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Drug-Related Arrests

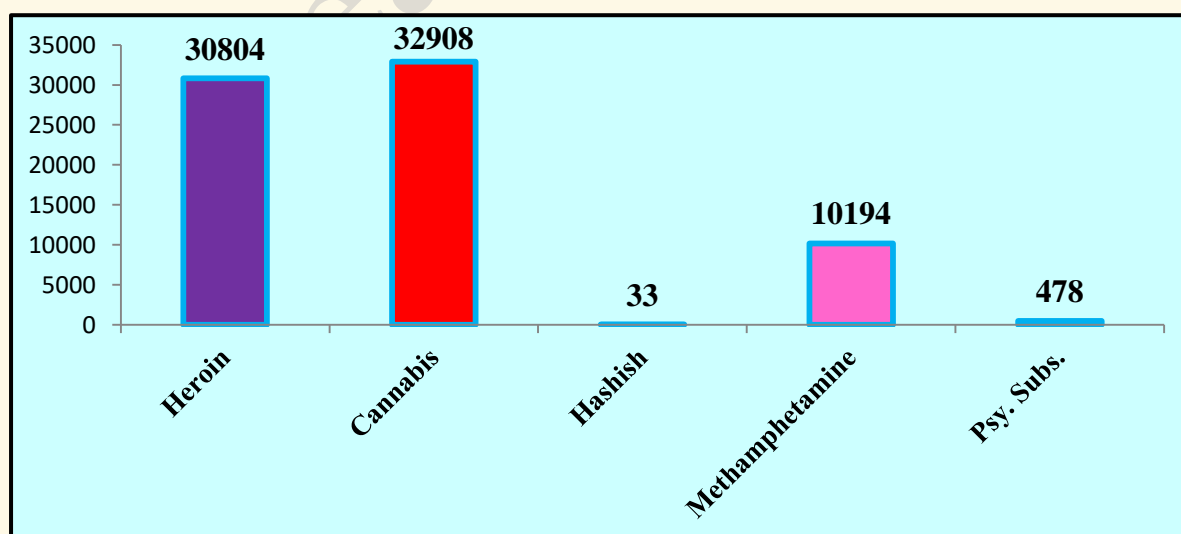
The total number of persons arrested for drug-related offenses is 74,444 persons in January to June 2023. Of the total drug-related arrests, 30,804 (41.3%) offenders were for Heroin, 32,908 (44%) for Cannabis, 10,194 persons for Methamphetamine, 27 persons for cocaine, and 33 persons for hashish were arrested from January to June 2023.

Table 1- Drug-related Arrests by Drugs

Type of drugs	Frequency	%
Heroin	30,804	41.3
Cannabis	32,908	44
Cocaine	27	0.03
Hashish	33	0.04
Methamphetamine	10,194	13.7
Psychotropic substances	478	0.6
Total	74,444	100.0

(Source: Police Narcotics Bureau, January to June 2023)

Graph No: 01 –Drug-Related Arrest by Drugs



(Source: Police Narcotics Bureau, January to June 2023)

Drug-Related Arrests by Districts

District	Heroin	%	Cannabis	%	cocaine	%	hashish	%	Methamphetamine	%	Psychotropic Substances	%	Opium	%	Others	%	Total	%
Anuradapura	1051	55	733	38.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	54	2.9	44	2.3	0	0.0	18	0.9	1900	100.0
Polonnaruwa	401	27	989	66	0	0.0	0	0.0	91	6	4	0.2	0	0.0	14	0.9	1499	100.0
Kalutara	1418	44.1	1208	37.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	110	3.4	37	1.1	0	0.0	433	13.5	3209	100.0
Colombo	12798	41.8	9680	31.6	14	0.0	7	0.0	6233	20.3	32	0.1	0	0.0	1809	5.9	30573	100.0
Gampaha	4928	47	3283	31.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2104	20	14	0.1	0	0.0	154	1.4	10483	100.0
Hambantota	574	24.8	1574	68.2	0	0.0	2	0.0	109	4.7	7	0.0	0	0.0	40	1.7	2306	100.0
Galle	1051	47.6	955	43.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	57	2.5	2	0.0	0	0.0	143	6.4	2208	100.0
Matara	926	37.6	1210	49.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2	3	0.1	0	0.0	316	12.8	2462	100.0
Kandy	1058	44.9	1098	46.6	1	0.0	2	0.0	93	3.1	31	0.9	0	0.0	69	2.9	2352	100.0
Matale	568	26.3	1286	59.6	0	0.0	1	0.0	116	5.3	2	0.0	13	0.6	170	7.8	2156	100.0
Nuwara Eliya	63	4.0	704	45.3	0	0.0	2	0.1	10	0.6	58	3.7	0	0.0	716	46.1	1553	100.0

