

# **2014-2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Other Sources of State-Level Data**

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## Introduction

A variety of surveys and data systems other than the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) collect data on substance use problems and mental disorders. It is useful to consider the results of these other studies when discussing NSDUH data. This document briefly describes one of these other data systems that publish state estimates and presents selected comparisons with NSDUH results. The state-level survey that collects data on substance use discussed in this document is the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Another CDC data system that provides state-level substance use estimates for most but not all states is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). Differences between the YRBS and NSDUH sampling designs, as well as the wider range of age groups used in NSDUH small area estimates, imply that comparisons of estimates are not straightforward. However, ignoring these differences and examining estimates at a national level, the YRBS has been generally shown to have higher estimates but similar long-term trends compared with NSDUH (Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, 2014, 2015, 2016).<sup>1</sup>

When considering the information presented in this document, it is important to understand the methodological differences between these surveys and the impact that these differences could have on estimates of substance use and mental health. Several studies have compared NSDUH estimates with estimates from other studies and have evaluated how differences may have been affected by differences in survey methodology (Brener et al., 2006; Gfroerer, Wright, & Kopstein, 1997; Grucza, Abbacchi, Przybeck, & Gfroerer, 2007; Hennessy & Ginsberg, 2001; Miller et al., 2004). These studies suggest that the goals and approaches of surveys are often different, making comparisons between them difficult. Some methodological differences that have been identified as affecting comparisons include populations covered, sampling methods, mode of data collection, survey setting, questionnaires, and estimation methods.

BRFSS is a state-based system of health surveys that collect information on health risk behaviors (including cigarette and alcohol use), preventive health practices, and health care access primarily related to chronic disease, injuries, and preventable infectious diseases. BRFSS is an annual, state-based telephone (landline and cellular telephone) survey of the civilian, noninstitutionalized adult population aged 18 or older and is sponsored by the CDC. In 2014 and 2015, BRFSS collected data from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Palau, and Guam using a computer-assisted telephone interviewing design. More than 400,000 adults are interviewed each year, and state estimates are presented annually.

In 2011, BRFSS introduced two methodological changes: (1) the inclusion of cellular telephone-only households in the sample, and (2) the incorporation of iterative proportional fitting (also referred to as "raking") in the production of the final BRFSS weights, replacing the use of poststratification. Cellular telephone-only households were added to improve survey coverage of the telephone population and addressed differences in characteristics found between

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<sup>1</sup> For further details about the YRBS and the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), see <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm>.

the cellular telephone-only and landline populations. In 2014 and 2015, BRFSS respondents who had a cellular telephone were eligible for participation in the cellular telephone survey. In 2013, on the other hand, in order to be eligible to participate in the cellular telephone survey, respondents had to be in either a cellular telephone-only household or a household where 90 percent or more of their calls were received on cellular telephones. Because state-level demographic characteristics of cellular telephone-only households are not available, weighting with the previous method of poststratification was no longer feasible. As a result of these methodological changes in 2014, the CDC reported small increases in various health risk indicators, including tobacco use and binge drinking.<sup>2</sup> The pooled 2014-2015 BRFSS state estimates and confidence intervals are weighted design-based estimates (i.e., each respondent is weighted in a way that accounts for the survey design).<sup>3</sup>

Also in 2011, the BRFSS questionnaire underwent some changes in the alcohol consumption and tobacco use sections. In 2010, BRFSS respondents were asked, "During the past 30 days, have you had at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage or liquor?" The response to this question was used to route respondents to the next question regarding the frequency of alcohol use in the past 30 days. However, only the responses to the first question were used to determine past month alcohol use. In the 2011 BRFSS questionnaire, this question was dropped, and respondents were directly asked, "During the past 30 days, how many days per week or per month did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage or liquor?" If a respondent answered "1" or higher to this question, he or she was considered a past month user of alcohol. In spite of the questionnaire changes, BRFSS is still producing an estimate of past month alcohol use that can be compared with the NSDUH estimate. Also, minor wording changes were made in one question in the tobacco use section, but none of these would affect current cigarette use estimates. These newly worded questions were used in the 2012 to the 2015 BRFSS surveys as well.

In both BRFSS and NSDUH, data are collected on the following four substance use and mental health measures in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia:<sup>4</sup>

- past month alcohol use,
- cigarette use ("past month" use for NSDUH and "current" use for BRFSS),

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<sup>2</sup> More detailed information about these methodological changes is available online at the 2014 BRFSS web page: [http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\\_data/annual\\_2014.html](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual_data/annual_2014.html) (specifically, see CDC, 2015).

<sup>3</sup> For more details about BRFSS in general, along with information about the methodological changes introduced in 2011 and 2012 and their impact on BRFSS estimates, see the following two web pages: <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss> and <http://www.cdc.gov/surveillancepractice/reports/brfss/brfss.html>.

<sup>4</sup> The District of Columbia is referred to as a "state" in this document.

