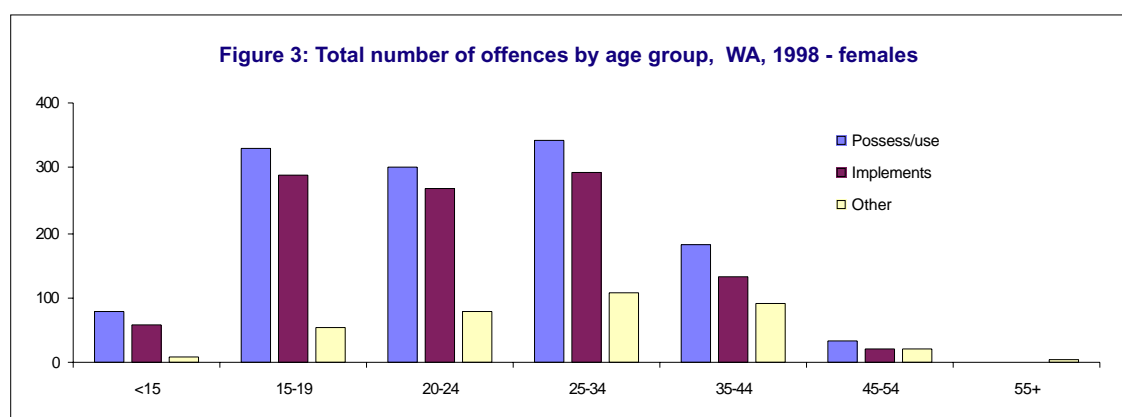


Table 4: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - females

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	13	68	73	82	42	12	1	291
Sell/supply	2	4	10	11	4	2	-	33
Cultivate	-	5	8	21	20	6	3	63
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	5
Implements	4	48	40	39	20	7	-	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	21	112	82	101	65	11	1	393
Sell/supply	2	3	11	11	11	4	-	42
Cultivate	-	5	6	13	16	2	-	42
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
Implements	9	71	40	51	26	2	-	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	34	95	55	91	43	6	-	324
Sell/supply	1	12	11	12	11	1	-	48
Cultivate	-	9	3	9	7	3	-	31
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	6
Implements	17	65	34	57	18	4	-	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>604</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	11	55	89	69	32	4	-	260
Sell/supply	1	6	10	12	4	3	-	36
Cultivate	1	6	11	13	12	1	-	44
Manufacture	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	1	4	3	1	-	-	9
Implements	13	34	40	48	21	1	-	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>1998</b>								
Possess/use	79	330	299	343	182	33	2	1,268
Sell/supply	6	25	42	46	30	10	-	159
Cultivate	1	25	28	56	55	12	3	180
Manufacture	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Undetermined	1	3	8	6	5	-	-	23
Implements	43	218	154	195	85	14	-	709
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,341</b>



OFFENCES BY AGE GROUP, FEMALES, 1998

OFFENCES BY AGE GROUP, PERSONS, 1998

Table 5: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1998 - persons

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	96	454	386	425	199	42	6	1,608
Sell/supply	7	31	33	43	39	9	-	162
Cultivate	1	45	69	122	92	29	12	370
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Undetermined	-	3	1	3	1	-	-	8
Implements	43	277	227	242	87	16	1	893
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,043</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	145	618	465	606	260	60	7	2,161
Sell/supply	11	37	58	92	58	16	3	275
Cultivate	4	35	53	105	72	23	3	295
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	3	2	13	1	1	-	20
Implements	72	433	239	300	121	13	1	1,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,931</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	122	553	380	487	179	37	7	1,765
Sell/supply	7	39	39	56	36	9	1	187
Cultivate	2	45	35	65	39	21	1	208
Manufacture	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Undetermined	1	5	9	3	6	-	-	24
Implements	85	419	239	258	80	20	2	1,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3,289</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	76	485	388	413	175	40	8	1,585
Sell/supply	7	23	40	56	30	16	-	172
Cultivate	2	42	52	89	58	17	3	263
Manufacture	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	5
Undetermined	-	2	8	6	5	-	-	21
Implements	64	377	223	240	92	14	3	1,013
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,059</b>
<b>1998</b>								
Possess/use	439	2,110	1,619	1,931	813	179	28	7,119
Sell/supply	32	130	170	247	163	50	4	796
Cultivate	9	167	209	381	261	90	19	1,136
Manufacture	-	2	1	4	3	-	-	10
Undetermined	1	13	20	25	13	1	-	73
Implements	264	1,506	928	1,040	380	63	7	4,188
<b>Total</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>2,947</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13,322</b>

