

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[»]™ background characteristics as well

Following are some key findings on the use of alcohol:

- 67.4% of the students consumed alcohol in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 50.3% of the students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days ("30-day prevalence").
- 34.7% of underage students (younger than 21) consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.
- 25.6% 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:

- 27.6% of the students have used marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 14.4% of the students are current marijuana users ("30-day prevalence").
- 10.8% of the students have used an illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").
- 4.2% 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:

- 14.4% Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)
- 1.6% Sedatives (downers, ludes)
- 1.2% Amphetamines (diet pills, speed)

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1.2	0.8
2.7	9.5
1.7	3.4
9.2	12.1
13.3	23.2

3.2	1.6
7.6	5.9
6.6	12.8
6.6	8.0
1.5	1.0
4.5	3.8
9.9	9.5
14.0	18.1

20.4	31.9
16.1	22.2
17.0	25.7
18.2	30.9
36.5	49.5
39.6	57.2

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.

	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Average Grades</u>		<u>Campus Residence</u>	
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>21+</u>	<u>A-B</u>	<u>C-F</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Off</u>
Sample Sizes:								
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol								
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana								
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks								
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year								
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year								
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year								

20.2% were freshmen

62.8% were in the "typical" college age range of 18-22.

18.6% were juniors

72.5% lived off campus.

19.5% were seniors

66.6% worked part-time or full-time.

24.5% were graduates

77.7% were full-time students.

20.9% were other

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