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GENERAL SUBSTANCES										
Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol	233,013	<i>231,538</i>	9,284	<i>8,054</i>	223,729	<i>223,484</i>	28,259	<i>26,936</i>	195,470	<i>196,548</i>
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	226,914	<i>225,990</i>	8,891	<i>7,715</i>	218,022	<i>218,274</i>	27,563	<i>26,348</i>	190,459	<i>191,926</i>
Tobacco Products or Alcohol	229,306	<i>227,681</i>	7,375	<i>6,274</i>	221,931	<i>221,407</i>	27,626	<i>26,164</i>	194,306	<i>195,242</i>
ILLICIT DRUGS	138,027	<i>138,543</i>	6,090	<i>5,229</i>	131,937	<i>133,314</i>	18,832	<i>17,879</i>	113,104	<i>115,435</i>
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING										
Tobacco Products	--	<i>164,014</i>	--	<i>4,214</i>	--	<i>159,800</i>	--	<i>16,857</i>	--	<i>142,944</i>
Nicotine Vaping	167,786	<i>160,117</i>	3,177	<i>2,312</i>	164,609	<i>157,805</i>	17,776	<i>15,413</i>	146,833	<i>142,392</i>
	--	<i>34,498</i>	--	<i>3,156</i>	--	<i>31,342</i>	--	<i>8,965</i>	--	<i>22,377</i>
ALCOHOL	220,958	<i>220,231</i>	6,641	<i>5,702</i>	214,317	<i>214,528</i>	26,622	<i>25,246</i>	187,695	<i>189,283</i>
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	1,326	<i>1,325</i>	12	<i>10</i>	1,314	<i>1,315</i>	113	<i>100</i>	1,201	<i>1,216</i>
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	11,344	<i>10,883</i>	608	<i>509</i>	10,736	<i>10,374</i>	1,780	<i>1,445</i>	8,955	<i>8,929</i>
Kratom ¹	3,935	<i>4,879</i>	101	<i>79</i>	3,834	<i>4,800</i>	855	<i>808</i>	2,980	<i>3,992</i>
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	<i>7,163</i>	--	<i>304</i>	--	<i>6,858</i>	--	<i>1,263</i>	--	<i>5,595</i>
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	<i>811</i>	--	<i>13</i>	--	<i>798</i>	--	<i>78</i>	--	<i>720</i>

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GENERAL SUBSTANCES										
Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol	84.7	83.6	37.3	32.2	89.4	88.7	83.8	80.4	90.3	90.0
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	82.4	81.6	35.7	30.9	87.1	86.6	81.7	78.7	87.9	87.9
Tobacco Products or Alcohol	83.3	82.2	29.6	25.1	88.7	87.9	81.9	78.1	89.7	89.4
ILLICIT DRUGS	50.2	50.0	24.5	20.9	52.7	52.9	55.8	53.4	52.2	52.8
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING										
Tobacco Products	61.0	57.8	12.8	9.3	65.8	62.6	52.7	46.0	67.8	65.2
Nicotine Vaping	--	12.5	--	12.6	--	12.4	--	26.8	--	10.2
ALCOHOL	80.3	79.5	26.7	22.8	85.6	85.2	78.9	75.4	86.7	86.7
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	4.1	3.9	2.4	2.0	4.3	4.1	5.3	4.3	4.1	4.1
Kratom ¹	1.4	1.8	0.4	0.3	1.5	1.9	2.5	2.4	1.4	1.8
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	2.6	--	1.2	--	2.7	--	3.8	--	2.6
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	0.3	--	0.1	--	0.3	--	0.2	--	0.3

