

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance abuse (also known as drug abuse) is a patterned use of a drug in which the user consumes the substance in amounts or with methods which are harmful to themselves or others, and in a form or substance related to disorder. Widely differing definitions of drug abuse are used in public health, medical and criminal justice contexts. In some cases criminal or anti-social behavior occurs when the person is under the influence of a drug, and long-term personality changes (in individuals) may occur as well. In addition to possible physical, social and psychological harm, use of some drugs may also lead to criminal penalties, although these vary widely depending on the local jurisdiction.



## COST



### EUROPE

The UK Home Office estimated that the social and economic cost of drug abuse in the UK economy in terms of crime, absenteeism and lost wages, is a total of EUR 2.17 billion. Overall, the highest proportion of this total came within the government functions of Health (60%) (e.g. medical services) and Public Order and Safety (POCS) (20%) (e.g. police services, law courts, prisons).



### UNITED KINGDOM

However, the UK Home Office does not estimate what portion of those crimes are unintended consequences of drug production and distribution, or what is the cost of enforcement.



### UNITED STATES

These figures represent overall consumer costs, which can be divided in three major categories: health care, criminal justice expenditures.

Health-related costs were projected to total \$16 billion in 2002. Productivity losses were estimated at \$128.6 billion. In contrast to the other costs of crime which include criminal justice expenditures for goods and services, this value reflects a loss of potential economic work in the labor market and in household production that would have been performed absent the impact of drug abuse.

The non-health care expenditures primarily concern costs associated with the criminal justice system and crime victim costs, but also include a modest level of expenses for administrative costs of the criminal justice system. The total cost of drug abuse at \$142.6 billion. The largest source of costs is for state and federal corrections at \$14.2 billion, which is primarily for the support of prisons. Another \$26 billion was spent for state and local police protection, followed by \$6.2 billion for federal supply reduction initiatives.

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS



### IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Immigrant and refugees have often been under great emotional, physical trauma and depression and anxiety due to separation from loved ones and traumatic events followed by "culture" shock, language barriers, racism, discrimination, economic adversity, overcrowded and squalid housing, and the stress and difficulty obtaining work and forms of transportation and communication.



### STREET CHILDREN

Street children in many developing countries are a high risk group for substance misuse, in particular alcohol abuse. (B) Children are attracted to drug use through street children to provide protection, building the sense against the hardship of life on the street. But drug use provides a link to the support and care that is not available to street children and a potent symbol of shared experience (B).



### MUSICIANS

In order to maintain high-quality performance, some musicians take periodic substance use. Some musicians take drugs to cope with the stress of performing. As a group they have a higher rate of alcohol abuse (B). The most common chemical substance that is abused by pop musicians is cocaine (B) because of its neurological effects.



### VETERANS

Substance abuse can be another contributing factor that affects physical and mental health of veterans. Substance abuse may also damage personal relationships, leading to financial difficulties. There is evidence to suggest that substance abuse disproportionately affects the homeless veteran population.

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# Rehab Near Me Is Helping Americans Find the Best Inpatient or Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

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Rehab Near Me, a nationwide directory of the best rehab centers for drugs and alcohol in the United States, is urging Americans struggling with substance abuse to seek assistance by calling its hotline number.

A cursory look at the substance abuse statistics is enough to raise alarms about just how prevalent the problem has become over the decades. To add context, the number of drug overdose deaths in the United States since the year 2000 is almost up to one million with over 70,000 deaths every year and a year-on-year increase of 4%.

The substance abuse epidemic is not only limited to adults. According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, around 8.33% of all 12- to 17-year-olds have reported using drugs within the last month. Coupled with the rise in the use of opioids, teenage opioid addiction has become a cause for concern for families all over the country with over 5% of all 12th graders reporting they have abused opioids other than heroin at

least once.

“There is no saying when or why one might get sucked down into the downward spiral that has already destroyed countless lives,” says the spokesperson for Rehab Near Me. “It is a cross that no one should have to bear. While efforts are being made for better education among the general population, crawling out of that hole remains a challenge for those who have already succumbed to their demons. If you or someone you love is struggling with substance abuse, know that there are treatment options available, both inpatient and outpatient, that can help you get a new chance at life. Call our hotline number to speak to a representative for any of our many partner treatment centers. You can also visit our website to browse through the plentiful resources on what to expect from drug treatment programs in the United States.”

For some, outpatient treatment is a completely viable option for conquering their addiction. Patients can opt for day programs, intensive outpatient programs (IOP), and continuing care. Throughout the patient’s recovery journey at an outpatient program, they undergo therapy, counseling, and group sessions at a facility or clinic. The biggest benefit that outpatient drug treatment programs offer is the ability to continue living with one’s loved ones or supportive family while the treatment is ongoing.

Patients who need medically supervised addiction treatment can sign up for inpatient drug rehab, also known as residential treatment. Designed to treat severe cases of addiction, patients are required to stay in a rehab facility for the duration of the program. Compared to outpatient rehab, an inpatient rehab program is more intensive and structured with several one-on-one or group treatments and therapies administered during the day.

The patient’s choice will be dictated by the kind of programs that an inpatient treatment center is offering as they may vary based on the kind of substance abuse that they are focused on. However, all live in drug treatment centers provide meals, a room to sleep in, regular therapy sessions, and continuous support supervised by medical professionals.

The spokesperson for Rehab Near Me then talks about what patients should look for when choosing an inpatient rehab treatment program by saying, “First, you must consider the length of the program. We realize it is not easy to upend your entire life and get admitted into rehab for a long duration. However, given the disastrous long-term effects of addiction, it is important to give yourself all the time that you possibly can for recovery. Next, your pick will also depend on your insurance coverage if you are seeking treatment at an in-network facility. You can also opt for facilities that offer payment plans. Finally, you might also want to consider a facility that caters to your specific demographic such as veterans, adolescents, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.”

Readers can call Rehab Near Me's hotline at (855) 339-1112 or write to it at hi@rehabnear.me to get immediate help for themselves, a friend, or a family member.

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For more information about Rehab Near Me, contact the company here: Rehab Near Me James Thomas 855-227-9535 hi@rehabnear.me

## Rehab Near Me

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