

# Illicit Drug Use by Sub-group

## Highlights

- Illicit drug use is highest among those living in the most deprived areas of Saskatoon (26.2%), and those living in Saskatoon compared to rural areas of the Region (16.3%) (Table 1).
- To learn more about the data, click [here](#).

**Table 1: Individuals Using Illicit Drugs at Least Once in the Past 12 Months, Excluding One-time Use of Cannabis, by Sub-group, Saskatoon Health Region, 2011/2012**

	Number using illicit drugs in the past year excluding one time cannabis	Percent using illicit drugs in the past year excluding one time cannabis	Lower CI	Upper CI
Total Saskatoon Health Region	38,958	14.7	11.9	17.5
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	20,470	15.4	11.2	19.7
Female	18,487	13.9	9.7	18.1
<b>Age Group (Years)</b>				
12-19	NR	NR	NR	NR
20-44	30,406	26.0	20.2	31.8
45-64	NR	NR	NR	NR
65+	NR	NR	NR	NR
<b>Household Income Level</b>				
Lowest income quintile*	10,138	18.9	10.6	27.2
Second lowest income quintile*	8,205	15.2	7.6	22.8
Middle income quintile*	5,826	11.1	5.8	16.4
Second highest income quintile*	6,393	11.9	6.3	17.5
Highest income quintile*	8,395	16.2	7.9	24.6
<b>Socio-economic status by deprivation index</b>				
Most deprived areas*	12,005	26.2	16.0	36.3
Second most deprived areas*	8,663	21.0	12.2	29.9
Middle areas*	6,345	15.2	5.9	24.5
Second least deprived areas	NR	NR	NR	NR
Least deprived areas*	4,705	9.6	3.5	15.7
<b>Education Level</b>				
Less than high school	NR	NR	NR	NR
High school graduate*	5,214	9.6	3.6	15.6
Some post-secondary*	5,522	35.6	18.5	52.6
Post-secondary graduate	21,531	14.7	10.3	19.2

**Table 1 (continued): Individuals Using Illicit Drugs at Least Once in the Past 12 Months, Excluding One-time Use of Cannabis, by Sub-group, Saskatoon Health Region, 2011/2012**

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<b>Ethnicity</b>				
White	27,993	12.8	9.8	15.8
Visible Minority*	9,861	24.0	13.0	34.9
<b>Immigrant status</b>				
Recent immigrant	NR	NR	NR	NR
Long term immigrant	NR	NR	NR	NR
Non-immigrant	37,748	16.0	12.8	19.1
<b>Geography</b>				
Rural Saskatoon Health Region*	3,583	7.4	3.0	11.8
Urban Saskatoon city	35,375	16.3	12.8	19.8
<b>Geography by Rural Planning Zones</b>				
Humboldt and Area	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rosthern and Area	NR	NR	NR	NR
Watrous and Area	NR	NR	NR	NR
Saskatoon Area	NR	NR	NR	NR

\* Use estimate with caution, high sampling variability.

NR=not reportable due to low sample size.

Estimates have been weighted to the Saskatoon Health Region population.

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