

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use, Abuse and Problems among Tennessee High School Students, 1995/1997

A Summary of Findings from the Tennessee ATOD High School Survey Conducted by The Community Health Research Group, at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Sponsored by The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Tennessee Department of Health

BACKGROUND

The Tennessee Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) High School Survey was conducted by the Community Health Research Group (CHRG) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1995, with a continuation in 1997. The survey was sponsored by the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (BADA) of the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). It was designed to fulfill the mandated data requirements for statewide and regional needs assessment for ATOD treatment among 13-19 year-olds for block grant reporting. In addition, data were collected to identify behavioral risk factors and physical and mental health problems among over 100,000 high school students in Tennessee in all 95 counties of Tennessee.¹ The data are available for custom querying on the TDH-CHRG web site Health Information Tennessee (HIT), under SPOT or Statistical Profiling of Tennessee and under "Surveys". The web address is *server.to/hit*

Description: This study is part of a family of studies to provide comprehensive and accurate scientific data on levels and patterns of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use and abuse statewide and by region for use by state and local officials and community organizations and agencies. This statewide high school survey concerns health and lifestyles; alcohol and other drug use, abuse, and problems; exposure to violence within and outside school; and identification of risk and protective factors for a host of adverse consequences.

Sample: This study is based on a total valid sample size of 102,232 9th - 12th graders in 196 schools (91 counties¹) across the state. The survey was conducted in four metropolitan and eight non-metropolitan health department regions. The majority of the sample (57%) consists of a random sample of 58,000 students in 108 randomly sampled schools, both public and private, across Tennessee. Further, schools which did not fall into the random sample were given the opportunity to participate and 88 subsequently chose to do so, yielding the final sample. The sample also includes a group of students who were absent on survey day.

¹All counties were given the opportunity to participate in this survey. Missing counties are Rutherford, Williamson, Jefferson, and Lauderdale.