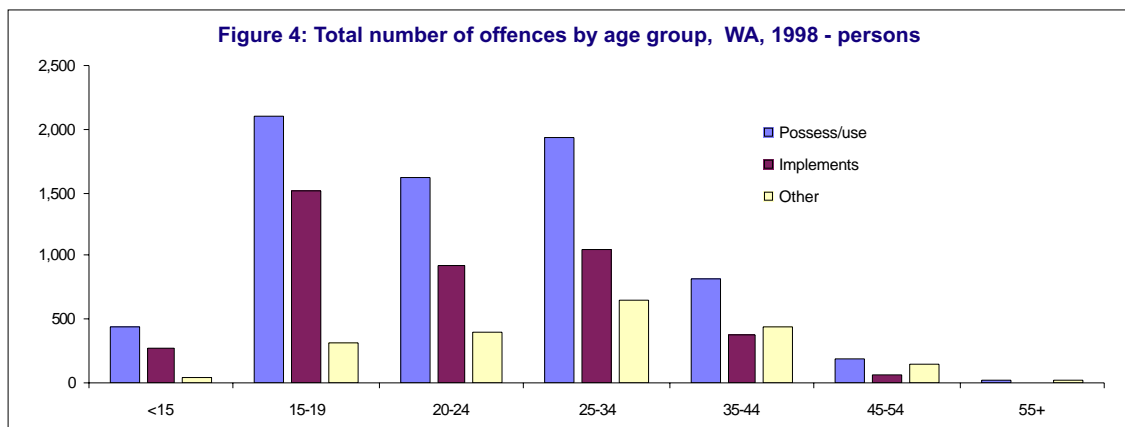
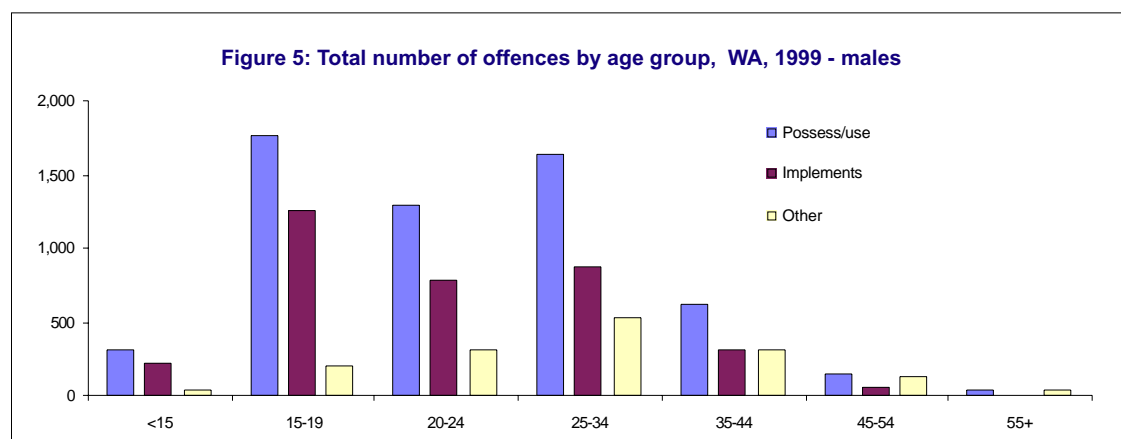


