

MASSACHUSETTS

What are Massachusetts' substance abuse issues?

According to the [2010-2011 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health](#), in a ranking from most prevalent to least prevalent, Massachusetts is among the top ten states for marijuana use in the past month; cocaine use in the past year; and alcohol use and binge alcohol use in the past month.

Community-level health data is available through the [Massachusetts Community Health Information Profile](#) which is a dynamic, user-friendly information service that provides free, online access to a wide array of health and social indicators.

What substance abuse issues do Massachusetts teens face?

According to the [2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#), Massachusetts youth were more likely than their peers nationwide to have used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey, but less likely to have ever drunk alcohol in their lifetime, drink alcohol before the age of 13, or ever use cocaine, methamphetamines, Ecstasy or steroids (without a doctor's prescription) in their lifetime.

What resources are available for Massachusetts families?

The primary agency that works to prevent substance abuse in Massachusetts is the [Bureau of Substance Abuse Services](#) (BSAS), which is within the [Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#) (EOHHS). BSAS oversees the substance abuse and gambling prevention and treatment services in the Commonwealth. The bureau supports the work of [Helpline-Online.com](#), which provides an online directory of prevention and treatment information as well as a toll-free helpline (1-800-327-5050; TTY 1-888-448-8321).

EOHHS also supports [Community Health Network Areas](#), which are local coalitions of public, nonprofit and private sectors working together to build healthier communities in Massachusetts through community-based prevention planning and health promotion. The department provides a [list](#) of communities and contacts for each network.

Massachusetts families are also served by one of The Partnership at Drugfree.org's [state and local alliances](#), the Partnership for a Drug-Free Massachusetts / [Partners in Prevention](#), which is supported by the [Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association](#).

The lead statewide law enforcement agency is the [Executive Office of Public Safety and Security](#), which is the parent organization for the [Department of State Police](#).

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