

# Substance Abuse and Addiction in Thailand

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# Drug Situation

# In-country Drug Situation

## 2019 - 2020 Yaba Arrest Cases and Seizure Amounts

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Tablets</b>
2019	873	353,254,513
2020	791	319,638,602

## 2019 – 2020 Crystalline Methamphetamine – ICE Arrest Cases and Seizure Amounts

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Kilograms</b>
2019	148	16,883
2020	197	22,489

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## 2019 – 2020 Cannabis Arrest Cases and Seizure Amounts

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Kilograms</b>
2019	47	9,025
2020	131	31,196

## 2019 – 2020 Heroin Arrest Cases and Seizure Amounts

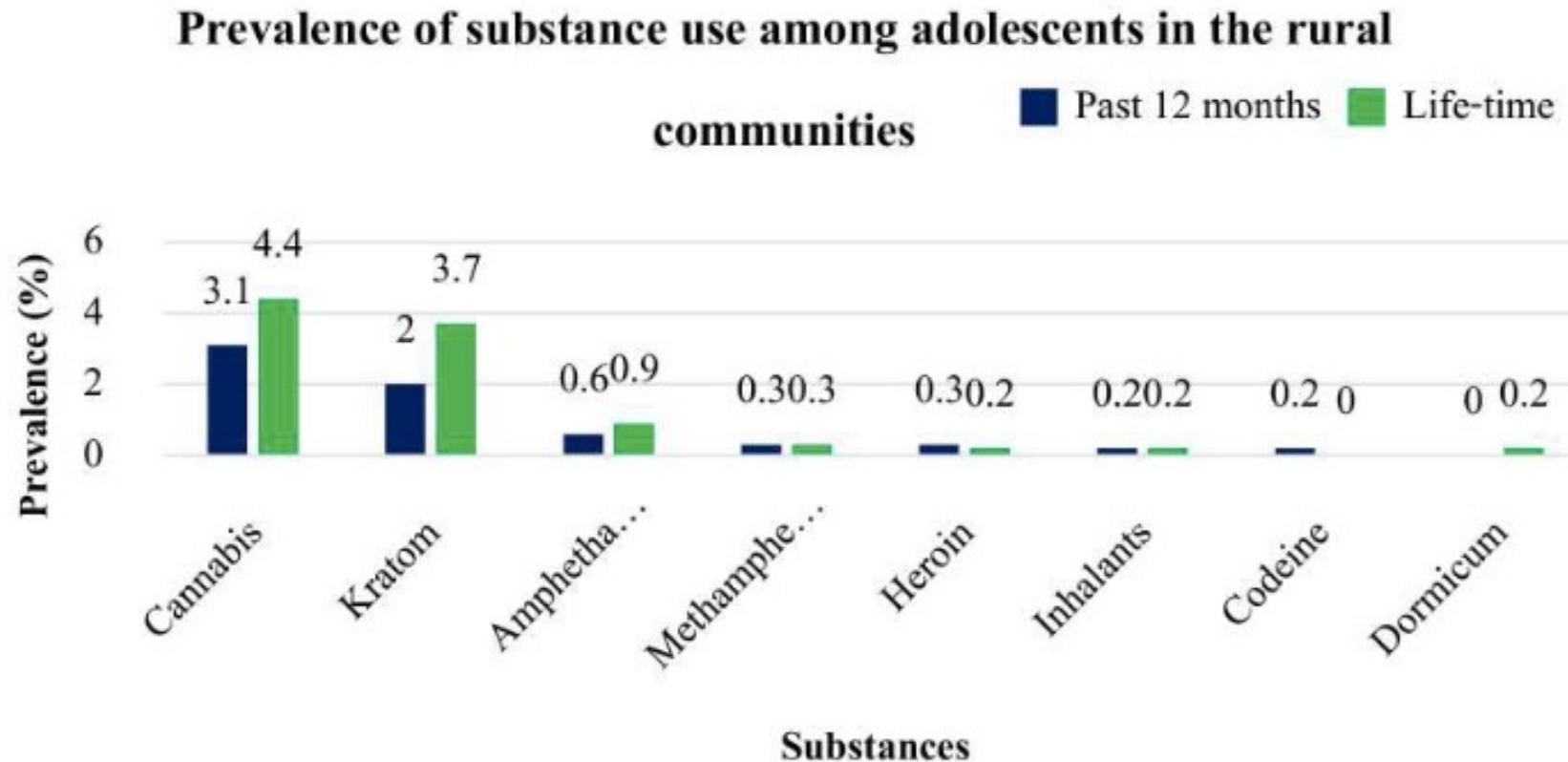
<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Kilograms</b>
2019	35	530
2020	25	1,891

