



unlocking a pathway to a better community  
through substance use data

STUDY VARIABLES



This study focused on two related at-risk populations: arrestees (within 48 hours of arrest) in the Lancaster County Corrections system, and clients served within the community's Civil Protective Custody unit provided by Cornhusker Place of Lincoln - Lancaster County Inc.

These individuals are interviewed about their substance use and abuse, treatment and drug sources. Combined with demographic information and arrest information, these data serve as a powerful indicator of trends in drug and alcohol use across the community. Our goal is to provide an objective, validated basis from which to analyze and evaluate local substance abuse, treatment, policing and criminal justice issues, policies and practices.

This document provides a list of available study variables grouped by subject matter. It is our hope that it will be used to help readers formulate research questions to review with the study administrators.

At times, you will see variables that reference Month1, Month2 etc. These months were the months previous to the date of the interview. The date-related information was collected via a calendar fold-out that was part of the data collection instrument.

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## Interview Statistics

Facility ID #

C\_SAM Data Collection Period

Interview Status

Reason Not Completed

Reason Declined Language

Language of Instrument Used

Hours Ago Arrested

Interview Start Time

Interview Start Time am/pm

Interview End Time

Interview End Time am/pm

Partial Interview End Time

Partial Interview End Time am/pm

Reason Interview Not Completed

Reason Incomplete Other

Reason Incomplete Due to Language

Reason Incomplete Other Reason

Interview Notes (Open-ended)

Data Collection Date

## Demographics

### Standard

Participant Birth Date  
Participant Gender  
Participant Age  
Arrestee Race/Ethnicity  
Arrestee Other Race  
Participant Race or Ethnicity  
Hispanic Origin Yes/No  
Hispanic Background  
Hispanic Background Other  
Marital Status  
Residence During the Past 30 Days  
Residence During the Past 30 Days: Other  
Educational Degree  
Years of Schooling  
Current Work Status  
Current Work Status: Other  
Health Insurance Yes/No  
Type Health Insurance  
Health Insurance: Other  
Born in United States  
Country of Origin  
U.S. Citizen  
Current Immigration Status

## Demographics

### Past Year Residence

Residence During Past 12 Months

Residence Month 1

Residence Month 2

Residence Month 3

Residence Month 4

Residence Month 5

Residence Month 6

Residence Month 7

Residence Month 8

Residence Month 9

Residence Month 10

Residence Month 11

## Arrest Statistics

### Police action

Arrest Date  
Arrest Time  
Arrest Precinct Region  
Other Arrest Precinct Region  
Arrest Police District/Region  
Arresting Agency  
Other Arresting Agency  
Arrest Location  
Arrest Location Zip Code  
Respondent Zip Code  
Booking Date  
Booking Time

### Charged Crime(s)

Penal Code First Charge  
Offense Charge 1st Charge  
C-SAM Code 1st Charge  
Severity 1st Charge  
Severity 1st Charge Other  
Warrant 1st Charge  
Penal Code Second Charge  
Offense Charge 2nd Charge  
C\_SAM Code 2nd Charge  
Severity Second Charge  
Severity Second Charge Other  
Warrant 2nd Charge  
Penal Code Third Charge  
Offense Charge 3rd Charge  
C\_SAM Code 3rd Charge  
Severity 3rd Charge  
Severity 3rd Charge Other  
Warrant 3rd Charge

### Arrest History

Arrested Ever Before  
Number of Times Arrested Before  
Arrest Times Month 1  
Arrest Times Month 2  
Arrest Times Month 3  
Arrest Times Month 4  
Arrest Times Month 5  
Arrest Times Month 6  
Arrest Times Month 7  
Arrest Times Month 8  
Arrest Times Month 9  
Arrest Times Month 10  
Arrest Times Month 11  
Arrest Times Month 12

### Protective Custody History

Protective Custody Ever  
Protective Custody Admits Month 1  
Protective Custody Admits Month 2  
Protective Custody Admits Month 3  
Protective Custody Admits Month 4  
Protective Custody Admits Month 5  
Protective Custody Admits Month 6  
Protective Custody Admits Month 7  
Protective Custody Admits Month 8  
Protective Custody Admits Month 9  
Protective Custody Admits Month 10  
Protective Custody Admits Month 11  
Protective Custody Admits Month 12  
Community Protective Custody Times Ever

