

## Multiple Selection

### CORE ALCOHOL AND DRUG SURVEY - FORM 191

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey was developed to measure alcohol and other drug usage, attitudes, and perceptions among college students at two and four-year institutions. Development of this survey was funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The survey includes several types of items about drugs and alcohol. One type deals with the students' attitudes, perceptions, and opinions about alcohol and other drugs, and the other deals with the students' own use and consequences of use. There are also several items on students' demographic and background characteristics as well as perception of campus climate issues and policy.

#### Key Findings from students at Multiple Selection

Following are some key findings on the use of alcohol:

- 75.2% of the students consumed alcohol in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 56.3% of the students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days ("30-day prevalence").
- 51.6% of underage students (younger than 21) consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.
- 31.5% of students reported binge drinking in the previous two weeks. A binge is defined as consuming 5 or more drinks in one sitting.

Following are some key findings on the use of illegal drugs:

- 34.2% of the students have used marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 20.7% of the students are current marijuana users ("30-day prevalence").
- 13.1% of the students have used an illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 7.0% of the students are current users of illegal drugs other than marijuana ("30-day prevalence").

The most frequently reported illegal drugs used in the past 30 days were:

- 20.7% Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)
- 3.6% Amphetamines (diet pills, speed)
- 1.8% Cocaine (crack, rock, freebase)

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Following are some key findings on the consequences of alcohol and drug use:

- 22.8% reported some form of public misconduct (such as trouble with police, fighting/argument, DWI/DUI, vandalism) at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drug use.
- 19.8% reported experiencing some kind of serious personal problems (such as suicidality, being hurt or injured, trying unsuccessfully to stop using, sexual assault) at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drug use.

Following are some key findings on opinions about the campus environment:

- 84.8% of students said the campus has alcohol and drug policies;
- 13.7% said they "don't know"; and
- 1.5% said there wasn't a policy.

- 34.7% of students said the campus has an alcohol and drug prevention program;
- 61.0% said they "don't know"; and
- 4.3% said there wasn't a program.

- 66.4% of students said the campus is concerned about the prevention of drug and alcohol use;
- 21.4% said they "don't know"; and
- 12.2% said the campus is not concerned.

With regard to students' perceptions of other students' use:

- 80.5% of students believe the average student on campus uses alcohol once a week or more.
- 67.8% of students believe the average student on this campus uses some form of illegal drug at least once a week.
- 41.5% of students indicated they would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties they attend.
- 81.9% of students indicated they would prefer not to have drugs available at parties they attend.

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### Use of Drugs

The following tables provide additional details about students' reported use of drugs at this institution. Unless otherwise indicated, percentages are based on the total number of students responding validly to a given item.

For comparison purposes some figures are included from a reference group of 90119 students from 233 institutions who completed the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey Long Form in 2013 to 2015 National Data.

More detailed analyses can be found by contacting the Core Institute.

In general, substantial proportions of students report having used alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana in response to the question, "At what age did you first use \_\_\_\_\_?" whereas comparatively few report having used each of the other substances. This question examines "lifetime prevalence" as opposed to annual prevalence and 30-day prevalence.

Table 2 describes lifetime prevalence, annual prevalence, 30-day prevalence, and high frequency use (3 times a week or more).

**Table 2 - Substance Use**

Substance	Lifetime Prevalence		Annual Prevalence		30-Day Prevalence		3X/Week or more	
	Coll.	Ref.	Coll.	Ref.	Coll.	Ref.	Coll.	Ref.
Tobacco	34.8	40.6	24.7	31.2	16.5	19.9	10.5	9.7
Alcohol	80.9	84.3	75.2	81.5	56.3	68.7	11.5	20.0
Marijuana	46.2	46.0	34.2	33.9	20.7	19.8	10.8	8.2
Cocaine	8.0	7.6	4.8	4.7	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.2
Amphetamines	11.5	9.7	6.4	5.4	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.4
Sedatives	7.5	6.0	3.5	3.1	1.6	1.5	0.6	0.4
Hallucinogens	8.4	7.5	5.0	4.5	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.2
Opiates	2.7	2.3	1.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.3
Inhalants	2.6	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2
Designer drugs	8.0	9.0	3.9	5.4	1.1	1.5	0.2	0.2
Steroids	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
Other drugs	2.9	3.6	1.2	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2