- past month binge alcohol use, and
- lifetime doctor-diagnosed depression.<sup>5</sup>

Note that only estimates for the first two of these four measures are compared here because the binge alcohol definition differs in BRFSS and NSDUH and small area estimates of lifetime doctor-diagnosed depression were not produced for NSDUH. The BRFSS and NSDUH questions that were used for the first two measures are shown in the next section.

Past month alcohol use is defined consistently in both BRFSS and NSDUH as having an alcoholic beverage in the past month. In NSDUH, past month cigarette use is defined as having smoked part or all of a cigarette during the past 30 days (i.e., the 30 days prior to the interview). In BRFSS, the cigarette use measure reported is current cigarette use, which is defined as having smoked at least 100 cigarettes during the lifetime and indicating smoking every day or some days at the time of the survey. Because of these subtle but present differences in definitions, the NSDUH cigarette use estimates tend to be higher in that they cover two groups of people that the BRFSS estimates would not: (1) respondents who have not smoked 100 cigarettes in their lifetime but had smoked in the past month, and (2) respondents who had smoked a cigarette earlier in the month but were not smoking at the time of the survey. Both surveys ask about binge alcohol use in the past month; however, as noted earlier, each survey defines it differently. In 2014 and prior years, NSDUH's binge alcohol use definition for males and females was having had five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Starting in 2015, the NSDUH definition for binge drinking for females changed to four or more drinks instead of five or more drinks. Because of this change in definition, 2014-2015 NSDUH state estimates were not produced for past month binge alcohol use. In BRFSS, females are asked about drinking four or more drinks on one occasion, whereas males are asked about drinking five or more drinks on one occasion. Because of the difference in definitions in 2014 and prior years, NSDUH's small area estimates and BRFSS's estimates of binge alcohol use are not considered comparable, and no comparisons are included here. Starting with the 2015-2016 NSDUH state estimation, binge alcohol use estimates will be compared because both BRFSS and NSDUH will define binge drinking in a similar manner.

Beginning in 2011, the question assessing lifetime diagnosed depression was removed from the BRFSS optional anxiety and depression module and placed in the core section of the questionnaire within a group of questions inquiring about various chronic health conditions, such as coronary heart disease and diabetes. Thus, BRFSS estimates for lifetime diagnosed depression are now available for all states. In BRFSS, respondents are simply asked if a doctor, nurse, or other health professional has ever told them that they had a depressive disorder, including depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression. In NSDUH, respondents are considered to have had depression in their lifetime if they answered that a doctor or medical professional has ever told them that they had depression. In the same group of questions asking

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<sup>5</sup> The BRFSS doctor-diagnosed depression measure is based on a question that asks respondents if a doctor or other medical professional had ever told them they had depression. The NSDUH doctor-diagnosed depression measure is based on a similar question that is also asked directly of respondents. However, NSDUH also has a measure based on a series of questions that determines depression using diagnostic criteria defined in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (American Psychiatric Association, 1994).

about depression in both the BRFSS questionnaire and the NSDUH questionnaire, respondents are also asked about heart disease, diabetes, strokes, and asthma. However, because NSDUH's state-level small area estimates are not produced for lifetime diagnosed depression or any of these other health conditions, comparisons with BRFSS data cannot be made. Although state small area estimates have not been produced in NSDUH for these measures, direct estimates of these health measures could be generated using NSDUH data at the state level and compared with BRFSS estimates. Because the focus here is on model-based small area estimates, however, such comparisons with BRFSS data have not been made. Note that NSDUH's state small area estimates are produced for individuals having had a major depressive episode (MDE) in the past year. However, this MDE measure is unrelated to the NSDUH question about being diagnosed with lifetime depression. Instead, NSDUH includes a separate set of questions to assess depression symptoms that are used to measure MDE. Thus, NSDUH's small area estimates for MDE would not be comparable with estimates of the BRFSS depression measure discussed here.

This document presents the findings of the combined 2014-2015 BRFSS state estimates and the combined 2014-2015 NSDUH state estimates for past month alcohol use and cigarette use ("past month" use for NSDUH and "current" use for BRFSS). In [Tables 1 and 2](#) (shown after this text discussion), the pooled 2014-2015 BRFSS state estimates for adults aged 18 or older are shown alongside the pooled 2014-2015 NSDUH small area estimates for the same age group. [Table 1](#) also includes *p* values that indicate whether the BRFSS and NSDUH alcohol use estimates are significantly different from each other for a given state using an exact test as described in the next section. Due to definitional differences in the cigarette use measure, no tests of differences between NSDUH and BRFSS estimates were produced.

