

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely in Portugal, featuring a large blue steel arch bridge spanning a river. The town is built on a hillside with numerous buildings and red-tiled roofs. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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## DEFINITION OF THE CHILD

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IN PORTUGAL, THE AGE OF MAJORITY FOR CIVIL PURPOSES IS NOW 18 (CIVIL CODE, ART. 122). THIS AGE WAS FIXED AS PART OF THE REFORM INTRODUCED BY DECREE-LAW NO. 496/77 OF 25 NOVEMBER 1977, WHICH BROUGHT THE CIVIL CODE INTO LINE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE 1976 CONSTITUTION, PUBLISHED FOLLOWING THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE COUNTRY AFTER 1974. UNTIL THEN, THE AGE OF MAJORITY HAD BEEN 21. IT IS ALSO AT 18 YEARS OF AGE THAT CITIZENS ACQUIRE ELECTORAL CAPACITY, BOTH IN THE ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SENSE. THIS CAPACITY, WHICH WAS CONFERRED ON YOUNG PERSONS BY DECREE-LAW NO. 621-A/74 OF 15 NOVEMBER 1974, IS ENSHRINED IN THE 1976 CONSTITUTION (ART. 48, PARA. 2) AND ALSO IN ARTICLE 49, PARAGRAPH I, OF THE CONSTITUTION CURRENTLY IN FORCE.

# YOUTH CRIME

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- **THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY IS 16;**
- **THIS IS ALSO THE AGE AT WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE MAY BE IMPRISONED OR SENTENCED TO DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY. THESE POINTS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN CHAPTER VIII, SECTION B, WHICH DEALS WITH CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW.**
- **THERE IS NO AGE-LIMIT FOR CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN COURT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE QUESTIONING OF CHILDREN BELOW 16 YEARS OF AGE (CODE OF PENAL PROCEDURE, ART. 349).**





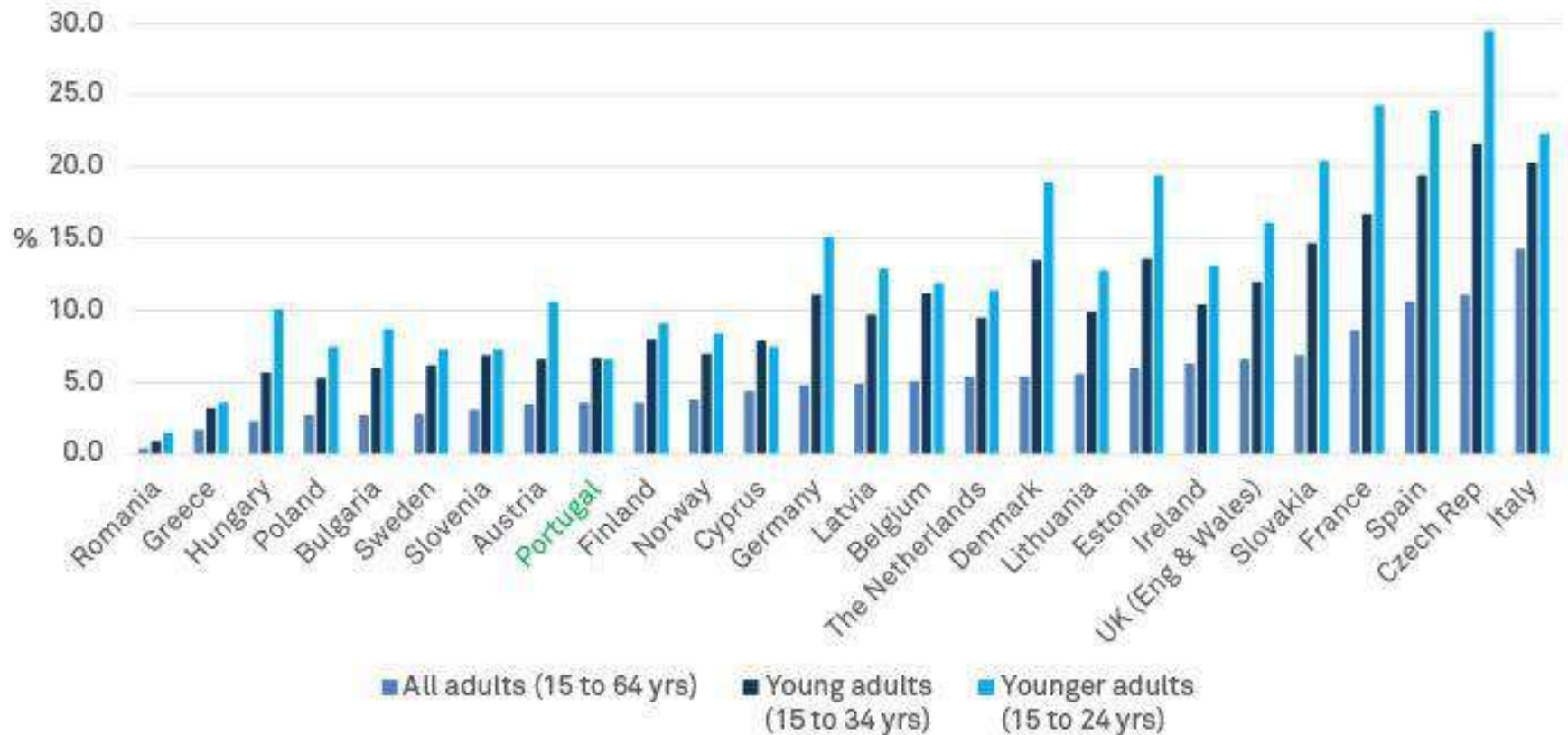
## **TYPES OF YOUTH CRIME**

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- **DRUGS - MAINLY CANNABIS**
- **THEFT**
- **BULLY**
- **DRINKING**

