

# Drug Dealing and Trafficking

## Definition

**Drug trafficking** is a **global** trade involving the **cultivation, manufacture, distribution and sale** of substances which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/it/drug-trafficking/index.html>

**Vocabulary:** Look up for the definitions of the words below.

To deal: \_\_\_\_\_

To Traffic: \_\_\_\_\_

Drug dealer: \_\_\_\_\_

Schoolyard dealer: \_\_\_\_\_

Illicit: \_\_\_\_\_

Prohibition laws: \_\_\_\_\_

Write short comments on the images below



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How does **drug dealing** affect adolescents on the streets and at school?

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## Questionnaire

Reflect on each question. Comment with your partners in your team and write your own ideas for each question.

1. How does drugs micro trafficking affect life in our neighborhoods, our schools, our city and the world?

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2. What are the possible causes trafficking and micro-trafficking?

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3. What does a drug mule do?

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4. How might drug smuggle be attacked?

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## Vocabulary

Read each term/expression and match it to its definition. Write the number on the line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Smuggle

\_\_\_\_\_ Trafficking

\_\_\_\_\_ Drug dealers

\_\_\_\_\_ Drug mules

\_\_\_\_\_ Micro-trafficking

\_\_\_\_\_ Trafficking corridors

\_\_\_\_\_ Micro-trafficking networks

\_\_\_\_\_ Market value

\_\_\_\_\_ Global Market

\_\_\_\_\_ Total flow

1. Dealing in drugs in a small scale, in particular areas of cities.

2. The action of dealing or trading in something illegal

3. The amount for which something can be sold on a given market

4. A person who sells illegal drugs.

5. To move (someone or something) from one country into another illegally and secretly

6. Organized trade of drugs supported by groups or networks of dealers.

7. Special routes of transportation and distribution of drugs.

8. A person who transports illegal drugs by swallowing them or concealing them in a body cavity

9. To move, come, or go continuously in one direction

10. Market around the world

 **Reading understanding** (<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/micro-trafficking-a-growing-threat-across-latam>)



(1) Micro-trafficking is on the rise in capital cities across Latin America, according to a recent report, raising the question: is the rise of a domestic drug market inevitable in countries used as transit points for the international market?

(5) The Grupo de Diarios America (GDA) looked at the domestic markets in 11 capital cities in Latin America: San José, Costa Rica; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Lima, Perú; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay; Quito, Ecuador; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Bogotá, Colombia; Mexico City, Mexico; Santiago, Chile; and Caracas, Venezuela.

(10) Despite a lack of precise figures on micro-trafficking in any of these cities, authorities in all of these capitals agreed that the domestic trade is a major problem and is difficult to combat. This is due in great part to the proliferation of drug sales points -- there are 240 recognized in Bogota and 960 in Montevideo -- and the ease with which criminal groups recruit youth to sell the drugs.

(11) While marijuana tops the list of drug sales, cocaine, inhalants, heroin and crack all have a significant local market and synthetic drugs are becoming increasingly popular among university students. Authorities in Mexico City estimate that 10 percent of youth regularly buy street drugs.

**Our Stance concerning micro-trafficking**

1. Answer to the question in (1)

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2. How might micro-trafficking in schools be combated?

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