



Narcotics Anonymous®

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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- Narcotics Anonymous is non-profit, international and community-based
- Meetings in over 140 countries speaks 65 languages world wide
- The world's oldest and largest organization of its kind
- Learn from one another how to live drug-free and recover

Who are members of NA?

- Anyone who wants to stop using drugs
- Not limited to any particular drugs, legal or illegal, including alcohol.
- Recovery in NA focuses on the problem of addiction.

Anonymity

- Without fear of legal or social repercussions
- Supports an atmosphere of equality in meetings

NA meetings

- Therapeutic value of one addict helping another
- Meetings are informally structured
- Funded entirely from donations by addict members
- Contributions from non-members are not accepted
- Meetings are held regularly at the same time and place each week, usually in a public facility
- Reliable environment for personal recovery

How does NA work?



- Addicts helping each other recover
- More experienced members, *sponsors*, work individually with newer members.
- The core of the NA program is the “Twelve Steps”
- Following these guidelines and working closely with other members, addicts learn to stop using drugs and face the challenges of daily living.
- Disease of addiction is a global concept

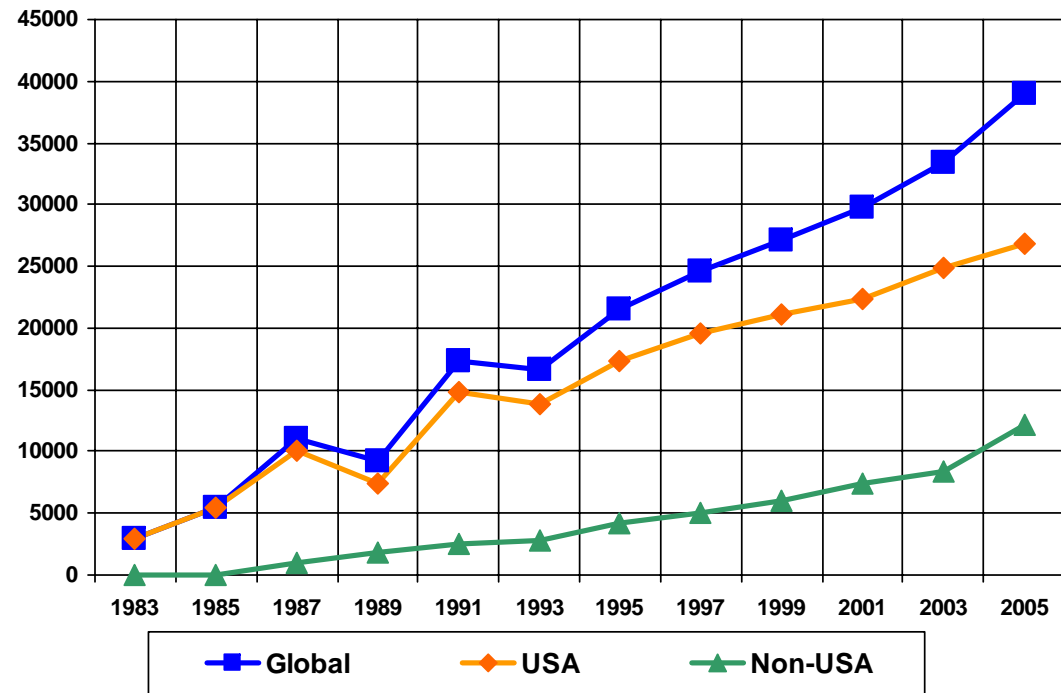


How does NA work?

- Narcotics Anonymous is not a religious organization
- Narcotics Anonymous does not mandate any particular belief system
- It does teach spiritual principles that may be applied in everyday life
- Members make an individual decision to join and recover at their own pace.

