Community Indicators of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Risk

Kern County

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Introduction

In the mid-1990s the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), in collaboration with the EMT Group, Inc., began work on improving the state’s prevention information systems. A primary goal of this effort was to develop a management information system for consistently and uniformly documenting a) levels of needs for state substance abuse prevention programming b) the nature and extent of program efforts in prevention implemented throughout the state, and c) the effectiveness of these prevention efforts in obtaining intended outcomes.

A key component of this information system was the continuous collection, monitoring, and reporting of selected community-level indicators that would serve as direct and indirect measures of alcohol and other drug use prevalence and related problems. This information system was designed to assist with statewide prevention planning and policy-making by providing useful, systematic data about prevention needs and related conditions throughout the state.

The present report is a product of this ongoing effort. Prepared by the EMT Group, Inc. with ADP funding administered through the University of California, San Francisco, Center for Substance Abuse Policy Research, its purpose is to provide timely, relevant information on the status of alcohol and other drug use problems in California in order to facilitate planning and monitoring of prevention outcomes. Specifically, the report may serve as a tool for planners, policy-makers, and practitioners in the field in their efforts to:

- Determine the prevalence of a problem in the community;
- Identify patterns of need for services;
- Forecast service needs;
- Establish appropriate program resource levels;
- Understand environmental influences in the community; and
- Determine whether intended social change is occurring

The report compiles data on 26 community indicators, including measures of risk factors associated with alcohol and other drug use, measures of overall substance use prevalence, and measures of the consequences associated with problem use. Each indicator and its population-based rate is reported in six-year trends with state and county-level comparisons to allow for monitoring of changes in problem status over time and across geographic area.
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How is the information collected?

The information contained in the report was gathered from public records that are maintained and disseminated by eight major state agencies (“archival data”). This reliance on state level data sources ensures that the information reported is uniform across counties and over time (i.e., all counties use the same data collection procedures), and allows for reliable comparisons between counties and the state, and among counties with similar demographic characteristics (“like-counties”). Each agency source contributing to the report is listed in Table I.1.

How were the indicators selected?

The twenty-six indicators contained in the report were selected based on several key criteria, including:

- Validity: How well does the information measure what it is supposed to measure?
- Reliability: Is the data collected in a consistent manner from year-to-year?
- Availability: Is the information accessible in a timely and useable format?
- Appropriateness and relevance: Does the indicator measure risks or outcomes that have an established theoretical or empirical relationship to substance use and related problems?

As the risk and outcome information system continues to evolve and as new and more sophisticated measures become available, the set of indicators may be expanded or modified, and new selection criteria may be added.

How are the indicators organized?

The organization of the report is based on a framework of alcohol and drug abuse risk and protective factors developed by Hawkins and Catalano through their ongoing work in the prevention research field. This framework identifies four major domains of risk for substance abuse and related problems, including:
• Community factors, such as the availability of substances, community laws and norms favorable to use, extreme economic deprivation, high rates of transition and mobility and social disorganization;
• Family factors, such as family history of substance abuse, poor family management practices, parental drug use and favorable attitudes towards drug use, and family conflict;
• School factors, such as academic failure, low commitment to school, school-related problem behaviors;
• Individual and peer factors, such as peer rejection, early and persistent problem behavior, alienation and rebelliousness, friends who use drugs, favorable attitudes toward drug use, and early initiation of drug use.

In addition to the four broad domains, indicators are further classified into subdomains which group measures that are conceptually linked within the same broad domain area. Together, these domains and subdomains provide a logical basis for organizing indicators as they relate to differing prevention strategies and outcomes.

**How is the information presented?**

The report is designed to serve as a simple, easy-to-use resource for understanding and interpreting community-level data on substance use in California. To facilitate its use, the document contains several basic analytic techniques to assist with data interpretation.

First, in order to make meaningful comparisons between geographic areas that differ in population size, or comparisons between differing time points, each raw indicator has been converted into a population-based rate that describes the event in relation to a standard population size, such as the number of occurrences for every 1,000 people residing in the state or in a given county. Rates are calculated as the number of events divided by the total population size, then multiplied by the population standard (e.g., 1,000). Although rates are intended to facilitate interpretation, it should be noted that in cases where an indicator measures a relatively rare event (e.g., deaths due to alcohol and drug use) rates may be unstable, or prone to wide fluctuations from year to year, particularly when applied to relatively small populations. For this reason, rates measuring rare events or rates for counties with very small population size should be interpreted with caution.

