



Drug Related Telephone Calls, 1986 - 2005

Summary

- There has been a shift in the composition of licit drug calls received by ADIS from 1986 to 2005 - tobacco related calls have steadily increased, prescribed drug related calls have declined since the early 1990s, whereas alcohol related calls, which were the most frequent licit drug call up to the mid 1990s, declined up to mid 2001 and have since increased.
- Cannabis related calls steadily grew up to mid 1999, then fell to mid 2002 and have since increased, whereas the most frequent number of designer drug related calls were from mid 1991 to mid 2000 and have since declined.
- There have been fluctuations in calls involving amphetamines, with three pronounced peaks in early 1995, at the end of 2000 and in mid 2004.
- Compared to the recent increase in amphetamine related calls, opioid related calls have fallen sharply since the period of high levels that occurred from early 1996 to late 1999, with some growth occurring in calls since 2001.

Introduction

The Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) is a 24 hour statewide service which may be contacted by phone 1800 198 024 (freecall) or 08 9442 5000. It was established in April 1986.

ADIS is operated by the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) and provides confidential counselling and referral on alcohol and other drug problems for drug users, relatives and friends of those with problematic drug use.

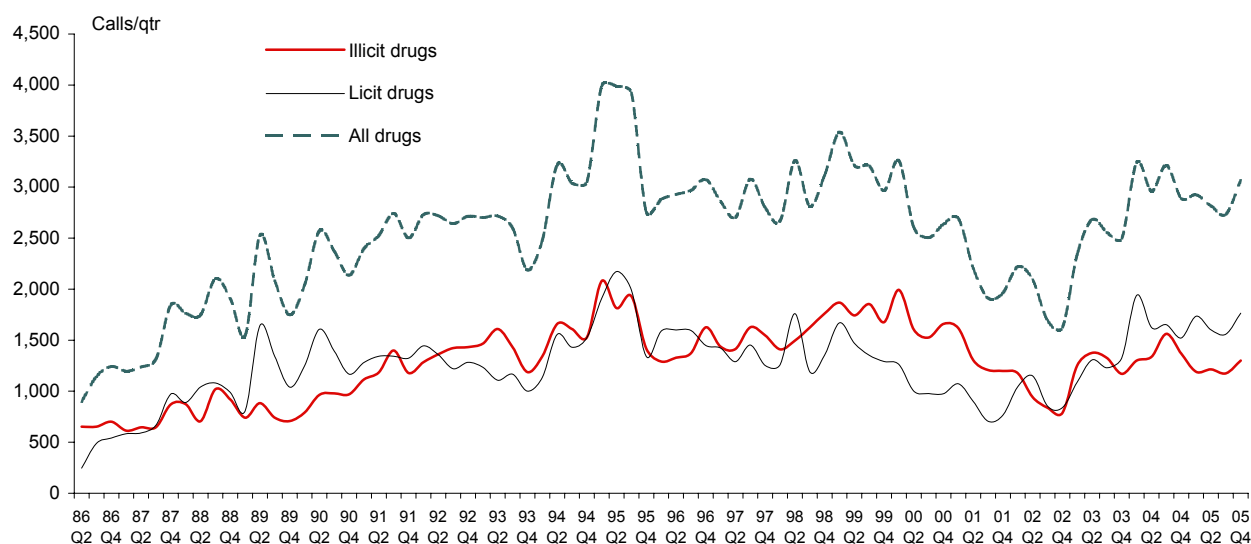
It operates in conjunction with the Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS), which was launched in October 1996 to provide specialist information, support, counselling and referral to key treatment and support services for parents concerned about drug use by their children.

All Drugs

The number of quarterly calls for all drugs steadily increased from 899 calls in the June quarter 1986 to 3,993 calls in the March quarter 1995, then declined to 1,627 calls in the December quarter 2002 and has since increased to 3,065 calls in the December quarter 2005. See Figure 1.

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Figure 1
Quarterly licit & illicit drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005



The number of annual calls increased from 5,594 calls in 1987, the first full year of operation (ADIS commenced in March 1986) to a peak of 14,657 calls in 1995, then declined to 7,629 calls in 2002, then increased to 12,308 in 2004 and dropped slightly to 11,540 in 2005.

Licit Drugs

Quarterly licit drug related calls increased from the 246 calls in the June quarter 1986 to 2,173 calls in the June quarter 1995 and then declined to a total of 839 calls in the December quarter 2002 and then has gradually increased to 1,765 calls in the December quarter 2005.

Though the relationship may not be evident in all circumstances, variations in the number of licit drug related calls over the period are considered to be related to public health campaigns, which have at different times targeted prescription drugs, alcohol and tobacco. For instance, there were peaks in mid 1989 and mid 1990 that are closely related to campaigns which targeted over prescribing of minor tranquillisers.

From the June quarter 1989 (599 calls) there was a steady decline in the number of quarterly prescribed drug calls up to the December quarter 2002 (90 calls), with some modest growth in calls from 2003 up to the present.

There was a gradual increase in the number of quarterly tobacco related calls from 1986 up to the June quarter 1998 (759 calls), declining to the December quarter 2001 (136 calls), increasing to the June quarter 2004 (688 calls) and

has since declined to 469 calls in the December quarter 2005.

Whilst alcohol related calls have been the most frequent licit drug call from the inception of ADIS up to present, there has been two broad trends in calls involving alcohol. See Figure 2.

