



NC-TOPPS SNAPSHOT

Adult Substance Abusing Hispanic Consumers



According to U.S. Census data, within the next 50 years, Hispanics will comprise the second largest percentage group living in America. An increasing number of these individuals are choosing North Carolina as their home. "North Carolina has the fastest growing Latino population in the country (The North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM), 2003)". Approximately 9.2 million individuals reside in the state. Of this number 645,569 or seven percent of North Carolinians are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This snapshot examines characteristics of Adult Hispanic and non-Hispanic NC-TOPPS consumers diagnosed with a substance abuse condition. In the following table, Hispanic figures are displayed on the left side of each column and non-Hispanic figures are displayed on the right side of each column.

Table 1. Demographic and Dispositional Characteristics of Hispanic and non-Hispanic Consumers at Initial Interview

73% 27%	Co-Occurring SA Only MH & SA	63% 37%	63% 24%	Housing Private Residence Institution or Facility	73% 5%	11% 9%	Barriers To Treatment SA Symptoms Transportation	13% 11%
78% 17% 2%	Health Insurance Uninsured Medicaid Medicare	66% 26% 4%	28% 17% 56%	Employment Full Time Part Time Unemployed	20% 14% 66%	20% 8% 8%	Service Utilization Past 3 Months Emergency Room Telephone crisis Hospitalization	29% 17% 11%
15% 25% 36%	Criminal Justice Involvement Arrests Past Month Under Supervision Jailed or Detention Past 3 Months	10% 31% 17%	22% 9% 6%	Behavioral Problems Suicidal attempts Hurt Another Hurt Self	26% 12% 8%	65% 60% 46%	Substance Use Past 12 Months Heroin/opiate, cocaine, or marijuana Heavy Alcohol Marijuana	73% 46% 47%
10% 42% 29% 14% 1%	Age Group 18 to 20 21 to 30 31 to 40 41 to 50 51 to 60	6% 30% 27% 25% 10%	63% 55% 14% 13% 13%	DSM_IV Diagnosis Drug Dependence Alcohol Depend. Drug Abuse Major Depression Alcohol Abuse	66% 40% 20% 20% 12%	58% 42% 35% 33% 30%	Important Service Needs Educational Job Medical Transportation Legal	41% 59% 44% 41% 36%

Rounding error or multiple item responses may yield totals more than 100%.

Percentage point differences in demographic and dispositional characteristics are observed between Adult Substance Abusing Hispanics (N=478) and non-Hispanics (N=17,378).

- **Housing.** Fewer percentages of Hispanics reside in a private residence and greater percentages reside in an institution or facility.
- **Employment & Health Insurance.** Although Hispanics have higher percentages of employment than others, non-Hispanics have higher percentages of insured than Hispanics.
- **Service Utilization.** Lower percentages of Hispanics have utilized crisis services in the past 3 months.
- **Criminal Justice Involvement.** A higher percentage of Hispanics has been arrested or spent nights in a jail or detention.
- **Substance Use & DSM-IV Diagnosis.** Lower percentages of Hispanics abuse heroin/opiates, cocaine, or marijuana; yet, a higher percentage of these individuals consume heavy alcohol and have an alcohol dependence diagnosis.
- **Service Needs.** Education ranks as the most important service need of Hispanic consumers followed by employment; while employment is most important service need for non-Hispanics with medical needs second.

TIME PERIOD: INITIAL ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED JULY 1, 2008– APRIL 30, 2009

SOURCE: NC-TOPPS ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONSUMERS: HISPANIC – STATEWIDE

* This report excludes methadone consumers.