

## Drug- and Alcohol-related Crime in the Czech Republic in 2007



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**BACKGROUND:** The article was developed as a component of a project entitled *The Social Costs of Alcohol, Tobacco and Illicit Drug Use in the Czech Republic in 2007*. The direct costs of law enforcement, including substance use-related crime, are an intrinsic part of these social costs.

**AIMS:** the main aim of the study was to identify and quantify criminal offences related to the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, including their shares of the total crime rate in the Czech Republic in 2007. **METHODS:** Quantitative estimations of primary and secondary crime are based on the Goldstein Tripartite Model and EMCDDA differentiation of drug-related crime. The methods were used analogically for primary and secondary alcohol crime estimations.

**DATA:** The data sources were the statistical reports of law enforcement bodies in 2007. **RESULTS:** Estimates show that 15.5% of the criminal offences committed in the Czech Republic were associated with alcohol use, while 11.1% of the criminal offences were associated with the use of illegal drugs. Drug offenders and alcohol offenders accounted for 17.0% and 5.1% of the prison population respectively.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Despite its specific limitations, the study and its results represent (especially for alcohol-related crime) the first attempt to comprehensively quantify substance use-related crime in the Czech Republic, with the ambition of encouraging further research into this complex topic.

**KEY WORDS:** PRIMARY DRUG-RELATED CRIME – SECONDARY DRUG-RELATED CRIME – PRIMARY ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIME – SECONDARY ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIME – ATTRIBUTABLE FRACTION

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