## NSDUH and BRFSS Questions

The 2015 NSDUH questions that were used to determine past month alcohol use and when alcohol was last used were worded as follows:<sup>6</sup>

**AL01** Have you **ever**, even once, had a drink of any type of alcoholic beverage? Please do not include times when you only had a sip or two from a drink.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK/REF<sup>7</sup>

**ALLAST3** [IF AL01 = 1 OR ALREF = 1] How long has it been since you **last** drank an alcoholic beverage?

- 1 Within the past 30 days – that is, since [DATEFILL]
  - 2 More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months
  - 3 More than 12 months ago
  - DK/REF
- PROGRAMMER: SHOW 12 MONTH CALENDAR

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<sup>6</sup> To search a PDF of the complete 2015 NSDUH questionnaire, see <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH2015MRB/NSDUHmrbCAIquex2015.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> "DK" = "don't know," and "REF" = "refused."

The 2015 BRFSS question that was used to determine past month alcohol use was worded as follows:<sup>8</sup>

**9.1** During the past 30 days, how many days per week or per month did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage or liquor?

- 1 \_ \_ Days per week
- 2 \_ \_ Days in past 30 days
- 8 8 8 No drinks in past 30 days
- 7 7 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 9 9 Refused

The 2015 NSDUH questions that were used to determine past month cigarette use were worded as follows:

**CG01** Have you **ever** smoked part or all of a cigarette?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK/REF

**CG05** [IF CG01 = 1 OR CGREF1 = 1] Now think about the past 30 days, that is, from [DATEFILL] up to and including today. During the past 30 days, have you smoked part or all of a cigarette?

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - DK/REF
- PROGRAMMER: SHOW 30 DAY CALENDAR

The 2015 BRFSS questions that were used to determine current cigarette use were worded as follows:

**8.1** Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

**NOTE: 5 packs = 100 cigarettes**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

INTERVIEWER NOTE: "For cigarettes, do not include: electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, NJOY, Bluetip), herbal cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, little cigars, pipes, bidis, kreteks, water pipes (hookahs), or marijuana."

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<sup>8</sup> To search a PDF of the complete 2015 BRFSS questionnaire, see <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/questionnaires/pdf-ques/2015-brfss-questionnaire-12-29-14.pdf>.

**8.2** Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

- 1 Every day
- 2 Some days
- 3 Not at all
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

Note that these 2015 NSDUH and 2015 BRFSS questions were the same as the questions used in the 2014 NSDUH and the 2014 BRFSS.

### Methodology for Comparing BRFSS and NSDUH Estimates

The methodology used to compare BRFSS and NSDUH estimates is similar to what is described in Section B.7 of the "2014-2015 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology."<sup>9</sup> Here, the null hypothesis of no difference is tested, that is,  $\pi_b = \pi_n$  (where  $\pi_b$  is the expected value<sup>10</sup> of the BRFSS estimate and  $\pi_n$  is the expected value of the NSDUH estimate) or equivalently that the logs-odds ratio is zero, that is,  $lor = 0$ ,

where  $lor$  is defined as  $lor = \ln \left[ \frac{\pi_b / (1 - \pi_b)}{\pi_n / (1 - \pi_n)} \right]$ , and where  $\ln$  denotes the natural logarithm.

An estimate of  $lor$  is given by  $\hat{lor} = \ln \left[ \frac{p_b / (1 - p_b)}{p_n / (1 - p_n)} \right]$ , where  $p_b$  and  $p_n$  are the 2014-2015

BRFSS state-level design-based estimates and the 2014-2015 NSDUH state model-based estimates, respectively (as given in Tables 1 and 2). To compute the variance of  $\hat{lor}$ , that is,

$v(\hat{lor})$ , let  $\hat{\theta}_b = \frac{p_b}{1 - p_b}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{p_n}{1 - p_n}$ , then

$v(\hat{lor}) = v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b)] + v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_n)] - 2 \text{cov}[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b), \ln(\hat{\theta}_n)]$ . The covariance term can be assumed to be zero because the BRFSS and NSDUH samples are independent.

The quantity  $v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_n)]$  can be obtained by using the 95 percent Bayesian confidence intervals in Tables 1 and 2. For this purpose, let  $(lower_n, upper_n)$  denote the 95 percent Bayesian confidence interval<sup>11</sup> for a given state- $s$ :

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<sup>9</sup> See <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.

<sup>10</sup> The expected value of an estimate is defined as the mean of the observed values of the estimate over repeated samples.

<sup>11</sup> For more information about NSDUH's small area estimation (SAE) confidence intervals, see Section B of the "2014-2015: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology" at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.

$$v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_n)] = \left( \frac{U_n - L_n}{2 \times 1.96} \right)^2,$$

where  $U_n = \ln \frac{upper_n}{1 - upper_n}$  and  $L_n = \ln \frac{lower_n}{1 - lower_n}$ .

