

Worldwide drug abuse

The UN International Narcotics Control Board reports that drug addiction is declining in the U.S. but heroin and cocaine abuse is increasing worldwide, with intravenous heroin use resulting in a spread of AIDS in Africa and Asia

North America

Drug use declines in U.S. from 14.5m abusers in 1988 to 12.6m in 1991. Cocaine abuse peaks in U.S. and Canada with 1.9m U.S. abusers in 1991. Use of crack levels off at 50% of 1989 levels

Western Europe

Increases in HIV in intravenous drug users. Britain up 5%
Germany up 20%
Netherlands up 30%
France up 58%
Spain up 40-60%
Italy up 30-80%

Eastern Europe

Heroin abuse continues to rise

Southeast Asia

Burma remains world's largest opium and heroin producer. Philippines becomes key transit point for world-wide heroin traffic

Africa

Intravenous heroin abuse increasing. 1991 cocaine seizures up 600% on previous year

Latin America

Cocaine abuse rises throughout continent. Drug-related crime increases in Caribbean

Australia

Marijuana still most popular drug but heroin, cocaine abundant