Jaffna	344	57.2	154	25.6	1	0.0	0	0.0	22	3.6	31	5.1	0	0.0	49	8.1	601	100.0
Vavuniya	66	24.6	176	65.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	2.6	2	0.3	0	0.0	8	0.1	268	100.0
Mannar	54	38.8	38	27.3	0	0.0	1	0.7	33	23.7	7	5.0	0	0.0	6	4.3	139	100.0
Kilinochchi	12	14.8	60	74.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	8.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.4	81	100.0
Mullativu	13	11.0	97	84.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	5.9	0	0.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	118	100.0
Ampara	169	15.4	855	78.0	0	0.0	2	0.1	41	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	2.5	1095	100.0
Batticaloa	127	17.4	289	39.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.5	1	0.4	207	29.2	728	100.0
Trincomalee	235	19.2	728	59.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	190	15.5	51	4.1	0	0.0	16	1.3	1220	100.0
Kegalle	661	42.5	743	47.8	0	0.0	1	0.0	63	4.0	14	0.9	0	0.0	72	4.5	1554	100.0
Rathnapura	468	29.0	1010	62.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	120	7.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	0.6	1609	100.0
Kurunegala	1408	35.9	2291	58.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	139	3.5	5	0.1	1	0.0	77	1.9	3921	100.0
Puttalam	1075	37.2	1027	35.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	37	1.2	1	0.0	8	0.2	735	25.4	2883	100.0
Badulla	238	16.3	1052	72.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	65	4.4	66	4.5	0	0.0	36	2.4	1457	100.0
Monaragala	76	6.8	1000	90.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.3	1	0.0	0	0.0	22	1.9	1103	100.0

(Source: Police Narcotics Bureau, January to June 2023)

Table 3 – Drug-Related Arrest by Provinces

Province	Heroin	Cannabis	Methamphetamine	Others (Hashish, Opium, Cocaine, Psychotropic Substances and others)	Total
North Central	1452	1722	145	80	3,399
Western	19,144	14,171	8447	2502	44,264
Southern	2551	3739	173	513	6,976
Central	1689	3088	222	1065	6,065
Northern	489	525	85	108	1,207
Eastern	531	1872	231	309	2,943
Sabaragamuwa	1129	1773	183	98	3,183
North Western	2483	3318	176	827	6,804
Uva	314	2052	69	125	2,560

(Source: Police Narcotics Bureau, January to June 2023)

Seized Quantity of Drugs (Kg)

The total quantity of heroin seized Island-wide was 5628.309 kg and quantity of the cannabis seized Island-wide was 387.526 kg. In addition, 32.039 kg of Methamphetamine was seized in January to June 2023.

Table 4 - Seized Quantity of Drug (Kg)

Drug	Seized quantity (kg)
Heroin	387.526
Cannabis	5628.309
Cocaine	5.396
Hashish	98.860
Opium	1.531
Methamphetamine	32.039
Psychotropic substances	0.010
Other	82.820

(Source: Police Narcotics Bureau, January to June 2023)

