

El Camino College **Compton Center**

Student and Employee Drug and Alcohol Survey Fall 2009

A periodic survey of students and workforce is required by the U.S. Department of Education at all colleges and universities receiving financial aid support. Survey questions cover topics such as tobacco, alcohol and drug use, potential problems with drugs and alcohol, and awareness of, and interest in, support services.

Survey Result Highlights – Part 2

Drug and Alcohol Use - STUDENTS

1. The most common substance used was alcohol, followed by hard liquor and cigarettes.
2. Twenty-four percent reported drinking beer or wine in the last 30 days (22% of students under age 21 reported the same—see full report). The percentages are slightly lower for hard liquor (20%).
3. The illegal substance with the highest rate of experience (ever used %) was marijuana (22%).
4. An overwhelming majority of students thought that the “typical student” used these substances much more than students actually reported. Seventy percent of students thought that the typical student smoked cigarettes regularly, but 30% of students reported ever smoking and 17% had smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days.

STUDENTS Drug or Substance	Never Used %		Ever Used %		Used in last 30 days %	
	Other Students	Self	Other Students	Self	Other Students	Self
Cigarettes	16%	70%	84%	30%	70%	17%
Tobacco from water pipe	40%	88%	60%	12%	40%	2%
Cigars/clover cigarettes	33%	91%	67%	9%	52%	2%
Smokeless tobacco	47%	97%	53%	3%	39%	1%
Beer or wine	19%	55%	81%	45%	70%	24%
Hard Liquor	23%	57%	77%	43%	67%	20%
Marijuana (recreational)	21%	78%	79%	22%	69%	9%
Cocaine	50%	96%	50%	4%	35%	1%
Methamphetamines	51%	95%	49%	5%	33%	1%
Other amphetamines	52%	92%	48%	8%	37%	2%
Sedatives	60%	95%	40%	5%	24%	1%
Hallucinogens	61%	97%	39%	3%	25%	1%
Anabolic Steroids	61%	98%	39%	2%	25%	0%
Opiates	65%	99%	35%	1%	22%	1%
Inhalants	60%	98%	40%	2%	24%	0%
MDMA (ecstasy)	52%	94%	48%	6%	33%	3%
Other Club Drugs	61%	99%	39%	1%	27%	1%
Other Illegal	50%	96%	50%	4%	36%	1%
Drugs without Rx	53%	97%	47%	3%	35%	1%

Student Drug Use Observed by Employees

1. A large majority of employees reported never seeing or hearing students discuss drugs or alcohol, the exception to this being cigarettes, which nearly half noted they see cigarettes used frequently on campus.
2. No drug on this survey was immune to being seen or heard about at some time by the faculty, the rarest being “hallucinogens” and “opiates”.
3. Very few drugs were exposed to the faculty more than occasionally, the top ones being cigarettes (48%), beer or wine (11%), and marijuana (11%).

Substance	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Daily
Cigarettes	16%	13%	23%	34%	14%
Tobacco from water pipe	85%	11%	2%	2%	0%
Cigars/clover cigarettes	60%	16%	16%	5%	2%
Smokeless tobacco	81%	13%	4%	2%	0%
Beer or wine	65%	11%	13%	9%	2%
Hard Liquor	65%	13%	16%	4%	2%
Marijuana (recreational)	55%	23%	13%	9%	2%
Cocaine	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%
Methamphetamines	93%	4%	4%	0%	0%
Other amphetamines	87%	9%	4%	0%	0%
Sedatives	93%	6%	2%	0%	0%
Hallucinogens	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Anabolic Steroids	95%	4%	0%	2%	0%
Opiates	98%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Inhalants	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%
MDMA (ecstasy)	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Other Club Drugs	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%
Other Illegal	89%	9%	0%	1%	0%
Drugs without Rx	85%	11%	4%	0%	0%

Frequency of Use - EMPLOYEES

1. Students overall have tried the various substances at some point at higher percentages than the employees, except for smokeless tobacco and hard liquor.
2. The majority of employees (80%-98%) has never tried any of these substances and even have used any of them in the last 20 days.

Substance	Never Used	Ever Used	Recently Used
Cigarettes	79%	21%	8%
Cigars/clover cigarettes	95%	5%	*
Smokeless tobacco	96%	4%	*
Beer or wine	45%	55%	42%
Hard Liquor	56%	44%	24%
Marijuana (recreational)	93%	7%	*
Other Illegal	98%	2%	*

* represent less than 5 responses.

Socializing off Campus - STUDENTS and EMPLOYEES

1. When asked about socializing off campus, 56% of students said they did *not* drink alcohol during their latest social gathering. Seventy percentage of under-age students reported abstaining from alcohol.
2. Of the other 44% which did consume alcohol, about 21% kept it to 1-2 drinks, 13% had from 3-11 and 0% had more than 12 drinks.
3. This compares to the students opinions similar to the other drug responses where most students believe that the typical student consumes more alcohol than students reported. About 63% of students believe the typical student consumes 3-11 drinks when socializing, and only 10% thought that typical students consume no alcohol.
4. The employees surveyed also thought more students drank alcohol while socializing off campus. Only 2% of employees surveyed thought students consumed no alcohol and most employees believed students to drink about 3-4 alcoholic drinks.

Number of Drinks Consumed	Typical Student	Student Self-Report	Employee Opinion of STUDENTS drinking	Employee Self-Report
Zero 0	10%	66%	2%	62%
1-2	26%	21%	18%	36%
3-4	25%	10%	31%	2%
5-6	27%	<1%	13%	0%
7-11	3%	2%	0%	0 % (7+)
12+	8%	0%	0%	
Don't Know	N/A	N/A	36	

Attitudes about Drugs and Alcohol- STUDENTS and EMPLOYEES

1. More than half of students (about 70%-97%) said that the behaviors listed were never okay.
2. The greatest percent of students (97%) said it was never okay to drink and drive, while the second largest percent (95%) said it was never okay to drink until passing out.
3. Ninety-two percent of students said they do not have a problem with drugs or alcohol but 35% said they believed a friend (not necessarily a class or schoolmate) had a drug or alcohol problem (percentages not shown).
4. All employees stated they have no problems with drugs or alcohol but 20% said they feel a colleague has a problem (percentages not shown below).

Action/Substance	Never	Sometimes	Anytime	Not sure
Under Age Drinking	71%	22%	5%	2%
Drinking until Passed Out	95%	3%	0%	0%
Driving Under the Influence	97%	3%	0%	0%
Taking Party Drugs	95%	3%	0%	2%
Smoking Pot	70%	22%	6%	2%
Smoking Tobacco	70%	17%	9%	4%
Taking Drugs to Wake Up or Chill Out	85%	10%	2%	3%

More detailed findings, especially by age of student, will be available in the complete report of the Drug and Alcohol Survey.