

Cannabis and Pervitin Market Size Estimation



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SUMMARY: *Cannabis and pervitin are the most commonly used/abused illegal drugs in the Czech Republic. Epidemiological indicators, such as the number of drug users (according to prevalence estimates) and their drug-using behaviour are used to estimate the size of the market in the substances. The indicators are subsequently used to estimate consumption on the demand side. Cannabis drugs are imported to the Czech Republic, as well as produced there, and exported from the country. Pervitin is exclusively of domestic origin, and a small part of the production is also exported. The indicators of the drug market in terms of physical units are transferred to financial indicators using wholesale and retail prices. The inclusion of the financial indicators in the system of national accounts may be used to estimate the added value from the drug market and compare it to the gross domestic product. The result is a 0.15% share of the cannabis and pervitin market in the total economic performance of the Czech Republic.*

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