#### Notes:

Coll. = Multiple Selection

Ref. = Reference group of 90119 college students

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The average number of drinks consumed per week at this institution is 2.1 drinks. The national average is 4.1 drinks (based on a sample of 90119). The percentage of students who report having binged in the last two weeks at this institution is 31.5% compared to the national average of 43.2%.

**Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Use**

The proportion of students who report having had problems as a result of drinking or drug use is another indicator of the level of substance abuse. The percentages of students who reported that within the past year they had various problematic experiences are given in Table 3. The top group of items represents public misconduct or behaviors that involve actual or potential harm to others. The second group represents possibly serious personal problems. The last group may consist of less serious (and more common) experiences which nevertheless may indicate excessive use.

**Table 3 - Problematic Experiences**

<u>This Institution</u>	<u>Reference Group</u>	<u>Experience</u>
1.0	1.0	Been arrested for DWI/DUI
5.2	10.3	Been in trouble with police, residence hall, or other college authorities
2.3	4.3	Damaged property, pulled fire alarms, etc.
17.8	16.5	Driven a car while under the influence
19.7	25.6	Got into an argument or fight
2.2	1.4	Tried to commit suicide
7.1	4.8	Seriously thought about suicide
10.7	13.6	Been hurt or injured
7.4	7.7	Been taken advantage sexually
1.0	1.7	Taken advantage of another sexually
4.8	4.3	Tried unsuccessfully to stop using
9.3	9.4	Thought I might have a drinking or other drug problem
18.4	19.2	Performed poorly on a test or important project
25.6	33.0	Done something I later regretted
23.7	24.1	Missed a class
23.2	27.1	Been criticized by someone I know
24.1	32.1	Had a memory loss
42.9	49.8	Got nauseated or vomited
50.4	58.9	Had a hangover

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**Differences among Student Groups**

Table 4 compares substance use patterns and consequences of several campus groups: males and females, younger and older, academically more and less successful, and on and off-campus residents.

**Table 4 - Differences among Student Groups**

	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Average Grades</u>		<u>Campus Residence</u>	
	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>16-20</b>	<b>21+</b>	<b>A-B</b>	<b>C-F</b>	<b>On</b>	<b>Off</b>
Sample Sizes:	4746	2335	4084	3120	5773	1366	2134	4638
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	56.4	56.4	51.7	62.7	56.9	53.7	54.1	57.9
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	19.1	24.0	22.0	19.0	19.7	24.7	23.6	19.1
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	6.4	8.2	5.7	8.7	6.4	9.6	5.5	7.9
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	1.3	3.9	1.9	2.4	1.9	3.2	1.6	2.5
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	17.0	19.4	15.7	20.5	16.8	22.0	14.7	19.1
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	9.2	3.6	7.8	6.9	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.7	1.0	0.9

**Sample Demographics**

33.4% were freshmen

26.7% were sophomores

19.9% were juniors

17.8% were seniors

0.8% were graduates

1.5% were other

77.6% were in the "typical" college age range of 18-22.

67.0% were female.

68.5% lived off campus.

62.6% worked part-time or full-time.

90.5% were full-time students.

17.6% reported spending at least 5 hours per month in volunteer work.

