

One-Stop-Shop for Local Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Consequence Data

Substance Use in Minnesota is an interactive Web site that provides a one-stop-shop for information that can be used by communities and prevention professionals for planning, monitoring, and evaluation. Created by Minnesota's State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup and funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), the site is devoted to alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) consumption and consequence statistics and includes more than 70 indicators from 10 state data sources. The site can be accessed at www.sumn.org.

State, regional and county data are presented by gender, age group, grade and race/ethnicity whenever available. Users can view results and create reports in table, map and graph format. Youth ATOD consumption statistics were obtained from the Minnesota Student Survey; adult consumption statistics are from the Minnesota Survey of Adult Substance Use. Information on driving while intoxicated, motor vehicle crashes, liquor law arrests and narcotics arrests was obtained from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Data on persons in prison or on probation for drug offenses were obtained from the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Mortality statistics were obtained from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Treatment data from the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System have recently been added.

The Web site also includes a list of community resources, a reading room, and a toolbox filled with tips and tutorials. The reading room contains a number of reports created using data from the site, including Community Epi Profiles by race/ethnicity and a number of colorful, four-page fact sheets that can be downloaded and printed. While national statistics are not searchable on this site, users can download a pdf version of the 2008 State Epi Profile from the home page. This publication compares Minnesota ATOD rates to the national average.