

National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) – Purposes

- Use of illicit drugs by population
- Relationship among different drug usages
- Measures changes over time
- Provides estimates at individual state level

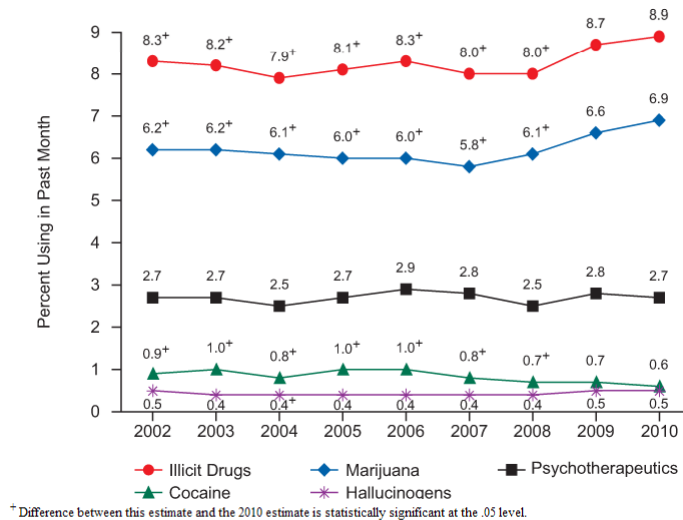
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NSDUH – Key Design Features

- Target population
 - U.S. household members
 - 12 years old and over
- Multi-stage area probability sample within each state
 - ~70,000 persons
- Repeated cross-section survey
- Interviewer-administered
 - Computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI)
 - Audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (ACASI) for most sensitive items

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NSDUH – Past Month Use of Selected Illicit Drugs among Persons Aged 12 or Older: 2002-2010



<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/population-data-nsduh>

NSDUH – Design Issues

Underreporting of most sensitive, socially undesirable behaviors

Effects of self-administration on quality of reports

Lower reports by experienced interviewers