

Potential production of oven-dry opium, 2006–2017 (tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
SOUTH-WEST ASIA												
Afghanistan (best estimate)	5,300	7,400	5,900	4,000	3,600	5,800	3,700	5,500	6,400	3,300	4,800	9,000
lower bound ^a					3,000	4,800	2,800	4,500	5,100	2,700	4,000	8,000
upper bound ^a					4,200	6,800	4,200	6,500	7,800	3,900	5,600	10,000
SOUTH-EAST ASIA												
Lao People's Democratic Republic ^{b, f} (best estimate)	20	9	10	11	18	25	41	23	92
lower bound ^g	16	7	4	7	11	15	18	11	51	84		
upper bound ^g	24	11	16	16	24	36	69	35	133	176		
Myanmar ^b (best estimate)	315	460	410	330	580	610	690	870	670	647	..	550 ^h
lower bound				213	350	420	520	630	481	500		395
upper bound				445	820	830	870	1,100	916	820		706
AMERICAS												
Colombia (best estimate)	13	14	10	9	8	8	8	11	12	17	13	..
Mexico ^{c, e} (best estimate)	108	150	325	425	300	250	220	225	360	499
lower bound										279		
upper bound										693		

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OTHER												
Other countries ^d	55	58	187	178	224	290	172	182	198	178	1,570	950
TOTAL (best estimate)	5,810	8,091	6,841	4,953	4,730	6,983	4,831	6,810	7,732	4,771	6,383	10,500
lower bound					3,894	5,783	3,738	5,558	6,202	3,758	5,107	9,002
upper bound					5,576	8,214	5,539	8,052	9,419	5,784	7,629	11,915
TOTAL (best estimate rounded)	5,810	8,090	6,840	4,950	4,730	6,980	4,830	6,810	7,730	4,770	6,380	10,500 ⁱ

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: National illicit crop monitoring system supported by UNODC. Since 2008, production was calculated based on updated regional yield figures and conversion ratios from the Department of State and the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States of America. Mexico: up to 2014, estimates derived from surveys by the United States Government; for 2015, UNODC estimate.

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.

^a Bound of the statistically derived confidence interval.

^b Based on cultivation figures which may include areas eradicated after the date of the area survey.

^c Up to 2014, the estimates 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.

^d 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 only, best estimates for countries for which data are not available (Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico and Myanmar) 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. These estimates are higher than the previous figures but have a similar order of magnitude. A detailed description of the estimation methodology is available in the online methodology section of the World Drug Report 2017.

^e 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.

The Government of Mexico does not validate any opium production estimates. The production figures will be presented once yield data from the joint Mexico/UNODC project entitled "Monitoring of the illicit cultivation on Mexican territory" become available. Opium production estimated by UNODC for 2015 is based on: (a) the area under cultivation, established by the joint project of the Government of Mexico and UNODC; (b) yield data, based on yield studies conducted by the United States in Mexico over the period 2001-2003. The opium production figures shown for 2015 are preliminary and, for methodological reasons, are not comparable with the production figures over the period 1998-2014. 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.

^f Owing to the late timing of the monitoring activities in 2013, the survey may not have captured illicit cultivation in this year in its entirety.

^g Bound of the statistically derived confidence interval, with the exception of 2015. The figures for 2015 represent independently derived upper and lower estimates; the midpoint was used for the calculation of the global total.

^h Estimate for 2017 covers only the States of Shan and Kachir.

ⁱ Preliminary estimate

