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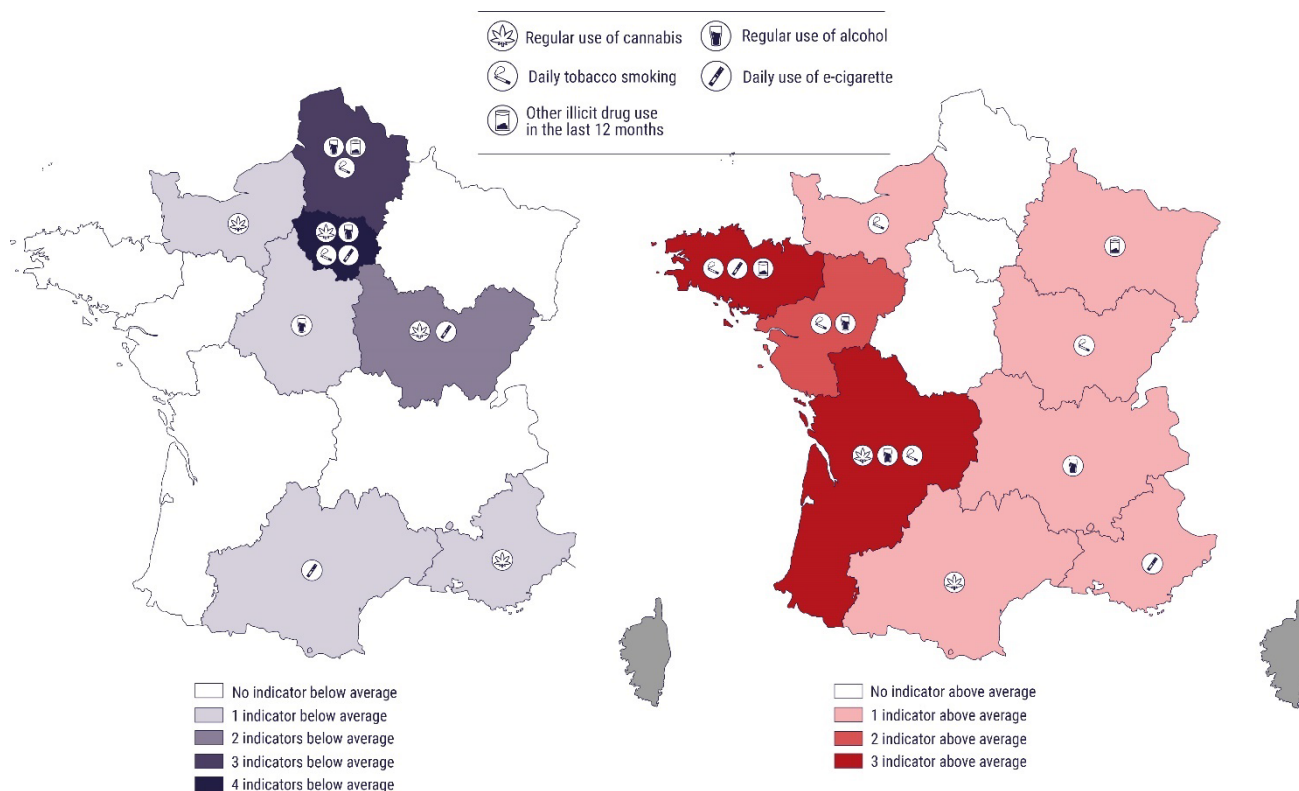
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Drugs at 17: regional analyses of the 2022 ESCAPAD survey

For the past two decades, the Survey on Health and Use on National Defence and Citizenship Day (ESCAPAD) conducted by the OFDT has made it possible to quantify the use of psychoactive substance by 17-year-olds at a regional level.

- For a given substance, the mapping of various use indicators that range from initial experimentation to recent or regular use, provides consistent results: regions with below-average experimentation rates also show lower current use of this substance (with only two exceptions: electronic cigarettes - or e-cigarettes - in Occitanie (South-west) and alcohol in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (South-east)).
- In 2017, the part of 17-year-olds smoking at least ten cigarettes a day in Hauts-de-France (North) and Grand Est (East) exceeded the metropolitan average despite a lower overall rate of daily smokers. This trend is no longer visible in 2022.
- Teenagers living south of a diagonal running from Brittany (West) to Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (South-east) consume more tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other illicit substances, whereas teens from the North-East consume less.
- Use trends between 2017 and 2022 are generally convergent across the country. It is rare for a region to significantly differ from the others (except for alcohol experimentation in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (South-east)).
- Most regions maintain their position relative to the rest of France, as already described in 2017. However, some regions, such as Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (South-east), now stand out by their higher levels of substance use.
- Regarding the five indicators of use – daily tobacco smoking, regular alcohol consumption, regular cannabis consumption, current use of an illicit drug other than cannabis, and daily vaping in 2022:
 - seven regions show a below-average level for at least one of these indicators. Île-de-France (Paris metropolitan region) is the only region with four of these five indicators below average.
 - nine regions have above-average levels for at least one of the five indicators, with Brittany (West) and Nouvelle-Aquitaine (South-west) standing out with three indicators.

Indicators above/below the national average for regular use of alcohol, daily smoking, daily use of e-cigarette, regular use of cannabis and use of at least one other illicit substance during the year



Source: ESCAPAD 2022

Further reading (in French)

Report « [Les drogues à 17 ans : analyses regionales de l'enquête ESCAPAD 2022](#) » [Drug use in French 17-year-olds – Regional analysis of the 2022 ESCAPAD survey], 65 p.