

Press Release

November 20, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Dr. Sharon Harris

516- 676-2008

safeglencove@yahoo.com

SAFE Glen Cove Coalition: SAMHSA 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Conducted annually, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) provides nationally representative data on the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs; substance use disorders; mental health issues; and receipt of substance use and mental health treatment among the noninstitutionalized population aged 12 or older in the United States. NSDUH estimates allow researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and the public to better understand and improve the nation's behavioral health. The 2022 sample size was 71,369 and used multi-mode collection methods in gathering the self-reported data from respondents.

The following are estimates from the 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH).

- In 2022, 48.7 million people aged 12 or over (or 17.3%) has a substance use disorder (SUD) in the past year , including 29.5 million who had an alcohol use disorder (AUD), 27.2 million who had a drug use disorder (DUD) and 8 million people suffering from both AUD and DUD
- Among the 137.4 million (or 48.7%) current alcohol users aged 12 or older in 2022, a little less than half (or 44%) were past month binge drinkers. About a quarter of people aged 12 or older (or 26%) who were binge drinkers in the past month were heavy alcohol users in 2022.
- Among the 5.8 million (or 15.1%) of underage people aged 12 to 20 who were past month alcohol users in 2022, over a half were past month binge drinkers (or 54%), and around 20% of underage people who were binge drinkers in the past month were heavy alcohol users.
- In 2022, 70.3 million people aged 12 or older (or 24.9%) used illicit drugs in the past year. Marijuana was the most used illicit drug, with 22.0% of people aged 12 or older (or 61.9 million people) using it in the past year.

SAMHSA works to improve behavioral health across the nation and is committed to ensuring that all people facing mental health or substance use challenges are connected to appropriate services and supports. The annual survey results help inform their efforts to expand access to treatment options and recovery supports across the nation using data and evidence critical to ensuring policies and programs have the greatest opportunity to achieve positive outcomes.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is charged with improving the quality and availability of treatment and rehabilitative services in order to reduce illness, death, disability, and the cost to society resulting from substance abuse and mental illnesses. For more information about SAMHSA please visit www.samhsa.gov.

The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition is conducting an opioid prevention awareness campaign entitled, "Keeping Glen Cove SAFE," in order to educate and update the community regarding opioid use and its consequences. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or visit SAFE's website to learn more about the Opioid Epidemic at www.safeglencove.org.