The quantity  $v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b)]$  can be obtained by using the 95 percent confidence intervals in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#). For this purpose, let  $(lower_b, upper_b)$  denote the 95 percent BRFSS confidence interval for a given state- $s$ , then  $v(p_b)$  is given by

$$v(p_b) = \left( \frac{upper_b - lower_b}{2 \times 1.96} \right)^2.$$

Now, using the first-order Taylor series approximation,<sup>12</sup>  $v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b)]$  can be calculated from

$$v(p_b) \text{ as follows: } v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b)] = v \left[ \ln \left( \frac{p_b}{1 - p_b} \right) \right] \approx v(p_b) \times \left( \frac{1}{p_b(1 - p_b)} \right)^2.$$

The  $p$  value that is given in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) for testing the null hypothesis of no difference ( $lor = 0$ ) is provided by  $p \text{ value} = 2 * P[Z \geq abs(z)]$ , where  $Z$  is a standard normal random variate,  $z = \frac{\hat{lor}}{\sqrt{v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_b)] + v[\ln(\hat{\theta}_n)]}}$ , and  $abs(z)$  denotes the absolute value of  $z$ .

## Alcohol Use

As can be seen in [Table 1](#), for past month alcohol use, the NSDUH estimates and the BRFSS estimates for more than half of the states were different (i.e., at the 5 percent level of significance, 37 of 51 states had different estimates). However, these two sets of estimates were highly correlated (correlation coefficient = 0.96). [Figures 1](#) and [2](#), which follow the tables, were created by using state estimates from both BRFSS and NSDUH and categorizing the states into five quintiles similar to the process described on the title page of the "2014-2015 NSDUH National Maps of Prevalence Estimates, by State."<sup>13</sup>

As can be seen in [Figures 1](#) and [2](#), eight states with the highest estimates of alcohol use (states shown in red) were the same in the two surveys: Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Note that Massachusetts and North Dakota were the other two states in the top BRFSS group and that

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<sup>12</sup> The first-order Taylor series approximation is defined as  $v[f(x)] \approx v(x)[f'(x)]^2$ , where  $f'(x)$  is the first-order derivative of  $f(x)$ . If  $f(x) = \ln \left( \frac{x}{1-x} \right)$ , then  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x(1-x)}$ .

<sup>13</sup> See footnote 9.

Maine and Oregon were the other two states in the top NSDUH group. Nine states with the lowest estimates of alcohol use were the same in the two surveys: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia. Note that Oklahoma rounded out the bottom BRFSS group and that South Carolina was the other state in the bottom NSDUH group. The lowest estimate of past month alcohol use was in Utah for both BRFSS and NSDUH (see [Table 1](#) and [Figures 1 and 2](#)).

## Cigarette Use

As can be seen in [Table 2](#), the NSDUH estimates of past month cigarette use were always larger than the BRFSS estimates of current cigarette use. Some of this difference is the result of the differences in definitions as discussed earlier in this document; thus, exact tests to examine significant differences between the NSDUH and BRFSS cigarette use estimates are not included. Although the NSDUH estimates tended to be larger, these two sets of estimates were highly correlated (correlation coefficient = 0.93).

[Figures 3 and 4](#) were created using the same method used to produce [Figures 1 and 2](#). As can be seen in [Figures 3 and 4](#), nine states with the highest estimates of cigarette use (states shown in red) were the same in the two surveys: Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Rounding out the top BRFSS group was Tennessee, while Alaska rounded out the top NSDUH group. Seven states with the lowest estimates of cigarette use were the same in the two surveys: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Utah. Note that the other three states in the bottom BRFSS group were Maryland, New York, and Texas and that the other three states in the bottom NSDUH group were Florida, Oregon, and Washington.

## Sample Size Comparisons

The BRFSS estimates are design based, while the NSDUH estimates are model based. Both sets of estimates are based on 2 years of pooled data (2014-2015) The BRFSS sample sizes for a given state were in general much larger than the sample sizes for NSDUH (both over 2 years). In the 2014-2015 NSDUH, the 18 or older sample sizes in the states ranged from 1,383 to 7,072 respondents, with a median sample size of 1,452.<sup>14</sup> For the 2014-2015 BRFSS, all of the states had larger sample sizes as compared with their counterparts in NSDUH. Overall, the BRFSS sample sizes over 2 years for the states varied from a low of 6,689 to a high of 39,981 respondents, with a median sample size of 15,391.<sup>15</sup> Sample size differences of this magnitude explain why the NSDUH Bayesian confidence intervals were generally wider than the corresponding BRFSS design-based confidence intervals.

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<sup>14</sup> See Table C.14 in the "2014-2015 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology."

<sup>15</sup> For more information, see [http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\\_data/annual\\_2015.html](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual_data/annual_2015.html).

