A09: Price and purity of drugs

**Purpose of collecting these data:**

Price and purity data are not only tools to monitor the status of drug markets, but also affect the extent of drug use and levels of consumption, and help in understanding drug markets via triangulation with data on seizures and the prevalence of drug use.

This module aims at the collection of information on the level and changes in drug prices and purities, and at the capacity of criminal justice agencies in forensic science.

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| New developments in drug prices and purities | I | New developments and major changes in the market in terms of prices and purities of drugs | Free text | Glossary | Not applicable | Source used for reporting:  
• National data collection system (specify)  
• Periodic government report (link or attachment)  
• Expert assessment (specify number of experts, name, affiliation and contact information of coordinating expert, method)  
• Other (specify)  
Geographical coverage: National / sub-national, specify | UNGASS: 3.a  
PoA: 22.k |
| Trends | I | • Trends in drug prices  
• Trends in drug purities | Large increase, Some increase, Stable, Some decrease, Large decrease, Unknown | Glossary | • Classes and types of drugs/substances (as per standard list L2 of drug classes and types for supply related questions)  
• Retail and wholesale | |
| Prices | II | Retail and wholesale prices of drugs: Typical, Min, Max | Statistical data | • Wholesale level is the level of an illicit drug market at which the drug is sold in bulk, to be on-sold to consumers at the retail level | • Classes and types of drugs/substances (as per standard list L2 of drug classes and types for supply related questions)  
• Purity analysis performed:  
  o Forensic tests in laboratories (describe)  
  o Intelligence, informants  
  o Expert assessment (specify number of experts, name, affiliation and | |
| Purities                          | II | Retail and wholesale purities of drugs: Typical, Min, Max | Statistical data | • The retail level is the level of an illicit drug market at which the drug is provided to consumers (users) | • Level of sale: Wholesale / Retail | contact information of coordinating expert, method)  
|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | • Calculation of “Typical” values for prices and purities:  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o “Modal” (most common) value  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o “Median”  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o “Average” from Min and Max values  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o Expert assessment (specify number of experts, name, affiliation and contact information of coordinating expert, method)  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o Other methods (specify)  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | o Calculation of typical values is not possible (specify reason)  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | • Currency used for prices: US$  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | • Time frame used: Reporting year  
|                                  |    |                                                          |                  | • Geographical coverage: National / sub-national, specify |
| Availability of studies / research / surveys | III | Link to any studies, reports, surveys or other research on prices and purities of drugs in various levels of sale in the country in the last 5 years | Provide link | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |