

ILLINOIS

# States In Brief



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues At-A-Glance

A Short Report from the Office of Applied Studies



## Prevalence of Illicit Substance<sup>1</sup> and Alcohol Use

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) generates state-level estimates for 23 measures of substance use and mental health problems for four age groups: the entire state population over the age of 12 (12+); individuals age 12 to 17; individuals age 18 to 25; and individuals age 26 and older (26+). Since state estimates of substance use and abuse were first generated using the combined 2002-2003 NSDUHs and continuing until the most recent state estimates based on the combined 2005-2006 surveys, Illinois' rates of many drug use measures have consistently been at or below the national rates for all age groups. These include: past month illicit drug use, past month and past year marijuana use; past month use of an illicit drug other than marijuana; and past year nonmedical use of pain relievers. Illinois' rates of alcohol use, however, have generally been at or above the national rates for all age groups and across all survey years.

This is one in a series of brief state-based reports intended to give the reader a quick overview of substance abuse and mental health issues within a single state. The data derive principally from national surveys conducted by the Office of Applied Studies, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Sources for all data used in this report appear at the end.