Illicit Drugs

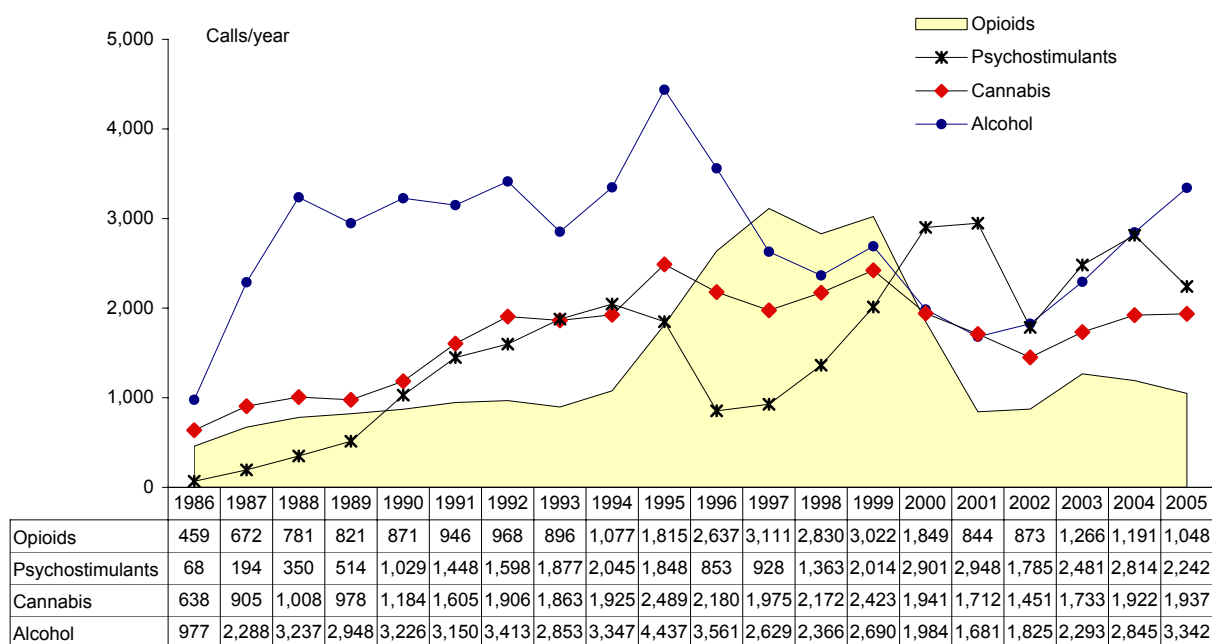
There was an overall upward trend in the number of quarterly illicit drug related calls from 1986 to the March quarter 1995 (2,081 calls), followed by a gradual decline to the December quarter 2002 (788 calls) and has increased somewhat to 1,300 calls in the December quarter 2005.

A detailed breakdown of quarterly trends in designer drug, psychostimulant, opioid and cannabis related calls from 1986 to the present shows a number of features. See Figure 3.

The first feature is that there appears to be a synergy between the markets for heroin and psychostimulants as there is an inverse relationship of calls involving opioids and psychostimulants. This may indicate that one drug is a substitute for the other according to availability of supply and preferences.

The second feature is that there has been a cyclical variation in psychostimulant calls and that calls involving this drug have become the most frequent type of illicit drug related call since the beginning of 2000.

Figure 2
Annual calls - alcohol, cannabis, opioids & psychostimulants 1986 - 2005



The third feature is that from 1995 to 1999 there was a greater number of quarterly calls involving cannabis compared to the period 2000 to 2005 and that up until the end of 1999 calls involving cannabis exceeded calls involving psychostimulants.

Cannabis

Quarterly cannabis related calls increased by more than two fold from 203 calls in the the June quarter 1986 to 692 calls in the September quarter 1995, declined to 300 calls in the December quarter 2002 and then increased to 573 calls in the September quarter 2004. Calls have since declined to 451 by the December quarter 2005.

Designer Drugs

Quarterly designer drug related calls have fluctuated markedly over the period from 1986 up to the present. There were peaks in the September quarter 1992 (189 calls), March quarter 1995 (217 calls) and the March quarter 2000 (182 calls). Since 2001 there have been about 50 and 75 calls per quarter.

Psychostimulants

There have been marked cyclical variations in quarterly psychostimulant calls received from 1986.

Quarterly psychostimulant related calls increased from 36 calls in the the September quarter 1986 to 711 calls in the March quarter 1995, then decreased by nearly two thirds to 177 calls in the June quarter 1996 and then increased to 851 calls in the December quarter 2000.

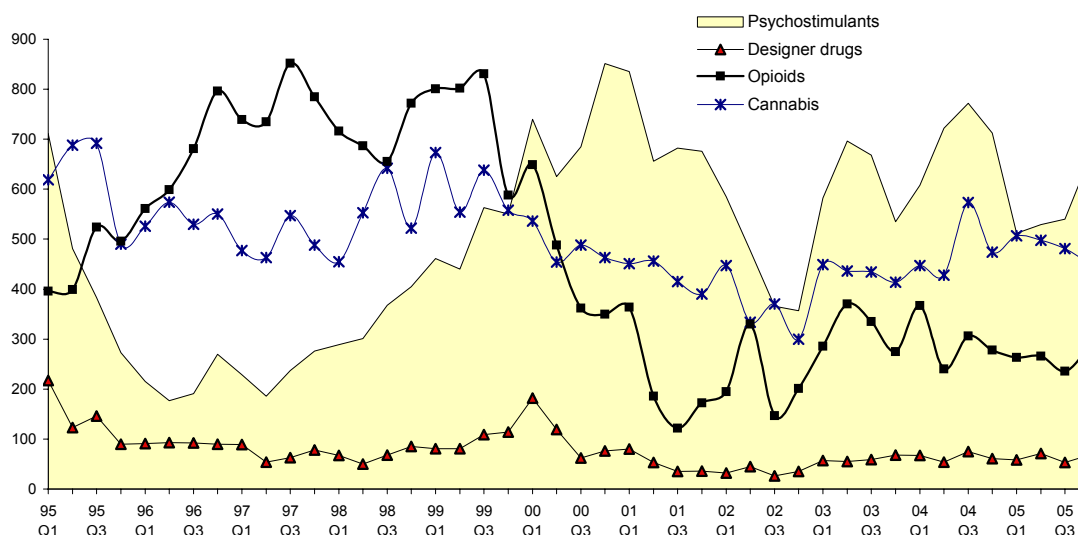
After the December quarter 2000 calls fell to 357 calls in the December quarter 2002, then increased up to 712 calls in the December quarter 2004 and then after a further decline reached 661 in the December quarter 2005.

Opioids

Quarterly opioid related calls have fluctuated from 1986 up to mid 1993, with about 150 to 200 opioid related calls per quarter. The number of calls increased by just over four fold from 215 calls in the March quarter 1993 to 852 calls in the September quarter 1997, dropped to 655 calls in the September quarter 1998.

Calls increased from the September quarter 1998 to 831 calls in the September quarter 1999, then dropped markedly to 122 calls in the September quarter 2001. Since the September quarter 2001 opioid related calls have increased somewhat to 283 calls in the December quarter 2005.

Figure 3
Quarterly illicit drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005



To view or download detailed data tables and figures and a description of the methodology associated with this report go to the Drug and Alcohol Office website [here](http://www.dao.health.wa.gov.au).

