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Core Survey

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How We Use It

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Core Survey

- Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education
- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Survey Format

- Long and Short Forms
- Paper Pencil
- Online
Measures

- behaviors of actual AOD use
- consequences of use
Quantifies

- attitudes
- perceptions
- opinions about alcohol and drugs
Benefits

- Nationally Normed
- Benchmarking data to:
  - national
  - regional
  - state data
  - peer institutions
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The Student Conduct and Community Standards Office has conducted the Core Survey 6 times over 10 years.
In Class Assessments

- Selected a representative pool of courses and asked faculty to permit us to conduct the survey in their class
- Utilized from School of Education Grads to Proctor
- Pencil and paper assessment
Years Conducted

2009
2010
2012
2014
2015
2016
Number of Subjects

2009 = 656
2010 = 289
2012 = 505
2014 = 471
2015 = 637
2016 = 486
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- 30 Day Alcohol Use
- Marijuana Use
- Other Illegal Drugs
- Drinking Rates
- Binge Drinking
Underage students (younger than 21) consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days
Marijuana 30-day and Annual Prevalence

- Used marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence")
- Current marijuana users ("30-day prevalence")
Other Illegal Drug Use

- Used an illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence")
- Current users of illegal drugs other than marijuana ("30-day prevalence")

10% 10% 10% 9% 9% 15%

3% 3% 4% 4% 4% 6%
Drinking Rates

Average Number of Drinks per Week

2009 = 4.3

2016 = 3.2
Binge Drinking Rates

2009 = 40.8%  (national average of 44.3%)
2016 = 36%    (national average of 43.6%)
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Correcting Norms Misperceptions
Level I and II Alcohol Education
Identifying Trends in AOD Use
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