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First State-Level Estimates of Drug Use Produced by National Household Survey

In 1999, the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse was expanded to include state-based sampling of residents to provide state-by-state estimates of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. The data show that the percentage of household residents reporting past month illicit drug use (primarily marijuana) ranged from 4.7% in Virginia to 10.7% in Alaska. The western region of the United States typically had the highest rates of illicit drug use while the southern region had the lowest. Overall, the national average for illicit drug use was 6.9%. The full report is available online at www.samhsa.gov/household99.htm.

Percentage of U.S. Household Residents Age 12 and Older Reporting Past Month Illicit Drug Use (Primarily Marijuana), by State, 1999

State	Percent	State	Percent	State	Percent
Alabama	5.1%	Kentucky	6.0%	North Dakota	5.4%
Alaska	10.7%	Louisiana	5.7%	Ohio	6.5%
Arizona	7.1%	Maine	7.1%	Oklahoma	5.1%
Arkansas	5.0%	Maryland	5.3%	Oregon	7.7%
California	8.3%	Massachusetts	10.1%	Pennsylvania	7.0%
Colorado	9.3%	Michigan	8.0%	Rhode Island	8.7%
Connecticut	7.7%	Minnesota	6.7%	South Carolina	5.4%
Delaware	8.5%	Mississippi	5.8%	South Dakota	6.0%
District of Columbia	7.6%	Missouri	6.6%	Tennessee	5.5%
Florida	6.8%	Montana	7.7%	Texas	5.4%
Georgia	5.8%	Nebraska	5.6%	Utah	6.2%
Hawaii	7.1%	Nevada	9.6%	Vermont	6.8%
Idaho	6.4%	New Hampshire	7.0%	Virginia	4.7%
Illinois	6.9%	New Jersey	7.7%	Washington	8.4%
Indiana	7.5%	New Mexico	8.9%	West Virginia	5.1%
Iowa	5.5%	New York	7.0%	Wisconsin	7.0%
Kansas	5.9%	North Carolina	6.3%	Wyoming	7.3%

NOTE: Illicit Drug Use indicates at least one use of marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens (including PCP and LSD), heroin, or any prescription-type psychotherapeutic used nonmedically.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies (OAS), "Summary of Findings from the 1999 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse," August 2000.

Effective Addiction Treatment Conference to Be Held October 19, 2000

The conference "Effective Addiction Treatment: How Treatment Works in the Healthcare, Social Service and Criminal Justice Systems" will be held Thursday, October 19, 2000 at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn. For registration information, call 410-539-0872 ext. 308 or register online at www.medchi.org.

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