

PREVALENCE OF USE

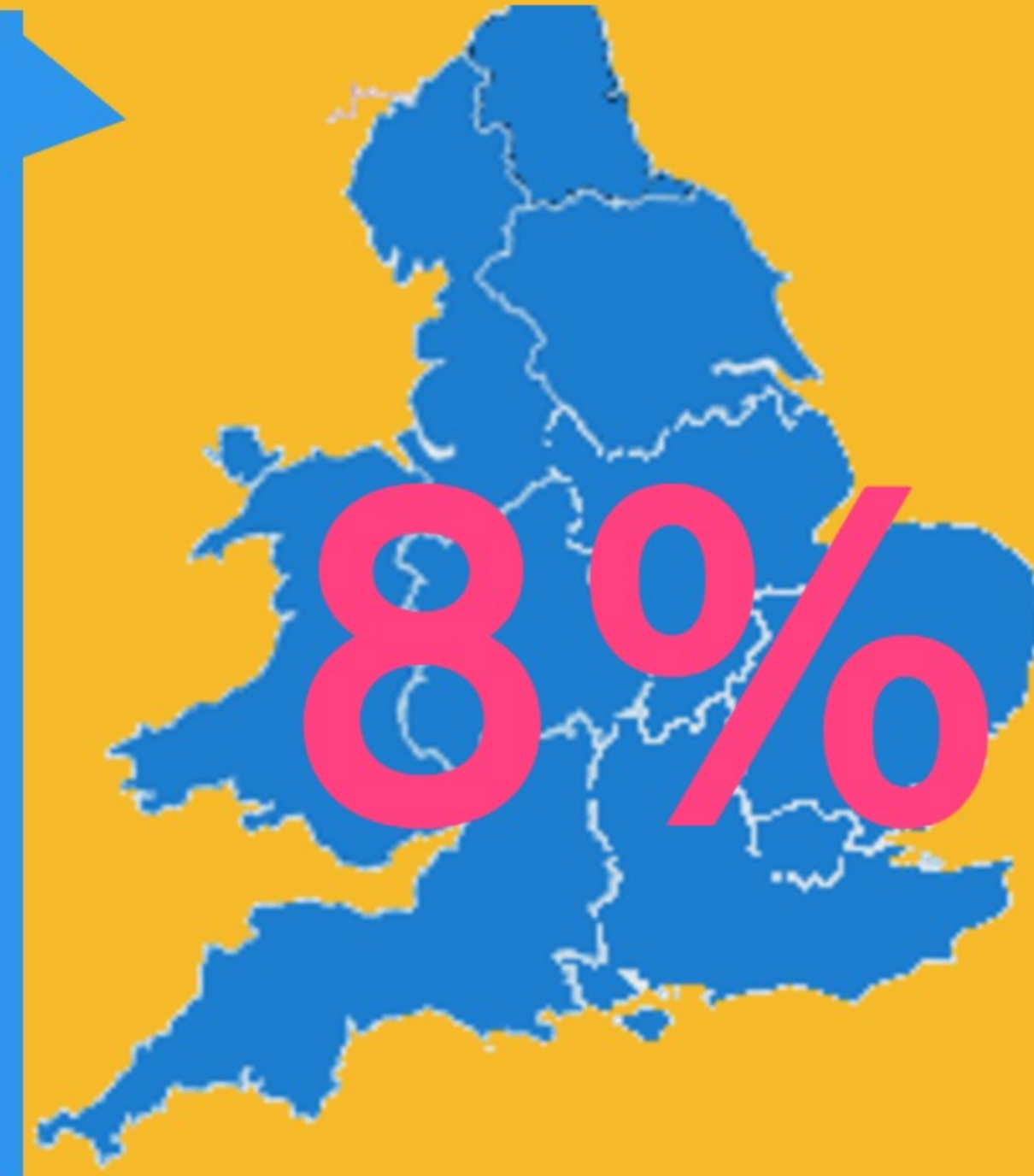
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How many people use illegal drugs?