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Data Tables & Figures

Table A-1

Quarterly licit & illicit drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	Illicit		Licit		Total	Year	Quarter	Illicit		Licit		Total
		n	%	n	%				n	%	n	%	
1986	March	-		-		-	1996	March	1,291		1,589		2,880
	June	653		246		899		June	1,329		1,600		2,929
	September	653		490		1,143		September	1,373		1,595		2,968
	December	701		541		1,242		December	1,627		1,447		3,074
	Total	2,007	61.1	1,277	38.9	3,284		Total	5,620	47.4	6,231	52.6	11,851
1987	March	614		583		1,197	1997	March	1,437		1,423		2,860
	June	647		591		1,238		June	1,413		1,289		2,702
	September	648		668		1,316		September	1,626		1,452		3,078
	December	870		973		1,843		December	1,546		1,251		2,797
	Total	2,779	49.7	2,815	50.3	5,594		Total	6,022	52.7	5,415	47.3	11,437
1988	March	874		890		1,764	1998	March	1,410		1,259		2,669
	June	706		1,041		1,747		June	1,497		1,760		3,257
	September	1,020		1,081		2,101		September	1,624		1,190		2,814
	December	919		988		1,907		December	1,761		1,354		3,115
	Total	3,519	46.8	4,000	53.2	7,519		Total	6,292	53.1	5,563	46.9	11,855
1989	March	740		807		1,547	1999	March	1,868		1,670		3,538
	June	883		1,643		2,526		June	1,743		1,469		3,212
	September	741		1,340		2,081		September	1,854		1,352		3,207
	December	707		1,040		1,747		December	1,676		1,291		2,967
	Total	3,071	38.9	4,830	61.1	7,901		Total	7,141	55.3	7,141	44.7	12,923
1990	March	791		1,248		2,039	2000	March	1,994		1,263		3,257
	June	964		1,607		2,571		June	1,604		1,001		2,605
	September	979		1,391		2,370		September	1,526		977		2,503
	December	969		1,167		2,136		December	1,659		976		2,635
	Total	3,703	40.6	5,413	59.4	9,116		Total	6,783	61.7	4,217	38.3	11,000
1991	March	1,115		1,281		2,396	2001	March	1,617		1,073		2,690
	June	1,184		1,342		2,526		June	1,303		899		2,202
	September	1,399		1,343		2,742		September	1,208		706		1,914
	December	1,178		1,324		2,502		December	1,199		765		1,964
	Total	4,876	48.0	5,290	52.0	10,166		Total	5,327	60.7	3,443	39.3	8,770
1992	March	1,284		1,445		2,729	2002	March	1,176		1,044		2,220
	June	1,362		1,358		2,720		June	941		1,150		2,091
	September	1,422		1,220		2,642		September	837		854		1,691
	December	1,432		1,283		2,715		December	788		839		1,627
	Total	5,500	50.9	5,306	49.1	10,806		Total	3,742	49.0	3,887	51.0	7,629
1993	March	1,467		1,234		2,701	2003	March	1,251		1,088		2,339
	June	1,609		1,107		2,716		June	1,375		1,306		2,681
	September	1,431		1,167		2,598		September	1,326		1,230		2,556
	December	1,188		1,000		2,188		December	1,170		1,329		2,499
	Total	5,695	55.8	4,508	44.2	10,203		Total	5,122	50.8	4,953	49.2	10,075
1994	March	1,341		1,134		2,475	2004	March	1,301		1,940		3,241
	June	1,659		1,556		3,215		June	1,338		1,624		2,962
	September	1,609		1,430		3,039		September	1,563		1,651		3,214
	December	1,527		1,525		3,052		December	1,369		1,522		2,891
	Total	6,136	52.1	5,645	47.9	11,781		Total	5,571	45.3	6,737	54.7	12,308
1995	March	2,081		1,912		3,993	2005	March	1,191		1,734		2,925
	June	1,815		2,173		3,988		June	1,214		1,602		2,816
	September	1,931		1,990		3,921		September	1,175		1,559		2,734
	December	1,416		1,339		2,755		December	1,300		1,765		3,065
	Total	7,243	49.4	7,414	50.6	14,657		Total	4,880	42.3	6,660	57.7	11,540

Table A-2
Annual drug related telephone calls, all types of drugs, 1986 - 1995

Drug group	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Alcohol	977	2,288	3,237	2,948	3,226	3,150	3,413	2,853	3,347	4,437
Tobacco	47	181	215	568	608	445	513	557	829	1,248
Cannabis	638	905	1,008	978	1,184	1,605	1,906	1,863	1,925	2,489
Opioids										
Heroin	459	672	781	731	747	783	817	768	937	1,580
Methadone (prescribed)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buprenorphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Narcotic analgesics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non narcotic analgesics	-	-	-	90	124	163	151	128	140	235
Other and unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	459	672	781	821	871	946	968	896	1,077	1,815
Psychostimulants										
Amphetamines (illicit)	68	138	279	406	937	1,351	1,498	1,789	1,957	1,737
Methamphetamine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dexamphetamines (prescribed)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocaine	-	56	71	69	61	62	74	54	64	71
Other & unspecified	-	-	-	39	90	35	26	34	24	40
Sub total	68	194	350	514	1,029	1,448	1,598	1,877	2,045	1,848
Prescribed drugs										
Major tranquillisers	-	-	-	37	59	71	36	56	65	91
Minor tranquillisers	253	346	548	736	806	770	585	466	655	699
Anti-depressants	-	-	-	165	177	234	226	169	258	340
Other & unspecified	-	-	-	286	413	457	382	279	351	364
Sub total	253	346	548	1,224	1,455	1,532	1,229	970	1,329	1,494
Designer drugs										
Ecstasy	-	18	113	78	73	135	303	161	187	176
LSD & other hallucinogens	25	40	76	84	134	253	332	331	329	400
Other & unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25	58	189	162	207	388	635	492	516	576
Other drugs										
Volatile substances	-	-	-	132	163	232	200	205	255	312
Anabolic steroids	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polydrug	266	316	354	178	171	211	111	101	161	158
Opioid abstinence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcohol abstinence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other & unspecified	551	634	837	376	202	209	233	389	297	280
Sub total	817	950	1,191	686	536	652	544	695	713	750
Total	3,284	5,594	7,519	7,901	9,116	10,166	10,806	10,203	11,781	14,657