Rate of growth

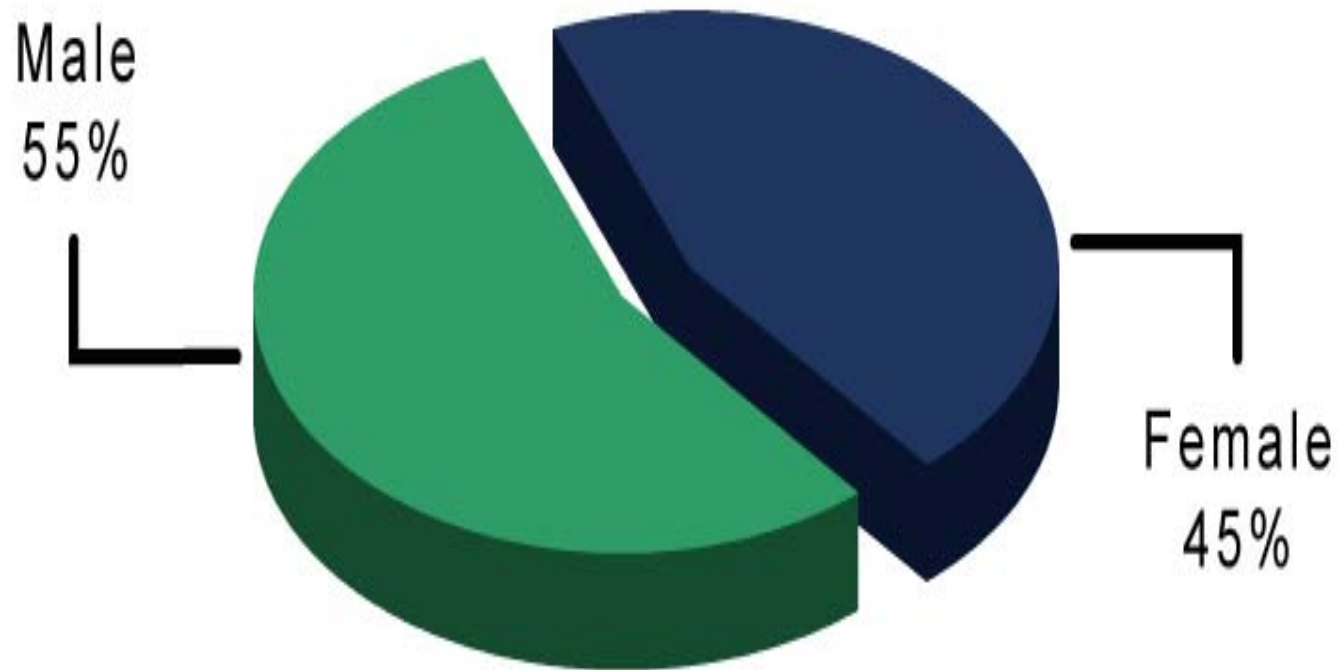
- Estimated that there are over 35.000 groups
- Holding over 50.000 weekly meetings
- In 140 countries