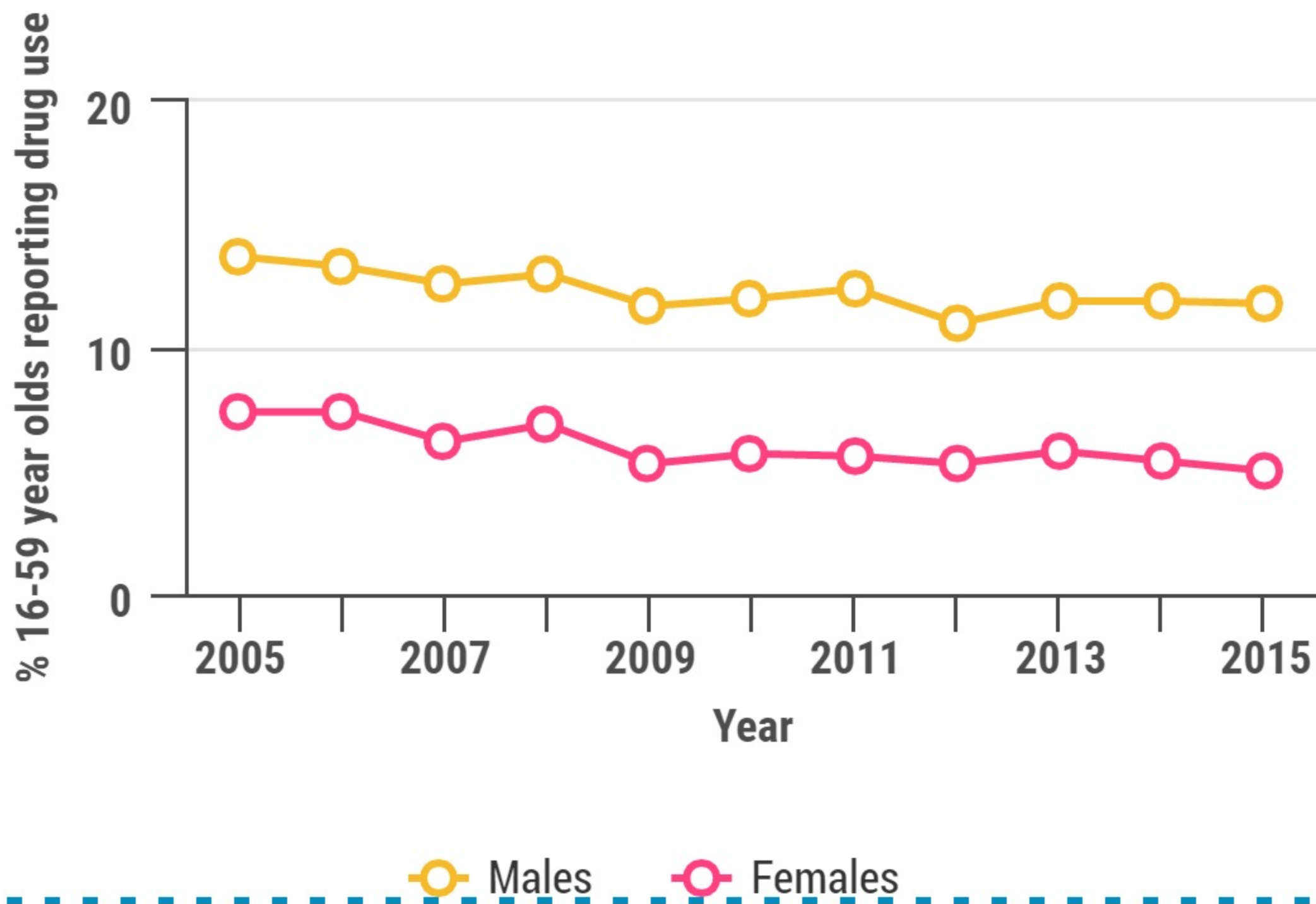


5% of the worldwide adult population (nearly 250 million people) between the ages 15-64, used at least one drug in 2014, according to the World Drug Report

Around 1 in 12 (8.4%) adults aged 16-59 had taken a drug in the last year in England and Wales. This is around 2.7 million people. 1 in 5 16-24 year olds had taken an illicit drug in the last year



Drug use amongst males and females has remained fairly constant over the last ten years



Age matters...

3.3% of adults aged 16 - 59 were defined as frequent drug users (having taken any illicit drug more than once a month in the last year). This equated to around 1.1 million people.

The proportion of young adults aged 16 - 24 who were classed as frequent drug users was 4.7%.

8% of adults who reported using drugs in the last year said they had used drugs every day.

Use of substance by 16-59 year olds in England and Wales in 2014/15