Table A-3
Annual drug related telephone calls, all types of drugs, 1996 - 2005

Drug group	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Alcohol	3,561	2,629	2,366	2,690	1,984	1,681	1,825	2,293	2,845	3,342
Tobacco	849	1,272	1,851	1,528	1,106	968	1,056	1,233	2,454	1,972
Cannabis	2,180	1,975	2,172	2,423	1,941	1,712	1,451	1,733	1,922	1,937
Opioids										
Heroin	1,911	2,399	2,148	2,142	1,430	515	315	597	509	389
Methadone (prescribed)	151	151	286	369	202	165	107	172	199	209
Buprenorphine	na	na	na	162	11	13	69	192	183	145
Narcotic analgesics	384	448	287	280	166	115	344	244	248	233
Non narcotic analgesics	191	113	109	65	27	25	25	23	22	41
Other & unspecified	na	na	na	5	13	11	13	38	30	31
Sub total	2,637	3,111	2,830	3,022	1,849	844	873	1,266	1,191	1,048
Psychostimulants										
Amphetamines (illicit)	657	750	1,176	1,785	2,738	2,693	1,628	2,267	2,612	2,046
Methamphetamine	-	-	-	-	-	99	33	2	-	-
Dexamphetamines (prescribed)	114	141	140	169	106	118	103	159	137	139
Cocaine	82	37	47	55	52	35	20	42	61	48
Other & unspecified	-	-	-	5	5	3	1	11	4	9
Sub total	853	928	1,363	2,014	2,901	2,849	1,785	2,481	2,814	2,242
Prescribed drugs										
Major tranquillisers	64	63	40	37	53	38	32	57	44	57
Minor tranquillisers	474	355	291	290	290	173	214	290	272	240
Anti-depressants	337	198	172	176	121	74	80	145	133	131
Other & unspecified	220	186	161	121	144	147	96	208	250	217
Sub total	1,095	802	664	624	608	432	422	700	699	645
Designer drugs										
Ecstasy	134	123	173	329	360	172	113	206	226	218
LSD & other hallucinogens	232	161	97	53	76	32	19	27	27	30
Other & unspecified	na	na	na	2	3	-	6	6	4	2
Sub total	366	284	270	384	439	204	138	239	257	250
Other drugs										
Volatile substances	179	148	119	110	56	34	28	49	50	50
Anabolic steroids	36	32	26	22	13	6	5	15	11	4
Polydrug	95	256	194	45	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opioid abstinence	-	-	-	58	100	32	26	57	57	42
Alcohol abstinence	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other & unspecified	-	-	-	1	3	7	2	8	8	8
Sub total	310	436	339	238	172	80	61	130	126	104
Total	11,851	11,437	11,855	12,923	11,000	8,770	7,629	10,075	12,308	11,540

Table A-4

Quarterly alcohol related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	963
	June	132		June	864
	September	371		September	887
	December	474		December	847
	Total	977		Total	3,561
1987	March	486	1997	March	739
	June	479		June	649
	September	515		September	611
	December	808		December	630
	Total	2,288		Total	2,629
1988	March	721	1998	March	585
	June	831		June	625
	September	875		September	553
	December	810		December	603
	Total	3,237		Total	2,366
1989	March	706	1999	March	805
	June	790		June	690
	September	767		September	583
	December	685		December	612
	Total	2,948		Total	2,690
1990	March	822	2000	March	557
	June	820		June	498
	September	859		September	437
	December	725		December	492
	Total	3,226		Total	1,984
1991	March	824	2001	March	445
	June	719		June	409
	September	770		September	369
	December	837		December	458
	Total	3,150		Total	1,681
1992	March	965	2002	March	517
	June	806		June	408
	September	805		September	427
	December	837		December	473
	Total	3,413		Total	1,825
1993	March	822	2003	March	549
	June	672		June	502
	September	677		September	596
	December	682		December	646
	Total	2,853		Total	2,293
1994	March	719	2004	March	816
	June	854		June	633
	September	849		September	667
	December	925		December	729
	Total	3,347		Total	2,845
1995	March	1,183	2005	March	844
	June	1,101		June	789
	September	1,274		September	777
	December	879		December	932
	Total	4,437		Total	3,342

Table A-5
Quarterly tobacco related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	170
	June	12		June	256
	September	20		September	245
	December	15		December	178
	Total	47		Total	849
1987	March	20	1997	March	241
	June	34		June	316
	September	62		September	461
	December	65		December	254
	Total	181		Total	1,272
1988	March	35	1998	March	327
	June	67		June	759
	September	70		September	326
	December	43		December	439
	Total	215		Total	1,851
1989	March	28	1999	March	473
	June	217		June	432
	September	218		September	284
	December	105		December	339
	Total	568		Total	1,528
1990	March	129	2000	March	375
	June	210		June	262
	September	172		September	270
	December	97		December	199
	Total	608		Total	1,106
1991	March	103	2001	March	342
	June	128		June	316
	September	136		September	174
	December	78		December	136
	Total	445		Total	968
1992	March	128	2002	March	310
	June	196		June	343
	September	125		September	245
	December	64		December	158
	Total	513		Total	1,056
1993	March	66	2003	March	246
	June	166		June	427
	September	246		September	255
	December	79		December	305
	Total	557		Total	1,233
1994	March	103	2004	March	679
	June	343		June	688
	September	197		September	620
	December	186		December	467
	Total	829		Total	2,454
1995	March	245	2005	March	528
	June	625		June	488
	September	241		September	487
	December	137		December	469
	Total	1,248		Total	1,972

Table A-6

Quarterly prescribed drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	275
	June	102		June	283
	September	99		September	271
	December	52		December	266
	Total	253		Total	1,095
1987	March	77	1997	March	260
	June	78		June	169
	September	91		September	194
	December	100		December	179
	Total	346		Total	802
1988	March	134	1998	March	177
	June	143		June	208
	September	136		September	137
	December	135		December	142
	Total	548		Total	664
1989	March	73	1999	March	185
	June	599		June	151
	September	324		September	131
	December	228		December	157
	Total	1,224		Total	624
1990	March	265	2000	March	170
	June	540		June	124
	September	326		September	149
	December	324		December	165
	Total	1,455		Total	608
1991	March	335	2001	March	142
	June	445		June	104
	September	383		September	102
	December	369		December	84
	Total	1,532		Total	432
1992	March	321	2002	March	110
	June	315		June	129
	September	263		September	93
	December	330		December	90
	Total	1,229		Total	422
1993	March	295	2003	March	143
	June	244		June	162
	September	216		September	176
	December	215		December	219
	Total	970		Total	700
1994	March	283	2004	March	220
	June	318		June	167
	September	343		September	169
	December	385		December	143
	Total	1,329		Total	699
1995	March	423	2005	March	190
	June	394		June	155
	September	413		September	134
	December	264		December	166
	Total	1,494		Total	645

Table A-7
Quarterly cannabis related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	526
	June	293		June	574
	September	200		September	530
	December	145		December	550
	Total	638		Total	2,180
1987	March	190	1997	March	477
	June	246		June	463
	September	212		September	547
	December	257		December	488
	Total	905		Total	1,975
1988	March	289	1998	March	455
	June	236		June	553
	September	264		September	642
	December	219		December	522
	Total	1,008		Total	2,172
1989	March	206	1999	March	673
	June	298		June	554
	September	263		September	638
	December	211		December	558
	Total	978		Total	2,423
1990	March	265	2000	March	536
	June	350		June	454
	September	290		September	488
	December	279		December	463
	Total	1,184		Total	1,941
1991	March	369	2001	March	451
	June	411		June	456
	September	439		September	415
	December	386		December	390
	Total	1,605		Total	1,712
1992	March	474	2002	March	447
	June	500		June	334
	September	496		September	370
	December	436		December	300
	Total	1,906		Total	1,451
1993	March	463	2003	March	449
	June	563		June	436
	September	463		September	434
	December	374		December	414
	Total	1,863		Total	1,733
1994	March	392	2004	March	447
	June	549		June	428
	September	518		September	573
	December	466		December	474
	Total	1,925		Total	1,922
1995	March	619	2005	March	507
	June	688		June	498
	September	692		September	481
	December	490		December	451
	Total	2,489		Total	1,937

