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**ONDCP Releases Data on Cocaine Cultivation and Production in Colombia**

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the results of the annual U.S. Government estimates measuring cocaine cultivation and production for Colombia.

According to the annual estimate, Colombian cocaine cultivation increased 18 percent, from 159,000 hectares in 2015 to 188,000 hectares in 2016. That figure is a record high. Potential pure cocaine production in Colombia also surged to record levels, increasing by 37 percent, from 520 metric tons in 2015 to 710 metric tons in 2016.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Cultivation (Hectares)</b>	119,000	116,000	100,000	83,000	78,000	80,500	112,000	159,000	188,000
<b>Production Potential (Metric Tons)</b>	320	315	280	220	210	235	320	520	710

Despite increases in Colombian cocaine cultivation and production in the past several years, cocaine use in the United States has remained relatively constant over the last five years—though the latest measures are indicating a slow rise.

- [From 2009 to 2014](#), there were fairly constant rates of current cocaine use among Americans aged 12 or older, ranging between 1.4 million to 1.7 million. Over the same period, the number of past year cocaine initiates were also constant, ranging between 0.6 and 0.8 million.
- According to data from the [2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#), there were 1.9 million Americans aged 12 or older who were current users of cocaine in 2015, which is a 23 percent increase compared to 1.5 million in 2014—and a 14 percent increase compared to 1.7 million in 2012. The number for past-year initiates for cocaine also increased 26 percent from 766,000 thousand in 2014, to 968,000 in 2015.
- [Overdose deaths](#) in the U.S. related to cocaine increased by 25 percent, from 5,415 in 2014 to 6,784 in 2015, and there has been a 54 percent increase in the total number of cocaine-related overdose deaths since 2012 (4,404).

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