Table 6: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999 - males

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	77	407	294	410	145	44	9	1,386
Sell/supply	5	25	26	44	35	10	3	148
Cultivate	4	35	58	104	64	23	11	299
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	2	1	5	1	1	-	10
Implements	37	283	210	258	89	22	3	902
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,745</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	94	479	352	454	158	38	9	1,584
Sell/supply	5	20	33	52	39	13	4	166
Cultivate	6	28	30	89	35	15	8	211
Manufacture	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	-	2	7	-	3	-	12
Implements	69	334	200	226	63	14	4	910
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,884</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	75	468	321	411	176	31	5	1,487
Sell/supply	8	17	29	46	38	20	1	159
Cultivate	2	30	30	54	32	12	3	163
Manufacture	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	7
Undetermined	-	4	1	2	5	3	-	15
Implements	72	344	172	222	80	11	-	901
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,732</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	59	411	318	355	143	34	5	1,325
Sell/supply	6	9	28	44	24	8	2	121
Cultivate	-	27	59	66	34	12	3	201
Manufacture	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4
Undetermined	-	2	3	8	3	1	-	17
Implements	40	292	193	173	72	9	-	779
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,447</b>
<b>1999</b>								
Possess/use	305	1,765	1,285	1,630	622	147	28	5,782
Sell/supply	24	71	116	186	136	51	10	594
Cultivate	12	120	177	313	165	62	25	874
Manufacture	-	1	1	7	3	-	-	12
Undetermined	-	8	7	22	9	8	-	54
Implements	218	1,253	775	879	304	56	7	3,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10,808</b>

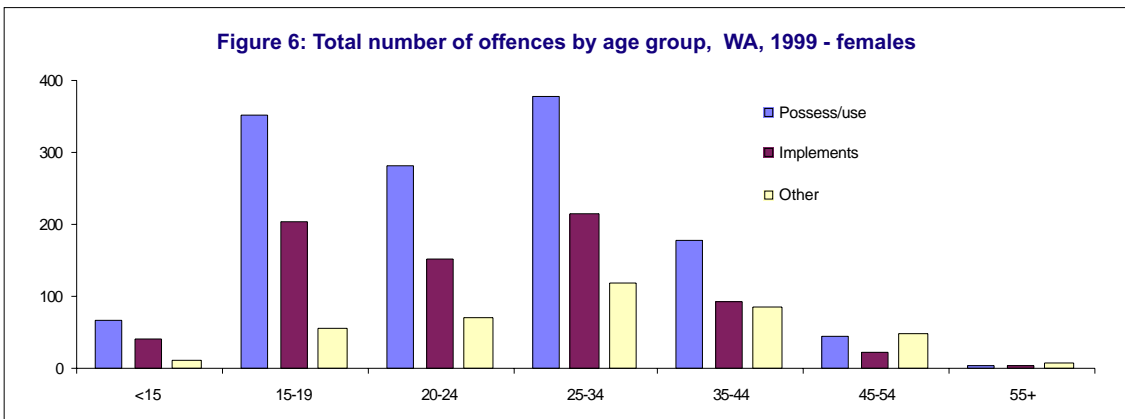


OFFENCES BY AGE GROUP, MALES, 1999

**OFFENCES BY AGE GROUP, FEMALES, 1999**

**Table 7: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999 - females**

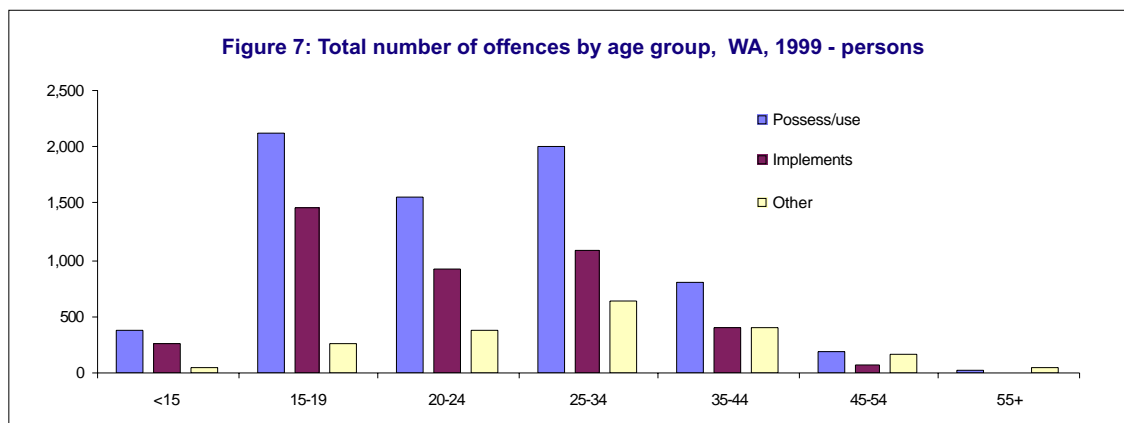
	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	17	89	58	85	48	9	-	306
Sell/supply	4	7	7	14	10	2	-	44
Cultivate	-	7	11	20	20	5	2	65
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	4
Implements	6	50	40	57	33	6	-	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>611</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	22	98	82	92	49	11	1	355
Sell/supply	3	4	14	16	13	4	-	54
Cultivate	-	4	4	10	5	6	-	29
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	6
Implements	14	45	32	50	25	6	-	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>616</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	17	91	75	105	43	16	1	348
Sell/supply	1	6	12	18	16	4	1	58
Cultivate	-	8	5	9	6	3	3	34
Manufacture	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Undetermined	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Implements	11	65	42	48	18	6	-	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	11	74	67	94	39	9	1	295
Sell/supply	2	3	7	13	4	22	-	51
Cultivate	-	7	6	14	8	2	2	39
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	5
Implements	8	45	37	58	17	4	2	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>1999</b>								
Possess/use	67	352	282	376	179	45	3	1,304
Sell/supply	10	20	40	61	43	32	1	207
Cultivate	-	26	26	53	39	16	7	167
Manufacture	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Undetermined	-	7	4	3	2	-	1	17
Implements	39	205	151	213	93	22	2	725
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,423</b>