Table A-8
Quarterly designer drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	91
	June	-		June	93
	September	22		September	92
	December	3		December	90
	Total	25		Total	366
1987	March	4	1997	March	89
	June	8		June	54
	September	14		September	63
	December	32		December	78
	Total	58		Total	284
1988	March	43	1998	March	67
	June	26		June	50
	September	73		September	68
	December	47		December	85
	Total	189		Total	270
1989	March	26	1999	March	81
	June	60		June	81
	September	43		September	109
	December	33		December	113
	Total	162		Total	384
1990	March	40	2000	March	182
	June	45		June	119
	September	60		September	62
	December	62		December	76
	Total	207		Total	439
1991	March	58	2001	March	80
	June	84		June	53
	September	125		September	35
	December	121		December	36
	Total	388		Total	204
1992	March	139	2002	March	32
	June	147		June	45
	September	189		September	26
	December	160		December	35
	Total	635		Total	138
1993	March	141	2003	March	57
	June	143		June	55
	September	113		September	59
	December	95		December	68
	Total	492		Total	239
1994	March	141	2004	March	67
	June	131		June	54
	September	110		September	75
	December	134		December	61
	Total	516		Total	257
1995	March	217	2005	March	58
	June	123		June	71
	September	146		September	53
	December	90		December	68
	Total	576		Total	250

Table A-9

Quarterly psychostimulant related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	215
	June	-		June	177
	September	36		September	191
	December	32		December	270
	Total	68		Total	853
1987	March	36	1997	March	229
	June	41		June	186
	September	34		September	237
	December	83		December	276
	Total	194		Total	928
1988	March	70	1998	March	289
	June	42		June	301
	September	115		September	368
	December	123		December	405
	Total	350		Total	1,363
1989	March	83	1999	March	461
	June	164		June	440
	September	131		September	563
	December	136		December	550
	Total	514		Total	2,014
1990	March	175	2000	March	740
	June	234		June	625
	September	293		September	685
	December	327		December	851
	Total	1,029		Total	2,901
1991	March	332	2001	March	835
	June	304		June	656
	September	453		September	682
	December	359		December	676
	Total	1,448		Total	2,849
1992	March	335	2002	March	585
	June	393		June	477
	September	410		September	366
	December	460		December	357
	Total	1,598		Total	1,785
1993	March	463	2003	March	582
	June	503		June	696
	September	501		September	668
	December	410		December	535
	Total	1,877		Total	2,481
1994	March	451	2004	March	608
	June	550		June	722
	September	527		September	772
	December	517		December	712
	Total	2,045		Total	2,814
1995	March	711	2005	March	512
	June	481		June	529
	September	383		September	540
	December	273		December	661
	Total	1,848		Total	2,242

Table A-10
Quarterly opioid related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

Year	Quarter	No. calls	Year	Quarter	No. calls
1986	March	-	1996	March	561
	June	124		June	599
	September	166		September	681
	December	169		December	796
	Total	459		Total	2,637
1987	March	166	1997	March	739
	June	163		June	735
	September	147		September	852
	December	196		December	785
	Total	672		Total	3,111
1988	March	214	1998	March	716
	June	185		June	687
	September	196		September	655
	December	186		December	772
	Total	781		Total	2,830
1989	March	162	1999	March	801
	June	201		June	802
	September	178		September	831
	December	190		December	588
	Total	731		Total	3,022
1990	March	169	2000	March	649
	June	190		June	488
	September	207		September	362
	December	181		December	350
	Total	747		Total	1,849
1991	March	177	2001	March	364
	June	201		June	186
	September	202		September	122
	December	203		December	172
	Total	783		Total	844
1992	March	202	2002	March	195
	June	193		June	330
	September	183		September	147
	December	239		December	201
	Total	817		Total	873
1993	March	215	2003	March	286
	June	179		June	370
	September	183		September	335
	December	191		December	275
	Total	768		Total	1,266
1994	March	208	2004	March	367
	June	223		June	240
	September	254		September	306
	December	252		December	278
	Total	937		Total	1,191
1995	March	335	2005	March	263
	June	346		June	266
	September	462		September	236
	December	437		December	283
	Total	1,580		Total	1,048

Figure A-1
Quarterly psychostimulant, opioid, cannabis & designer drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

