Substance Use in Connecticut, 2018: An Update to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

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A DMHAS-funded Resource Link, coordinated and staffed by UCONN Health to:

- Identify, collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate data pertaining to substance use prevention and mental health promotion;
- Track behavioral health indicators;
- Convene, support and chair the SEOW;
- Develop and maintain an interactive data repository available to DMHAS, other state agencies, and statewide stakeholders;
- Disseminate findings via technical reports, epidemiological profiles, presentations, consultation;
- Provide research and statistical expertise and support;
- Provide training and technical assistance for evaluation and use of data.
Percent of Persons Reporting Past Year Non-Medical Use of Pain Relievers, by Age Group: Connecticut, NSDUH, 2009-2016

- Ages 12-17
- Ages 18-25
- Ages 26 or Older
Substances Involved in Heroin Overdose Deaths: Connecticut, OCME, 2016

- Heroin Only: 14%
- Heroin & Fentanyl: 55%
- Heroin & Cocaine: 30%
- Heroin & Prescription Drugs: 33%
- Heroin & Alcohol: 26%
- Heroin & Benzodiazepines: 22%

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SBIRT Adult Participants at FQHCs: Percentage of Additional Substance Use for Each Substance, 2016

- Tobacco (12,097)
- Marijuana (3,087)
- Alcohol (2,147)
- Cocaine (1,336)
- Heroin (969)
- Rx Opioids (407)
- Hallucinogens (255)
- Sedatives (199)
- Methamphetamine (99)
- Rx Stimulants (75)
- Inhalants (62)
Percent of Incarcerated Adults Reporting Substance Use Disorder: Connecticut, DMHAS/DOC Gambling Study, 2016-2017

- CRCI: 35%
- York CI: 61%
- CorrRadCI: 37%
- NH, HCC and Bpt Jails: 46%
- Total: 45%
Percent Reporting Past Year Marijuana Use by Age Group: Connecticut NSDUH, 2008-2016

Ages 12-17
Ages 18-25
Ages 26+
Percent Reporting Past Year Cocaine Use by Age Group: Connecticut NSDUH, 2009-2016

Ages 12-17
Ages 18-25
Ages 26 or Older

![Graph showing percent reporting past year cocaine use by age group from 2009-10 to 2015-2016.](image)
Percent of 12 to 17 Year Olds Reporting Past Month Alcohol Use and Binge Drinking: NSDUH, Connecticut, 2004-05 to 2015-16
Percent of High School Students Reporting Past 30-Day Alcohol Use and Binge Drinking: CT School Health Survey (YRBS), Connecticut, 2005-2017

- Alcohol Use:
  - 2005: 45.3%
  - 2007: 44.7%
  - 2009: 43.5%
  - 2011: 41.5%
  - 2013: 36.7%
  - 2015: 30.2%
  - 2017: 30.4%

- Binge Drinking:
  - 2005: 27.8%
  - 2007: 26.2%
  - 2009: 24.2%
  - 2011: 22.3%
  - 2013: 20.8%
  - 2015: 14.2%
  - 2017: 14.9%
Percent of Connecticut High School Students Offered/Sold/ Given an Illegal Drug on School Property: CT School Health Survey (YRBS), 2005-2015
Percent of Adults Who Smoke Daily by Community Type:
Datahaven Community Wellbeing Survey, 2015

- Wealthy: 9%
- Suburban: 21%
- Rural: 24%
- Urban Periphery: 29%
- Urban Core: 34%
Percent of Middle and High School Students Reporting Ever Use of Electronic Cigarettes or Vape Pens: CT Youth Tobacco Survey (YRBS), 2015
Problem Substances of Greatest Concern According to Key Informants By Age Group: Connecticut CRS, 2016

- Prescription drugs
- Heroin
- Marijuana
- Tobacco
- Alcohol

Percent Reporting:
- 12-17 years old:
  - Prescription drugs: 10
  - Heroin: 5
  - Marijuana: 41
  - Tobacco: 2
  - Alcohol: 39

- 18-25 years old:
  - Prescription drugs: 18
  - Heroin: 33
  - Marijuana: 26
  - Tobacco: 1
  - Alcohol: 27

- 26-65 years old:
  - Prescription drugs: 27
  - Heroin: 28
  - Marijuana: 35
  - Tobacco: 4
  - Alcohol: 4

- 66 or older:
  - Prescription drugs: 49
  - Heroin: 1
  - Marijuana: 42
  - Tobacco: 1
  - Alcohol: 1
Thank you!

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