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**Table 1 Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State:  
Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014-2015 BRFSS and 2014-2015  
NSDUH**

<b>State</b>	<b>2014-2015 BRFSS (Estimate)</b>	<b>2014-2015 BRFSS (95% Confidence Interval)</b>	<b>2014-2015 NSDUH (Estimate)</b>	<b>2014-2015 NSDUH (95% Confidence Interval)</b>	<b>P Value</b>
Alabama	40.38	(39.29 - 41.48)	47.57	(44.63 - 50.53)	0.000
Alaska	56.28	(54.54 - 58.01)	59.95	(57.08 - 62.76)	0.032
Arizona	50.30	(49.20 - 51.40)	55.60	(52.59 - 58.57)	0.001
Arkansas	40.99	(39.35 - 42.63)	45.26	(42.21 - 48.35)	0.016
California	53.82	(52.88 - 54.76)	55.77	(54.32 - 57.21)	0.028
Colorado	61.07	(60.18 - 61.95)	63.99	(60.92 - 66.96)	0.073
Connecticut	61.68	(60.63 - 62.73)	65.09	(61.94 - 68.13)	0.044
Delaware	52.97	(51.38 - 54.55)	57.99	(54.93 - 60.99)	0.004
District of Columbia	67.08	(65.17 - 68.98)	72.27	(69.65 - 74.74)	0.002
Florida	53.97	(52.94 - 55.00)	58.77	(56.99 - 60.53)	0.000
Georgia	47.96	(46.61 - 49.30)	53.43	(51.06 - 55.79)	0.000
Hawaii	51.41	(50.22 - 52.60)	49.91	(46.83 - 52.99)	0.373
Idaho	47.51	(46.12 - 48.90)	48.72	(45.72 - 51.72)	0.474
Illinois	57.72	(56.43 - 59.01)	58.93	(57.04 - 60.79)	0.300
Indiana	48.63	(47.47 - 49.78)	54.87	(51.85 - 57.86)	0.000
Iowa	58.32	(57.21 - 59.42)	60.75	(57.67 - 63.74)	0.144
Kansas	51.79	(51.11 - 52.46)	57.26	(54.22 - 60.24)	0.001
Kentucky	39.03	(37.84 - 40.21)	46.14	(43.03 - 49.29)	0.000
Louisiana	49.00	(47.75 - 50.25)	54.22	(51.15 - 57.26)	0.002
Maine	59.07	(58.05 - 60.09)	64.62	(61.44 - 67.67)	0.001
Maryland	53.97	(52.70 - 55.24)	63.01	(60.03 - 65.89)	0.000
Massachusetts	61.15	(60.18 - 62.12)	62.11	(59.12 - 65.02)	0.545
Michigan	56.96	(56.01 - 57.91)	58.37	(56.40 - 60.32)	0.206
Minnesota	61.67	(60.98 - 62.35)	64.42	(61.51 - 67.23)	0.070
Mississippi	38.53	(37.09 - 39.97)	42.94	(39.85 - 46.09)	0.011
Missouri	48.41	(47.19 - 49.64)	54.99	(51.82 - 58.12)	0.000
Montana	58.79	(57.55 - 60.03)	62.47	(59.25 - 65.58)	0.036
Nebraska	58.41	(57.60 - 59.21)	62.70	(59.62 - 65.68)	0.008
Nevada	50.66	(48.68 - 52.63)	56.84	(53.60 - 60.03)	0.001
New Hampshire	63.12	(61.88 - 64.37)	68.36	(65.34 - 71.22)	0.002
New Jersey	56.41	(55.40 - 57.42)	61.03	(58.45 - 63.56)	0.001
New Mexico	47.64	(46.36 - 48.92)	51.06	(47.93 - 54.18)	0.047
New York	54.80	(53.78 - 55.81)	58.51	(56.80 - 60.21)	0.000
North Carolina	46.16	(45.12 - 47.20)	49.74	(47.24 - 52.25)	0.009
North Dakota	61.10	(59.80 - 62.39)	63.11	(60.26 - 65.86)	0.206
Ohio	53.00	(51.92 - 54.08)	56.97	(55.06 - 58.85)	0.000
Oklahoma	41.79	(40.66 - 42.92)	49.95	(46.75 - 53.14)	0.000
Oregon	59.21	(57.92 - 60.50)	63.28	(60.24 - 66.21)	0.016
Pennsylvania	54.66	(53.54 - 55.78)	60.82	(58.80 - 62.81)	0.000
Rhode Island	61.79	(60.49 - 63.10)	63.56	(60.37 - 66.64)	0.312
South Carolina	47.71	(46.79 - 48.64)	49.88	(46.91 - 52.85)	0.172
South Dakota	55.95	(54.49 - 57.41)	63.02	(59.98 - 65.96)	0.000
Tennessee	40.58	(39.15 - 42.01)	47.04	(43.89 - 50.20)	0.000
Texas	48.90	(47.83 - 49.96)	52.48	(50.84 - 54.11)	0.000
Utah	30.12	(29.39 - 30.85)	34.99	(32.25 - 37.83)	0.001
Vermont	62.52	(61.43 - 63.61)	64.82	(61.59 - 67.92)	0.183
Virginia	52.88	(51.85 - 53.90)	55.86	(53.47 - 58.22)	0.025
Washington	58.90	(58.01 - 59.78)	61.84	(58.71 - 64.89)	0.076
West Virginia	33.35	(32.33 - 34.38)	44.08	(40.84 - 47.36)	0.000
Wisconsin	63.97	(62.75 - 65.20)	65.34	(62.27 - 68.29)	0.413
Wyoming	52.44	(50.90 - 53.98)	58.73	(55.42 - 61.96)	0.001

NOTE: NSDUH estimates along with 95 percent Bayesian confidence (credible) intervals are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach and are generated by Markov Chain Monte Carlo techniques. BRFSS estimates are based on a survey-weighted direct estimation approach.

