

## Opium/Heroin

Illicit cultivation of opium poppy, 2006–2017 (hectares)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>SOUTH-WEST ASIA</b>												
Afghanistan (best estimate)	165,000	193,000	157,000	123,000	123,000	131,000	154,000	209,000	224,000	183,000	201,000	328,000
lower bound <sup>a</sup>				102,000	104,000	109,000	125,000	173,000	196,000	163,000	182,000	301,000
upper bound <sup>a</sup>				137,000	145,000	155,000	189,000	238,000	247,000	202,000	221,000	355,000
<b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA</b>												
Lao People's Democratic Republic <sup>b</sup> (best estimate)	2,500	1,500	1,600	1,900	3,000	4,100	6,800	3,900	6,200	5,700	..	..
lower bound <sup>a</sup>	2,040	1,230	710	1,100	1,900	2,500	3,100	1,900	3,500	3,900		
upper bound <sup>a</sup>	2,990	1,860	2,700	2,700	4,000	6,000	11,500	5,800	9,000	7,600		
Myanmar <sup>b</sup> (best estimate)	21,500	27,700	28,500	31,700	38,100	43,600	51,000	57,800	57,600	55,500	..	41,000 <sup>c</sup>
lower bound <sup>a</sup>	..	22,500	17,900	20,500	17,300	29,700	38,249	45,710	41,400	42,800		30,200
upper bound <sup>a</sup>	..	32,600	37,000	42,800	58,100	59,600	64,357	69,918	87,300	69,600		51,900
<b>AMERICAS</b>												
Colombia (best estimate)	1,023	715	394	356	341	338	313	298	387	595	462	..
Mexico <sup>d, f</sup> (best estimate)	5,000	6,900	15,000	19,500	14,000	12,000	10,500	11,000	17,000	26,100	..	..
lower bound <sup>a</sup>										21,800		
upper bound <sup>a</sup>										30,400		

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<b>OTHER</b>												
Other countries <sup>e</sup>	5,977	5,885	10,509	9,479	12,221	16,462	12,282	13,293	11,522	10,597	103,839	49,000
<b>TOTAL (best estimate)</b>	<b>201,000</b>	<b>235,700</b>	<b>213,003</b>	<b>185,935</b>	<b>190,662</b>	<b>207,500</b>	<b>234,895</b>	<b>295,291</b>	<b>316,709</b>	<b>281,492</b>	<b>305,301</b>	<b>418,000</b>
lower bound				152,935	149,762	170,000	189,444	245,201	269,809	242,692	265,617	397,217 <sup>f</sup>
upper bound				211,835	233,662	249,400	287,952	338,309	372,209	320,792	346,017	497,717 <sup>f</sup>
<b>TOTAL (best estimate rounded)</b>	<b>201,000</b>	<b>235,700</b>	<b>213,000</b>	<b>185,900</b>	<b>190,700</b>	<b>207,500</b>	<b>234,900</b>	<b>295,300</b>	<b>316,700</b>	<b>281,500</b>	<b>305,300</b>	<b>418,000 <sup>f</sup></b>

Source: Afghanistan, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar: national illicit crop monitoring system supported by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Colombia: Government of Colombia. Mexico: up to 2014, estimates derived from surveys by the Government of the United States of America (international narcotics control strategy reports); for 2015, joint Mexico/UNODC project entitled "Monitoring of the illicit cultivation on Mexican territory".

Note: Figures in italics are preliminary and may be revised when updated information becomes available. Two dots indicate that data were unavailable. Information on estimation methodologies and definitions can be found in the online methodology section of the World Drug Report 2018.

<sup>a</sup> Bound of the statistically derived confidence interval.

<sup>b</sup> May include areas that were eradicated after the date of the area survey.

<sup>c</sup> Estimate for 2017 only covers the States of Shan and Kachin.

<sup>d</sup> Up to 2014, the estimates for Mexico are sourced from the Department of State of the United States. The Government of Mexico does not validate the estimates provided by the United States as they are not part of its official figures and it does not have information on the methodology used to calculate them. As a result of the Mexico/UNODC joint project entitled "Monitoring of the Illicit Cultivation on Mexican Territory", poppy crop estimate figures for the years 2016 and 2017 will become available soon.

<sup>e</sup> Includes countries with low levels of cultivation (less than 400 hectares in the latest year with available data) and countries with indirect evidence of illicit cultivation (eradication of opium poppy) but no direct measurement. See table "Cultivation of opium poppy and production of opium in other countries, and eradication of opium poppy, 2007-2017". In addition, for 2016 and 2017, best estimates for countries for which data are not available (Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico for 2016 and 2017, Myanmar for 2016 and Colombia for 2017) are included in this category.

Starting in 2008, a new methodology was introduced to estimate opium poppy cultivation and opium/heroin production in countries with no data on illicit cultivation of opium poppy. A detailed description of the estimation methodology is available in the online methodology section of the World Drug Report 2018.

<sup>f</sup> The figures for 2015, as published in the World Drug Report 2016 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.16.XI.7), have been revised owing to a statistical adjustment processed by UNODC. These figures are based on the estimation period July 2014-June 2015.