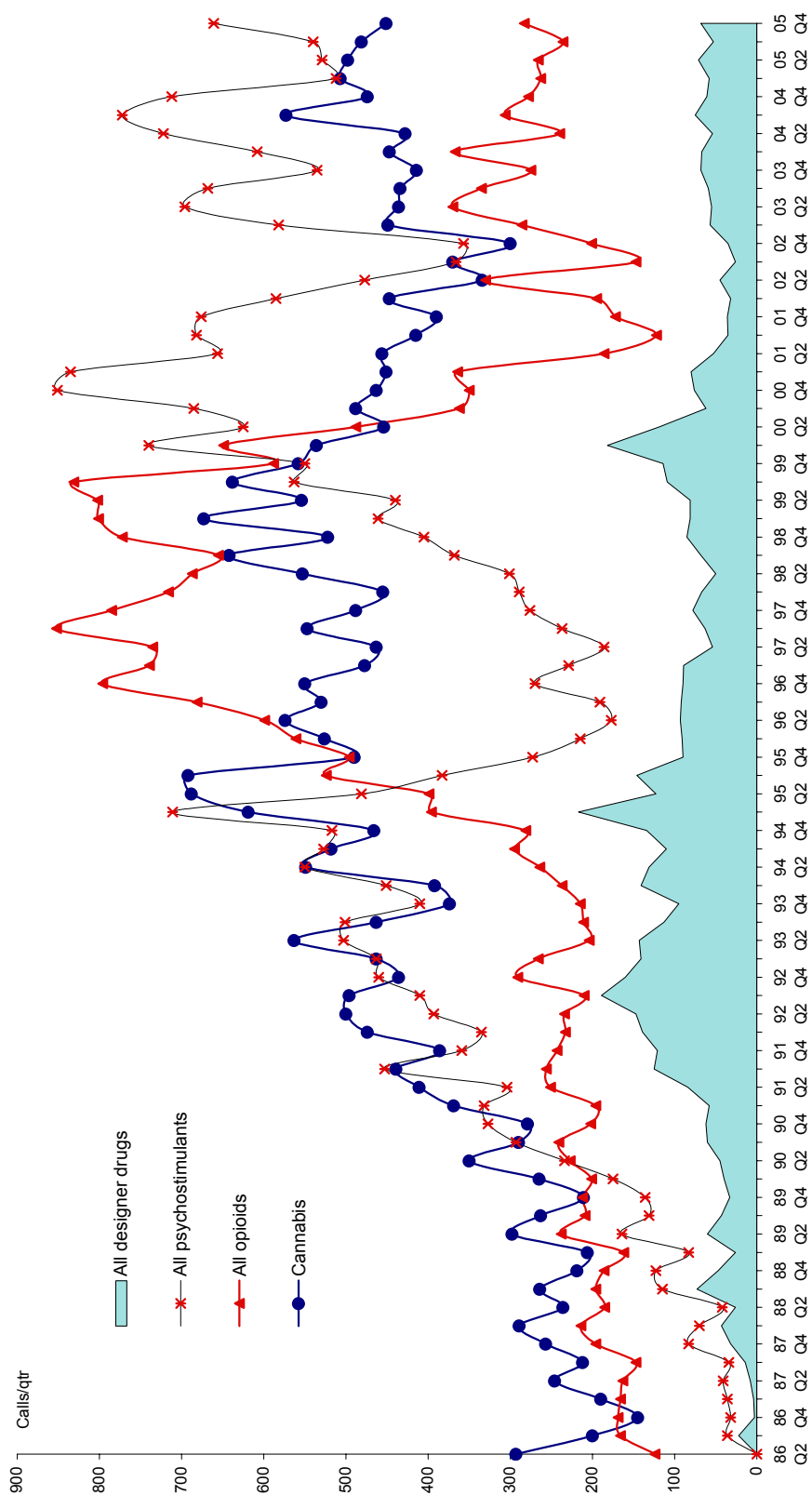


Figure A-2
Annual calls - designer drugs, other drugs, prescribed drugs & tobacco, 1986-2005

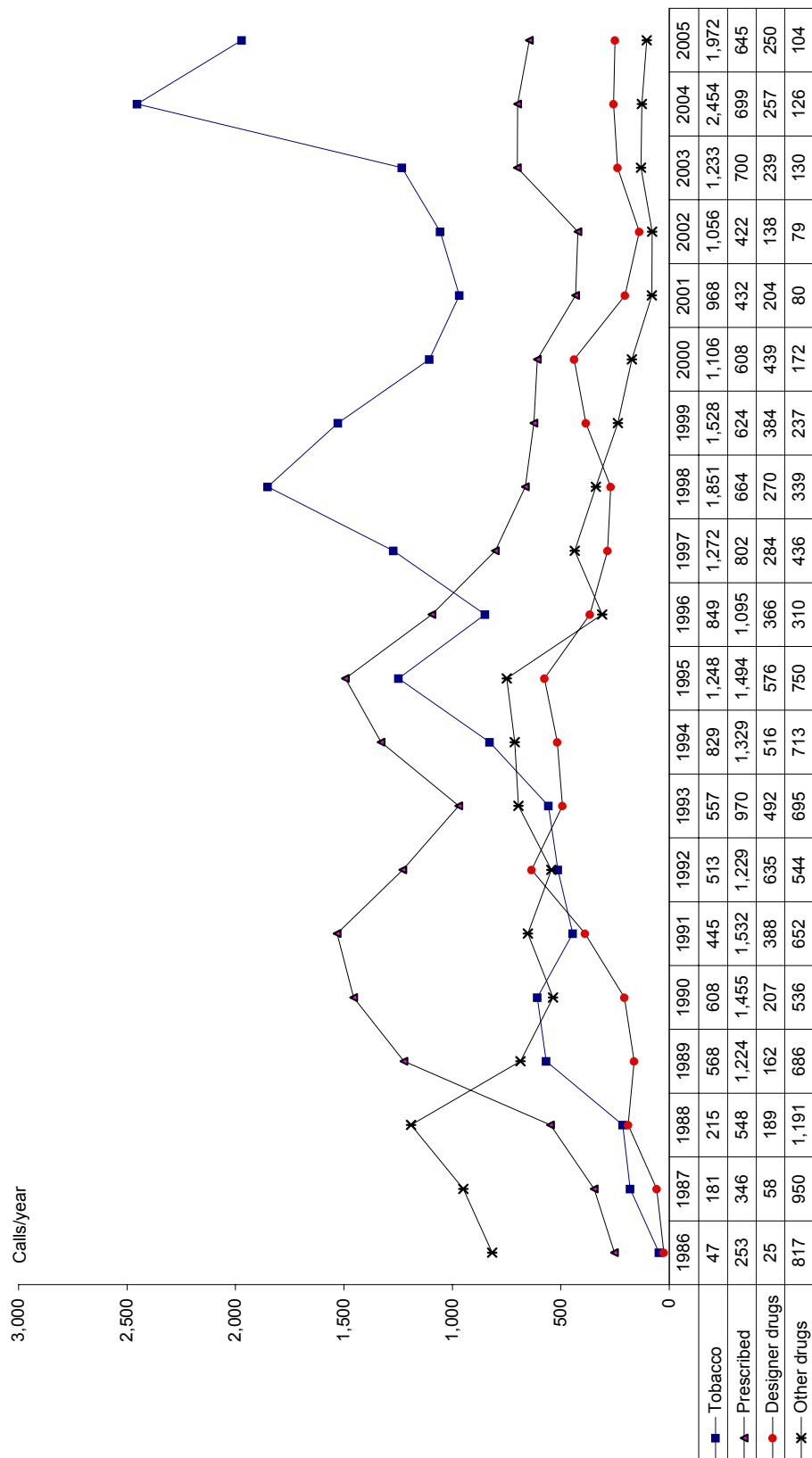


Figure A-3
Quarterly alcohol, tobacco and prescribed drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

