

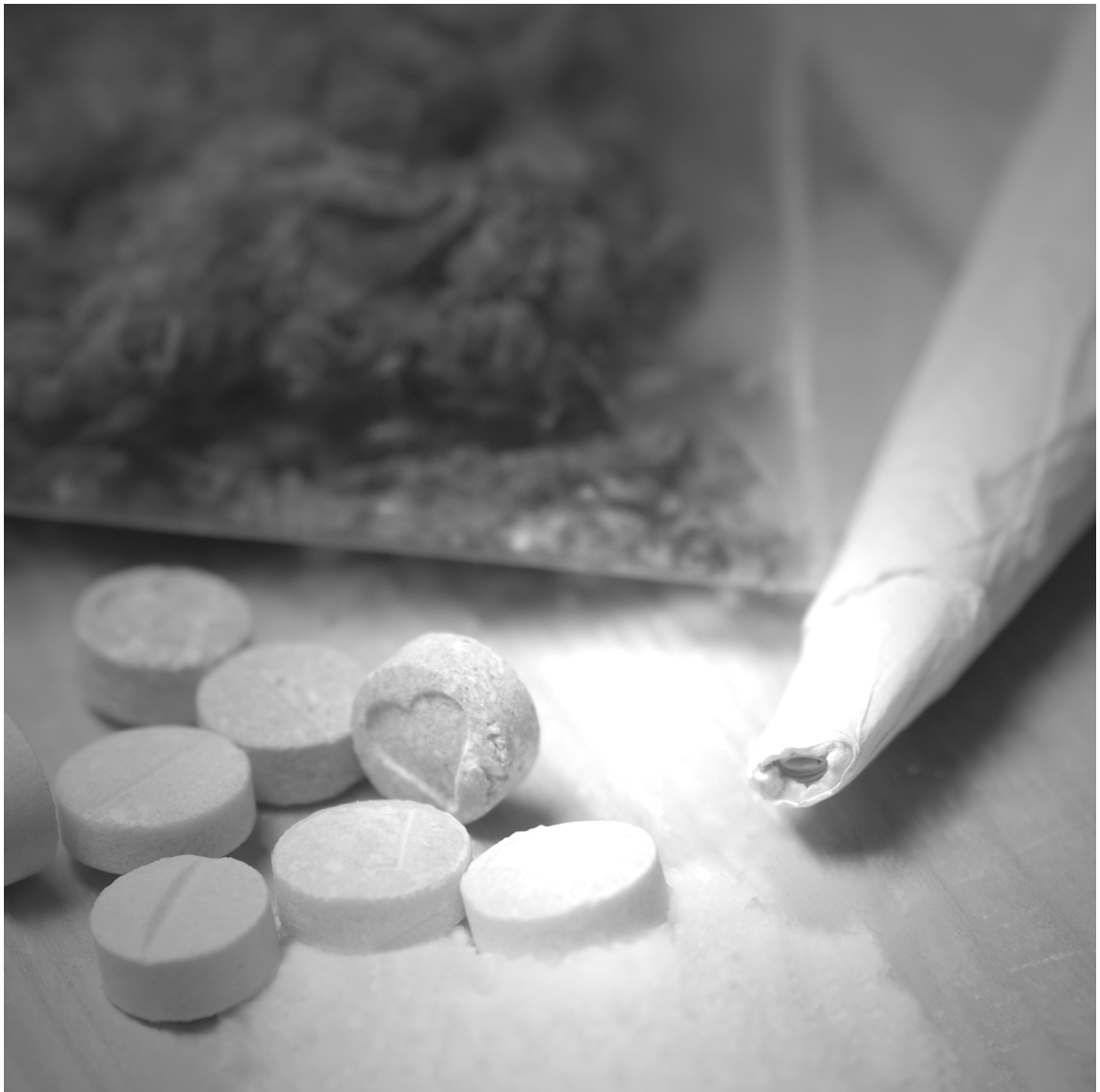


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Drug trafficking and smuggling

The total number of drug seizures recorded decreased in 2010. Different drug types exhibited different developments, however. Increases were detected in particular for amphetamine/methamphetamine and biogenous drugs.

A large number of cases concerned the smuggling of smaller quantities of drugs, which were imported from the Netherlands into Germany by consumers or small-scale dealers during procurement trips.

Besides the use of overland transport routes, drugs were frequently smuggled to Germany by air couriers or by airmail consignments. In many cases, the drugs were to be transported to other European countries but often also to countries outside Europe.

Smuggling by sea was the exception; however, in the small number of cases detected, the quantities of drugs transported resp. seized were considerable.

With regard to the seizures, German suspects played by far the most prominent role in all drug types. The relevant percentage was particularly high regarding seizures of synthetic drugs and cannabis plants. Only in seizures of khat did German suspects feature relatively seldom.

In 5,645 cases, **heroin** totalling 474 kg was seized in 2010. This means a decrease in the number of seizures (-9 %) as well as in the quantity seized (-38 %).

The decrease in the total quantity is above all the result of a significant decrease (-53 %) in seized heroin quantities in the double-digit kilogram range.