Drug-Related Treatment Admissions

Treatment Admissions for drug use disorders

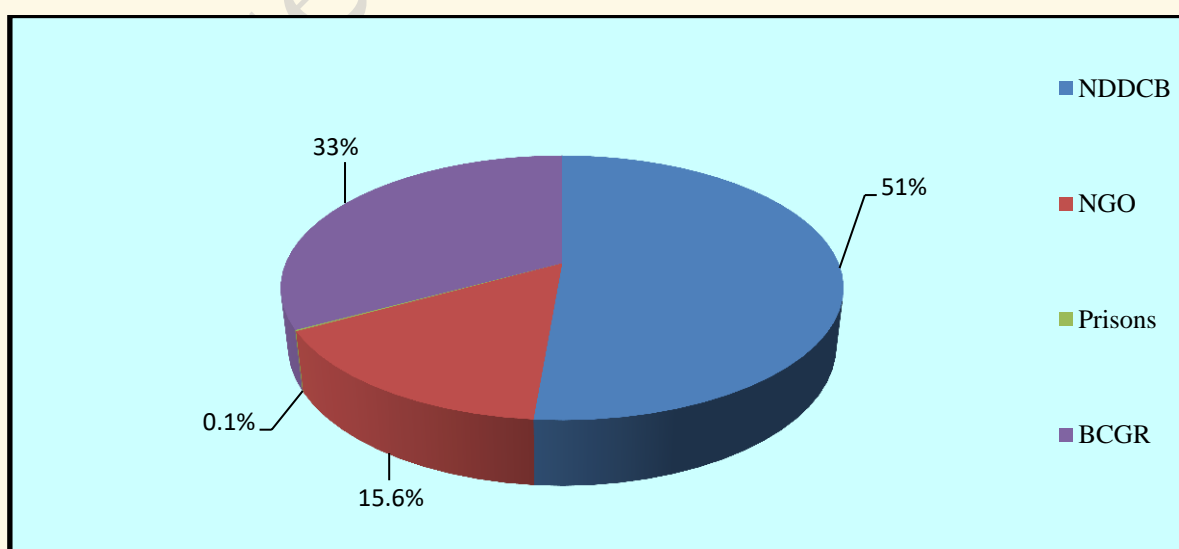
The government and non-government organizations were involved in drug treatment services in Sri Lanka. The reported number of persons who received treatment for drug dependence on Island-wide was 705 from January to June 2023. Among them, 362 (51%) were reported from the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board treatment centers and 1 (0.1%) from the Prisoner Drug Rehabilitation Programme of the Department of Prisons. 110 (15.6%) were reported from NGOs or private treatment facilities. 232 (33%) were reported from the Kandakadu treatment and rehabilitation center of the Bureau of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation.

Table 05 - Reported Drug Users by Treatment Facility for January to June 2023

Facility	Government	NGO	Prisons	Kandakadu	Total
Number of treatment received persons	362	110	01	232	705
Percentage %	51%	15.6%	0.1%	33%	100.0

(Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, NDDCB: January to June 2023)

