

## FACT SHEET

### REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

**Territory:** 29,743 sq. km.  
**Borders:** 1,448 km  
 Azerbaijan: 930 km,  
 Turkey: 280 km,  
 Georgia: 196 km,  
 Iran: 42 km



Population (thousands)						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	2,968	2,978	2,992	3,006	3,018	3,026
15-64 aged	2,066	2,090	2,111	2,127	2,136	2,130

Source: UN World Population Prospects, the 2015 Revision

### DRUG SEIZURES

Seizures of illicit drugs (kg)					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>
<i>Opioids:</i>					
Heroin (kg)	0.005	0.004	850.20	0.001	0.005
Opium (kg)	6.64	14.71	2.51	4.34	6.59
Illicit morphine (gram)	0.018	-	0.02	-	19.63
<i>Poppy plants:</i>					
Poppy straw (kg)	-	-	0.178	0.131	-
<i>Pharmaceutical opioids:</i>					
Buprenorphine (gram)	13.6	10.16	30.2	0.72	12.42
Codeine (gram)	12.2	9.4	11.7	29.85 <sup>2</sup>	3.83
Methadone (gram)	49.9	58.03	19.1	10.82	10.95
<i>Other illicit opiates:</i>					
Acetylated opium (gram)	12.5	4.48	80.1	14.88	10.27
<i>Other illicit opioids:</i>					
Desomorphine	-	1.05	4.0	4.11	5.86
<i>Cannabis-type:</i>					
Marijuana (herb, kg)	15.33	11.39	13.51	7.80	3.68
Cannabis plants (kg)	-	64.84	7.93	10.49	7.62
Hashish (resin, kg)	1.34	1.49	0.504	0.028	0.322

<sup>1</sup> "Summary Report on drug situation and drug addiction in 2016", Police Armenia, 2017, p.6,  
<http://www.police.am/news/view/%D5%A1%D5%B420117.html>

<sup>2</sup> 472 tablets

Seizures of illicit drugs (kg)					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>
Cannabis oil (gram)	33.6	0.30	12.10	105	72.36
<i>Other types of cannabis:</i>					
Tetrahydrocannabinol (gram)	-	0.80	0.54	0.694	1.57
<i>Cocaine-type:</i>					
Cocaine salts (gram)	0.32	15.2	3,984	26,062.53	14.34
<i>ATS:</i>					
Amphetamine (gram)	-	0.57	22.35	4.0	-
Methamphetamine (gram)	1.3	65.2	4,533.7	7,969.46	1,281.67
Ecstasy-type substances (gram)	0.28 (MDA)	0.46 (MDA)	-	7.45	25.24
βk-MDMA (gram)	-	-	-	991.4	-
<i>Non-specified:</i>					
Psychotropic substances (gram)	39.6	40.7	44.2	103.7	33.60
<i>Substances not under international control:</i>					
<i>Synthetic cannabinoids (Spice):</i>					
AM-2201 (gram)	-	-	-	1.448	-
JWH-018 (gram)	-	-	-	0.072	-
<i>Precursors</i>					
Non-specified (millilitre)	540.0	337.5	2,520.0	664.8	414.6

Source: UNODC World Drug reports data, UNODC Annual Report Questionnaires, Police of the Republic of Armenia

Police estimates of drug trafficking, 2014 <sup>3</sup>		
Transit country	Drugs being transported	Mode of transportation
Iran	Opium, heroin, amphetamine	Air, land
Turkey	Heroin, methadone and ecstasy (less volume)	Land
Russian Federation	Spices	n/a
France	Subutex (buprenorphine)	Air, mail (in Jan-Sep 2015)

Source: Police of the Republic of Armenia

### Heroin seizures in Armenia, 2011 –2016



Source: DRUGS MONITORING PLATFORM, joint online platform of AOTP and Paris Pact programmes, <http://drugsmonitoring.unodc-roca.org>.

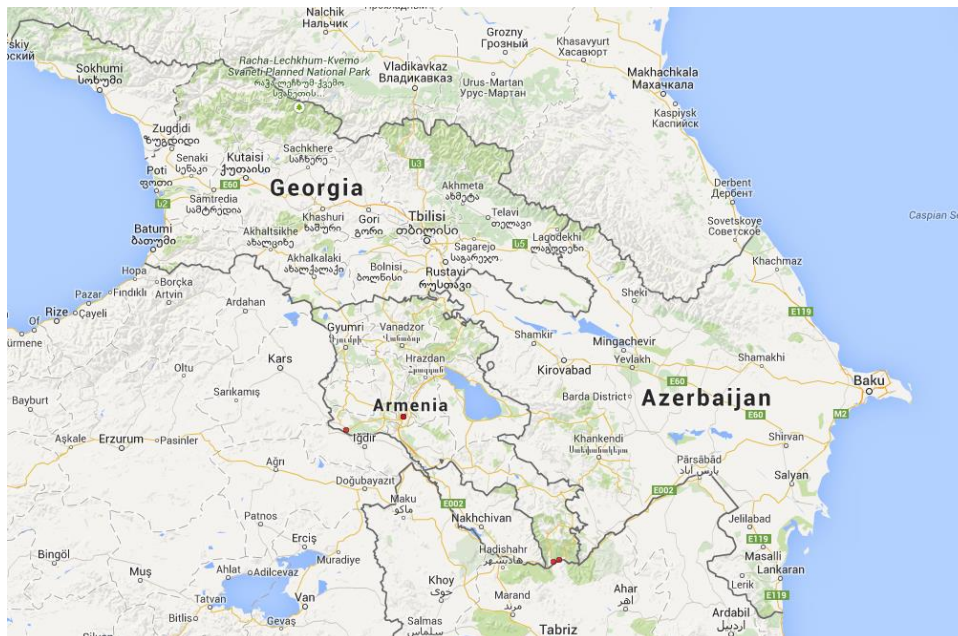
Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. The map does not display all drug seizures.