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**Q40A. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces \* Gender Crosstabulation**

			Gender			Total
			Male	Female	Unknown	
Q40A. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now	Count	90	86	15	191
		% within Gender	4.4%	2.0%	5.7%	2.9%
	Yes, on active duty	Count	24	19	2	45
		% within Gender	1.2%	.4%	.8%	.7%
	No, never on active duty except for initial/basic training	Count	46	94	5	145
		% within Gender	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%
	No, never served in US Armed Forces	Count	1898	4043	240	6181
		% within Gender	92.2%	95.3%	91.6%	94.2%
Total	Count	2058	4242	262	6562	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

**Q40B. In which branch or branches did you serve on active duty \* Gender Crosstabulation**

			Gender			Total
			Male	Female	Unknown	
Q40B. In which branch or branches did you serve on active duty	Army	Count	57	47	5	109
		% within Gender	2.9%	1.1%	1.9%	1.7%
	Navy	Count	22	15	3	40
		% within Gender	1.1%	.4%	1.2%	.6%
	Air Force	Count	30	26	1	57
		% within Gender	1.5%	.6%	.4%	.9%
	Marine Corps	Count	27	26	5	58
		% within Gender	1.4%	.6%	1.9%	.9%
	Coast Guard	Count	0	2	2	4
		% within Gender	0.0%	.0%	.8%	.1%
	Other	Count	3	13	0	16
		% within Gender	.2%	.3%	0.0%	.3%
	I served in more than one branch on active duty	Count	4	5	0	9
		% within Gender	.2%	.1%	0.0%	.1%
	I did not serve the US Armed Forces	Count	1856	3969	243	6068
		% within Gender	92.8%	96.7%	93.8%	95.4%
Total	Count	1999	4103	259	6361	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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**Q40C. Have you ever been diagnosed with a psychiatric condition \* Gender Crosstabulation**

			Gender			Total
			Male	Female	Unknown	
Q40C. Have you ever been diagnosed with a psychiatric condition	Yes, and currently taking prescription medication	Count	247	724	32	1003
		% within Gender	12.1%	17.1%	12.3%	15.3%
	Yes, and not currently taking prescription medication	Count	268	595	40	903
		% within Gender	13.1%	14.1%	15.3%	13.8%
	No, never been diagnosed	Count	1531	2909	189	4629
		% within Gender	74.8%	68.8%	72.4%	70.8%
Total	Count	2046	4228	261	6535	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

**Q40D. Are you in recovery from substance use \* Gender Crosstabulation**

			Gender			Total
			Male	Female	Unknown	
Q40D. Are you in recovery from substance use	Yes, currently engaged in recovery support system	Count	41	47	4	92
		% within Gender	2.0%	1.1%	1.5%	1.4%
	Yes, not currently engaged in recovery system	Count	43	50	7	100
		% within Gender	2.1%	1.2%	2.7%	1.5%
	No	Count	1955	4129	248	6332
		% within Gender	95.9%	97.7%	95.8%	97.1%
Total	Count	2039	4226	259	6524	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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**Q40E. What is the nearest metropolitan area to your hometown in Louisiana \* Gender Crosstabulation**

			Gender			Total
			Male	Female	Unknown	
Q40E. What is the nearest metropolitan area to your hometown in Louisiana	New Orleans	Count	389	736	65	1190
		% within Gender	19.1%	17.4%	25.1%	18.3%
	Baton Rouge	Count	387	943	66	1396
		% within Gender	19.0%	22.3%	25.5%	21.4%
	Thibodeaux/Houma	Count	56	159	2	217
		% within Gender	2.8%	3.8%	.8%	3.3%
	Lafayette	Count	117	249	9	375
		% within Gender	5.7%	5.9%	3.5%	5.8%
	Lake Charles	Count	185	220	29	434
		% within Gender	9.1%	5.2%	11.2%	6.7%
	Alexandria	Count	123	272	10	405
		% within Gender	6.0%	6.4%	3.9%	6.2%
	Shreveport	Count	165	490	6	661
		% within Gender	8.1%	11.6%	2.3%	10.1%
	Monroe	Count	207	444	16	667
		% within Gender	10.2%	10.5%	6.2%	10.2%
	Hammond	Count	135	219	17	371
		% within Gender	6.6%	5.2%	6.6%	5.7%
I'm not from Louisiana	Count	271	494	39	804	
	% within Gender	13.3%	11.7%	15.1%	12.3%	
Total	Count	2035	4226	259	6520	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	