Graph No: 04 - Reported Drug Users by Treatment Facility

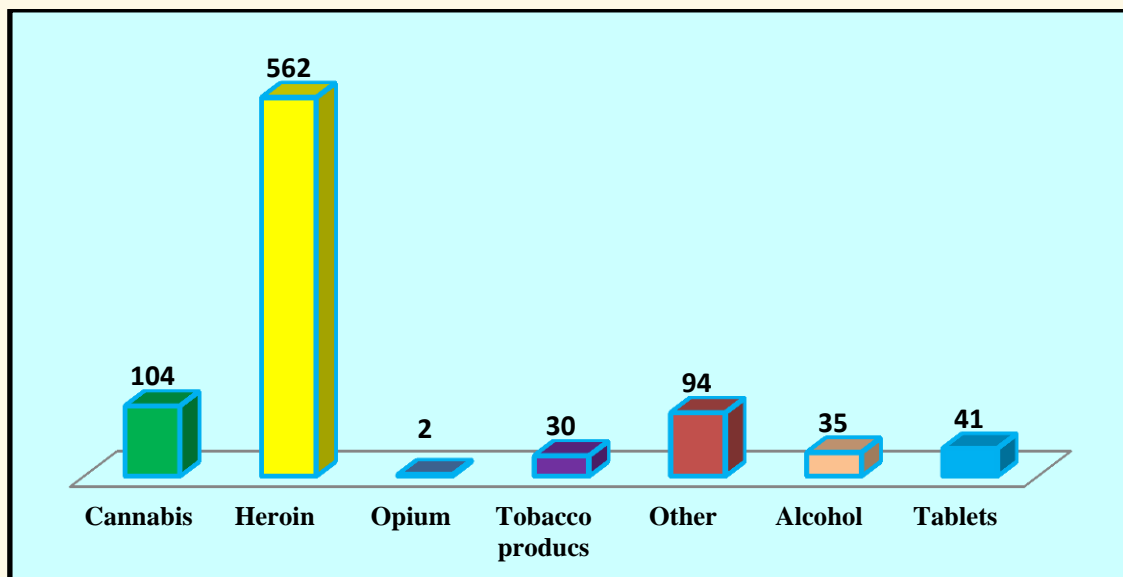


Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, January to June 2023

Treatment Admissions by Drug

Data indicates that most of the treatment received clients were multiple drug users. 30 used tobacco, 562 used heroin, and 104 used cannabis. Alcohol, tablets, and opium users are 35, 41, and 2.

Graph No: 05 - Treatment Admissions by Drug

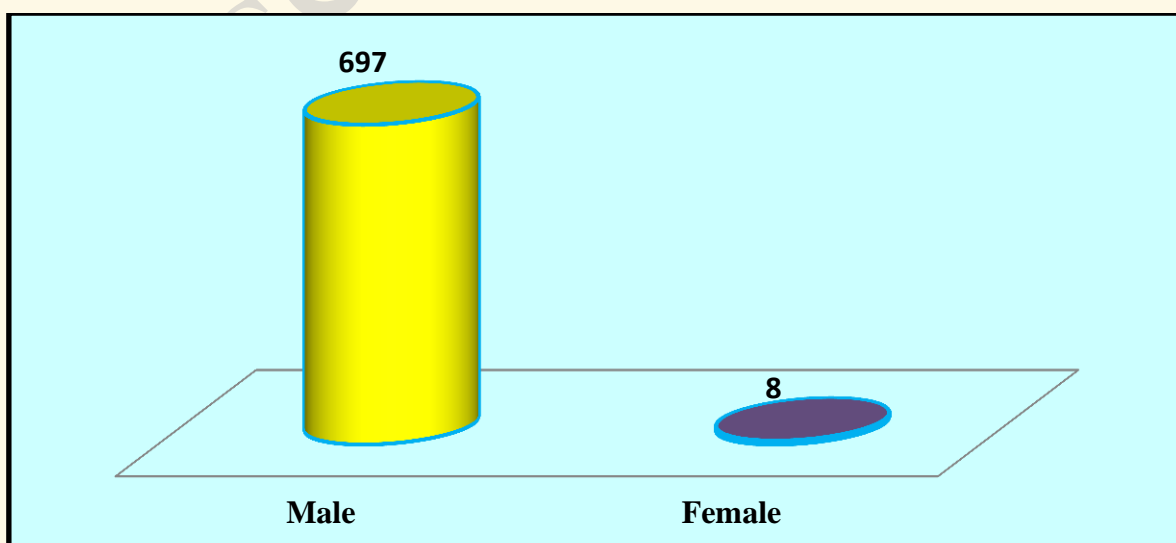


Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, January to June 2023

Treatment Admissions by Gender

Out of the total treatment admissions of the year January to June 2023, 99.7% (697) were males and 08 (0.3%) were females.