<sup>3</sup> *Illegal Drug Trafficking Situation in Armenia, Report 2014*. Police of the Republic of Armenia. Erevan, 2015

**“Hemp-Poppy” operations in the country led by the Police, 2012-2016 (kg)**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hemp (wild growing and illicit)	82,666	94,879	85,453	68,887	73,780
Poppy plants (wild growing and illicit)	39	26	146.6	113	56.5

Source: *Trafficking of Illicit Drugs and Drug Addiction in Armenia, Police reports for 2011-2016.*

**Opium seizures in Armenia, 2011 – 2016**


Source: *DRUGS MONITORING PLATFORM, joint online platform of AOTP and Paris Pact programmes, <http://drugsmonitoring.unodc-roca.org>.*

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**DRUG PRICES AND DRUG PURITY**
**Wholesale prices of illicit drugs (USD per kg)**

	2012	2013	2014
Heroin (unknown purity)	100,000-110,000	100,000-200,000	60,000-150,000
Opium	50,000-70,000	30,000-60,000	40,000-50,000
Buprenorphine (1,000 tablets)	120,000-140,000	n/a	n/a
Marijuana (herb)	10,000-15,000	10,000-15,000	5,000-30,000
Hashish (resin)	10,000-20,000	20,000-30,000	20,000-30,000
Cocaine salts	250,000-300,000	170,000-220,000	300,000-400,000
Amphetamine	n/a	20,000-30,000	160,000-170,000 (1,000 tabs)
Methamphetamine	150,000-200,000	n/a	160,000-170,000
Ecstasy-type substances	n/a	n/a	30,000-40,000 (1,000 tabs)

Source: *UNODC World Drug Reports*

Note: Comparisons of prices from different years need to be made with caution as they are influenced by changes in the exchange rates and may not necessarily reflect changes in the local markets.

**Retail prices of illicit drugs (USD per gram)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Heroin (unknown purity)	100-110	100-110	120-140	200-250	150-200
Opium	50-80	50-80	80-90	50-80	50-60
Buprenorphine (tab)	n/a	n/a	120-150	130-150	130-150
Marijuana (herb)	20-25	20-25	20-25	20-25	10-60

Retail prices of illicit drugs (USD per gram)					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Hashish (resin)	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Cocaine salts	n/a	250-300	350-380	250-300	400-500
Methamphetamine	n/a	n/a	250-300	n/a	190-210
Amphetamine	n/a	n/a	n/a	100-200	190-210 (1 tab)
Ecstasy-type substances (tab)	n/a	50	50	n/a	50-60

Source: Police of the Republic of Armenia, UNODC World Drug Reports

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## DRUG-RELATED CRIME

Drug-related offences (according to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia)					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Criminal cases initiated	1,139	1,222 <sup>4</sup>	1,046	932	1,008
Rate (per 100,000)*	38	41	35	31	33
<i>including offences by articles 266-274 of the Criminal Code:</i>					
With intent to sell (Art. 266) <sup>5</sup>	515	527	571	489	527
Without intent to sell (Art. 268) <sup>6</sup>	597	525	454	437	436
Illicit cultivation (Art. 273) <sup>7</sup>	19	168	14	1	0
Others (Art. 267, 269, 272, 274)	8	2	7	5	3

Source: Police of the Republic of Armenia

Note: \* The rates were calculated using the UN population estimates.

Persons convicted for drug-related crime (according to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia)					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Persons convicted	686	686	539	515	464
Rate (per 100,000)*	23	23	18	17	15
Female	26	104	19	15	11
Foreigners	18	22	28	32	22

Source: Police of the Republic and National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia

Note: \* The rates were calculated using the UN population estimates.

## DRUG ABUSE

Drug abusers recorded in the drug treatment centres					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary drug abusers	163	668	728	551	n/a
Rate (per 100,000)*	5	22	24	18	n/a
Drug addicts	163	663	726	545	n/a
Toxic substance users	-	5	2	6	n/a
Total people diagnosed with drug addiction	n/a	n/a	5,022	5,357 <sup>8</sup>	5,828 <sup>9</sup>

Source: National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia, Police of the Republic of Armenia

Note: \* The rates were calculated using the UN population estimates.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.police.am>

<sup>5</sup> Illegal circulation of narcotic substances or psychotropic substances for the purpose of their sale (parts 1-4).