NOTE: The *p* value is the probability of no difference between the BRFSS and NSDUH estimates.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2014-2015; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2014-2015.

**Table 2 Cigarette Use among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014-2015 BRFSS and 2014-2015 NSDUH**

<b>State</b>	<b>2014-2015 BRFSS<sup>1</sup> (Estimate)</b>	<b>2014-2015 BRFSS<sup>1</sup> (95% Confidence Interval)</b>	<b>2014-2015 NSDUH<sup>2</sup> (Estimate)</b>	<b>2014-2015 NSDUH<sup>2</sup> (95% Confidence Interval)</b>
Alabama	21.26	(20.29 - 22.22)	26.20	(23.78 - 28.78)
Alaska	19.49	(18.13 - 20.85)	26.74	(24.35 - 29.29)
Arizona	15.23	(14.41 - 16.06)	20.87	(18.75 - 23.15)
Arkansas	24.81	(23.28 - 26.33)	30.10	(27.66 - 32.64)
California	12.27	(11.66 - 12.87)	16.05	(15.06 - 17.08)
Colorado	15.68	(14.99 - 16.37)	21.23	(19.12 - 23.50)
Connecticut	14.44	(13.67 - 15.22)	18.89	(16.84 - 21.13)
Delaware	18.60	(17.30 - 19.91)	24.13	(21.82 - 26.61)
District of Columbia	16.18	(14.54 - 17.82)	20.83	(18.76 - 23.07)
Florida	16.71	(15.90 - 17.52)	20.26	(18.95 - 21.63)
Georgia	17.52	(16.45 - 18.60)	22.26	(20.51 - 24.11)
Hawaii	14.11	(13.25 - 14.98)	17.76	(15.76 - 19.95)
Idaho	14.87	(13.86 - 15.87)	19.26	(17.25 - 21.44)
Illinois	15.82	(14.82 - 16.81)	22.14	(20.65 - 23.69)
Indiana	21.73	(20.71 - 22.74)	28.01	(25.61 - 30.54)
Iowa	18.27	(17.34 - 19.20)	22.85	(20.69 - 25.16)
Kansas	17.90	(17.36 - 18.44)	20.52	(18.48 - 22.71)
Kentucky	26.06	(24.93 - 27.18)	30.94	(28.43 - 33.55)
Louisiana	22.94	(21.84 - 24.03)	28.65	(26.07 - 31.37)
Maine	19.39	(18.47 - 20.31)	21.99	(19.76 - 24.39)
Maryland	14.87	(13.91 - 15.84)	20.58	(18.44 - 22.90)
Massachusetts	14.35	(13.64 - 15.05)	17.81	(15.85 - 19.96)
Michigan	20.95	(20.10 - 21.81)	24.09	(22.59 - 25.65)
Minnesota	16.24	(15.71 - 16.78)	21.02	(18.95 - 23.26)
Mississippi	22.75	(21.47 - 24.03)	27.54	(25.10 - 30.13)
Missouri	21.45	(20.39 - 22.50)	26.96	(24.55 - 29.51)
Montana	19.42	(18.35 - 20.49)	20.92	(18.80 - 23.20)
Nebraska	17.22	(16.58 - 17.86)	23.78	(21.47 - 26.26)
Nevada	17.26	(15.72 - 18.80)	22.99	(20.61 - 25.56)
New Hampshire	16.71	(15.69 - 17.72)	20.99	(18.86 - 23.29)
New Jersey	14.32	(13.60 - 15.04)	18.03	(16.31 - 19.90)
New Mexico	18.32	(17.28 - 19.37)	22.05	(19.74 - 24.55)
New York	14.81	(14.08 - 15.55)	20.99	(19.67 - 22.37)
North Carolina	19.03	(18.18 - 19.88)	22.92	(21.06 - 24.88)
North Dakota	19.31	(18.20 - 20.42)	25.46	(23.34 - 27.69)
Ohio	21.28	(20.33 - 22.24)	27.27	(25.65 - 28.96)
Oklahoma	21.62	(20.61 - 22.62)	27.61	(25.16 - 30.22)
Oregon	17.04	(16.03 - 18.05)	19.20	(17.19 - 21.37)
Pennsylvania	19.03	(18.13 - 19.92)	23.11	(21.60 - 24.68)
Rhode Island	15.88	(14.83 - 16.93)	20.52	(18.23 - 23.02)
South Carolina	20.58	(19.78 - 21.38)	25.28	(23.06 - 27.64)
South Dakota	19.33	(18.12 - 20.54)	23.79	(21.55 - 26.19)
Tennessee	23.06	(21.79 - 24.32)	24.53	(22.21 - 26.99)
Texas	14.88	(14.13 - 15.64)	20.97	(19.73 - 22.27)
Utah	9.37	(8.89 - 9.84)	14.88	(13.04 - 16.94)
Vermont	16.19	(15.33 - 17.05)	23.36	(21.05 - 25.83)
Virginia	18.02	(17.21 - 18.83)	21.72	(20.01 - 23.54)
Washington	15.15	(14.46 - 15.84)	18.83	(16.77 - 21.08)
West Virginia	26.18	(25.19 - 27.17)	31.68	(29.08 - 34.40)
Wisconsin	17.35	(16.34 - 18.35)	22.10	(19.93 - 24.43)
Wyoming	19.27	(17.96 - 20.57)	25.90	(23.48 - 28.48)