Also for comparative purposes, data is presented at both the county and state level to allow county rates to be evaluated against a relative average. Each indicator is also compared to a three-year average rate for a subset of counties that are considered to be similar in demographic characteristics to the county under consideration (see Appendix A for groupings of “like-counties”). Characteristics that contribute to the classification of “like-counties” include the relative size of the youth population, race/ethnic distribution, poverty status, and proportion of the population living in urban or rural settings.
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For each indicator, counties are also ranked in ascending order based on an average of their three most current years of data. A low rank (e.g., 4th of 58) indicates that the county rate is low relative to other counties in the state and thus, that the population has a low relative level of substance use risk for that indicator.

Throughout the report, information is presented for three to six years of data depending on the availability of the indicator. For those indicators with six complete years of information, the trend in rates over time has been analyzed using a simple correlation to determine both the direction of the trend and whether the trend is statistically meaningful (i.e., whether a true relationship exists between time in years and the value of the rate). Trends found to be significant are labeled as increasing or declining, while those that show no statistical importance are considered “undetermined” trends.

In addition to presenting data at the indicator level, individual measures have been mathematically combined into a standardized composite score measuring overall alcohol and other drug abuse risk. To calculate the composite score, individual indicators were first converted into standardized rates (also known as z-scores) that measure the relative deviation of the county rate from the statewide average. For example, a standardized score of .75 would indicate that the county’s absolute rate (e.g., 14.8 arrests per 1,000 population) would fall .75 standard deviations above the state average, while a standardized rate of -.75 would fall .75 deviations below the statewide mean. Once rates have been standardized to a common scale, they are averaged to create an aggregate measure of total alcohol and other drug risk.

Collectively, these analytic tools will help translate statistical observations and data into a “real world” profile of community conditions related to alcohol and other drug use.

How is the report organized?

The body of the report is organized into three major sections. The first section presents information on overall alcohol and drug abuse risk as measured by the standardized composite score. The second section presents county-level data for each of the twenty-six indicators, organized according to the four major domain areas. The reports concludes with a section presenting state and county level comparative data, including geographic depictions of three-year average rates for all counties in California.
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Risk Indicator

Standardized Composite Score

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Composite Indicator of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Risk

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Table AD.2
1997-1999 Comparisons
Three Year Average Rates

Kern | .14
California | .0002
County Cluster Urban "D" | .08
Statewide Ranking | 38th

Table AD.3
Yearly Composite Rates for Subdomains
1994-1999

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Exhibit AD.1
Alcohol & Drug Risk

Undetermined Trend Line
r = .086, p-value = .872

Standardizing Rates

The composite score of alcohol and drug risk is calculated by standardizing each of the indicator rates to a common scale (z-score) based on a mathematical calculation of the standard deviation. This common scale allows indicators to be combined, through averaging, into a single measure of substance use risk that may be compared across county and over time.
Table AD.4
3-Year Avg. Composite Rates for Subdomains

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Table AD.3
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Risk Composite Indicator
Three-Year Average Composite Rate

Exhibit AD.2
County Comparison of Three-Year Average Rates 1997-1999
Table 1.1.1
Total Unemployed, Total Labor Force and Annual Unemployment Rate

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Table 4.3.3
Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999

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Source:
CA Health and Welfare Agency,
Employment Development Department
Labor Market Information Division

Data Notes & Limitations
Rate calculations do not include estimates of discouraged workers who are no longer actively seeking employment, unemployed persons who fail to file for benefits, or persons who are underemployed.
Section I: Community Domain
Social/Economic Stability

Table 1.2.1
Population Growth per Annum (% Change per Year)

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<td>Total Pop (Year 2)</td>
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<td>% Change</td>
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1997-1999 Comparisons Three Year Average Rates

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Data Notes & Limitations
The population growth rate measures the increase or decrease in total county population size over a one-year period; the rate does not account for differential rates of growth or decline across individual cities or communities.

Source:
CA Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit
Table 1.3.1
Total Legal Immigrants and Immigration Rate per 1000 Population

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<td>1820</td>
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<td>2722</td>
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<td>Total Population</td>
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1997-1999 Comparisons
Three Year Average Rates

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Exhibit 1.3
Legal Foreign Immigration Rate per 1000 Population


Undetermined Trend Line
r = -.314, p-value = .544

Table 1.3.3
Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999

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Data Notes & Limitations

The legal foreign immigration rate does not include undocumented aliens, refugees seeking asylum who are waiting for approval of applications, or non-legal aliens approved for temporary residence.

The number of immigrants per county is based on intended destination of residence.