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### 2019 – 2020 Ketamine Arrest Cases and Seizure Amounts

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Kilograms</b>
2019	31	1,359
2020	29	2,590

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# Legislation Development



## OLD LAWS (1979)



ศูนย์ปรับเปลี่ยน 116 แห่ง  
บุคลากร:  
Capacity : 40,000

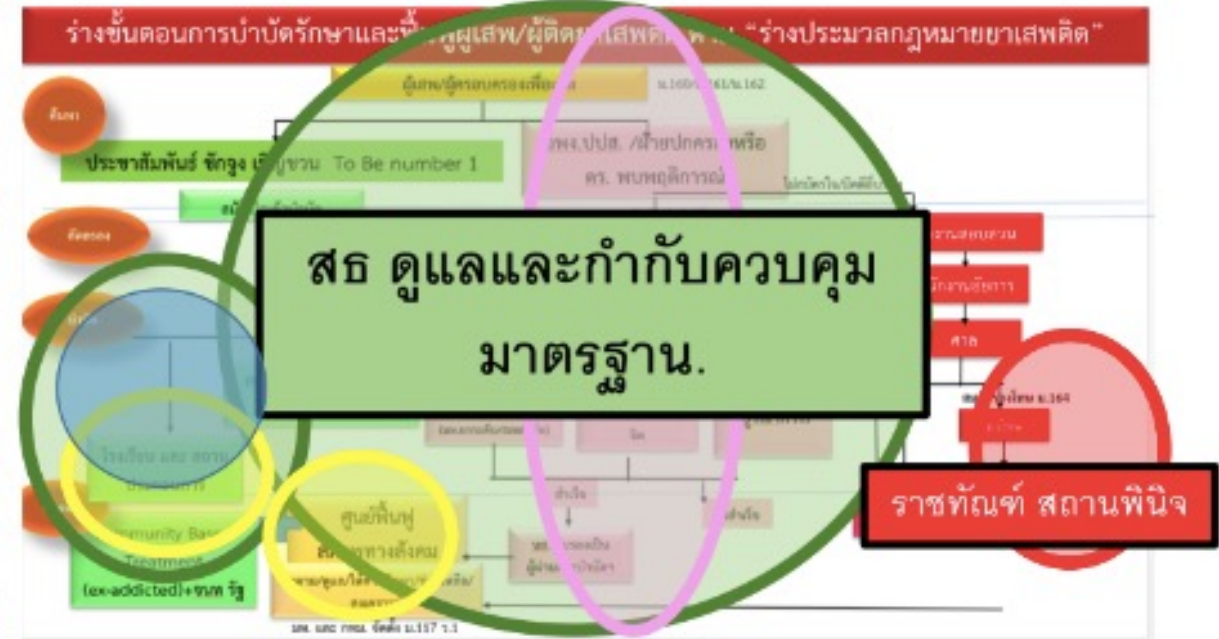
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## THE NEW LAWS (2021)



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# The Narcotics Bill 2021

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Thailand recently passed the Narcotics Bill B.E.2564 (2021), which benefits inmates convicted of drug-related offenses.

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**From punitive to progressive drug laws:** The law is progressive in other ways, as harm reduction is specifically highlighted as an objective.

