ABOUT A.A.

A.A. can be found almost everywhere, almost all the time – in more than 114,000 groups throughout the world. We welcome opportunities to cooperate with others who are providing help to alcoholics.

Look for A.A. in your phone book, newspaper or write to: Grand Central Station, Box 459, New York, NY 10163. General information is available on our Web site: www.aa.org

IN 2011 more than 8,000 A.A. members from the U.S. and Canada participated in a random survey of the membership. Such studies have been conducted every three to four years since 1968 by the General Service Office.

Alcoholics Anonymous conducts this survey to keep members informed on current trends in membership characteristics. The survey also provides information about A.A. to the professional community and to the general public as part of A.A.'s purpose to carry our message to those who still suffer from alcoholism.

GENDER OF MEMBERS



COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP

White	87%
Hispanic	5%
Black	4%
Native American	2%
Asian	1%
Other	1%



A.A. PREAMBLE®

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

2011 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

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AGE OF MEMBERS

Under Age 21	2%	
Age 21 to 30	11%	
Age 31 to 40	15%	
Age 41 to 50	24%	
Age 51 to 60	27%	
Age 61 to 70	15%	
Over 70	6%	

Average Age of Members is 49 Years.

MARITAL STATUS OF MEMBERS

Married	Single	Divorced	Other
36%	34%	22%	8%

GROUP MEMBERSHIP



86% of the members belong to a home group.

INTRODUCTION TO A.A.*

Through an A.A. member	34%		
Treatment facility	32%		
Self-motivated / / /	29%		
Family	25 %		
Court order	12%		
Other	8%		
Counseling agency	7%		
Health Professional	7%		
Employer or fellow worker	4%		
Non-A.A. friend or neighbor	3%		
Correctional facility	2%		
Al-Anon or Alateen member	2%		
A.A. literature	2%		
Newspaper/magazine/radio/TV	1%		
Member of clergy	1%		
Internet	1%		



RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

75% of members' doctors know they are in A.A.

40% of members said they were referred to A.A. by a health care professional

LENGTH OF SOBRIETY (YEARS)

27% 24%				12%					36%						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	+
	Sober	betwee	n 1-5 ye	ears	ars Sober between 5-10 years						han 10	years			

Sober less than 1 year

The average length of members sobriety is almost ten years.



Members attend an average of

2.6 A.A. meetings per week.

SPONSORSHIP

81% of members have a sponsor.

72% got a sponsor within 90 days.



^{*} These numbers do not add up to 100% because respondants were allowed to select more than one.

ADDITIONAL HELP . . .



BEFORE coming to A.A., 63% of the members received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.

74% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played an important part in directing them to A.A.

AFTER coming to A.A., **62%** of the members received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.

82% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played an important part in their recovery from alcoholism.

MEMBERS OCCUPATIONS

17%	Retired
10%	Other (including self-employed)
10%	Unemployed
9%	Manager / Administrator
8%	Professional / Technical
8%	Skilled trade
6%	Disabled (not working)
6%	Health professional
5%	Laborer
5%	Sales worker
3%	Educator
3%	Student
3%	Service worker
2%	Clerical worker
2%	Homemaker
2%	Transportation
1%	Craft worker