## Arrest Statistics

### Incarceration History

Spent Time in Jail or Prison Ever

Days in Jail/Prison Month 1

Days in Jail/Prison Month 2

Days in Jail/Prison Month 3

Days in Jail/Prison Month 4

Days in Jail/Prison Month 5

Days in Jail/Prison Month 6

Days in Jail/Prison Month 7

Days in Jail/Prison Month 8

Days in Jail/Prison Month 9

Days in Jail/Prison Month 10

Days in Jail/Prison Month 11

Days in Jail/Prison Month 12

Number of Days Ever Spent in Jail/Prison

## Alcohol Use

Used Alcohol Past 12 Months  
Had 5 or More Drinks in One Day Ever  
5 Drinks or More Same Day Past 30 Days  
5 or More Drinks Same Day Past 12 Months  
Age First Had 5 or More Drinks Same Day  
More Time Drinking Past 12 Months  
Neglect Responsibilities in favor of Drinking  
Thought that You Should Cut Down on Drinking  
Someone Objected to Drinking  
Often Think about Drinking  
Use Alcohol to Relieve Feelings  
Often Feelings about Drinking Occur  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 1  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 2  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 3  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 4  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 5  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 6  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 7  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 8  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 9  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 10  
Times 5 or More Drinks Month 11  
Times 5 or More Drinks Past 30 Days  
Times 5 or More Drinks Past 7 Days  
Times 5 or More Drinks Past 3 days  
Days Had 5 or More Drinks Same Day



## Drug use

### General

Used Drugs Past 12 Months  
More Time Using Drugs Past 12 Months  
Neglect Responsibilities Drug Use  
Cut Down on Drug Use  
Someone Objected to Drug Use  
Often Think about Using Drugs  
Use Drugs to Relieve Feelings  
Often Feelings about Drug Use Occur

## Marijuana Use

Ever Used Marijuana	Purchased Marijuana Other
Age First Used Marijuana	Buy Marijuana in Neighborhood
Used Marijuana in Past 12 Months	Amount Paid for Marijuana
Level of Marijuana Use Month 1	Number of Marijuana Units Purchased
Level of Marijuana Use Month 2	Type of Marijuana Units Purchased
Level of Marijuana Use Month 3	Other Marijuana Units Purchased
Level of Marijuana Use Month 4	Marijuana Purchased Personal Use
Level of Marijuana Use Month 5	Times Bought Marijuana Same Day
Level of Marijuana Use Month 6	Days Bought Marijuana Past 7 Days
Level of Marijuana Use Month 7	Days Bought Marijuana Past 30 Days
Level of Marijuana Use Month 8	Different Marijuana Sources Past 30 Days
Level of Marijuana Use Month 9	Tried to Buy Marijuana Could Not
Level of Marijuana Use Month 10	Reason for Not Buying Marijuana
Level of Marijuana Use Month 11	Other Reason Not Buy Marijuana
Days Used Marijuana Past 30 Days	Buy Other Drug/Alcohol Instead
Days Used Marijuana Past 7 Days	Bought Instead of Marijuana
Days Used Marijuana Past 3 Days	Bought Other Instead of Marijuana
Method of Marijuana Use	Bought Multiple Instead of Marijuana
Get Marijuana Past 30 Days	Way Got Marijuana without Cash
Pay Cash Marijuana	Other Way Marijuana without Cash
Get Marijuana without Cash	Multiple Ways Marijuana without Cash
Pay Cash Only Marijuana	Contact Non-Cash Marijuana Source
Besides Cash Marijuana	Contact Non-Cash Marijuana Other
Besides Cash Marijuana Other	Number of Marijuana Units without Cash
Besides Cash Marijuana Multiple	Type of Marijuana Units without Cash
Buy Marijuana Directly	Other Marijuana Units without Cash
Marijuana Source Working with Dealer	Marijuana without Cash Personal Use
Regular Marijuana Source	Times Same Day Got Marijuana No Cash
Contact Marijuana Source	Days Got Marijuana w/o Cash Past 7 Days
Contact Marijuana Source Other	Days Got Marijuana w/o Cash Past 30 Days
Where Purchased Marijuana	