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**Tackling stigmatization:** It is chance to move away from locking people up – particularly youth – in prison

# The Narcotics Bill 2021

- Bringing in Family/Community to Take Part in Solving Drug Abuser Problem
- Reduction of the Impact of Drug Patients who had Psychiatric Problem
- Psychosocial Clinic for the Prisoners and the Drug Offenders in the Court System
- The Outcomes of Referring Drug Abuser to the Treatment Process
- The Follow - up, Aftercare and Assistance Provided to the Persons Who Completed Treatment



# Drugs Treatment and Rehabilitation

# Government-provided drug treatment programmes



**Voluntary rehab**

**Compulsory rehab**

**Prison rehab**

# Evaluating the Implementation of Drug Abuse Screening, Treatment and Rehabilitation for Abusers according to the Narcotics Bill B.E.2564 in 5 Selected Provinces in Thailand

- (1) inputs: integrated management, personal development, and selected area preparation
- (2) (process: transitional phase, active work, collaboration networks, and community-based treatment (CBTx) implementation
- (3) outputs: establishing the screening centers by selecting sub-district health promoting hospitals where there were proper staff to implement the care service care, increase in the number of patients receiving care from active screening project, but the number of volunteer was low.

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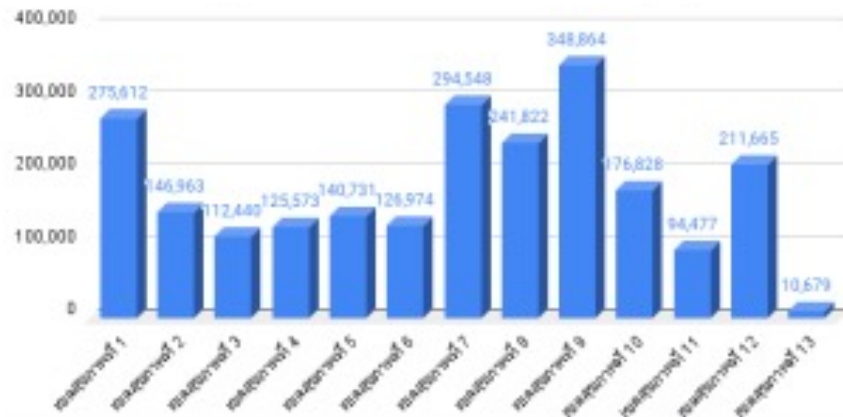
The obstacle factors included limited understanding on the implementation of the new law; and the staff of sub-district health promoting hospitals did not feel convenient to refer and following up the abusers.

E-learning courses should be developed to build capacity of professional staff to work in screening and social rehabilitation centers, and also work as case managers.

Local government organizations of each province should emphasize their roles to integrate the work between screening centers and social rehabilitation centers

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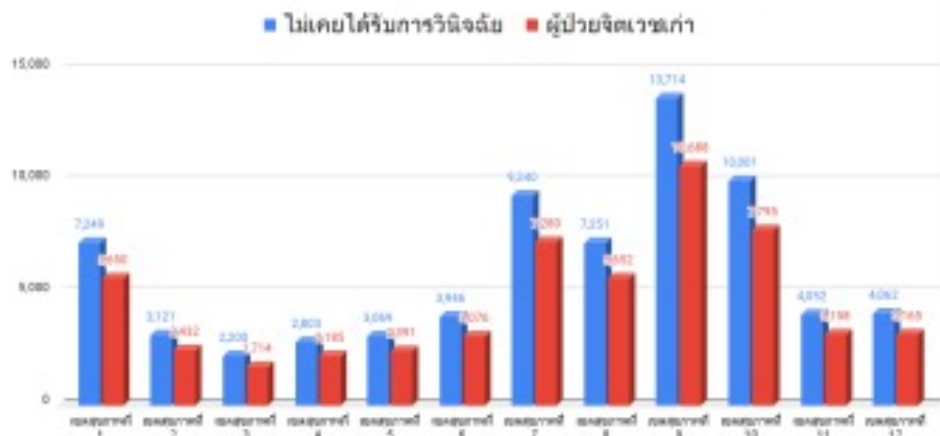
SUD cases during 2016-2022 (2,307,176 persons)