# CANNABIS YOUTH - EU

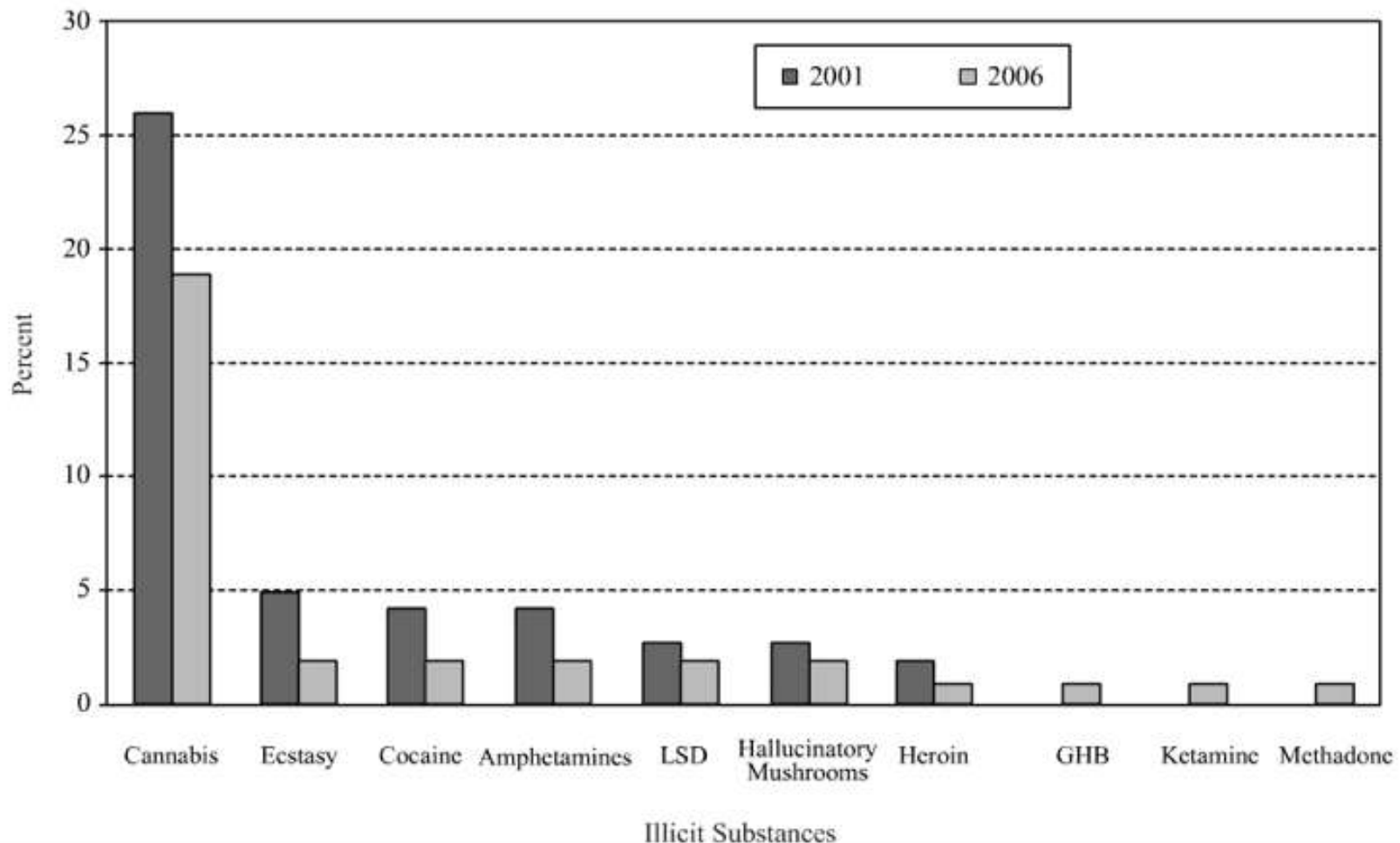
Last 12 months prevalence of cannabis use among all adults (aged 15 - 64), young adults (aged 15 - 34) and for youth (aged 15 - 24)





# DRUGS BETWEEN YOUNGSTERS IN PORTUGAL

National Investigation in School Environment, 2001 and 2006, Secondary (10th, 11th, and 12th years), Portugal, Prevalence Over Entire Life



# Video Time

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQJ7n-JpcCk>

