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## **Just released: *Alcohol and Drug Use and Treatment Reported by Prisoners***

This report presents data about alcohol and drug use, use disorder, and treatment experienced by state and federal prisoners. It includes statistics on—

- drug and alcohol use among prisoners before they were imprisoned, highlighting differences by demographic characteristics
- prisoners' participation in drug and alcohol treatment programs since admission to prison
- prisoners who met the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) dependence or abuse criteria for alcohol or drug use disorder.

Findings are based on self-reported data from BJS's 2016 [Survey of Prison Inmates \(SPI\)](#).

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The report, *Alcohol and Drug Use and Treatment Reported by Prisoners* (NCJ 252641), was written by BJS Statistician Laura M. Maruschak and former BJS Statisticians Jennifer Bronson, Ph.D., and Mariel Alper, Ph.D.

The report, related documents, and additional information about BJS's statistical publications and programs are available on the BJS website at [bjs.ojp.gov](https://bjs.ojp.gov).