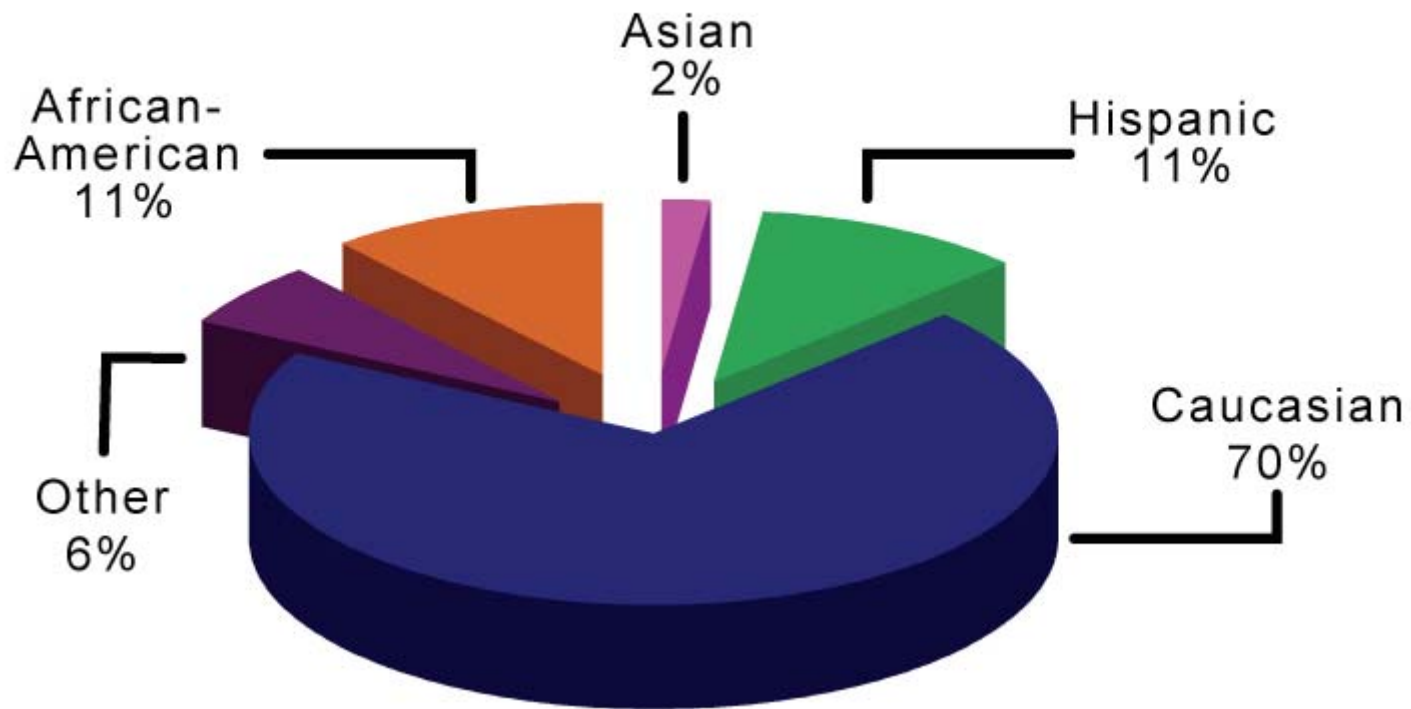
NA survey results

The following demographic information was revealed in a survey of almost half of the 13,500 attendees at the 2003 NA World Convention in San Diego, California