Only relatively seldom was it possible to prove the provenance of larger amounts of heroin seized in Germany to be other countries than The Netherlands. Drugs smuggled by land were sometimes identified to have originated in Belgium, Austria, Poland, the Balkan states or Turkey. In addition, several smaller amounts were seized at German airports in consignments from the Asian and Arab regions, which were usually destined for other European countries, primarily Spain.

Among the non-German suspects, who came to notice in connection with heroin seizures in Germany, the Turkish nationals dominated.

The total number of drug seizures fell.

Smuggling was conducted by air mail and through couriers travelling by plane in addition to transports by land.

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Due to fewer discoveries of single amounts in the double digit kg range, the total amount of heroin seized decreased.

Several parcels from Asia and the Arab region were confiscated at airports.

with the highest increase rate in 2010. More than half of the total quantity was seized in Saxony, about one fifth in Bavaria. There were also some individual cases in North Rhine-Westphalia and Hesse where substantial quantities of this drug – smuggled in particular from the Czech Republic to Germany – were seized. Numerous cases but with on average relatively small individual quantities were recorded in Thuringia similar to the previous year.

Although most of the amphetamine proved to have been smuggled from the Netherlands to Germany, it was also imported in small amounts from Belgium, Austria or the Czech Republic. In few cases, amphetamine and methamphetamine from South America was seized at Frankfurt airport. The drugs were in transit to Japan. There were also some air mail consignments addressed to recipients in Ireland containing the amphetamine-like mephedrone which were confiscated at Leipzig airport.

In connection with the seizures of amphetamine and methamphetamine, mainly Turkish nationals but frequently also Polish nationals were among the non-German suspects.

The number of **ecstasy** seizures dropped to 1,209 cases (-31 %) and the quantity seized to 230,367 tablets (-56 %).

The large majority of the tablets, for which it has been possible to establish the origin, came from the Netherlands.

A few of the large quantities in the four- or five-digit range were intended for onward transport to Bulgaria, Romania, Ireland, Switzerland and to Swaziland.

Among the non-German suspects, who came to notice in connection with ecstasy seizures in Germany, Dutch nationals dominated, followed by Turkish nationals.

Regarding the seizures of **cannabis products**, a contrary trend was recorded in 2010. While the number of seizures decreased, the total quantity rose.

In respect of **hashish**, the number of seizures dropped significantly to 7,427 (-20 %), while the quantity seized decreased only slightly to 2,144 kg (-3 %).

For **marihuana** the number of seizures rose to 24,710 cases (+2 %) and the confiscated total quantity to 4,875 kg (+13 %).

There were some individual seizures of amphetamine and methamphetamine from South America.

The number and quantity of ecstasy seizures dropped significantly.

The offenders identified in connection with ecstasy seizures often came from the Netherlands.

While the case number fell, the quantity of cannabis products seized rose.

Drug consumption

The number of **hard drug users who came to police notice for the first time (first-time users)** increased to 18,621 individuals (+3 %) in 2010.

The figures for first-time users of heroin and cocaine, however, decreased by 11 % each. The significant increases in crystal methamphetamine (+76 %) and crack (+72 %) are remarkable compared with the previous year. The previously detected development in first-time users of amphetamine continued, rising again in 2010 (+11 %) to reach a new peak. The decrease in ecstasy (-38 %) also continues the trend of 2009. LSD (+11 %) and other drugs (+4 %) were on the increase, however.

As in the previous year, the number of drug-related deaths dropped. The recorded 1,237 drug deaths marked a decrease by 7 % compared with 2009 to the lowest rate since 1989.

The number of first-time users of hard drugs rose slightly.

Significant increases were recorded in first-time users of „crystal“ and crack.

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SEIZURES

Type of drug	2009		2010		Changes	
	Cases	Quantity	Cases	Quantity	Cases	Quantity
Heroin	6,183	758.4 kg	5,645	474.3 kg	-8.7 %	-37.5 %
Opium	68	98.8 kg	42	12.4 kg	-38.2 %	-87.4 %
Cocaine	3,858	1,707.0 kg	3,350	3,030.8 kg	-13.2 %	+77.6 %
Crack	1,111	4.6 kg	1,013	3.2 kg	-8.8 %	-30.4 %
Meth-/Amphetamine	8,081	1,382.7 kg	9,229	1,203.7 kg	+14.2 %	-12.9 %
(thereof Crystal)	(446)	(7.2 kg)	(799)	(26.8 kg)	(+79.1 %)	(+272.2 %)
Ecstasy	1,761	521,272 u.	1,209	230,367 u.	-31.3 %	-55.8 %
LSD	237	20,705 tr.	216	4,279 tr.	-8.9 %	-79.3 %
Hashish	9,294	2,220.0 kg	7,427	2,143.7 kg	-20.1 %	-3.4 %
Marihuana	24,135	4,298.0 kg	24,710	4,874.7 kg	+2.4 %	+13.4 %
Plants	1,359	127,718 p.	1,517	101,549 p.	+11.6 %	-20.5 %
Khat	121	24,004.5 kg	169	30,389.3 kg	+39.7 %	+26.6 %
Psil. Mushrooms	263	12.2 kg	401	16.0 kg	+52.5 %	+31.1 %

kg = kilogram; u. = units; tr. = trips; p. = pieces



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