



Behavioral Health Profile

Pulaski County

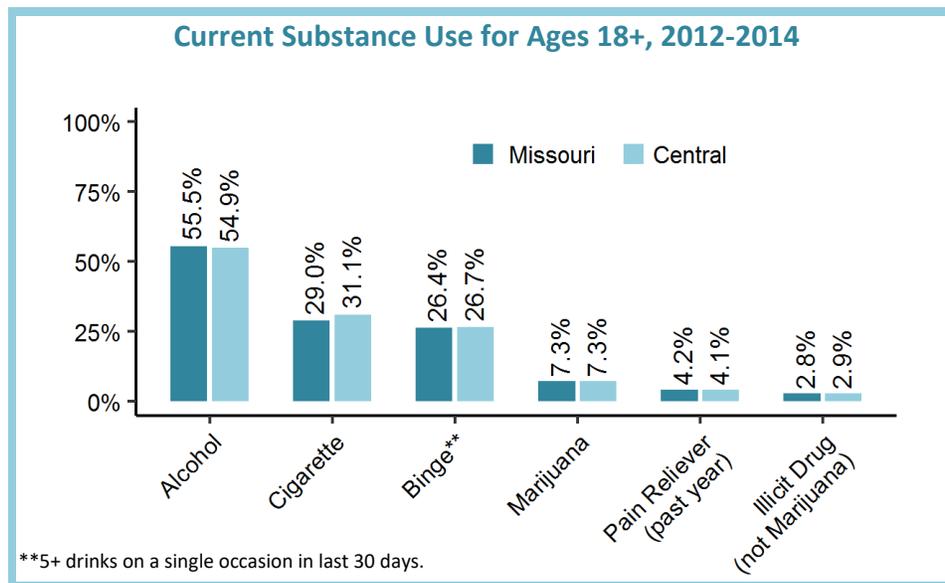
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Pulaski County is located in Central Missouri and had a population of 52,611 in 2016. Pulaski County ranks 22 in population size among Missouri's 114 counties plus the city of St. Louis. The 2016 unemployment rate in the county was 5.4%. This was higher than the statewide unemployment rate of 4.5%. In 2016, the poverty rate was 14.2% which was higher than the statewide poverty rate of 14.0%. The median income of the county was \$50,870.

Substance Use in Pulaski County

The primary data source available for this section is the Missouri Student Survey. Due to privacy concerns for individual school districts, Missouri Student Survey data for this county cannot be distributed. Adult data are available from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) at the regional level.



Alcohol is the most commonly used substance in Missouri adults. In the Central region, approximately 54.9% of adults currently drink alcohol, and 26.7% have had 5 or more drinks of alcohol on a single occasion in the past 30 days.

Cigarette use, in both standard and electronic forms, is of concern across the state. In the Central region, 31.1% of adults currently use cigarettes compared to 29% statewide.

Marijuana use in Missouri continues to be of interest, particularly with recent shifts in legality of adult use across the nation. Around 7.3% of adults report current marijuana use. Across the state, around 46.6% of adults believe there is 'slight' or 'no risk' of harm from smoking marijuana once or twice a week.

Prescription drug misuse is of growing concern both across the nation and in Missouri. 4.1% of adults in the Central region reported misuse of prescription pain medication over the past year.

Substance Use Consequences in the County

Health: In 2015, Pulaski County residents had a total of 10 alcohol-related and 53 drug-related hospitalizations. In addition there were 65 alcohol-related and 88 drug-related ER visits that did not include a hospital stay.

Treatment: In 2017, 196 individuals were admitted into Substance Abuse Treatment Programs. A total of 44 were primarily due to alcohol, 17 were primarily due to marijuana, and 6 were primarily due to prescription drugs.

Law Enforcement: In 2017, Pulaski County had 159 DWI arrests, 13 liquor law violations and 497 drug-related arrests. There were 0 methamphetamine laboratory seizures in Pulaski County in 2017.

Traffic Crashes: Alcohol-related traffic crashes increased in the last year (from 40 in 2015 to 49 in 2016). Alcohol-related crashes are more likely to produce fatalities and injuries compared to non-alcohol-related crashes.

2016 Number of Alcohol-Related Crashes by Severity				2016 Number of People Injured / Killed in Alcohol and Drug-Related Crashes			
Total Crashes	Fatal Crash	Crash w/ Injury	Crash w/ Property Damage	Alcohol Fatalities	Alcohol Injuries	Drug Fatalities	Drug Injuries
49	2	18	29	3	21	2	1

Mental Health Data for Pulaski County

Individuals struggling with serious mental illness are at higher risk for homicide, suicide, and accidents as well as chronic conditions including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and substance use disorders. In state fiscal year 2017, 426 Pulaski County residents received treatment for serious mental illness at publicly-funded facilities. See table for details. While there are data on those who receive treatment, data on mental health in the general population is very limited. This is especially true at the local level.

Numbers Served in Pulaski County		
	FY2016	FY2017
Total	415	426
Adjustment Disorder	34	34
Anxiety Disorder	298	283
Developmental Disorder	13	10
Impulse Control Disorder	85	91
Mood Disorder	307	317
Psychotic Disorder	60	51

These numbers indicate the number of clients seen with each diagnosis per year. An individual client may have more than one admission within a year.

*Counts under 5 suppressed to protect identities

In Central Missouri, 19.0% of those 18 and older had a mental illness in the past year with 5.0% having a serious mental illness. Serious mental illness is defined as any of the mental disorders asked about and 'these disorders resulted in substantial impairment in carrying out major life activities'.

Approximately 7.3% of Central Missouri residents ages 18+ had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. A major depressive episode is characterized by an extended period of depressed mood, loss of interest or pleasure, and impaired functioning. Typically, females are more likely to report having had a major depressive episode.

In 2016, 15 Pulaski County residents died by suicide. Typically, males and whites are most likely to die by suicide.

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