Source:
CA Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

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Reported Crimes

Indicator 1.4

Table 1.4.1
Reported Crimes and Rate per 1,000 Population

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1997-1999 Comparisons
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Data Notes & Limitations
The crime rate documents the incidence of selected offenses including homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

The reported crime rate tends to understate the total level of criminal victimization due to lack of detection and under reporting among crime.
Table 1.5.1
Total Retail Liquor Outlets per 100,000 Total Population

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<th>Total Population</th>
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<td>1995</td>
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Exhibit 1.5
Total Retail Liquor Outlets per 100,000 Total Population

![Declining Trend Line](image)

Table 1.5.2
1997-1999 Comparisons
Three Year Average Rates

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Annual State & County Comparisons
1994-1999

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Data Notes & Limitations
Selected retail establishments may be required to have multiple licenses (i.e., off-sale, on-sale), so that the number of liquor licenses dispensed may exceed the actual number of retail outlets.
Adult Arrests for Drug Violations  

Indicator 1.6

Table 1.6.1  
Adult Arrests for Drug Violations and Rate per 1,000  
Population Ages 18-69

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Table 1.8.2  
1997-1999 Comparisons  
Three Year Average Rates

- Kern: 16.4
- California: 11.1
- County Cluster Urban “D”: 12.7
- Statewide Ranking: 53rd

Table 1.8.3  
Annual State & County Comparisons  
1994-1999

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Data Notes & Limitations

No adjustment is made for repeat offenders or arrests made on new charges while an arrestee is under an out-warrant.

The nature and volume of arrests may be influenced by changes in law enforcement legislation, police manpower, and patrol procedures, limiting the comparability of data over time and across jurisdictions.

Source:
CA Department of Justice,  
Criminal Justice Statistics Center
Table 1.7.1  
**Adult Arrests for Driving-Under-the-Influence and Rate per 1,000 Population Ages 18-69**

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**Undetermined Trend Line**  
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**Data Notes & Limitations**

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The nature and volume of arrests may be influenced by changes in law enforcement legislation, police manpower, and patrol procedures, limiting the comparability of data.
## Section I: Community Domain

### Adult Alcohol & Drug Use

#### Adult Arrests for Alcohol Violations

**Indicator 1.8**

**Table 1.8.1**

Adult Arrests for Alcohol Violations (Excluding DUI) and Rate per 1,000 Population Ages 18-69

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Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999

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The nature and volume of arrests may be influenced by changes in law enforcement legislation, police manpower, and patrol procedures, limiting the comparability of data over time and across jurisdictions.

Source:

CA Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center

**Exhibit 1.8**

Adult Arrest Rate for Alcohol Violations per 1,000 Population Ages 18-69

Undetermined Trend Line

\[ r = .116, \text{ p-value = .827} \]
Table 1.9.1
Alcohol-Involved Motor Vehicle Fatal and Injury Accidents and Rate per 100,000 Licensed Drivers

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1997-1999 Comparisons Three Year Average Rates

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Exhibit 1.9
Alcohol-Involved Accident Rate per 100,000 Licensed Drivers

Undetermined Trend Line
r = -.543, p-value = .266

Table 1.9.3
Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999

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Source:
California Highway Patrol (CHP), Statewide Integrated Traffic Safety Unit (SWITRs)

Data Notes & Limitations
Rates are estimated based on fatal and injury accidents only, excluding all accidents classified as Property Damage Only (PDO).

Rates may underestimate actual occurrence due to under reporting.
Table 1.10.1
Treatment Admissions and Rate per 1,000 Population 18 Years and Over

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Exhibit 1.10
Adult Treatment Admission Rate per 1,000 Population 18 Years and Over

Undetermined Trend Line
r = -.314, p-value = .544

Table 1.10.3
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Data Notes & Limitations

Admission rates do not account for the utilization of services provided outside of the publicly-funded alcohol and drug treatment and recovery system.

Admission rates are directly linked to program capacity and treatment demand, and are consequently, less useful as measures of overall prevalence of substance abuse in the general population.

Source:
CA Health and Human Services Agency, CA Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
Table 1.11.1
Hospital Discharges for Alcohol & Drug Related Causes and Rate per 100,000 Population

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<td>737</td>
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Data Notes & Limitations
Hospital dischargerates only include discharges for diagnoses directly attributable to alcohol and drug use. The measure excludes cases where the onset of disease may partially attributable to substance use behaviors.
### Table 1.12.1
**Total Number of AIDS Cases and Rate per 100,000 Population**

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<td>123</td>
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<td>82</td>
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### Exhibit 1.12
**Total Number of AIDS Cases and Rate per 100,000 Population**

Declining Trend Line

\[ r = -.943^{**}, \quad p\text{-value} = .005 \]

### Table 1.12.3
**Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999**

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**Data Notes & Limitations**

Data was not available for counties with fewer than two reported cases; to allow for rate calculations, a value of one has been substituted for counties with unavailable data.