**Table 8: Number of quarterly offences by age group, WA, 1999 - persons**

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>								
Possess/use	94	496	352	495	193	53	9	1,692
Sell/supply	9	32	33	58	45	12	3	192
Cultivate	4	42	69	124	84	28	13	364
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undetermined	-	3	1	6	2	1	1	14
Implements	43	333	250	315	122	28	3	1,094
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3,356</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>								
Possess/use	116	577	434	546	207	49	10	1,939
Sell/supply	8	24	47	68	52	17	4	220
Cultivate	6	32	34	99	40	21	8	240
Manufacture	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Undetermined	-	3	4	7	1	3	-	18
Implements	83	379	232	276	88	20	4	1,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>								
Possess/use	92	559	396	516	219	47	6	1,835
Sell/supply	9	23	41	64	54	24	2	217
Cultivate	2	38	35	63	38	15	6	197
Manufacture	-	1	1	7	1	-	-	10
Undetermined	-	5	1	3	5	3	-	17
Implements	83	409	214	270	98	17	-	1,091
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,367</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>								
Possess/use	70	485	385	449	182	43	6	1,620
Sell/supply	8	12	35	57	28	30	2	172
Cultivate	-	34	65	80	42	14	5	240
Manufacture	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4
Undetermined	-	4	5	9	3	1	-	22
Implements	48	337	230	231	89	13	2	950
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3,008</b>
<b>1999</b>								
Possess/use	372	2,117	1,567	2,006	801	192	31	7,086
Sell/supply	34	91	156	247	179	83	11	801
Cultivate	12	146	203	366	204	78	32	1,041
Manufacture	-	2	1	9	3	-	-	15
Undetermined	-	15	11	25	11	8	1	71
Implements	257	1,458	926	1,092	397	78	9	4,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13,231</b>



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Table 9: Number of seizures by type of drug offence, WA, 1998

	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>					
Amphetamines	90	23	2	-	115
Cannabis	1,699	233	753	1	2,686
Cocaine	1	4	-	-	5
Dexamphetamines	2	-	1	-	3
Heroin	110	27	-	1	138
LSD	9	7	-	-	16
Ecstasy	11	2	-	-	13
Methylamphetamine	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown powder	58	12	2	-	72
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,048</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>					
Amphetamines	119	48	2	-	169
Cannabis	2,316	355	551	-	3,222
Cocaine	3	2	1	-	6
Dexamphetamines	9	3	-	-	12
Heroin	116	39	-	-	155
LSD	10	8	-	-	18
Ecstasy	15	18	-	-	33
Methylamphetamine	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown powder	93	21	2	-	116
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,731</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>					
Amphetamines	140	34	1	-	175
Cannabis	1,883	211	397	3	2,494
Cocaine	3	5	-	1	9
Dexamphetamines	11	5	-	1	17
Heroin	93	37	2	-	132
LSD	13	3	-	-	16
Ecstasy	14	7	1	-	22
Methylamphetamine	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown powder	54	12	4	1	71
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,936</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>					
Amphetamines	120	38	1	4	163
Cannabis	1,715	197	501	-	2,413
Cocaine	5	4	-	-	9
Dexamphetamines	10	2	-	-	12
Heroin	98	26	-	-	124
LSD	16	4	-	-	20
Ecstasy	13	11	1	1	26
Methylamphetamine	9	3	-	1	13
Unknown powder	67	10	6	2	85
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,865</b>
<b>Total 1998</b>	<b>8,925</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12,580</b>

