Key to Selected Variables

The following key defines selected variables (e.g., demographics) used throughout the Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables. This may be helpful when used in conjunction with the index of tables in identifying tables that contain information for these selected characteristics. However, not all variables listed below are specifically mentioned in the index of tables.¹

**Demographic Characteristics**

Standard Age Categories: 12 or Older, 12-17, 18-25, 26 or Older, 18 or Older

7 Detailed Age Categories: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-20, 21-25, 26-34, 35 or Older

23 Detailed Age Categories: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 or Older

Underage/Legal Drinking Age Categories: 12-20, 21 or Older

Gender: Male, Female

Hispanic Origin and Race: Not Hispanic or Latino White, Not Hispanic or Latino Black or African American, Not Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic or Latino Asian, Not Hispanic or Latino Two or More Races, Hispanic or Latino, Not Hispanic or Latino

Gender/Race/Hispanic Origin: Male White Not Hispanic, Female White Not Hispanic, Male Black Not Hispanic, Female Black Not Hispanic, Male Hispanic, Female Hispanic

Education: Less Than High School, High School Graduate, Some College, College Graduate
(Note: This variable is defined for persons aged 18 or older.)

Current Employment: Full-Time, Part-Time, Unemployed, Other
(Note: This variable is defined for persons aged 18 or older.)

Family Income: Less Than $20,000; $20,000-$49,999; $50,000-$74,999; $75,000 or More

¹ Definitions for many of the measures and terms used in these detailed tables and in the national findings report can be located in the Key Definitions for the 2012 Detailed Tables and National Findings Report (i.e., the glossary) that is provided with these detailed tables.
**Geographic Characteristics**

Region: Northeast, Midwest, South, West

Division: New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, Pacific

County Type: Large Metro counties; Small Metro counties, including counties with a population of 250,000 up to 1 million and counties with a population of less than 250,000; Nonmetro, including urbanized counties, less urbanized counties, or completely rural counties