

Random Facts

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In its evaluation of the ONDCP's Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, researchers from Westat and the Annenberg School of Communication

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Hornik, Robert, David Maklan, Diane Cadell, Carlin Henry Barmada, Lela Jacobsohn, Vani R. Henderson, Anca Romantan, Jeffrey Niederhoffer
<http://www.drugabuse.gov/pdf/dspr/1203report.pdf>

"The final component of state substance abuse spending is the \$433 million states spent in 1998 to regulate the sale of alcohol and tobacco

Source:

National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, Shoveling Up: The Impact of Substance Abuse on State Budgets
<http://www.casacolumbia.org/absolutenm/articlefiles/379-Shoveling%20Up.pdf>

In January 2001, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University published an analysis of costs to states from substance abuse. "CASA's analysis revealed a few cost categories where only a single category of substances is implicated. Figure 2.B! For instance, CASA estimates that \$7.4 billion in state spending is linked exclusively to tobacco through state Medicaid spending. "The single drug linked to the largest percentage of state costs is alcohol. We were able to identify \$9.2 billion in state spending linked to

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In an ethnographic study of adolescents who were regular marijuana users, researchers at the University of British Columbia, co

Conclusion: Marijuana is perceived by some teens to be the only available alternative for teens experiencing difficult health probl

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"Bottorff, Joan L , Johnson, Joy L, Moffat, Barbara M, and Mulvogue, Tamsin, ""Relief-oriented use of marijuana by teens," J
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(2008) For 2008, an estimated 117,325,000 Americans aged 12 or over (47% of the US population aged 12 and over) report having

Source:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2009). Results from the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

"When an alcoholic beverage is consumed, approximately 20% of the alcohol is absorbed in the stomach and 80% is absorbed in the small intestine"

Source:

Laberge, Jason C., Nicholas J. Ward, "Research Note: Cannabis and Driving -- Research Needs and Issues for Transportation Planning"

Research published in the Journal of Urban Health estimated that in 1998, there were 1,364,874 injection drug users in the US.

Source:

Friedman, Samuel R., Barbara Tempalski, Hannah Cooper, Theresa Perlis, Marie Keem, Risa Friedman & Peter L. Flom, "Estimating the Prevalence of Injection Drug Use in the United States"

According to David West, PhD, "The THC levels in industrial hemp are so low that no one could ever get high from smoking it. Marijuana is a different plant entirely."

Source:

West, David P, Hemp and Marijuana: Myths and Realities (Madison, WI: North American Industrial Hemp Council, 1998), p. 3.