## Crack Cocaine Use

Ever Used Crack Cocaine  
Age First Used Crack Cocaine  
Used Crack Cocaine in Past 12 Months  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 1  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 2  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 3  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 4  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 5  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 6  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 7  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 8  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 9  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 10  
Level of Crack Cocaine Use Month 11  
Days Used Crack Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Days Used Crack Cocaine Past 7 Days  
Days Used Crack Cocaine Past 3 Days  
Method of Crack Cocaine Use  
Get Crack Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Pay Cash Crack Cocaine  
Get Crack Cocaine without Cash  
Pay Cash Only Crack Cocaine  
Besides Cash Crack Cocaine  
Besides Cash Crack Cocaine Other  
Besides Cash Crack Cocaine Multiple  
Buy Crack Cocaine Directly  
Crack Cocaine Source Working w/Dealer  
Regular Crack Cocaine Source  
Contact Crack Cocaine Source  
Contact Crack Cocaine Source Other  
Where Purchased Crack Cocaine  
Purchased Crack Cocaine Other  
Buy Crack Cocaine in Neighborhood  
Amount Paid for Crack Cocaine  
Number of Crack Cocaine Units Purchased  
Type of Crack Cocaine Units Purchased  
Other Crack Cocaine Units Purchased  
Crack Cocaine Purchased Personal Use  
Times Bought Crack Cocaine Same Day  
Days Bought Crack Cocaine Past 7 Days  
Days Bought Crack Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Different Crack Sources Past 30 Days  
Tried to Buy Crack Cocaine Could Not  
Reason for Not Buying Crack Cocaine  
Other Reason Not Buy Crack Cocaine  
Buy Other Drug/Alcohol Instead of Crack  
Bought Instead of Crack Cocaine  
Bought Other Instead of Crack Cocaine  
Bought Multiple Instead of Crack Cocaine  
Way Got Crack Cocaine without Cash  
Other Ways Crack Cocaine without Cash  
Multiple Ways Crack Cocaine without Cash  
Contact Non-Cash Crack Cocaine Source  
Contact Non-Cash Crack Cocaine Other  
Number Crack Cocaine Units without Cash  
Type Crack Cocaine Units without Cash  
Other Crack Cocaine Units w/o Cash  
Crack Cocaine w/o Cash Personal Use  
Times Same Day Got Crack w/o Cash  
Days Got Crack w/o Cash Past 7 Days  
Days Got Crack w/o Cash Past 30 Days

## Powder Cocaine Use

Ever Used Powder Cocaine  
Age First Used Powder Cocaine  
Used Powder Cocaine in Past 12 Months  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 1  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 2  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 3  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 4  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 5  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 6  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 7  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 8  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 9  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 10  
Level of Powder Cocaine Use Month 11  
Days Used Powder Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Days Used Powder Cocaine Past 7 Days  
Days Used Powder Cocaine Past 3 Days  
Method or Powder Cocaine Use  
Get Powder Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Pay Cash Powder Cocaine  
Get Powder Cocaine without Cash  
Pay Cash Only Powder Cocaine  
Besides Cash Powder Cocaine  
Besides Cash Powder Cocaine Other  
Besides Cash Powder Cocaine Multiple  
Buy Powder Cocaine Directly  
Powder Cocaine Source Working w/Dealer  
Regular Powder Cocaine Source  
Contact Powder Cocaine Source  
Contact Powder Cocaine Source Other  
Where Purchased Powder Cocaine  
Purchased Powder Cocaine Other  
Buy Powder Cocaine in Neighborhood  
Amount Paid for Powder Cocaine  
Number Powder Cocaine Units Purchased  
Type Powder Cocaine Units Purchased  
Other Powder Cocaine Units Purchased  
Powder Cocaine Purchased Personal Use  
Times Bought Powder Cocaine Same Day  
Days Bought Powder Cocaine Past 7 Days  
Days Bought Powder Cocaine Past 30 Days  
Different Powder Sources Past 30 Days  
Tried to Buy Powder Cocaine Could Not  
Reason for Not Buying Powder Cocaine  
Other Reason Not Buy Powder Cocaine  
Buy Other Drug/Alcohol Instead of Powder  
Bought Instead of Powder Cocaine  
Bought Other Instead of Powder Cocaine  
Bought Multiple Instead of Powder Cocaine  
Way Got Powder Cocaine without Cash  
Other Way Powder Cocaine without Cash  
Multiple Ways Powder Cocaine w/o Cash  
Contact Non-Cash Powder Cocaine Source  
Contact Non-Cash Powder Source Other  
Number Powder Cocaine Units w/o Cash  
Type Powder Cocaine Units w/o Cash  
Other Powder Cocaine Units w/o Cash  
Powder Cocaine w/o Cash Personal Use  
Times Same Day Got Powder w/o Cash  
Days Got Powder w/o Cash Past 7 Days  
Days Got Powder w/o Cash Past 30 Days

