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Prevalence of psychoactive substance use among students of schools the primary level

Summary

In Poland, there were conducted several tens of studies covering schools and focusing on drugs. The studies conducted in the nineties, generally, revealed similar scope of the phenomenon, regarding both, alcohol and other drugs.

Studies covering students of postprimary schools in Wrocław region, as well as many other ones suggest alcohol and tobacco as the drugs most popular among adolescents.

The studies of the nineties recorded relatively high level of use of marijuana, sedatives and sleeping pills. The use of «glue» is limited and remains at unchanged level. The studies do not confirm alarming press reports on the massive use of amphetamine. Amphetamine is more popular among university students.

The attempt to define trends, meets the barrier of comparability. The differences regarding selected population, sampling methods and formulation of questions about drugs, limits comparison areas to studies reproduced by the same author. It is probably the same, in other countries. Assumptions regarding trends, based on two or three subsequent studies are risky. Such reservation should be also applied to the trends regarding tobacco smoking, drinking and use of other drugs by adolescents, sketched in this paper.

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