

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:

- 76.2% of the students consumed alcohol in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 54.8% of the students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days ("30-day prevalence").
- 53.2% of underage students (younger than 21) consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.
- 28.6% 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:

- 30.5% of the students have used marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 15.7% of the students are current marijuana users ("30-day prevalence").
- 9.8% of the students have used an illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 5.4% 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:

- 15.7% Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)
- 3.0% Amphetamines (diet pills, speed)
- 1.4% Sedatives (downers, ludes)

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

21.2% 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.

17.4% 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:

87.7% of students said the campus has alcohol and drug policies;

11.5% said they "don't know"; and

0.8% said there wasn't a policy.

40.9% of students said the campus has an alcohol and drug prevention program;

54.8% said they "don't know"; and

4.4% said there wasn't a program.

67.3% of students said the campus is concerned about the prevention of drug and alcohol use;

19.0% said they "don't know"; and

13.6% said the campus is not concerned.

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

84.1% of students believe the average student on campus uses alcohol once a week or more.

63.5% of students believe the average student on this campus uses some form of illegal drug at least once a week.

41.1% of students indicated they would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties they attend.

85.0% 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	32.2	40.6	23.4	31.2	17.0	19.9	10.9	9.7
Alcohol	80.8	84.3	76.2	81.5	54.8	68.7	8.7	20.0
Marijuana	40.9	46.0	30.5	33.9	15.7	19.8	7.7	8.2
Cocaine	5.4	7.6	3.2	4.7	1.4	2.0	0.2	0.2
Amphetamines	9.5	9.7	4.9	5.4	3.0	3.0	1.4	1.4
Sedatives	6.2	6.0	3.0	3.1	1.4	1.5	0.5	0.4
Hallucinogens	5.8	7.5	3.2	4.5	0.9	1.3	0.1	0.2
Opiates	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3
Inhalants	2.3	2.5	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Designer drugs	4.9	9.0	1.9	5.4	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.2
Steroids	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Other drugs	1.9	3.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.1	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 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 28.6% 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>
0.9	1.0	Been arrested for DWI/DUI
3.8	10.3	Been in trouble with police, residence hall, or other college authorities
2.0	4.3	Damaged property, pulled fire alarms, etc.
15.1	16.5	Driven a car while under the influence
19.0	25.6	Got into an argument or fight
1.4	1.4	Tried to commit suicide
5.5	4.8	Seriously thought about suicide
9.4	13.6	Been hurt or injured
5.9	7.7	Been taken advantage sexually
0.7	1.7	Taken advantage of another sexually
4.6	4.3	Tried unsuccessfully to stop using
8.1	9.4	Thought I might have a drinking or other drug problem
15.3	19.2	Performed poorly on a test or important project
23.6	33.0	Done something I later regretted
20.7	24.1	Missed a class
21.9	27.1	Been criticized by someone I know
23.0	32.1	Had a memory loss
42.2	49.8	Got nauseated or vomited
50.1	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>	
	Female	Male	16-20	21+	A-B	C-F	On	Off
Sample Sizes:	1018	521	999	556	1287	246	608	874
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	54.7	55.5	53.3	58.5	54.9	54.2	51.9	56.8
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	14.6	17.8	16.4	14.5	14.5	22.4	16.7	14.5
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	5.5	5.5	4.9	6.4	4.8	8.8	4.2	6.5
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	1.0	5.0	2.4	2.3	2.0	4.1	1.8	2.4
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	13.7	17.3	12.8	19.1	14.2	18.6	13.2	16.4
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	7.6	2.0	6.4	5.1	6.0	5.7	4.3	7.1
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.0

Sample Demographics

29.4% were freshmen

30.5% were sophomores

21.3% were juniors

17.7% were seniors

0.6% were graduates

0.5% were other

84.4% were in the "typical" college age range of 18-22.

66.1% were female.

59.0% lived off campus.

53.7% worked part-time or full-time.

91.4% were full-time students.

17.9% 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	16	15	2	33
		% within Gender	3.3%	1.6%	5.7%	2.3%
	Yes, on active duty	Count	5	2	0	7
		% within Gender	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%
	No, never on active duty except for initial/basic training	Count	11	12	2	25
		% within Gender	2.3%	1.3%	5.7%	1.7%
	No, never served in US Armed Forces	Count	447	906	31	1384
		% within Gender	93.3%	96.9%	88.6%	95.5%
	Total	Count	479	935	35	1449
		% 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	13	5	1	19
		% within Gender	2.8%	0.5%	2.9%	1.3%
	Navy	Count	5	1	0	6
		% within Gender	1.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
	Air Force	Count	4	5	0	9
		% within Gender	0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%
	Marine Corps	Count	8	4	0	12
		% within Gender	1.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%
	Coast Guard	Count	0	0	1	1
		% within Gender	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.1%
	Other	Count	1	1	0	2
		% within Gender	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
	I served in more than one branch on active duty	Count	1	0	0	1
		% within Gender	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
	I did not serve the US Armed Forces	Count	433	899	32	1364
		% within Gender	93.1%	98.3%	94.1%	96.5%
	Total	Count	465	915	34	1414
		% 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	45	133	4	182
		% within Gender	9.5%	14.3%	11.4%	12.6%
	Yes, and not currently taking prescription medication	Count	48	128	4	180
		% within Gender	10.1%	13.7%	11.4%	12.5%
	No, never been diagnosed	Count	381	671	27	1079
		% within Gender	80.4%	72.0%	77.1%	74.9%
Total	Count	474	932	35	1441	
	% 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	4	8	0	12
		% within Gender	0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.8%
	Yes, not currently engaged in recovery system	Count	7	6	0	13
		% within Gender	1.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%
	No	Count	463	916	35	1414
		% within Gender	97.7%	98.5%	100.0%	98.3%
Total	Count	474	930	35	1439	
	% 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	29	43	3	75
		% within Gender	6.1%	4.6%	8.6%	5.2%
	Baton Rouge	Count	34	56	5	95
		% within Gender	7.1%	6.0%	14.3%	6.6%
	Thibodeaux/Houma	Count	7	16	1	24
		% within Gender	1.5%	1.7%	2.9%	1.7%
	Lafayette	Count	15	28	1	44
		% within Gender	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
	Lake Charles	Count	10	21	0	31
		% within Gender	2.1%	2.3%	0.0%	2.1%
	Alexandria	Count	39	96	3	138
		% within Gender	8.2%	10.3%	8.6%	9.6%
	Shreveport	Count	63	150	2	215
		% within Gender	13.2%	16.1%	5.7%	14.9%
	Monroe	Count	190	393	14	597
		% within Gender	39.9%	42.1%	40.0%	41.3%
	Hammond	Count	16	20	1	37
		% within Gender	3.4%	2.1%	2.9%	2.6%
	I'm not from Louisiana	Count	73	110	5	188
		% within Gender	15.3%	11.8%	14.3%	13.0%
Total	Count	476	933	35	1444	
	% within Gender	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	