Graph No: 06 - Treatment Admissions by Gender

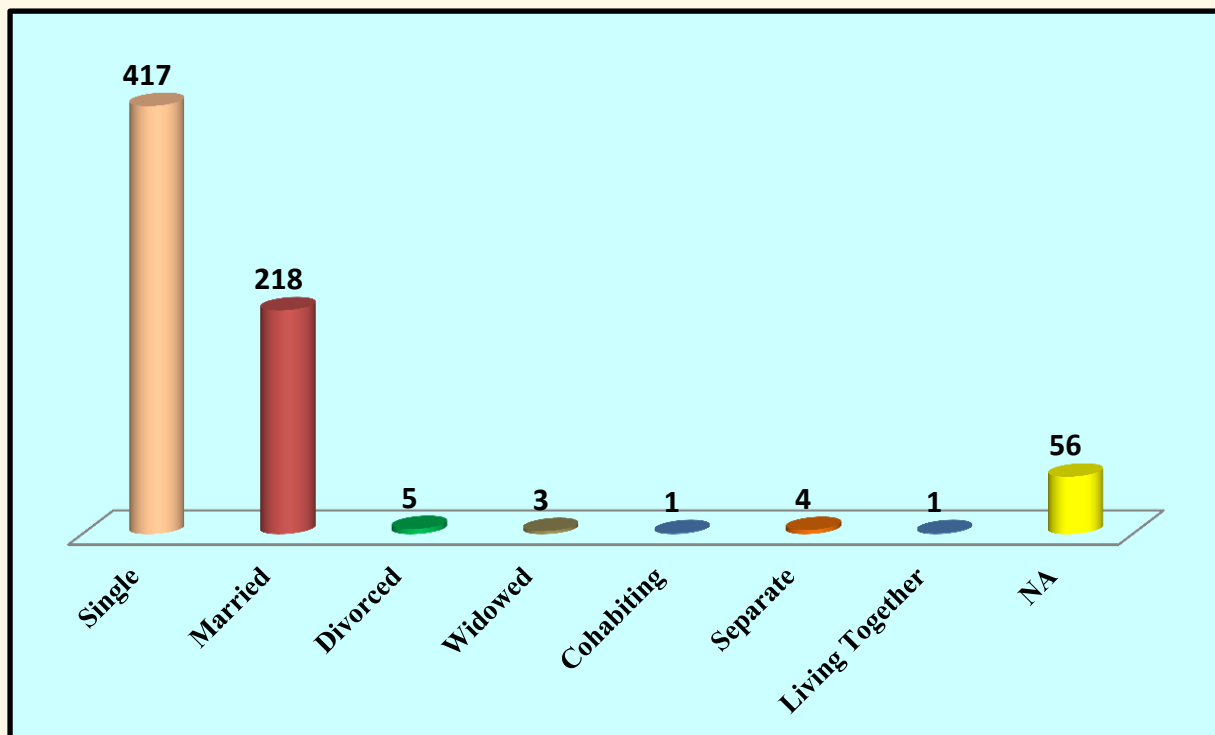


Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, January to June 2023

Treatment Admissions by Marital Status

Treatment received persons were further classified based on their marital status and it shows that 59.2% (417) were single and 30.9% (218) were married. In addition, divorced (05), Separated (04), and living together (01) persons were also reported.

