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New Report Details Wisconsin's Problems With Alcohol Abuse

A report released Monday by the Population Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison shows the state continues to be one of the nation's worst when it comes to alcohol abuse. But Wisconsin's rates of drug abuse are, in many cases, equal to or better than national rates. Here's a look at how the state compares to the nation, using the most recent figures available:

- Alcohol-related motor-vehicle deaths (2005): Wisconsin, 6.7 per 100,000 residents; U.S., 5.7 per 100,000 residents.

- Reported rates of driving after drinking among high school students (2005): Wis., 14 percent; U.S., 10 percent.

- Alcohol use among adults (2005): Wis., 68 percent; U.S., 56 percent.

- Drug-related deaths (2004): Wis., 6.4 per 100,000 residents; U.S., 8.7 per 100,000 residents.

- Marijuana use among high school students (2005): Wis., 16 percent; U.S., 20 percent.

Source: University of Wisconsin-Madison Population Health Institute

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