

Comparison Between **Atlantic County** and New Jersey Adults 2009 NJ Household Survey on Drug Use & Health

The 2009 New Jersey Household Survey on Drug Use and Health was commissioned by the Division of Addiction Services (DAS) with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), to assess the prevalence of legal and illegal substance use and identify the need and demand for substance abuse treatment. Administration of the survey was carried out by the Bloustein Center for Survey Research (BCSR), Bloustein School of Public Policy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. A stratified random sample of 14,678 households was selected and adult members with the most recent birthdays were interviewed between October, 2008 and May, 2009. Selected findings of the survey are presented below to allow comparison between Atlantic County and New Jersey overall. The Atlantic County portion of the sample had 686 respondents, therefore county estimates have a margin of error of approximately +/- 3.7%.

	Atlantic County %	New Jersey %	Difference %
Tobacco Use			
Lifetime use of cigarettes (Used cigarettes one or more times during their life.)	62.2	52.5	9.7
Past year use of cigarettes (Used cigarettes one or more times during the past year.)	28.7	20.2	8.5
Current use of cigarettes (Used cigarettes one or more times during the past 30 days.)	26.7	17.3	9.4
Smoked part or all of their first cigarette at age 14 or under	22.5	15.5	7.0
Daily smoker (Daily smoking is defined as having smoked in 28 of the past 30 days.)	21.6	13.4	8.2
Heavy smoker (Heavy smoking is defined as smoking one pack or more per day.)	14.2	6.3	7.9
Alcohol Use			
Lifetime use of alcohol (Used alcohol one or more times during their life.)	81.3	83.1	-1.8
Current use of alcohol (Used alcohol one or more times during the past year.)	64.3	68.5	-4.2
Past 30 day use of alcohol (Used alcohol one or more times during the past 30 days.)	49.1	54.0	-4.9
First drank alcohol at age 14 or under	15.1	13.1	2.0
Heavy drinker (Heavy drinking is defined as having 5 or more drinks on 4 or more days in the past month.)	5.4	5.0	0.4
Lifetime binge drinking (Binge drinking is defined as drinking for two or more days straight without sobering up.)	5.2	4.8	0.4

* **Red** denotes deviation from the state estimate *above* the practical significance level of 4.0%

* **Green** denotes deviation from the state estimate *below* the practical significance level of 4.0%

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Illicit Drug Use			
Lifetime use of any illicit drug (Used any illicit drug one or more times during their life.)	36.6	32.1	4.5
Current use of any illicit drug (Used any illicit drug one or more times during the past year.)	7.5	6.5	1.0
Past 30 day use of any illicit drug (Used any illicit drug one or more times during the past 30 days.)	5.7	3.7	2.0
Lifetime use of marijuana (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)	34.3	30.2	4.1
Current use of marijuana (Used marijuana one or more times during the past year.)	6.4	4.8	1.6
Past 30 day use of marijuana (Used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days.)	3.9	2.7	1.2
Tried marijuana for the first time at age 14 or under	7.2	5.2	2.0
Lifetime use of cocaine (Used cocaine one or more times during their life.)	13.2	9.8	3.4
Lifetime use of psychotherapeutics (Used psychotherapeutics one or more times during their life.)	10.4	8.6	1.8
Lifetime use of hallucinogens (Used hallucinogens one or more times during their life.)	5.9	5.2	0.7
Lifetime use of any drug other than marijuana (Used any drug other than marijuana one or more times during their life.)	18.6	15.3	3.3
Lifetime use of non-heroin opiates (Used non-heroin opiates one or more times during their life.)	5.9	4.8	1.1
Lifetime use of sedatives (Used sedatives one or more times during their life.)	3.5	3.1	0.4
Lifetime use of tranquilizers (Used tranquilizers one or more times during their life.)	3.9	2.9	1.0
Lifetime use of Ecstasy (Used Ecstasy one or more times during their life.)	3.4	2.5	0.9
Lifetime use of methamphetamines (Used methamphetamines one or more times during their life.)	5.0	2.4	2.6
Lifetime use of Crack (Used Crack one or more times during their life.)	2.8	1.7	1.1
Lifetime use of Heroin (Used Heroin one or more times during their life.)	1.3	1.4	-0.1
Lifetime use of other club drugs (Used other club drugs one or more times during their life.)	1.9	0.6	1.3
Lifetime use of steroids (Used steroids one or more times during their life.)	0.5	0.3	0.2

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Substance Abuse and Dependence			
Residents who met criteria for substance abuse or dependence (In the past year.)	13.0	9.4	3.6
Lifetime receipt of AA/NA	7.2	4.9	2.3
Lifetime receipt of formal treatment	6.6	3.1	3.5
Past year receipt of AA/NA	3.2	1.9	1.3
Past year receipt of formal treatment	1.1	0.6	0.5
Gambling			
Lifetime gambling	67.3	66.9	0.4
Lifetime gambling in the form of lottery tickets	57.8	57.6	0.2
Lifetime gambling in a casino	39.8	37.7	2.1
Lifetime gambling in any other form (non-casino or lottery)	17.6	18.5	-0.9
Heavy gambling (Heavy gambling is defined as 20 or more times during the year of heaviest gambling.)	20.4	19.1	1.3
Lifetime problem gambling (Problem gambling is defined as reported by respondent.)	3.9	2.4	1.5