Graph No: 07 - Treatment Admissions by Marital Status

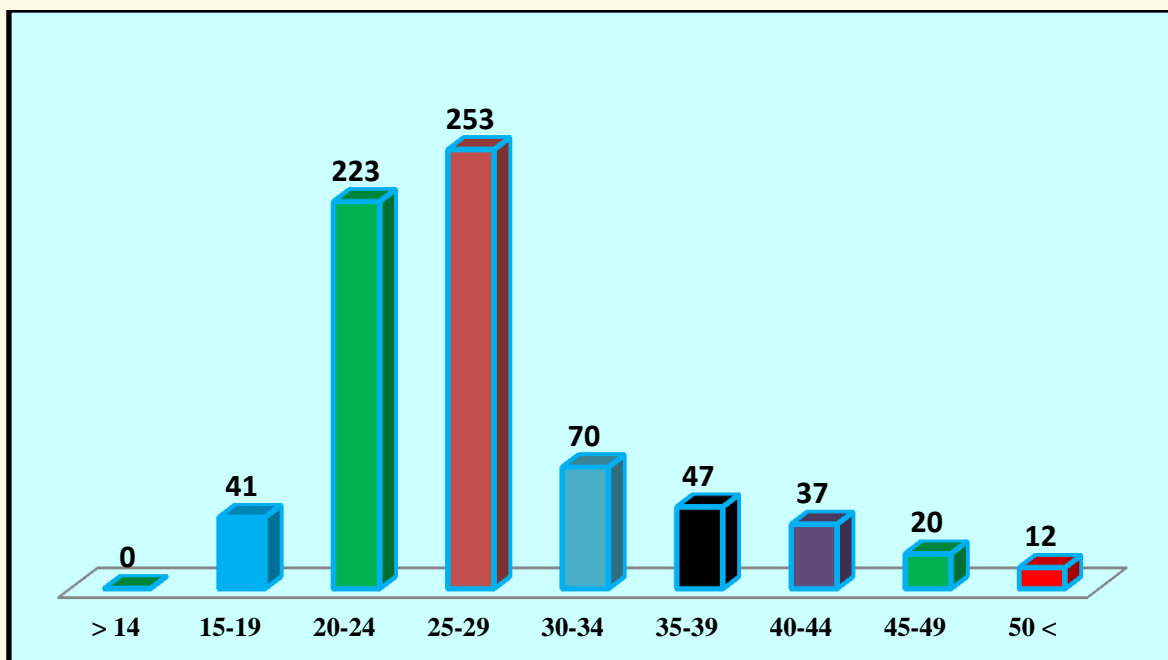


Source: DAMS Treatment Data: 2022, January to June 2023

Treatment Admissions by Age

Substance abuse is an increasing global socio – medical problem among young/ adolescent males. The distribution of drug related treatment admissions by age is shown in Graph No: 08. 31.6% (223), 35.8% (253), 18.2% (351), 9.6% (186) and 5.7% (110) were in the range of 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39 and 40-44 years accordingly. Nonetheless, no persons had reported for age category of 01-14.

Graph No: 08 - Treatment Admissions by Age

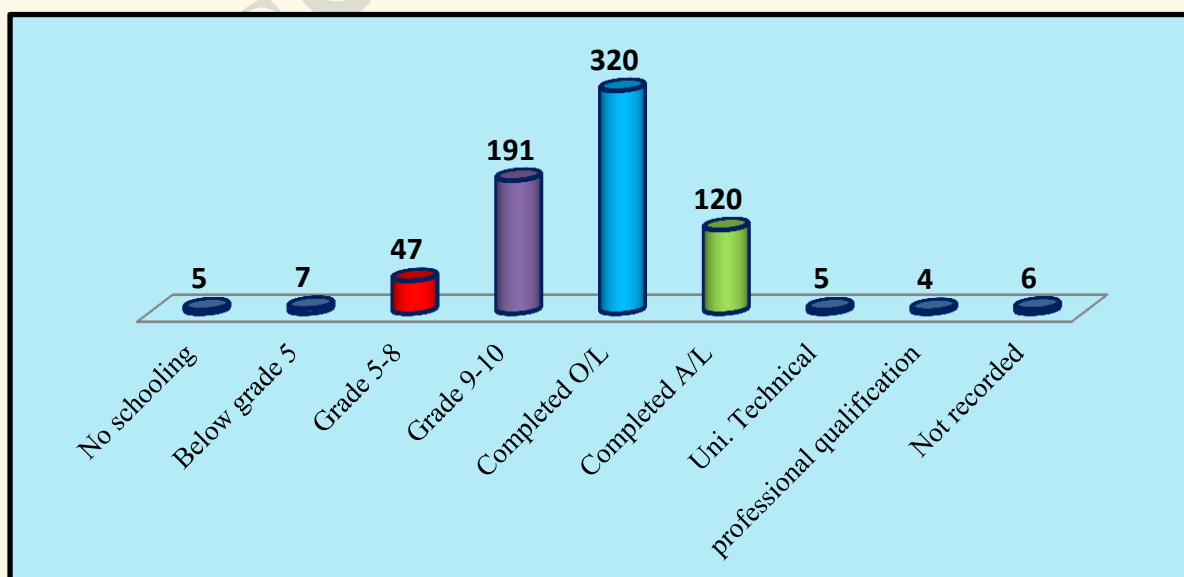


Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, January to June 2023

Treatment Admissions by Educational levels

Educational background of persons who admitted to the treatment services implies that, 34.8% (245) of them had lower level of (up to grade 10) education and 0.7% (05) of the persons have never been to school. However, 45.4% (320) had completed O/L, 17% (120) completed A/L exam and university or technically educated 05 persons.

Graph No: 07 - Treatment Admissions by Educational Status



Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System, January to June 2023

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