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General Workplace Impact of Substance Abuse, Part II

Substance Use and Abuse in Particular Industries

Employers in certain industries may be more at risk for employee substance use and abuse.

- The major industry groups with the highest prevalence of illicit drug use in the past month were accommodations and food services and construction, and those with the lowest prevalence were the utilities industry, educational services, and public administration.
- About 16.9 percent of workers in the accommodations and food services industry and 13.7 percent of workers in the construction industry reported illicit drug use in the past month.
- About 3.8 percent of workers in the utilities industry, 4.0 percent of workers in the educational services industry, and 4.1 percent of workers in the public administration in-



dustry reported past month illicit drug use.

- The major industry groups with the highest prevalence of heavy alcohol use were construction, arts, entertainment and recrea-

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tion, and mining, and those with the lowest were health care and social assistance and educational services.

- About 15.9 percent of workers in the construction industry and 13.6 percent of workers in the arts, entertainment and recreation industry reported heavy alcohol use in the past month.
- In contrast, 4.0 percent of workers in the educational services industry and 4.3 percent of workers in the health care and social assistance industry reported heavy alcohol use.

Likewise, workers in certain occupations may be more at risk for problems with substance use and abuse.

- Workers in food service and construction occupations showed a higher prevalence of illicit drug use during the past month than other occupational groups, while those in protective service, community and social services, and education and related services occupations showed the lowest prevalence rates.
- About 17.4 percent of food service workers and 15.1 percent of construction workers used illicit drugs in the past month.
- About 3.4 percent of protective service workers, 4.0 percent of community and social services workers, and 4.1 percent of education, training, and library workers used illicit drugs in the past month.
- Construction occupations and installation, maintenance, and repair occupations showed higher prevalence of heavy alcohol use in the past month, while community and social services occupations showed the lowest prevalence rates.
- About 17.8 percent of construction and extraction workers and 14.7 percent of installation, maintenance, and repair workers reported heavy alcohol use in the past month.
- In contrast, 2.8 percent of community and social services workers reported heavy alcohol use in the

past month.

Source: US Department of Labor. Part III: Substance Abuse During Work Hours. For additional information, see the “client area” at www.AmericanDrugTesting.net or call 843-747-4111.

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