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GENERAL SUBSTANCES										
Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol ¹	197,541	<i>194,674</i>	7,119	<i>5,908</i>	190,422	<i>188,766</i>	26,287	<i>24,790</i>	164,135	<i>163,976</i>
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	187,022	<i>185,922</i>	6,826	<i>5,726</i>	180,196	<i>180,196</i>	25,368	<i>24,203</i>	154,828	<i>155,993</i>
Tobacco Products or Alcohol ¹	193,278	<i>189,929</i>	5,832	<i>4,935</i>	187,446	<i>184,994</i>	25,614	<i>24,195</i>	161,832	<i>160,799</i>
ILLCIT DRUGS	57,203	<i>59,277</i>	4,279	<i>3,436</i>	52,924	<i>55,841</i>	13,193	<i>12,398</i>	39,731	<i>43,443</i>
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING¹	--	<i>70,779</i>	--	<i>3,002</i>	--	<i>67,777</i>	--	<i>11,764</i>	--	<i>56,013</i>
Tobacco Products ¹	71,977	<i>64,415</i>	2,072	<i>1,406</i>	69,905	<i>63,009</i>	11,874	<i>9,638</i>	58,032	<i>53,371</i>
Nicotine Vaping	--	<i>17,908</i>	--	<i>2,367</i>	--	<i>15,541</i>	--	<i>6,047</i>	--	<i>9,494</i>
ALCOHOL	179,144	<i>177,718</i>	5,274	<i>4,633</i>	173,870	<i>173,084</i>	24,279	<i>23,286</i>	149,591	<i>149,799</i>
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	185	<i>183</i>	5	<i>*</i>	180	<i>182</i>	40	<i>24</i>	139	<i>158</i>
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	2,042	<i>2,368</i>	231	<i>223</i>	1,812	<i>2,145</i>	350	<i>389</i>	1,461	<i>1,757</i>
Kratom ²	1,997	<i>2,101</i>	59	<i>48</i>	1,938	<i>2,052</i>	447	<i>286</i>	1,491	<i>1,766</i>
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	<i>1,066</i>	--	<i>207</i>	--	<i>859</i>	--	<i>313</i>	--	<i>546</i>
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	<i>118</i>	--	<i>10</i>	--	<i>108</i>	--	<i>33</i>	--	<i>75</i>

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GENERAL SUBSTANCES										
Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol ¹	71.8	<i>70.3</i>	28.6	<i>23.6</i>	76.1	<i>74.9</i>	77.9	<i>74.0</i>	75.8	<i>75.1</i>
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	68.0	<i>67.1</i>	27.4	<i>22.9</i>	72.0	<i>71.5</i>	75.2	<i>72.3</i>	71.5	<i>71.4</i>
Tobacco Products or Alcohol ¹	70.2	<i>68.6</i>	23.4	<i>19.8</i>	74.9	<i>73.4</i>	75.9	<i>72.2</i>	74.7	<i>73.6</i>
ILLICIT DRUGS	20.8	<i>21.4</i>	17.2	<i>13.8</i>	21.1	<i>22.2</i>	39.1	<i>37.0</i>	18.3	<i>19.9</i>
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING¹										
Tobacco Products ¹	--	<i>25.6</i>	--	<i>12.0</i>	--	<i>26.9</i>	--	<i>35.1</i>	--	<i>25.6</i>
Nicotine Vaping	26.2	<i>23.3</i>	8.3	<i>5.6</i>	27.9	<i>25.0</i>	35.2	<i>28.8</i>	26.8	<i>24.4</i>
	--	<i>6.5</i>	--	<i>9.5</i>	--	<i>6.2</i>	--	<i>18.1</i>	--	<i>4.3</i>
ALCOHOL	65.1	<i>64.2</i>	21.2	<i>18.5</i>	69.5	<i>68.7</i>	72.0	<i>69.5</i>	69.1	<i>68.6</i>
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	0.1	<i>0.1</i>	0.0	<i>*</i>	0.1	<i>0.1</i>	0.1	<i>0.1</i>	0.1	<i>0.1</i>
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	0.7	<i>0.9</i>	0.9	<i>0.9</i>	0.7	<i>0.9</i>	1.0	<i>1.2</i>	0.7	<i>0.8</i>
Kratom ²	0.7	<i>0.8</i>	0.2	<i>0.2</i>	0.8	<i>0.8</i>	1.3	<i>0.9</i>	0.7	<i>0.8</i>
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	<i>0.4</i>	--	<i>0.8</i>	--	<i>0.3</i>	--	<i>0.9</i>	--	<i>0.3</i>
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	<i>0.0</i>	--	<i>0.0</i>	--	<i>0.0</i>	--	<i>0.1</i>	--	<i>0.0</i>

