

In a glimpse

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Statistics on people receiving care in specialised drug treatment centres in 2021

This RECAP survey report (common data collection on addictions and treatments) highlights the main recent changes in statistics concerning individuals with addiction issues treated in specialised drug treatment centres (CSAPA in French). The RECAP data contributes to the Treatment Demand Indicator (TDI) that the OFDT provides each year for the European Union Drugs Agency.

- In 2021, 132 CSAPA took part in the RECAP survey, out of about 500 CSAPA and their various branches. This enabled the study of over 81 000 patients, including almost 27 000 first-time patients.
- The 2021 outpatient admissions are estimated to be at around 210 000 individuals, with over 71 000 of them being new patients.
- The median age of patients is 40, and three-quarters of them are men.
- Over half of the patients seek treatment for alcohol and/or tobacco use, 17% for cannabis use (nearly 27 000 patients), and 26% for illicit substances other than cannabis (around 41 000 patients).
- The number of patients treated for a behavioural addiction (5 796, or 3.6% of patients) remained stable compared to 2020, but the percentage (or part) of women rose significantly.
- The total number of patients admitted to CSAPA in 2021 (210 665) appears to be higher than in 2020 (203 078). This increase can be partly attributed to the drop in the number of CSAPA patients in 2020, caused by the health crisis during which many services were temporarily closed and/or restricted the number of patients they could accommodate.

Further reading (in French)

The overview report « [Caractéristiques des personnes prises en charge dans les CSAPA en 2021](#) » [Statistics on people receiving care in specialised drug treatment centres in 2021], 20 p.
