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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. [A](#) | [A](#) | [A](#)

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%; U.S., 10%.

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

-- 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%; U.S., 20%.

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