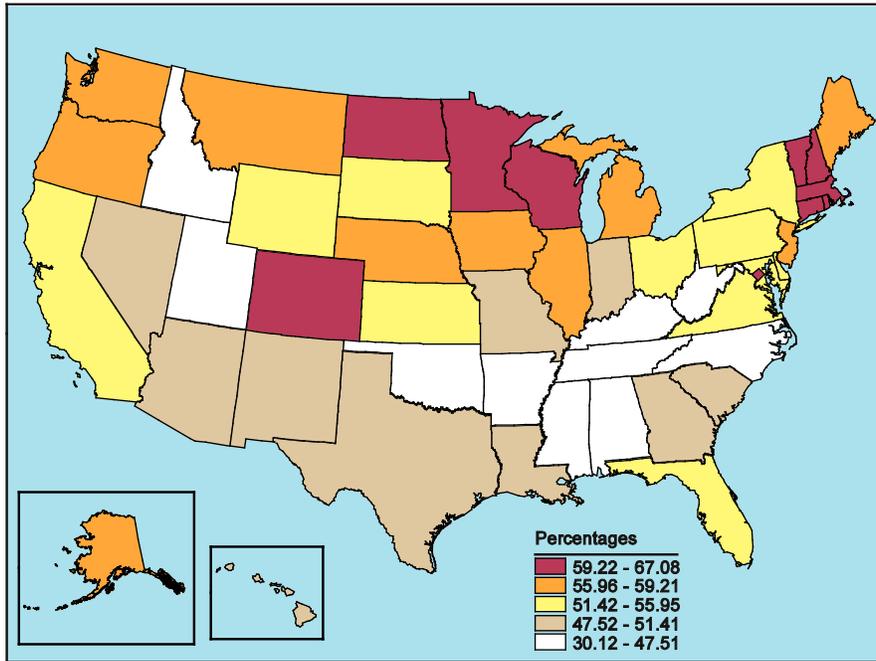
NOTE: NSDUH estimates along with 95 percent Bayesian confidence (credible) intervals are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach and are generated by Markov Chain Monte Carlo techniques. BRFSS estimates are based on a survey-weighted direct estimation approach.

<sup>1</sup> BRFSS respondents were classified as current smokers if they reported having smoked at least 100 cigarettes during their lifetime and indicated that they smoked every day or some days at the time of the survey.

<sup>2</sup> NSDUH respondents were classified as past month cigarette users if they smoked all or part of a cigarette during the past 30 days.

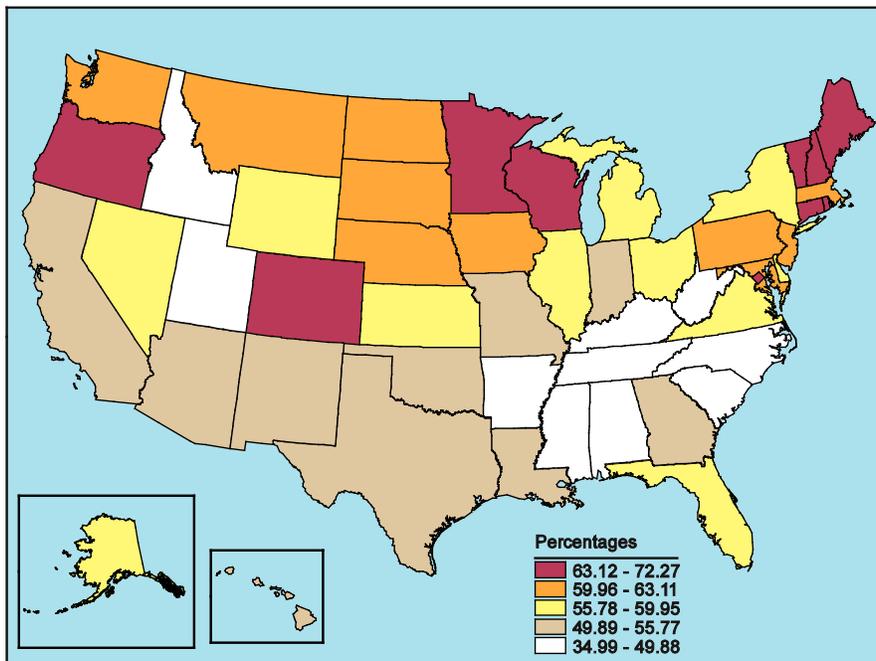
Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2014-2015; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2014-2015.