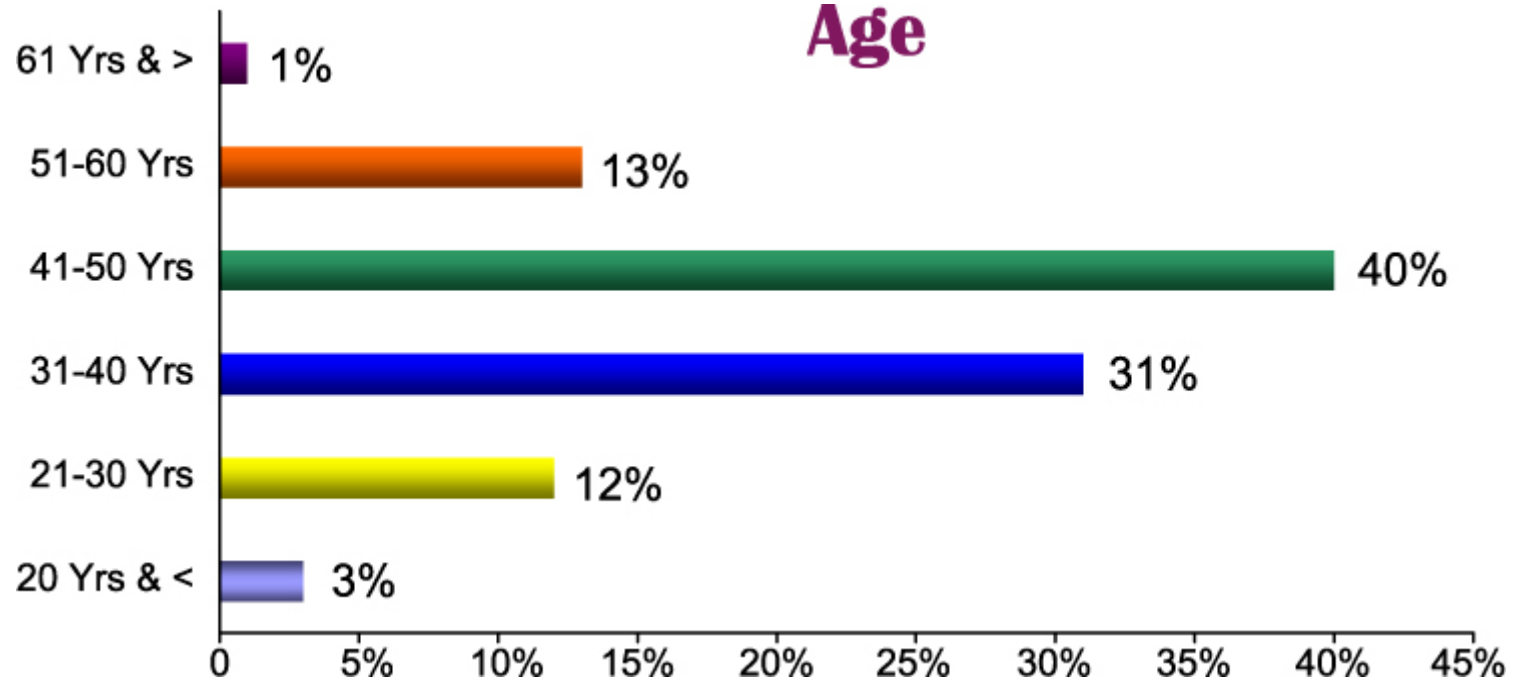
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