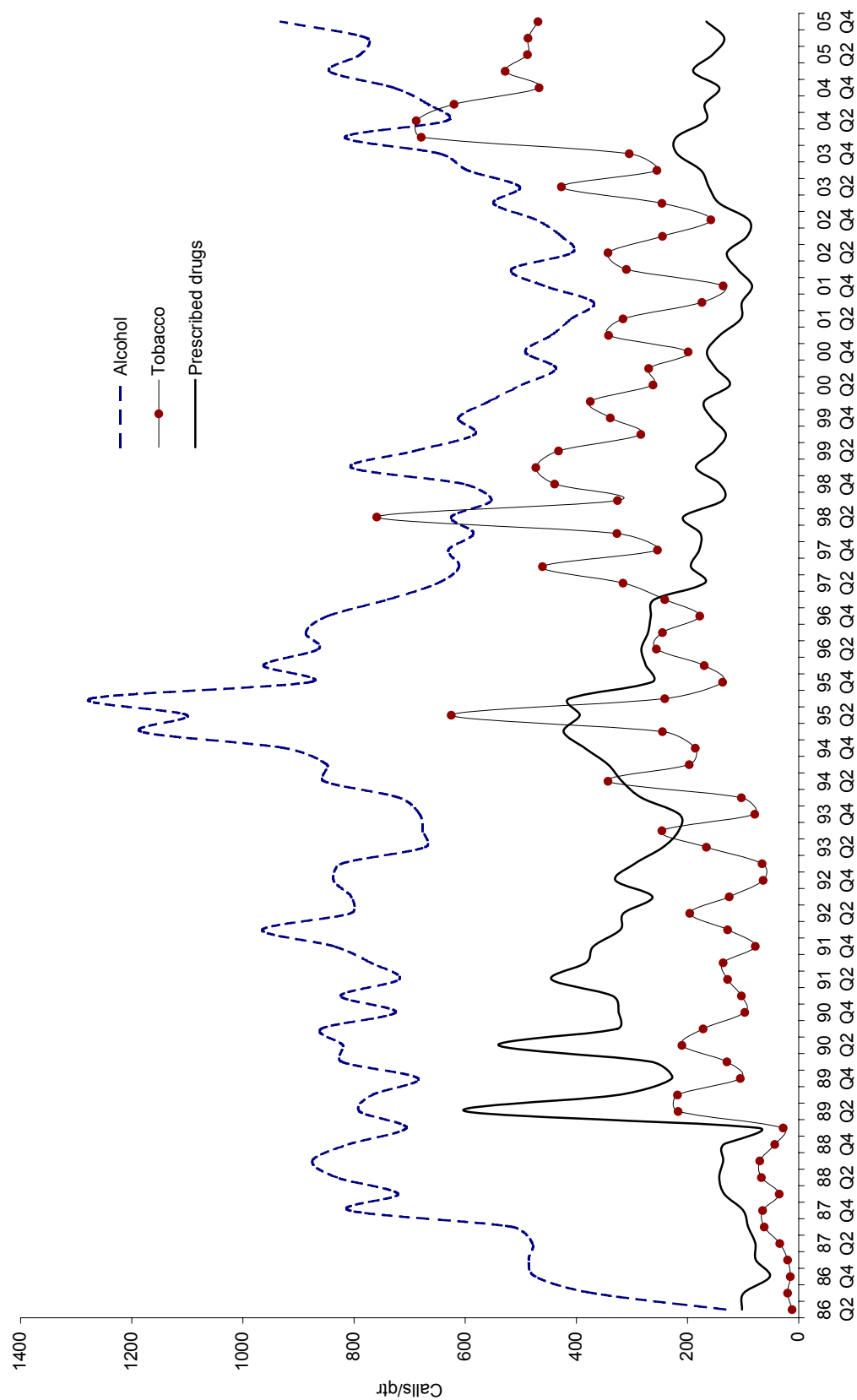


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Quarterly cannabis related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

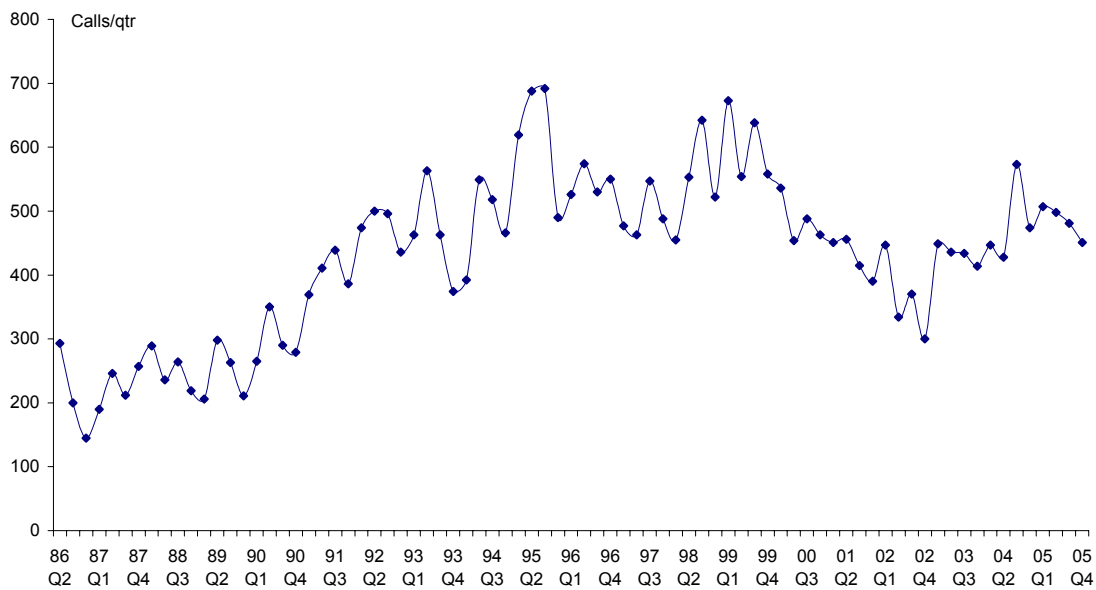


Figure A-5

Quarterly designer drug related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

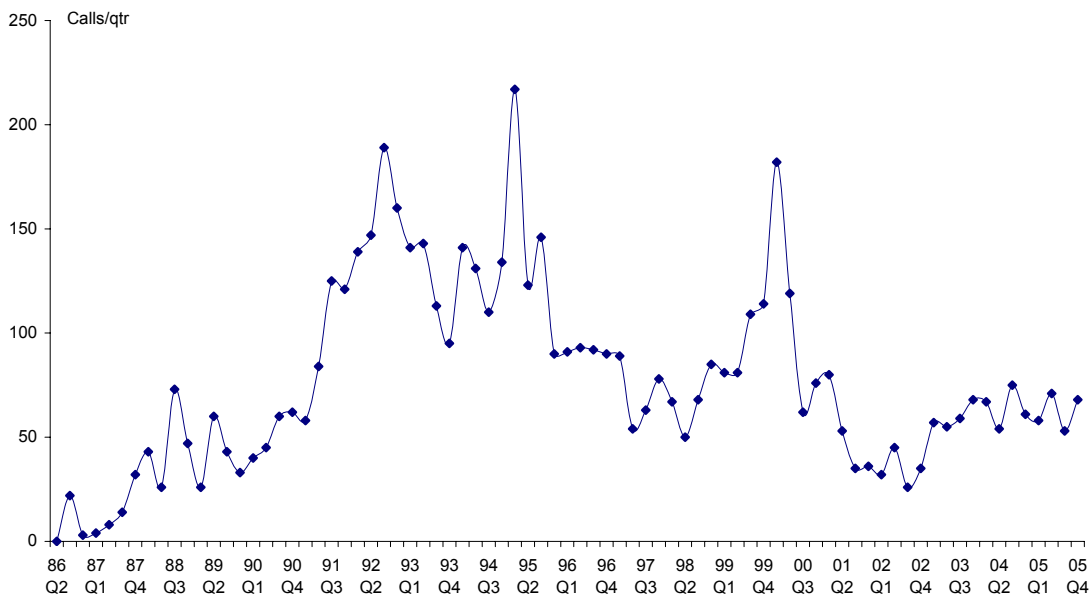


Figure A-6

Quarterly psychostimulant related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005

