



unlocking a pathway to a better community
through substance use data

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at Cornhusker Place

Safe passage from addiction to sober living



Designed to provide powerful information on alcohol/drug use in our community over a three year period.

Unique features included:

- Rigorously collected, validated data
- Professionally-trained surveyors
- Scientific study design mirroring that of a Federal research endeavor conducted in major cities nationwide
- Sophisticated scope to support high-level analysis

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Compass Methodology: At a glance

Six administrations

- Spring and Fall collection periods
- 2008-2011

Interview data

- 632 completed interviews
- Collected in-person by NWU students.

Locations:

- Lancaster County Corrections
- Cornhusker Place

Population

- Arrested or
- Held in protective custody.

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Community Compass: Participant Profile

He's white, and older than you think.

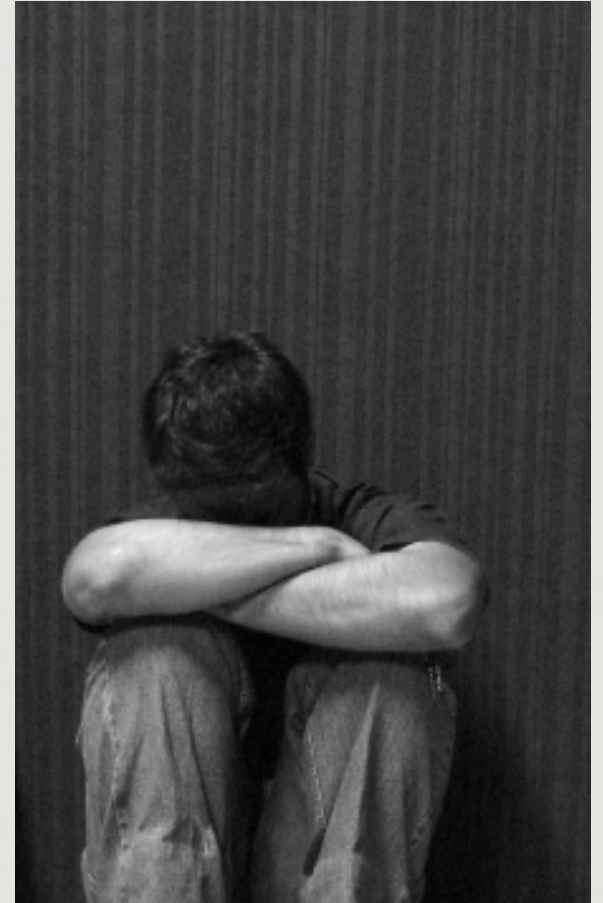
He's been abusing substances, beginning with alcohol, since he was about 16.

He's probably high school educated, maybe some college.

There's a good chance he lives at a friend's, but has a full time job.

It's not his first arrest.