<sup>6</sup> Illegal circulation of narcotic substances or psychotropic substances without the purpose of their sale.

<sup>7</sup> Illegal sowing or growing of plants prohibited for cultivation, containing narcotic, psychotropic, strong and poisonous substances.

<sup>8</sup> *Drug Trafficking Situation in Armenia*, Report for the nine months 2015, Police of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, 2015 (In Russian language), p.5

<sup>9</sup> *Drug Trafficking Situation in Armenia*, Report for January-June 2016, Police of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, 2016 (In Armenian language), p.

Drug users registered by the Ministry of Health and National Expertise Center					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of persons registered	1,130	1,009	1,523	1,685	1,070
Cannabis (%)	697 (61.7%)	661 (65.5%)	1,119 (73.5%)	1,214 (73%)	718 (67%)
Opium (%)	366 (32.4%)	312 (30.9%)	316 (20.7%)	401 (23%)	194 (18%)
Synthetic drug (%)	67 (5.9%)	36 (3.6%)	88 (5.8%)	70 (4%)	158 (15%)

Source: Police of the Republic of Armenia

Annual prevalence of drug use as percentage of the population aged 15-64			
	Best estimate	Uncertainty range	Year of estimate
Amphetamine	0.04	n/a	2005
Cannabis	3.50	n/a	2003
Cocaine	0.10	n/a	2005
Ecstasy-type substances	0.10	n/a	2005
Opioids	0.16	0.14-0.20	2009

Source: UNODC World Drug Report 2016 (latest available estimates)

## HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS reported					
	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>10</sup>	2016 <sup>11</sup>
New HIV cases	228	238	334	294	303
Rate (per 100,000)	8	8	11	10	10
<i>By gender:</i>					
Male (%)	69	68	65	70	69
Female (%)	31	32	35	30	31
<i>By mode of transmission:</i>					
Injecting drug use	n/a	31.1	28	26	24
Heterosexual contacts	n/a	59.5	63	65	66.5
Homosexual contacts	n/a	2.2	2.4	2.6	3.0
Mother-to-child	n/a	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Through blood	n/a	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Unknown	n/a	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.7
Total HIV cases	1,381	1,619	1,953	2,247	2,550
Rate (per 100,000)	47	54	65	74	84
<i>By gender:</i>					
Male (%)	70	70	69	69	69
Female (%)	30	30	31	31	31

Source: National Center for AIDS Prevention, Global AIDS Response Progress Report 2014

Estimation of PLWHA and HIV prevalence by the National Center for AIDS Prevention of Armenia					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>12</sup>
PLWHA	2,500	3,500	3,500	3,800	3,800
IDUs (%)	6.5	6.3	6.7	4.0 (1.8-6.7)	n/a
Sex workers (%)	1.2	1.3	1.6	0	n/a

<sup>10</sup> HIV/AIDS Epidemics in the Republic of Armenia, National Center for AIDS Prevention, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, [http://www.arm aids.am/main/free\\_code.php?lng=1&parent=3](http://www.arm aids.am/main/free_code.php?lng=1&parent=3)

<sup>11</sup> HIV/AIDS Situation in the Republic of Armenia, press-release of the National Center for AIDS Prevention, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, <http://www.arm aids.am/en/statistics/2016/december.html>

<sup>12</sup> HIV/AIDS Epidemics in the Republic of Armenia, National Center for AIDS Prevention, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, [http://www.arm aids.am/main/free\\_code.php?lng=1&parent=3](http://www.arm aids.am/main/free_code.php?lng=1&parent=3)

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>12</sup>
MSM (%)	3.4	2.6	2.9	0.4	n/a
Inmates (%)	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Global AIDS Response Progress Reports, National Center for AIDS Prevention

HIV estimates by UNAIDS					
	2011	2012	2013 <sup>13</sup>	2014	2015
Number of people living with HIV	3,300	3,500	3,700	4,000	3,600
Adult aged 15-49 prevalence rate (%)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Deaths due to AIDS	<500	<500	n/a	<200	<200
Adults aged 15 and over living with HIV	3,300	3,500	3,600	3,900	3,600

Source: UNAIDS Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic – 2013, <http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/armenia/>

## CRIME-RELATED TREATIES

Ratification status of Drug-Related Treaties	
	Status
Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961	13 Sep 1993 (Accession)
Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971	13 Sep 1993 (Accession)
United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988	13 Sep 1993 (Accession)

Ratification status of Crime-Related Treaties	
	Status
United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)	01 July 2003 (Ratification)
a) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UNTOC	01 July 2003 (Ratification)
b) Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the UNTOC	01 July 2003 (Ratification)
c) Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the UNTOC	26 Jan 2012 (Accession)
United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)	08 March 2007 (Ratification)

<sup>13</sup> UNAIDS HIV and AIDS estimates, <http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/armenia/>