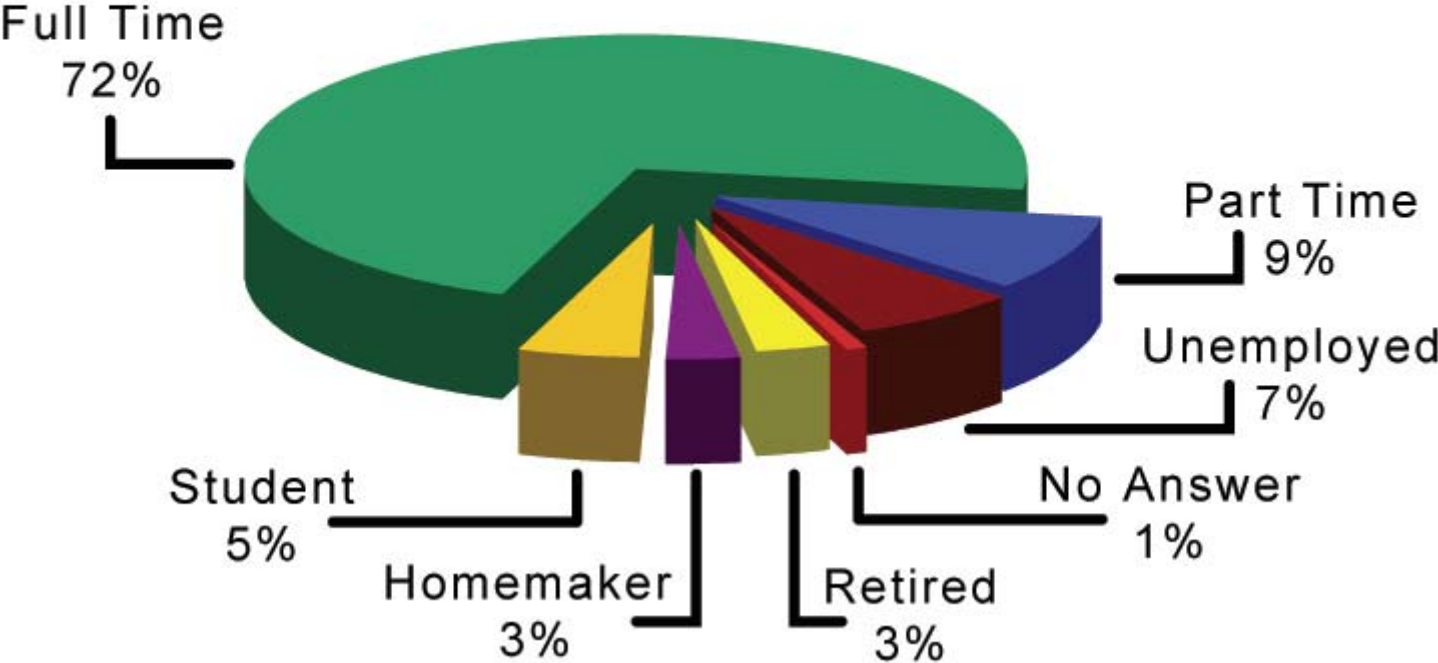
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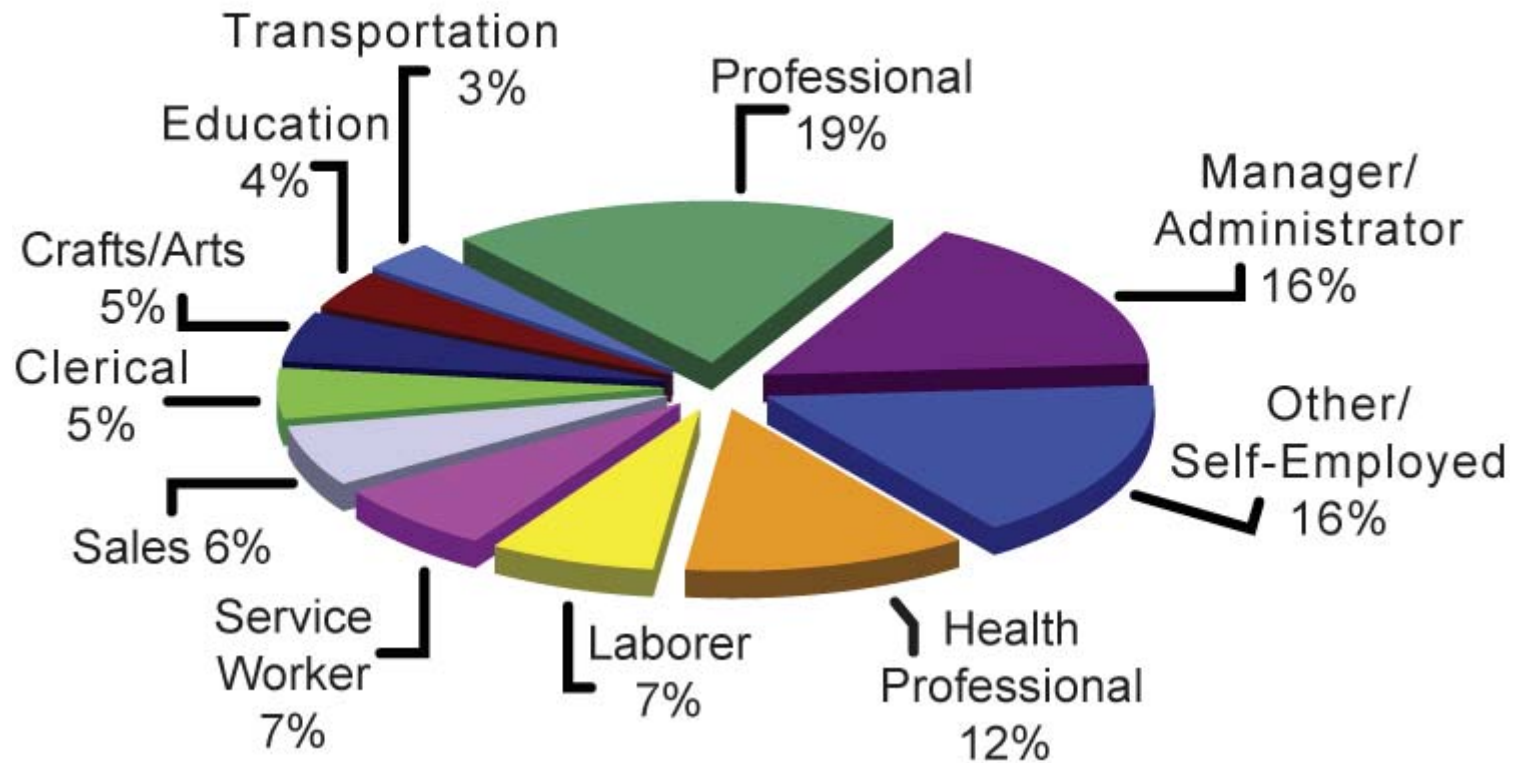