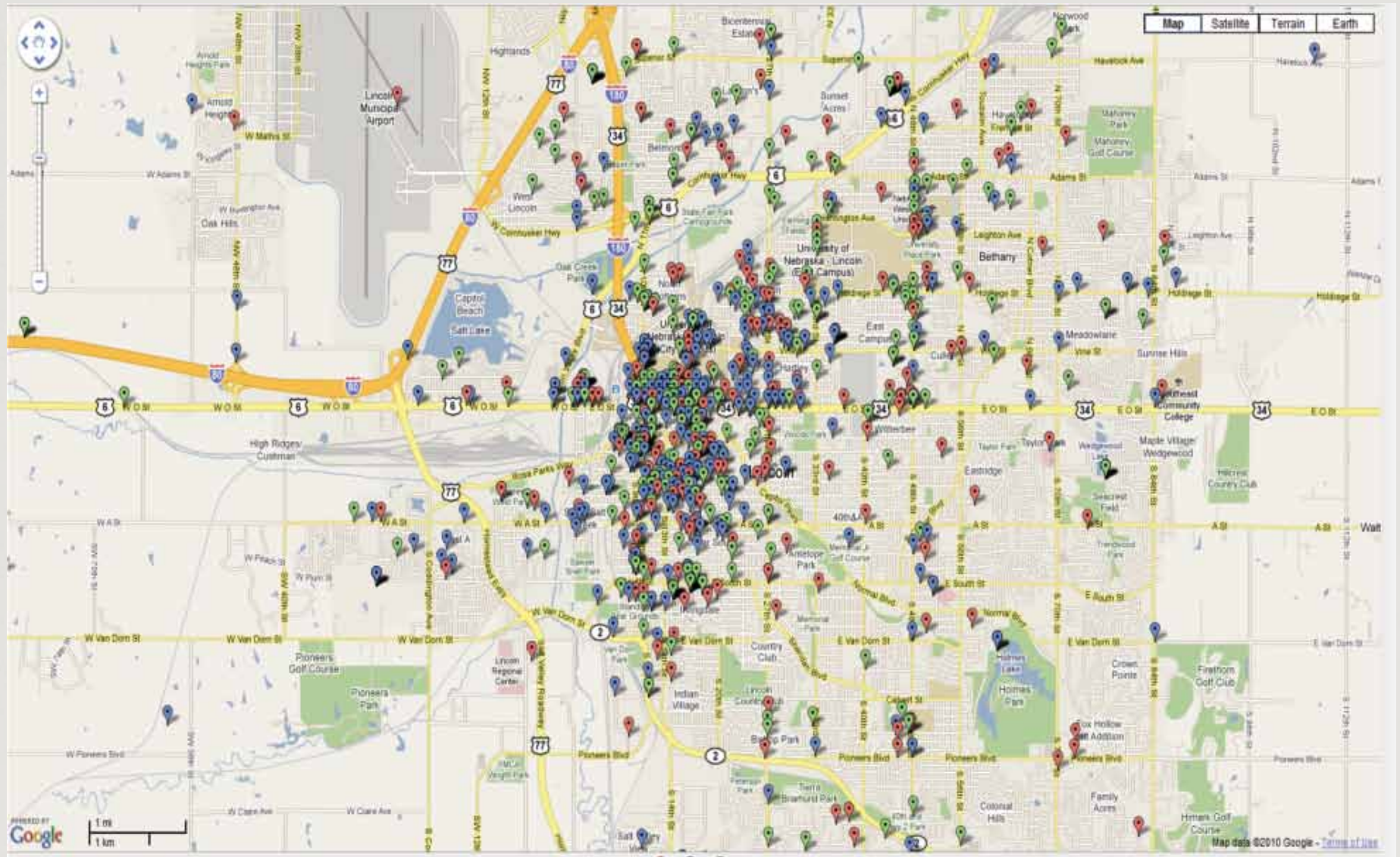
It's complicated.