**Table 10: Total number of amphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Crystal	5	3	1	-	9
Liquid	46	8	-	-	54
Powder	338	119	4	4	465
Tab	9	-	1	-	10
Tablet	19	2	-	-	21
Unspecified	52	11	-	-	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>622</b>

**Table 11: Total number of cannabis seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Cigarette	87	3	6	-	96
Compressed	32	8	1	-	41
Hashish block	5	1	1	-	7
Hashish oil	11	1	2	-	14
Hashish resin	5	2	1	-	8
Head	677	119	55	-	851
Leaf	3,882	364	512	2	4,760
Liquid	9	1	-	-	10
Mixed (various)	517	68	82	-	667
Mixed leaf/head	814	116	99	-	1,029
Plant	164	127	1,078	-	1,369
Resin	109	10	18	1	138
Seed	476	66	156	1	699
Stalk	17	12	7	-	36
Stick	8	6	1	-	15
Unspecified	800	92	183	-	1,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,613</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10,815</b>

**Table 12: Total number of cocaine seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Crack crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid	-	-	-	1	1
Powder	11	14	1	-	26
Unspecified	1	1	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>

**Table 13: Total number of dexamphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Tablet	28	7	1	1	37
Unspecified	4	3	-	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>

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**Table 14: Total number of heroin seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	1	-	-	-	1
Gel	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake gel	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake liquid	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake powder	7	1	-	-	8
Liquid	73	3	1	-	77
Powder	265	96	1	-	362
Putty	1	-	-	-	1
Rock	21	13	-	-	34
Synthetic	-	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	49	16	-	1	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>549</b>

**Table 15: Total number of LSD seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid	-	1	-	-	1
Microdot	4	1	-	-	5
Tab	36	19	-	-	55
Tablet	6	-	-	-	6
Unspecified	2	1	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>

**Table 16: Total number of ecstasy seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	2	1	-	-	3
Crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Paste	-	-	-	-	-
Powder	1	-	-	-	1
Rock	-	-	-	-	-
Tablet	47	37	2	1	87
Unspecified	3	-	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94</b>

**Table 17: Total number of methylamphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1998**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Hydrochloride/crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrochloride/unspecified	-	-	-	-	-
Capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid	-	-	-	-	-
Powder	7	1	-	-	8
Tablet	2	1	-	-	3
Unspecified	-	1	-	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>

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Table 18: Number of seizures by type of drug offence, WA, 1999

	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
<b>Qtr 1</b>					
Amphetamines	128	40	8	-	176
Cannabis	1,827	249	734	2	2,812
Cocaine	1	-	-	-	1
Dexamphetamines	11	3	1	-	15
Heroin	95	26	1	-	122
LSD	6	3	1	-	10
Ecstasy	11	6	2	-	19
Methylamphetamine	7	1	-	-	8
Unknown powder	65	8	1	-	74
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,237</b>
<b>Qtr 2</b>					
Amphetamines	255	130	2	-	387
Cannabis	3,168	437	843	1	4,449
Cocaine	2	-	-	-	2
Dexamphetamines	17	5	-	-	22
Heroin	160	56	-	1	217
LSD	16	1	-	-	17
Ecstasy	28	35	1	-	64
Methylamphetamine	21	8	-	-	29
Unknown powder	123	61	3	-	187
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5,374</b>
<b>Qtr 3</b>					
Amphetamines	271	68	14	5	358
Cannabis	2,720	418	647	10	3,795
Cocaine	2	1	-	-	3
Dexamphetamines	17	5	1	-	23
Heroin	132	60	-	-	192
LSD	8	2	-	-	10
Ecstasy	28	7	1	-	36
Methylamphetamine	11	4	-	-	15
Unknown powder	107	5	4	21	137
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4,569</b>
<b>Qtr 4</b>					
Amphetamines	190	39	12	-	241
Cannabis	2,598	382	935	12	3,927
Cocaine	3	3	-	-	6
Dexamphetamines	21	2	-	-	23
Heroin	99	66	-	-	165
LSD	18	6	5	-	29
Ecstasy	24	11	1	-	36
Methylamphetamine	21	6	-	-	27
Unknown powder	103	22	7	3	135
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,077</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,589</b>
<b>Total 1999</b>	<b>12,314</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17,769</b>