The number of reported AIDS cases represents the total number of cases caused by both intravenous drug use and other modes of transmission.
Deaths Due to Alcohol & Drug Use

Table 1.13.1
Deaths Due to Alcohol & Drug Use and Rate per 100,000 Population

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Source:
CA Health & Welfare Agency,
Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs

Data Notes & Limitations
Mortality rates are often subject to a high degree of variability due to the small number of events used to calculate rates. It is important to use caution when interpreting trends over time and comparisons across small geographic areas.
Temporary Aid to Needy Families

Table 2.1.1
Total TANF Recipients and % of Total Population Receiving Assistance

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1996, 1998-1999 Comparisons Three Year Average Rates

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Annual State & County Comparisons 1994-1999

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Exhibit 2.1
Total TANF Recipients as a % of Total Population

Undetermined Trend Line
r = -.771, p-value = .072

Source:
CA Health & Welfare Agency,
Department of Social Services,
Statistical Services Bureau

Section II:
Family Domain

Family Risk

Data Notes & Limitations

The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program replaces the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cash assistance program. Caseload data prior to 1997 is not comparable to current figures.

The number of persons receiving TANF benefits is estimated using a one-month sample caseload; caseloads may vary from month-to-month within the reporting year.
**Table 2.2.1**
Domestic Violence Calls for Assistance and Rate per 100,000 Population Ages 18-69 Years

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**Exhibit 2.2**
Domestic Violence Calls per 100,000 Population 18-69 Years

Declining Trend Line
\[ r = -1.000^{**}, \text{p-value} = .000 \]

**Data Notes & Limitations**
Domestic violence calls for assistance may underestimate the actual incidence of family violence due to widespread under reporting.

No adjustment is made for repeated incidents.

Source:
CA Department of Justice,
Criminal Justice Statistics Center
Table 2.3.1
Emergency Response Dispositions per 1000 Population Under 18 Years

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* Data not available for 1997 due to changes in reporting procedures

Exhibit 2.3
Emergency Response Disposition Rate per 1000 Population Under 18 Years

Undetermined Trend Line
r = .543, p-value = .266

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1996, 1998-1999 Comparisons Three Year Average Rates

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Data Notes & Limitations

The number of dispositions does not include child abuse referrals where information is insufficient and cases cannot be substantiated.

No adjustment is made for the repeated incidence of child abuse or neglect within a single family (i.e., multiple reports within a given year).

Source:
CA Health & Welfare Agency, Department of Social Services, Statistical Services Bureau
Section II:  
Family Domain  
Family Functioning  

Children in Foster Care  
Indicator 2.4

Table 2.4.1  
Foster Care Placements and Rate per 1000 Population Under 18 Years

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Exhibit 2.4  
Foster Care Placements per 1000 Population Under 18 Years

Declining Trend Line  
r = .812*, p-value = .050

Data Notes & Limitations  
The percentage of children living in foster care is estimated using a one-month sample foster care caseload (i.e., point-prevalence) of children living in foster family and group placements.

Source:  
CA Health & Welfare Agency,  
Department of Social Services,  
Statistical Services Bureau
School Domain
School Dropouts

Indicator 3.1

Table 3.1.1
Annual High School Dropouts and Rate per 100 Students Enrolled in Grades 9-12

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Exhibit 3.1
Annual High School Dropout Rate per 100 Student Enrolled Grades 9-12

Declining Trend Line
\( r = -1.000^*, p\text{-value} = .000 \)

Data Notes & Limitations
Enrollment data for small student populations may vary widely from year to year. It’s important to use caution when interpreting trends and comparisons across student populations.

Source:
CA Department of Education,
California Basic Educational Demographics (CBEDS)
School Alcohol & Drug-Related Incidents

Table 3.2.1
School Alcohol & Drug-Related Incidents and Rate per 1,000 Enrolled Students

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1996-97-1998-99 Comparisons
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Source:
CA Department of Education,
California Safe Schools Assessment (CSSA)

Data Notes & Limitations
The total number of school-based alcohol and drug incidents may be influenced by variations in enforcement and reporting, limiting the comparability of data over time and across districts.
Table 3.3.1  
School Violence Incidents and Rate per 1,000 Students Enrolled

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Data Notes & Limitations

The total number of school-based violent crime incidents may be influenced by variations in enforcement and reporting, limiting the comparability of data over time and across districts.