## Meth Use

Ever Used Methamphetamine  
Age First Used Methamphetamine  
Used Methamphetamine in Past 12 Months  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 1  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 2  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 3  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 4  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 5  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 6  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 7  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 8  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 9  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 10  
Level of Methamphetamine Use Month 11  
Days Used Methamphetamine Past 30 Days  
Days Used Methamphetamine Past 7 Days  
Days Used Methamphetamine Past 3 Days  
Method of Methamphetamine Use  
Get Methamphetamine Past 30 Days  
Pay Cash Methamphetamine  
Get Methamphetamine without Cash  
Pay Cash Only Methamphetamine  
Besides Cash Methamphetamine  
Besides Cash Methamphetamine Other  
Besides Cash Meth Multiple  
Buy Methamphetamine Directly  
Meth Source Working with Dealer  
Regular Methamphetamine Source  
Contact Methamphetamine Source  
Contact Meth Source Other  
Where Purchased Methamphetamine  
Purchased Methamphetamine Other  
Buy Methamphetamine in Neighborhood  
Amount Paid for Methamphetamine  
Number Meth Units Purchased  
Type Meth Units Purchased  
Other Meth Units Purchased  
Meth Purchased Personal Use  
Times Bought Meth Same Day  
Days Bought Meth Past 7 Days  
Days Bought Meth Past 30 Days  
Different Meth Sources Past 30 Days  
Tried to Buy Meth Could Not  
Reason for Not Buying Meth  
Other Reason Not Buy Methamphetamine  
Buy Other Drug/Alcohol Instead of Meth  
Bought Instead of Meth  
Bought Other Instead of Meth  
Bought Multiple Instead of Meth  
Way Got Methamphetamine w/o Cash  
Other Way Methamphetamine w/o Cash  
Multiple Ways Meth without Cash  
Contact Non-Cash Meth Source  
Contact Non-Cash Meth Other  
Number Meth Units without Cash  
Type Meth Units without Cash  
Other Meth Units without Cash  
Meth without Cash Personal Use  
Times Same Day Got Meth w/o Cash  
Days Got Meth w/o Cash Past 7 Days  
Days Got Meth w/o Cash Past 30 Days  
Made Meth Yourself  
Know Who Cooked Methamphetamine  
Person Sold It Made It  
Location Where Meth Made  
Country Where Meth Made  
Respondent Ever Made Meth  
Made Meth in Past 30 Days  
Used Ephedrine Last Time Made Meth  
Used Pseudoephedrine Last Time  
Used Freon Last Time Made Meth  
Used Red Phosphorous Last Time  
Used Caffeine Last Time Made Meth  
Used Vitaflex Last Time Made Meth  
Used Lactose Last Time Made Meth  
Used MSM Last Time Made Meth  
Used Iodine Last Time Made Meth  
Used Hydrochloric Gas Last Time  
Used Other Precursor Last Time  
Other Precursor Used Last Time  
Where Got Ephedrine Last Time  
Where Got Pseudoephedrine Last Time

