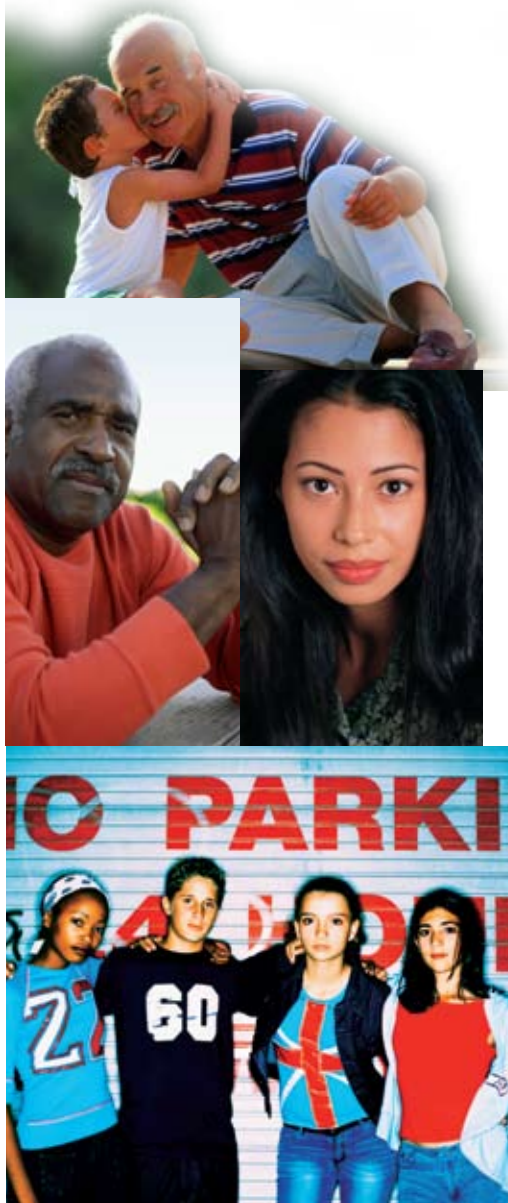




# States In Brief

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues At-A-Glance

A Short Report from the Office of Applied Studies



## Prevalence of Illicit Substance<sup>1</sup> and Alcohol Use

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) generates state-level estimates for 23 measures of substance use and mental health problems for four age groups: the entire state population over the age of 12 (12+); individuals age 12 to 17; individuals age 18 to 25; and individuals age 26 and older (26+). Since state estimates of substance use and abuse were first generated using the combined 2002-2003 NSDUHs and continuing until the most recent state estimates based on the combined 2005-2006 surveys, Texas has ranked among the 10 States with the lowest<sup>2</sup> rates on the following measures (Table 1):

**Table 1: Texas is among those states with the lowest rates of the following:**

Measure	Age Groups
Past Month Illicit Drug Use	12+, 12-17, 18-25
Past Month Marijuana Use	All age groups
Past Year Marijuana Use	All age groups

Despite the low prevalence of marijuana use in Texas, the prevalence of cocaine use in the age group 12 to 17 has demonstrated a rate among the *highest* in the country across all survey years.