Source:  
CA Department of Education,  
California Safe Schools Assessment (CSSA)
Table 4.1.1
Juvenile Arrests for Alcohol and Drug Offenses and Rate per 1,000 Population Ages 10-17

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Source:
CA Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center

Exhibit 4.1
Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Arrest Rate per 1,000 Population 10-17 Years

Increasing Trend Line
$r = .886^{**}, p-value = .019$

Data Notes & Limitations
No adjustment is made for repeat offenders or arrests made on new charges while an arrestee is under an out-warrant.

The nature and volume of arrests may be influenced by changes in law enforcement legislation, police manpower, and patrol procedures, limiting the comparability of data over time and across jurisdictions.
Adolescent Admissions to Alcohol and Drug Treatment  

Indicator 4.2

Table 4.2.1
Adolescent Treatment Admissions and Rate per 1,000 Population Under 18 Years

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Data Notes & Limitations
Admission rates do not account for the utilization of services provided outside of the publicly-funded alcohol and drug treatment and recovery system.

A admission rates are directly linked to program capacity and treatment demand, and are consequently, less useful as measures of overall prevalence of substance abuse in the general population.

Source:
CA Health and Human Services Agency,
CA Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
Table 4.3.1
Law Enforcement Dispositions for All Offenses and Rate per 100,000
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Data Notes & Limitations
No adjustment is made for repeat offenders or arrests made on new charges while an arrestee is under an out-warrant.

The nature and volume of arrests may be influenced by changes in law enforcement legislation, police manpower, and patrol procedures, limiting the comparability of data over time and across jurisdictions.

Source:
CA Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Information Center
Table 4.4.1
Reported Runaways and Rate per 1,000 Population
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Exhibit 4.2
Reported Runaway Rate per 100,000 Youth Under Age 18

Data Notes & Limitations
The reported runaway rate is likely to understate actual incidence due to cases in which no missing persons report is filed with law enforcement agencies; no adjustment is made for habitual runaways.

Source:
CA Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Information Center, Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPS)
Births to Teen Mothers

Table 4.5.1
Births to Teen and Rate per 1000 Female Population Ages 15-19

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Data Notes & Limitations

The teen birth rate measures the number of females ages 15-19 who carry a pregnancy to term; the rate does not reflect the overall incidence of pregnancy in the adolescent female population.
## Table 4.6.1
Adolescent Suicides and Rate per 100,000 Population Under 18 Years

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Source:
CA Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Section

### Data Notes & Limitations
The suicide rate is subject to a high degree of variability due to the small number of events used to calculate rates. It is important to use caution when interpreting data trends and comparisons across small geographic areas.
State & County Data Comparisons
## Table S.1

**County Rankings by Indicator for All California Counties**

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CA Health & Welfare Agency,
Employment Development Department,
Labor Force Information Division

Source
CA Department of Finance,
Demographic Research Unit
Indicator 1.5
Retail Alcohol Outlets per 100,000 Population
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Source
CA Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)

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Adult Arrests for Drug Offenses per 1,000 Population 18-69
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Source
CA Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center
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Adult AOD Treatment Admissions per 1,000 Population Over 18
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Source
California Highway Patrol (CHP), Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS)

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CA Health & Welfare Agency, Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs
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Hospital Discharges for AOD Related Causes per 100,000 Community Domain

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AIDS Case Rate per 1,000 Population Community Domain

Source
CA Health & Welfare Agency, Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS
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Source
CA Health & Welfare Agency,
Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs

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CA Health & Welfare Agency,
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Indicator 2.2
Domestic Violence Calls per 1,000 Population Ages 18-69
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Source
CA Department of Justice,
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Indicator 2.3
Emergency Response Dispositions per 1,000 Population Under 18
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Source
CA Health & Welfare Agency,
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Source
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CA Department of Education,
California Basic Educational
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School Alcohol & Drug Incidents per 1000 Students Enrolled
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Source
CA Department of Education,
CA Safe Schools Assessment (CSSA)

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CA Department of Justice,
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Indicator 4.2
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Source
CA Health & Welfare Agency,
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
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Reported Runaways per 1,000 Youth Under Age 18
Individual/Peer Domain

Source
CA Department of Justice, Missing & Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPS)

Indicator 4.4
Births to Teens per 1,000 Female Population Ages 15-19
Individual/Peer Domain

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CA Health & Welfare Agency, Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Section
Indicator 4.5
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Individual/Peer Domain

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CA Department of Justice,
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Indicator 4.6
Adolescent Suicides per 1,000 Population Under Age 18
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CA Health & Welfare Agency,
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### Appendix A
Listing of County Clusters and Description of Demographic Characteristics

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