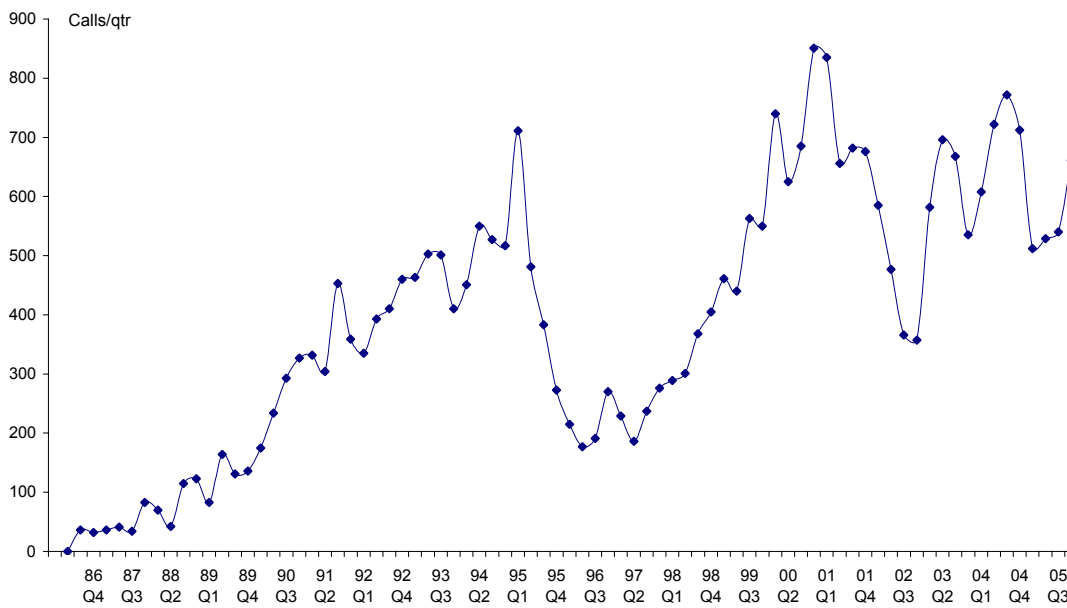
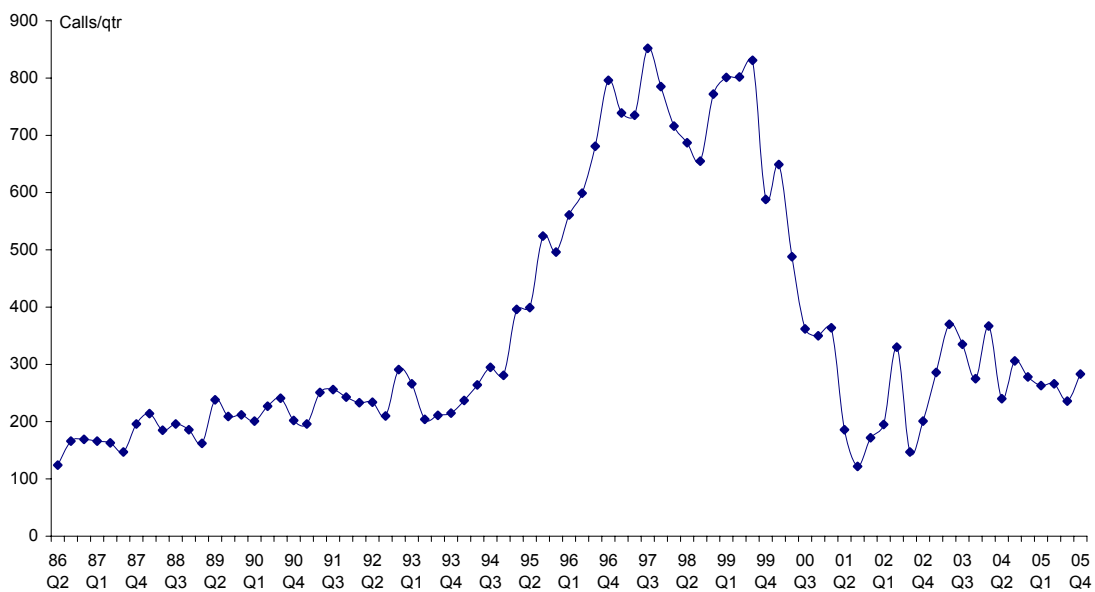


Figure A-7

Quarterly opioid related telephone calls, March 1986 - December 2005



Methodology

Non identifying data are routinely collected for each call, such as the type of drug mentioned, type of caller, age and sex of caller, caller's postcode of residence and outcome of the call. The data contained in this publication has been extracted from monthly reports on the number of drug related telephone calls received by ADIS and PDIS.

Since the inception of ADIS in March 1986 there has been a number of enhancements in data collection which determine the level of detail available. Enhancements in 1996 and at the end of August 1999 provide improved information about additional drugs. It should be noted that as data were not collected for some specific drugs in the period 1986 to 1995, these calls were recorded as 'other drugs'.

This publication contains data for calls where the primary drug of concern was either alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids (eg heroin, narcotic analgesics, methadone & non narcotic analgesics), designer drugs (eg hallucinogens, ecstasy and LSD), psychostimulants (eg amphetamines, methamphetamines, dexamphetamine and cocaine), other drugs (eg volatile substances, anabolic steroids, polydrug abuse, opioid abstinence and alcohol abstinence) and prescribed drugs (eg major tranquillisers, minor tranquillisers and anti-depressants). The report also presents aggregate data for three broad groups:

- licit drugs (eg alcohol, tobacco, narcotic analgesics, non narcotic analgesics, methadone, buprenorphine, prescribed drugs);
- illicit drugs (cannabis, heroin, morphine, codeine, dextromoramide, designer drugs, psychostimulants, volatile substances, steroids, polydrug use and unspecified drugs); and
- all drugs (licit drugs and illicit drugs).

Note: The totals in this publication do not reflect annual total of all calls, as ADIS also receives non user and information calls, which do not involve current drug use.

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