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**Table 19: Total number of amphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	2	1	-	-	3
Crystal	18	2	-	-	20
Liquid	68	9	2	1	80
Powder	620	255	27	4	906
Tab	4	-	1	-	5
Tablet	33	2	-	-	35
Unspecified	99	9	6	-	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,163</b>

**Table 20: Total number of cannabis seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Cigarette	99	11	7	1	118
Compressed	53	3	-	-	56
Hashish block	8	3	2	-	13
Hashish oil	5	2	-	-	7
Hashish resin	28	4	5	9	46
Head	1,047	290	168	-	1,505
Leaf	4,157	463	722	8	5,350
Liquid	11	3	1	-	15
Mixed (various)	767	68	110	2	947
Mixed leaf/head	1,395	182	284	-	1,861
Plant	678	217	1,351	-	2,246
Resin	158	17	48	1	224
Seed	598	76	184	-	858
Stalk	35	15	30	-	80
Stick	5	4	1	1	11
Unspecified	1,276	132	251	4	1,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15,000</b>

**Table 21: Total number of cocaine seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Crack crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid	-	-	-	-	-
Powder	8	4	-	-	12
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>

**Table 22: Total number of dexamphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Tablet	64	15	2	-	81
Unspecified	2	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83</b>

**Table 23: Total number of heroin seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	1	-	-	-	1
Gel	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Homebake crystal	1	-	-	-	1
Homebake liquid	5	2	-	-	7
Homebake powder	12	9	-	-	21
Liquid	55	6	-	-	61
Powder	335	145	1	-	481
Putty	-	1	-	-	1
Rock	37	33	-	1	71
Synthetic	-	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	40	12	-	-	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>696</b>

**Table 24: Total number of LSD seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid	1	-	-	-	1
Microdot	1	2	-	-	3
Tab	39	9	6	-	54
Tablet	5	1	-	-	6
Unspecified	2	1	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67</b>

**Table 25: Total number of ecstasy seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Capsule	-	-	-	-	-
Crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Paste	-	-	-	-	-
Powder	-	1	-	-	1
Rock	-	-	-	-	-
Tablet	91	59	4	1	155
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>156</b>

**Table 26: Total number of methylamphetamine seizures by type of offence, 1999**

Drug type	Possession/use	Sell/supply	Cultivate	Manufacture	Total
Hydrochloride/crystal	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrochloride/unspecified	-	-	-	-	-
Capsule	1	1	-	-	2
Crystal	6	-	-	-	6
Liquid	1	-	-	-	1
Powder	26	7	-	-	33
Tablet	21	7	-	-	28
Unspecified	6	4	-	-	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80</b>

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## OVERVIEW - POLICE DISTRICTS

A separate publication containing quarterly trends in offences by type of drug offence and age group for each of the State's Police Districts can be viewed or downloaded from the WA Strategy Against Drug Abuse website <http://www.wa.gov.au/drugwestaus/>.

### NUMBER OF DRUG OFFENCES BY METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICTS, WA, 1998-1999

Police District	1998	1999	Total
Cannington	1,411	1,473	2,884
Fremantle	1,891	2,027	3,918
Joondalup	1,217	1,258	2,475
Midland	985	1,109	2,094
Mirrabooka	1,596	1,352	2,948
Perth	1,570	1,385	2,955



### NUMBER OF DRUG OFFENCES BY COUNTRY POLICE DISTRICTS, WA, 1998-1999

Police District	1998	1999	Total
Albany	453	523	976
Bunbury	1,270	1,309	2,579
Geraldton	531	566	1,097
Kalgoorlie	819	692	1,511
Kimberley	363	339	702
Meekatharra	52	51	103
Narrogin	172	234	406
Northam	542	504	1,046
Pilbara	469	409	878

