

SINGAPORE'S COUNTRY REPORT ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Singapore has maintained its status as a relatively drug-free society due to the tough stance it has adopted against drug trafficking and consumption. Despite the Republic's vulnerability to the drug scourge due to its close proximity to the Golden Triangle, tough laws and vigorous enforcement actions have kept the local drug situation under control. But challenges in a complex operating environment are inevitable.

About 3,500 abusers were arrested in 2013. This was an increase of 2% from the number of drug abusers arrested in 2012. Repeat abusers continued to make up majority of total abusers arrested at 69%. Heroin was the most commonly abused drug in Singapore in 2013, accounting for 58% of total drug abusers arrested, while Methamphetamine abusers made up the second largest proportion of drug abusers arrested in 2013 at 34%.

Actions to enhance and adapt Singapore's national strategy against drugs had been taken to deal with the evolving environment and its new challenges. The Ministry of Home Affairs had set up the Task Force on Drugs in Oct 2011 to review the current drug abuse situation as well as study the drug abuse trends and challenges in reducing drug abuse.