

#### 1 Sample Description

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) (formerly, National Household Survey of Drug Abuse) is an annual national survey that provides information on prevalence and correlates of drug use within the United States. The NSDUH measures illicit drug use, alcohol, and tobacco, and contains questions on age of first use, lifetime use, past year use, and past month use of marijuana, cocaine (and crack), hallucinogens, heroin, inhalants, alcohol, tobacco, and nonmedical or prescription drugs among respondents aged 12 and older. The study also covers substance abuse treatment, mental health issues, health access, police contact, and problems as a result of substance use. In 2002, the NSDUH introduced questions on "youth experiences" that cover topics such as neighborhood environment, illegal activities, gang involvement, drug use by friends, social support, extracurricular activities, exposure to substance abuse prevention and education programs, and perceived adult attitudes toward drug use and activities such as school work. (Summary provided--in part--by the Office of Applied Studies via ICPSR).

#### 2 Project Website

<https://nsduhweb.rti.org/>

#### 3 Years Covered

1979-2001

*Collected under the survey name National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*

2002-2009

*Collected under the survey name National Survey on Drug Use and Health*

*Respondents were given an incentive payment of \$30 to participate*

*New population data from 2000 decennial census was used for sampling weights; therefore data from 2002 and later should not be compared to data collected in 2001 and prior to access trends over time.*

#### 4 Longitudinal

No

#### 5 Publicly Available

Yes, public data are available.

[SAMHDA: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Data](#)

SAMHDA funds NSDUH and is an agency of the U.S. Public Health Service

[Quick Tables](#)

Tables for youth ages 12-17 or tables for entire sample for specified year for drug use.

#### 6 Restricted Access Data Available

No. Restricted data is only available to those directly involved with the NSDUH; however, most of the data is available within the public use data.

#### 7 Web-Accessible Analysis

Yes, there is more than one option for on-line analysis of NSDUH data:

- [Survey Documentation Analysis \(SDA\) software via ICPSR](#)  
(1979-2009; \*Users must belong to an ICPSR member institution to access NSDUH data.)
- [SAMHDA Online Data Analysis System](#)

#### 8 FAQ Page

<https://nsduhweb.rti.org/>

## 9 Data Specific Bibliography

The Office of Applied Studies provides reports from the NSDUH

[Reports](#)

[PDF and HTML Reports](#)

There is also a searchable bibliography of data-related literature available via ICPSR at:

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/citations/index.jsp>

## 10 Data Citation (ICPSR)

United States Department of Health and Human Services. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Office of Applied Studies. National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 [Computer file]. ICPSR03903-v3. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2006-10-26. doi:10.3886/ICPSR03903

## 11 List Serv/User Group/Help Line

The Office of Applied Studies provides help for accessing and using the NSDUH at:

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/SAMHDA.htm>

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