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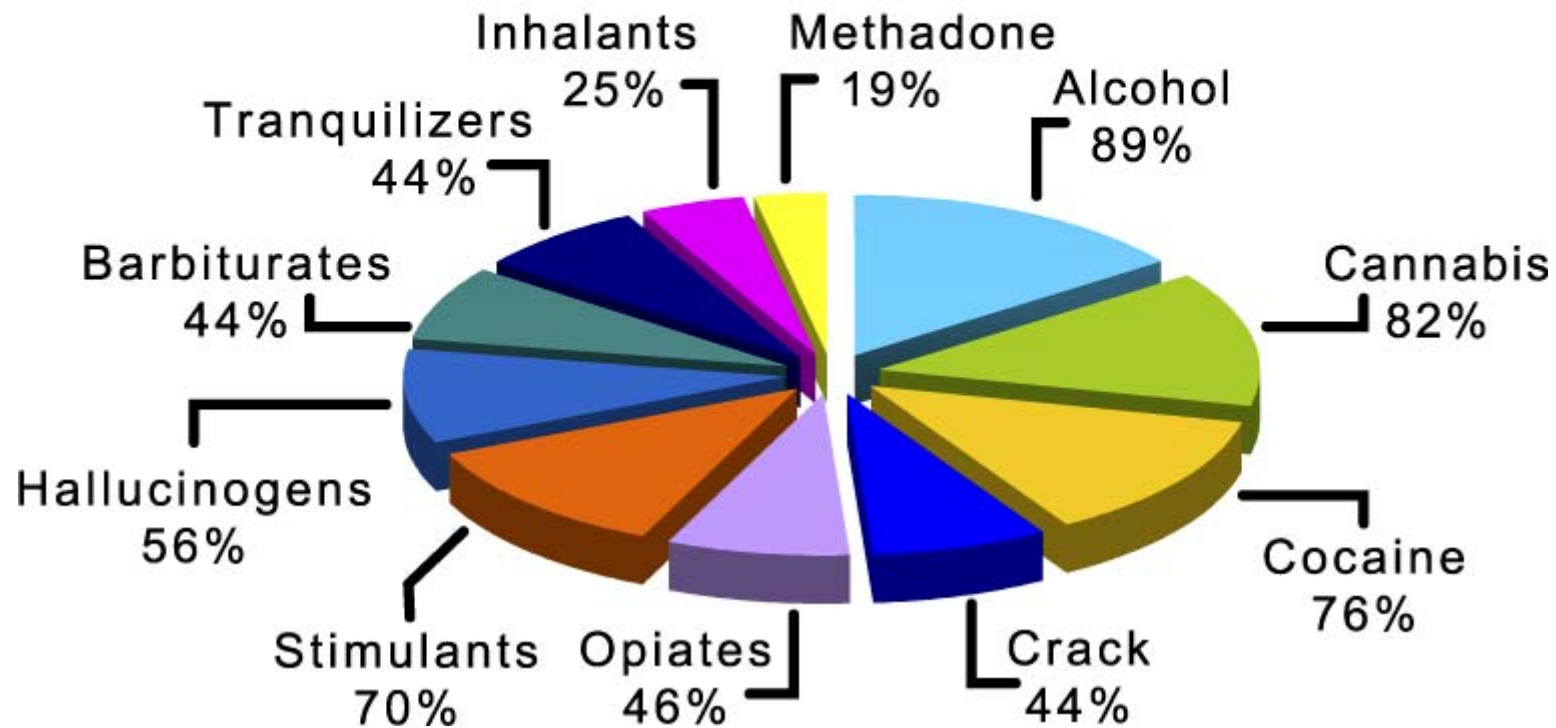


