

Legislative

Variable	Specific Measures	Data Source	Notes
Penalties for Use/Possession and Trafficking	Marijuana specifically; Sch. I-V: min and max fines and sentence lengths by substance amount	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; National Criminal Justice Association; Lexis/Westlaw; NORML	
Mandatory Minimums	Yes/No by type of crime; any enhancements for carrying weapon? Applicable to youth?	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Age of Invocation of Adult Penalties	By level of offence	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Prescription Laws	Yes/No: triplicate RX	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Precursor Chemicals	Yes/No	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Medical Marijuana Laws	Prescription laws; provision laws; research programs (mandated by law); Cannabis Buyers Clubs; were laws voter initiative	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw; NORML	
Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Laws	Civil (Burden of proof?); designated recipient of seized assets; leinholder responsibility	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Health Insurance Laws	Medicaid and HMO provisions for drug treatment; mandatory + amount of coverage (for alcohol only, drug only or alcohol & drugs)	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	Nat' l Alliance recently completed review and will share information with us

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Drug Testing Policies	Applicable for whom (state workers, legal/enforcement, transportation, for cause or preemployment, drivers license, public school, welfare)	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Curfew Laws	Age; for driving?	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Truth-in-Sentencing	Yes/No	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Zoning Laws	Distance from school/childcare facility to alcohol/tobacco outlet	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Paraphernalia Laws	Consumer items included; identification required/recorded at point-of-purchase	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	
Welfare Laws	Limitations on welfare benefits for drug conviction	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Lexis/Westlaw	

Enforcement

Variables	Specific Measures	Data Source	Notes
Arrests	Marijuana; Cocaine/Opiates; Other Illicit Drugs; by juv. vs. adults for use/possession and trafficking; # of juv. referred to adult court for drug violations; DUI/DWI	UCR; National Council on Crime and Delinquency; National Justice Reporting Program; BJS; OJJDP; State Statistical Analysis Centers	Need total arrests to get rates
Sanctions imposed	#s receiving prison, jail, probation, and/or fines; by juv. vs. adults by drug type and by use/possession and trafficking	State Statistical Analysis Centers	
Convictions	Marijuana; Cocaine/Opiates; Other Illicit Drugs; by juv. vs. adults for use/possession and trafficking	UCR	
Incarcerations	Marijuana; Cocaine/Opiates; Other Illicit Drugs; by juv. vs. adults for use/possession and trafficking	UCR; BJS	
Probation	Marijuana; Cocaine/Opiates; other Illicit Drugs; by juv. vs. adults for use/possession and trafficking	BJS	
Police per capita	Number/per capita; number assigned to Special drug Units	Law Enforcement Administration Survey (LEMAS); BJS; International Association of Chiefs of Police	LEMAS conducted every 3 years - available through ICPSR; Census collects info on police expenditures
Juv. Justice System	Number/per clients	State Court Administrator' s Offices;	

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personnel per capita		National Council on Crime and Delinquency; OJJDP	
Average Incarceration Lengths (time served in jail or prison)	By possession, trafficking, by drug type and for juv. vs. adults	BJS; National Justice Reporting Program	
Drug Courts	Yes/No for adults and juveniles; #'s processed by juv. vs. adults; # of year in existence; judge determined or assigned at intake; proportion of population in state that live in counties with Drug Courts	National Association of State Drug Courts	
Drivers License Revocations	# revoked for drug/alcohol violations	State Dept.'s of Motor Vehicles	
Number Children removed from parents	#s removed for parental drug/alcohol abuse; # of staff assigned to deal with abuse/neglect	State Dept. of Social Service	
Size of Juvenile Detention Facilities	Number of beds	State Court Administrator's Offices	
Curfew Violations	Numbers; number for driving?	UCR	Difficult to measure, only get if in UCR and easy to obtain info

Media

Variables	Specific Measures	Data Sources	Notes
Exposure to PSAs	Counts of drug PSAs in media (print, billboards, TV, radio); expenditures (hard cash + donated time)	Arbitron; Partnership for a Drug Free America; ONDCP; NIDA; CSAP	75 media markets for PSAs
Coverage of Drugs in the Media	Count of newspaper stories by content coding for enforcement, seizures, legislation, community action	Nexis	Useful to do nationally using NY Times to measure

Illicit Drug Behavior

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Prevalence	By drug type, by lifetime, past year, past month, by age group	NHSDA	Also check MTF; YRBS; NHIS; Health Examination Survey
Incidence	By drug type	NHSDA	
Age of Initiation	By drug type	NHSDA	
Dependence	By drug type and age group	NHSDA	
AOD Emergency Room visits	By drug type and age group for overdose and other negative reactions	DAWN? Hospital Discharge?	
AOD Deaths	By drug type and age group	State Medical Examiners; NCHS	
Hospital Stays related to Drugs	By drug type and age group	NCHS	
AIDS	Incidence and prevalence by age group; children born to HIV+ moms	CDC	
STDs, Hepatitis B and C	Incidence by age group	CDC	
Number of Children born drug positive		?	Check with NIDA re 94 National Study