**Figure 1** *Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014 and 2015 BRFSS*



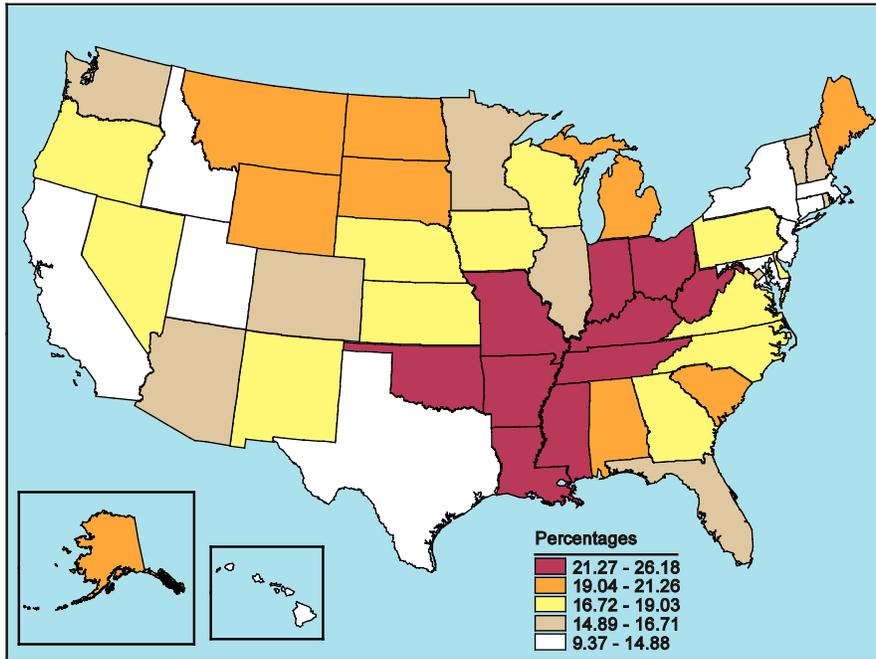
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey, 2014 and 2015.

**Figure 2** *Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014 and 2015 NSDUHs*



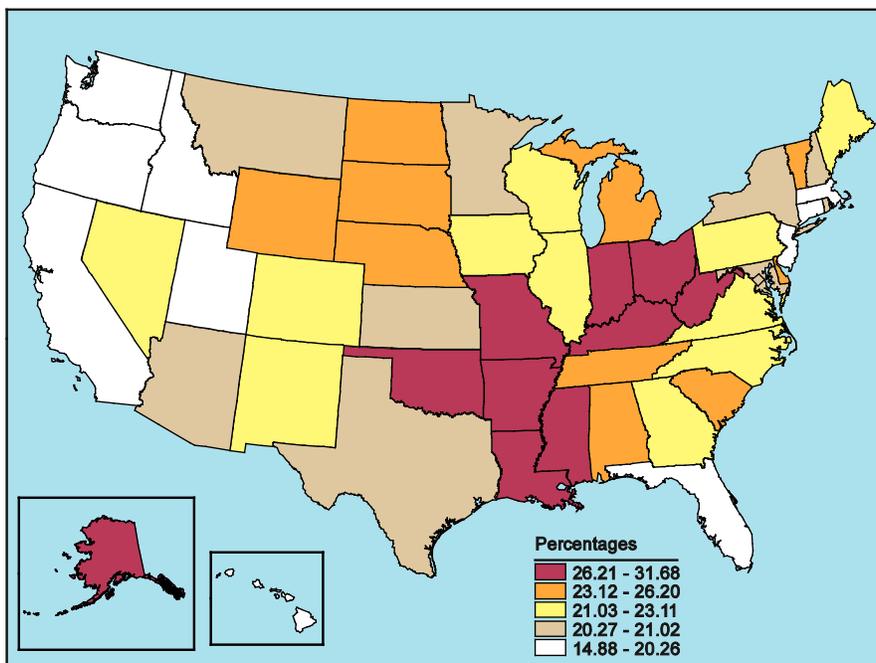
Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, NSDUH, 2014 and 2015.

**Figure 3** *Current Cigarette Use among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014 and 2015 BRFSS*



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey, 2014 and 2015.

**Figure 4** *Cigarette Use in the Past Month among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2014 and 2015 NSDUHs*



Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, NSDUH, 2014 and 2015.