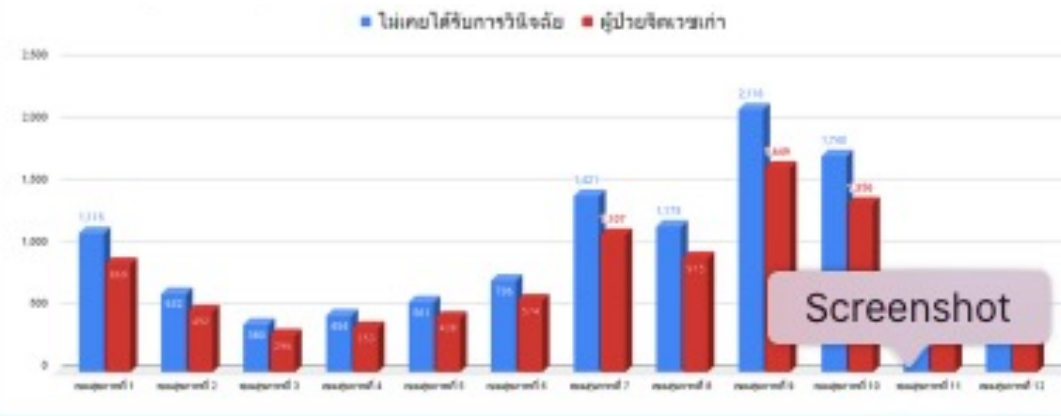
New Cases of SUD in 2023 (567,305 persons)



SUD with Violence action during 2016-2022 (125,994 cases)



New cases of SUD with Violence action in 2023 (21,006 cases)





# Serious Mental Illness with Violence (SMI-V)

Prevalence of Ambulance service with  
Violence action in five years

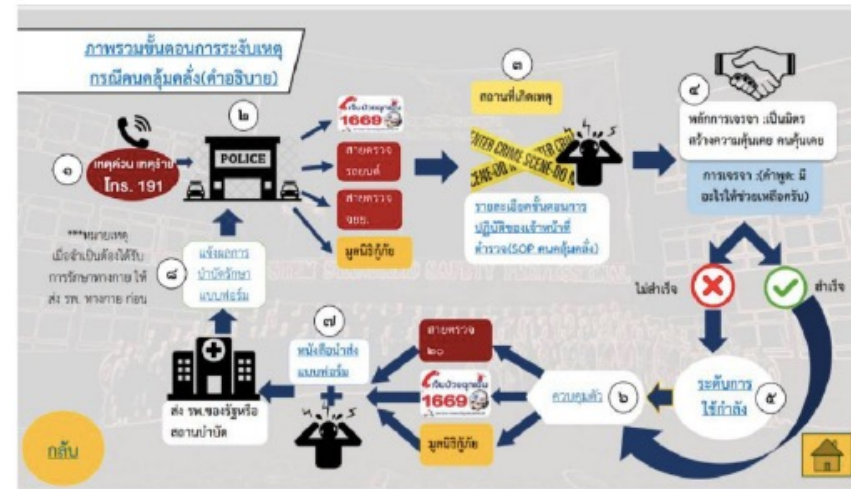


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ที่เคยได้รับการวินิจฉัยโรคจิตเวช  
(สพว 2563)

## Pre-Hos: Rescue + EMS

ปฏิบัติการกู้ชีพจากการฆ่าตัวตายและความรุนแรง  
(Suicidal/ Violence Rescue)



191 First  
Or 1669

# Serious Mental Illness with Violence (SMI-V)




- ค้นหาครอบครัวเสี่ยง SMI-V (SMI-V Scan)
- Suicidal/Violence Rescue (191 First)
- ดูแลและส่งต่อจิตเวชฉุกเฉิน (Special EMS)

- บริการจิตเวชฉุกเฉินใน ER (Fast Track)
- บริการ Acute Care (หอผู้ป่วยจิตเวชและยาเสพติด)
- ส่งต่อผู้ป่วยจิตเวชแบบไร้รอยต่อ  
Mental Health Act

- ดูแลต่อเนื่องในชุมชน (SMI-V Case Management)
- บริการจิตเวชฟื้นฟูในชุมชน  
Community Based Rehabilitation

# Government-provided drug treatment programmes

 General Hospital  
Local authority



Screening

General Hospital  
Psychiatric Hospital      Rehabilitation Centre



Detoxification or  
Need Medication



Psychosocial  
Intervention

 General Hospital  
Local authority



After Care & Social  
Rehabilitation Centre





Thank You