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ADAM 2002: Majority of Adult Male Arrestees Test Positive for Drugs

Between 43% and 85% of adult male arrestees in 36 cities across the U.S. tested positive for drug use in 2002, according to recently released data from the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program. In addition, many arrestees tested positive for more than one drug (from 15% in Woodbury, IA to 37% in Philadelphia and Sacramento). Arrestees most commonly tested positive for marijuana and cocaine and were less likely to test positive for opiates or methamphetamines. However, positive rates varied across sites. For example, the percentage of arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine ranged from 0% in several cities to 45% in Honolulu, suggesting substantial regional differences in drug use.

Percentage of Adult Male Arrestees Testing Positive for Any Drug* and More Than One Drug, by ADAM Site, 2002

ADAM Site	Positive for Any Drug	More Than One Drug	ADAM Site	Positive for Any Drug	More Than One Drug	ADAM Site	Positive for Any Drug	More Than One Drug
Albany	72%	20%	Indianapolis	68%	24%	Rio Arriba, NM	65%	30%
Albuquerque	67%	28%	Laredo	51%	20%	Sacramento	80%	37%
Anchorage	65%	15%	Las Vegas	67%	25%	Salt Lake City	62%	25%
Atlanta	71%	19%	Los Angeles	62%	25%	San Antonio	64%	22%
Birmingham	65%	21%	Minneapolis	75%	24%	San Diego	66%	26%
Charlotte	63%	21%	New Orleans	73%	32%	San Jose	60%	23%
Chicago	85%	36%	New York	83%	32%	Seattle	71%	25%
Cleveland	73%	25%	Oklahoma City	74%	33%	Spokane	67%	25%
Dallas	59%	20%	Omaha	63%	23%	Tucson	75%	33%
Denver	67%	23%	Philadelphia	77%	37%	Tulsa	72%	30%
Des Moines	57%	20%	Phoenix	74%	33%	Washington, DC	64%	24%
Honolulu	64%	26%	Portland	69%	28%	Woodbury, IA	43%	15%

*Any drug includes barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, methadone, methamphetamine, methaqualone, opiates, PCP, and propoxyphene.

METHODS: ADAM data are collected through probability-based sampling of male arrestees in adult booking facilities in 36 cities across the United States. Data are obtained through voluntary face-to-face interviews and urine specimen collection. The interviewees have been in the booking facility for less than 48 hours.

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