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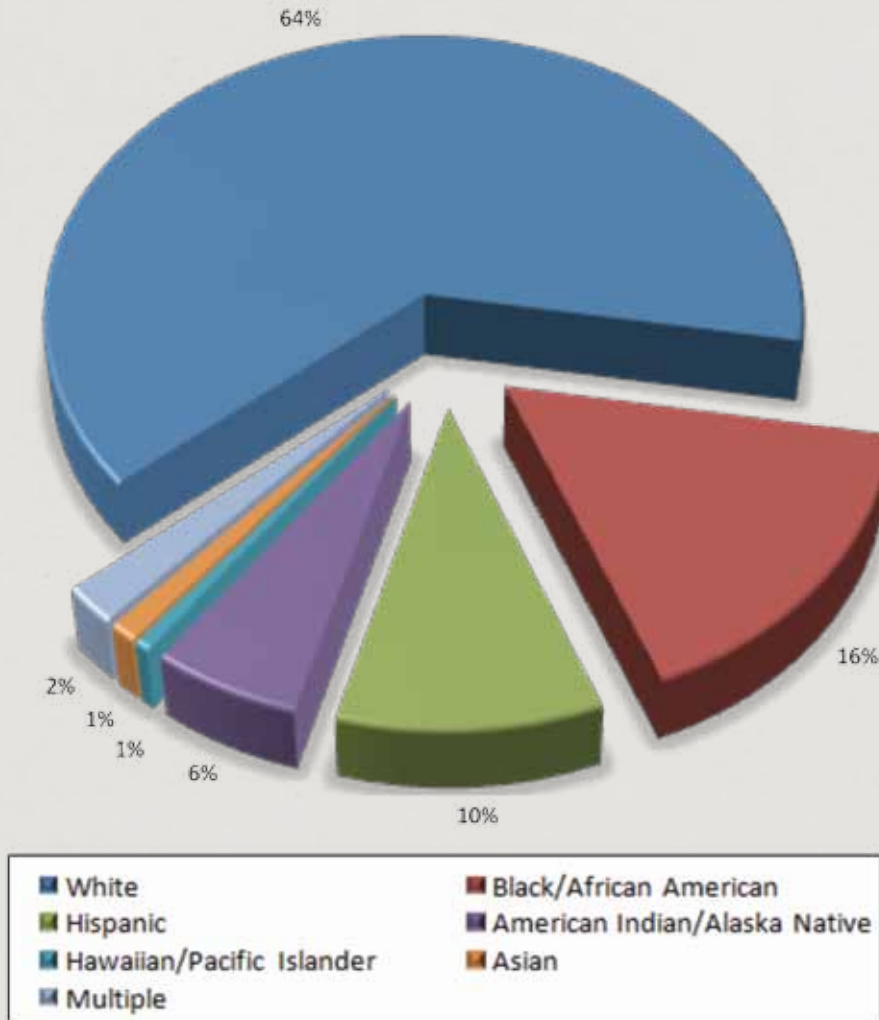
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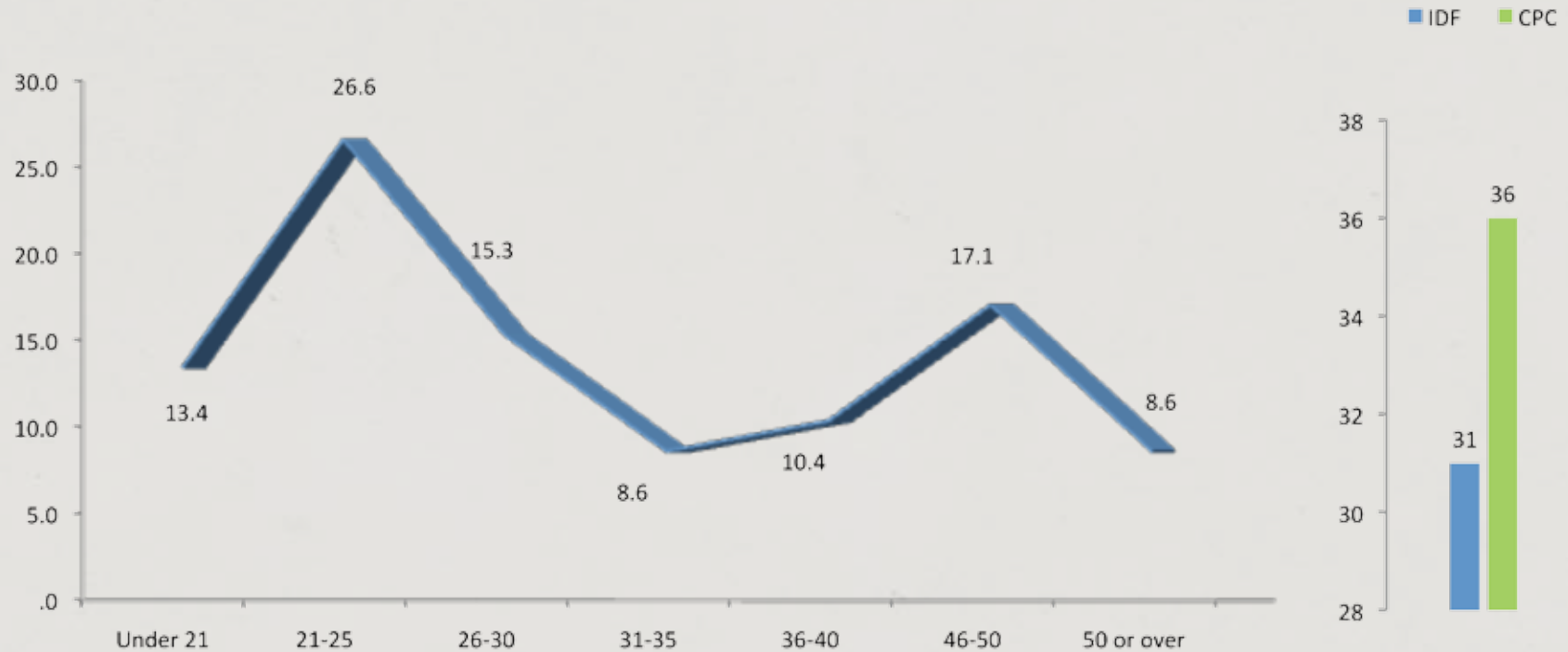


C-SAM participants' racial proportions are in line with arrest statistics for Lancaster County supplied by the 2008 Nebraska Crime Commission, with the exception of American Indians who are over-represented.

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Participant Age



Study participants ranged in age from 19 to 76. The average age was almost 33 years old. Participants interviewed while in protective custody tended to be slightly older than those interviewed at the correctional facility.

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You are invited....

- Learn about the data in-depth at one of our upcoming community meetings
- Initiate ways of using the data in your organization for community change

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