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GENERAL SUBSTANCES										
Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol	165,344	<i>162,517</i>	3,739	<i>3,053</i>	161,605	<i>159,464</i>	21,593	<i>20,003</i>	140,012	<i>139,461</i>
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	149,061	<i>148,467</i>	3,502	<i>2,874</i>	145,559	<i>145,593</i>	20,169	<i>19,047</i>	125,391	<i>126,546</i>
Tobacco Products or Alcohol	160,450	<i>157,681</i>	2,794	<i>2,351</i>	157,655	<i>155,330</i>	20,505	<i>18,958</i>	137,151	<i>136,372</i>
ILLICIT DRUGS	35,803	<i>37,309</i>	2,167	<i>1,679</i>	33,636	<i>35,630</i>	8,406	<i>8,016</i>	25,231	<i>27,614</i>
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING										
Tobacco Products	58,074	<i>51,694</i>	947	<i>598</i>	57,127	<i>51,096</i>	8,203	<i>6,434</i>	48,924	<i>44,662</i>
Nicotine Vaping	--	<i>10,442</i>	--	<i>1,277</i>	--	<i>9,165</i>	--	<i>3,923</i>	--	<i>5,243</i>
ALCOHOL	139,727	<i>138,522</i>	2,346	<i>2,061</i>	137,381	<i>136,461</i>	18,323	<i>17,260</i>	119,058	<i>119,201</i>
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	73	<i>68</i>	4	<i>*</i>	69	<i>68</i>	16	<i>*</i>	53	<i>67</i>
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	778	<i>766</i>	44	<i>23</i>	734	<i>743</i>	134	<i>112</i>	600	<i>631</i>
Kratom ¹	869	<i>1,008</i>	26	<i>36</i>	843	<i>972</i>	171	<i>82</i>	672	<i>890</i>
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	<i>468</i>	--	<i>123</i>	--	<i>345</i>	--	<i>171</i>	--	<i>174</i>
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	<i>51</i>	--	<i>8</i>	--	<i>43</i>	--	<i>11</i>	--	<i>31</i>

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Illicit Drugs, Tobacco Products, or Alcohol	60.1	58.7	15.0	12.2	64.6	63.3	64.0	59.7	64.6	63.8
Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	54.2	53.6	14.1	11.5	58.2	57.8	59.8	56.9	57.9	57.9
Tobacco Products or Alcohol	58.3	56.9	11.2	9.4	63.0	61.7	60.8	56.6	63.3	62.4
ILLICIT DRUGS	13.0	13.5	8.7	6.7	13.4	14.1	24.9	23.9	11.6	12.6
TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR NICOTINE VAPING										
Tobacco Products	21.1	18.7	3.8	2.4	22.8	20.3	24.3	19.2	22.6	20.4
Nicotine Vaping	--	3.8	--	5.1	--	3.6	--	11.7	--	2.4
ALCOHOL	50.8	50.0	9.4	8.2	54.9	54.2	54.3	51.5	55.0	54.6
OTHER SUBSTANCES										
GHB	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0
Nonprescription Cough or Cold Medicine	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Kratom ¹	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4
Synthetic Marijuana (Fake Weed, K2, Spice)	--	0.2	--	0.5	--	0.1	--	0.5	--	0.1
Synthetic Stimulants ("Bath Salts," Flakka)	--	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0

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