Table 6.36A Perceived Recovery from a Substance Use Problem or Mental Health Issue: Among People Aged 18 or Older; by Demographic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Demographic Characteristic	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2019)	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2020)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2019)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2020)
TOTAL	21,233	21,047	33,971	35,834
AGE GROUP				
18-25	1,720	1,582	6,791	7,053
26 or Older	19,512	19,465	27,181	28,781
26-49	9,602	10,008	15,677	16,985
50 or Older	9,911	9,457	11,503	11,796
GENDER				
Male	13,207	12,481	13,201	13,301
Female	8,026	8,567	20,770	22,533
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE				
Not Hispanic or Latino	18,875	18,556	30,111	31,713
White	16,400	15,654	25,450	26,923
Black or African American	1,382	1,698	2,344	2,379
AIAN	153	198	187	98
NHOPI	62	13	69	*
Asian	335	346	1,176	1,241
Two or More Races	544	647	885	1,034
Hispanic or Latino	2,358	2,491	3,860	4,122
EDUCATION LEVEL				
< High School	2,166	1,914	2,526	2,211
High School Graduate	4,849	6,134	5,642	7,129
Some College/Associate's Degree	7,878	7,358	12,012	12,381
College Graduate	6,340	5,641	13,792	14,113
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Full-Time	10,884	9,496	17,130	17,516
Part-Time	2,908	3,039	5,971	5,934
Unemployed	1,105	1,242	1,502	1,884
Other ³	6,336	7,271	9,369	10,501

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Table 6.36B Perceived Recovery from a Substance Use Problem or Mental Health Issue: Among People Aged 18 or Older; by Demographic Characteristics, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Demographic Characteristic	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2019)	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2020)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2019)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2020)
TOTAL	8.6	8.4	13.7	14.4
AGE GROUP				
18-25	5.2	4.8	20.4	21.3
26 or Older	9.1	9.0	12.7	13.3
26-49	9.6	9.9	15.6	16.9
50 or Older	8.7	8.1	10.1	10.2
GENDER				
Male	11.0	10.3	11.0	11.0
Female	6.2	6.6	16.2	17.5
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE				
Not Hispanic or Latino	9.1	8.9	14.5	15.2
White	10.4	9.9	16.3	17.2
Black or African American	4.7	5.6	8.0	7.9
AIAN	11.1	14.0	13.6	7.0
NHOPI	6.3	1.4	7.0	*
Asian	2.3	2.4	8.2	8.7
Two or More Races	12.5	13.8	20.3	22.3
Hispanic or Latino	5.8	6.0	9.5	10.0
EDUCATION LEVEL				
< High School	7.3	6.7	8.5	7.8
High School Graduate	8.1	8.9	9.4	10.3
Some College/Associate's Degree	10.3	9.7	15.7	16.3
College Graduate	7.7	7.4	16.8	18.4
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Full-Time	8.8	8.2	13.9	15.2
Part-Time	9.0	9.8	18.5	19.2
Unemployed	11.3	9.6	15.3	14.7
Other ³	7.7	8.0	11.4	11.6

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Demographic Characteristic	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2019)	In Recovery from a Substance Use Problem ¹ (2020)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2019)	In Recovery from a Mental Health Issue ² (2020)
TOTAL	75.5	72.5	70.7	65.9
AGE GROUP				
18-25	69.0	63.4	65.9	61.8
26 or Older	76.2	73.4	72.0	66.9
26-49	73.3	70.0	69.2	64.9
50 or Older	79.2	77.3	76.4	70.2
GENDER				
Male	76.1	71.8	70.7	64.3
Female	74.6	73.6	70.7	66.8
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE				
Not Hispanic or Latino	75.4	72.8	70.9	66.3
White	76.2	72.4	71.9	66.7
Black or African American	71.9	76.3	61.4	58.1
AIAN	*	*	*	*
NHOPI	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	73.9	75.3
Two or More Races	73.5	*	68.4	68.7
Hispanic or Latino	76.4	70.8	69.4	63.0
EDUCATION LEVEL				
< High School	78.1	82.4	65.1	57.2
High School Graduate	76.9	76.1	65.4	61.1
Some College/Associate's Degree	79.6	71.8	69.5	66.0
College Graduate	69.5	67.3	75.5	70.2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Full-Time	73.1	66.7	72.3	68.5
Part-Time	75.4	76.8	71.1	66.3
Unemployed	76.3	71.1	63.6	57.4
Other ³	80.1	80.1	69.0	63.3

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