

Emergency contraceptive sales

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Measure, DDD per year

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Geography									
Nordland	745	1,259	2,726	3,536	3,952	4,614	5,145	5,236	6,127
Troms	554	1,053	2,731	3,169	4,218	4,792	5,053	5,726	5,909
Finnmark	277	580	1,293	1,512	1,709	1,834	2,092	2,310	2,375

Description

Description: Sales of emergency contraceptives to pharmacies in Norway, in DDD per year. This gives an estimate of the number used per year.

Includes hormonal contraceptives Levonorgestrel (G03AC03) and Levonorgestrel and estrogen (G03AA07).

In the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system, the drugs are divided into different groups according to the organ or system on which they act and their chemical, pharmacological and therapeutic properties. Drugs are classified in groups at five different levels - main groups, e.g. cardiovascular system (1st level), pharmacological/therapeutic subgroup (2nd level), chemical/pharmacological/therapeutic subgroups (3rd and 4th levels) and chemical substance (5th level). The 2nd, 3rd and 4th levels are often used to identify pharmacological subgroups when that is considered more appropriate than therapeutic or chemical subgroups.

Defined Daily Dose (DDD) is the assumed average maintenance dose per day for a drug used for its main indication in adults. Daily doses are determined on the basis of an evaluation of international usage. For emergency contraception, DDD is equivalent to a single dosage.

Notes: This time series won't be updated after 2007. For updates figures for sale of emergency contraception, select "Links" on the far right and then "Drug Consumption in Norway".

Data Source/Origin of data

Source: Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Department of Pharmacoepidemiology

Collection: All drug sales from wholesalers to pharmacies in Norway are reported to the Department of Pharmacoepidemiology at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

Data quality: The data quality is very good. The main limitation of the data is that not all of the drugs sold are necessarily used. Sales to primary health care providers (e.g. general practitioners) and health institutions (e.g. hospitals and nursing homes) are not reported separately to individual sales.

Divided by

Time periods: 1999-2007. This time series won't be updated (se comment in the description).

Geographical level: Country, counties

Gender: Both genders

Age groups: All ages

Frequency of updates: Annual

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Keyword

- medicine
- contraceptive
- pharmacy
- pharmaceutical
- emergency contraceptive
- morning after pill
- drugs