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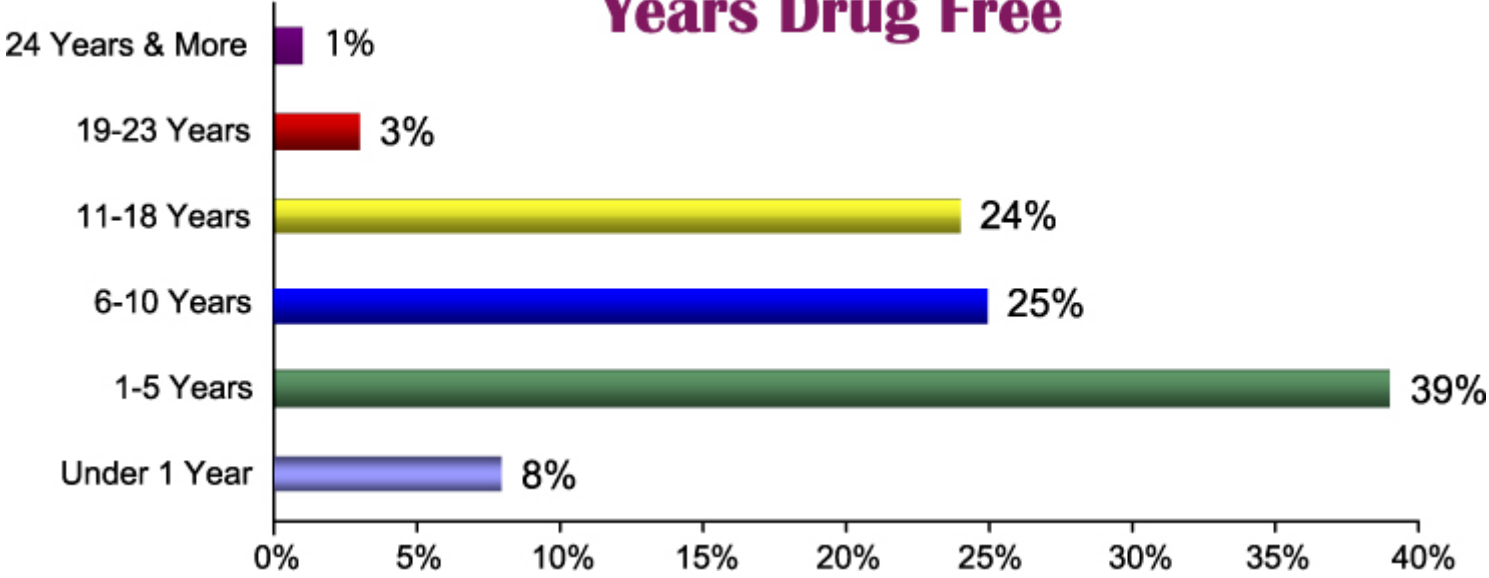


Drugs Used on a Regular Basis

Multiple answers were allowed



Years Drug Free



NA in the community



NA' non addict friends have been instrumental in getting Narcotics Anonymous started

NA in the community

NA have no professional counselors
and maintain no clinics or
Narcotics Anonymous facilities. They offer
services as :

- Health Fairs and Conferences
- Community Awareness Meetings
- Presentations
- Public Service Announcements
- Phone line Services
- Meeting Lists
- Services to Hospitals & Institutions
- Literature Services

How to contact



www.na.org

If you have questions about Narcotics Anonymous, contact NA's World Service at the World Service Office

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