## Meth Use (continued)

Where Got Freon Last Time  
Where Got Red Phosphorous Last Time  
Where Got Caffeine Last Time  
Where Got Vitaflex Last Time  
Where Got Lactose Last Time  
Where Got MSM Last Time  
Where Got Iodine Last Time  
Where Got Hydrochloric Gas Last Time  
Where Got Other Precursor Last Time  
Where Got Ephedrine Other  
Where Got Pseudoephedrine Other  
Where Got Freon Other  
Where Got Red Phosphorous Other  
Where Got Caffeine Other  
Where Got Vitaflex Other  
Where Got Lactose Other  
Where Got MSM Other  
Where Got Iodine Other  
Where Got Hydrochloric Gas Other  
Where Got Other Precursor Other  
Hard to Get Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine  
Where Was Meth Cooked  
Where Meth Cooked Other  
Where Left Over Ingredients Disposed  
Where Disposed Other  
How Learned to Cook Meth  
How Learned to Cook Meth Other  
Got Chemicals Other Make Meth  
Got Ephedrine for Other Person  
Got Pseudoephedrine for Other Person  
Got Freon for Other Person  
Got Red Phosphorous for Other Person  
Got Caffeine for Other Person  
Got Vitaflex for Other Person  
Got Lactose for Other Person  
Got MSM for Other Person  
Got Iodine for Other Person  
Got Hydrochloric Gas for Other Person  
Got Other Precursor for Other Person  
Other Precursor Other Person Used  
Where Got Ephedrine Other Person  
Where Got Pseudoephedrine Other Person  
Where Got Freon Other Person  
Where Got Red Phosphorous Other Person  
Where Got Caffeine Other Person  
Where Got Vitaflex Other Person  
Where Got Lactose Other Person  
Where Got MSM for Other Person  
Where Got Iodine for Other Person  
Where Got Hydrochloric Gas Other Person  
Where Got Other Chemical Other Person  
Where Got Ephedrine for Other  
Where Got Pseudoephedrine Other  
Where Got Freon Other  
Where Got Red Phosphorous Other  
Where Got Caffeine Other  
Where Got Vitaflex other  
Where Got Lactose Other  
Where Got MSM Other  
Where Got Iodine Other  
Where Got Hydrochloric Gas Other  
Where Got Other Chemicals Other  
Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine Hard to Get

## Other Drug Use

Ever Used Any Other Drug  
Other Drug Types Most Often Used  
Age First Used Other Drug  
Used Other Drug in Past 12 Months  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 1  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 2  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 3  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 4  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 5  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 6  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 7  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 8  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 9  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 10  
Level of Other Drug Use Month 11  
Days Used Other Drug Past 30 Days  
Days Used Other Drug Past 7 Days  
Days Used Other Drug Past 3 Days  
Method of Other Drug Use  
Used Methadone Past 3 Days  
Used Amphetamines Past 3 Days  
Used Barbiturates Past 3 Days  
Used Tranquilizers Past 3 Days  
Used Painkillers Past 3 Days  
Used Darvon Past 3 Days  
Used Demerol/Fentanyl Past 3 Days  
Used Ecstasy/MDMA Past 3 Days  
Used PCP Past 3 Days  
Used LSD Past 3 Days  
Used Other Hallucinogen Past 3 Days  
Used Inhalant Past 3 Days  
Used Anti-Depressants Past 3 Days  
Used Other Drug Past 3 Days  
Other Drug Used Past 3 Days

## Treatment History

### Treatment History: Mental Health

Mental Health Treatment Ever  
Mental Health Days Month 1  
Mental Health Days Month 2  
Mental Health Days Month 3  
Mental Health Days Month 4  
Mental Health Days Month 5  
Mental Health Days Month 6  
Mental Health Days Month 7  
Mental Health Days Month 8  
Mental Health Days Month 9  
Mental Health Days Month 10  
Mental Health Days Month 11  
Mental Health Days Month 12  
Mental Health Admits Across Months  
Mental Health Nights Ever Spent

### Treatment History: Inpatient

Inpatient Ever  
Inpatient Days Month 1  
Inpatient Days Month 2  
Inpatient Days Month 3  
Inpatient Days Month 4  
Inpatient Days Month 5  
Inpatient Days Month 6  
Inpatient Days Month 7  
Inpatient Days Month 8  
Inpatient Days Month 9  
Inpatient Days Month 10  
Inpatient Days Month 11  
Inpatient Days Month 12  
Inpatient Times Admitted across Months  
Inpatient Nights Ever Spent



## Treatment History: Outpatient

Outpatient Ever  
Outpatient Admits Month 1  
Outpatient Admits Month 2  
Outpatient Admits Month 3  
Outpatient Admits Month 4  
Outpatient Admits Month 5  
Outpatient Admits Month 6  
Outpatient Admits Month 7  
Outpatient Admits Month 8  
Outpatient Admits Month 9  
Outpatient Admits Month 10  
Outpatient Admits Month 11  
Outpatient Admits Month 12  
Outpatient Admits Across Months  
Outpatient Admits Ever

## Urinalysis

Provide Urine Specimen (Yes/No)  
Positive for Amphetamines  
Positive for Barbiturates  
Positive for Benzodiazepine  
Positive for Cocaine  
Positive for Methadone  
Positive for Methamphetamine  
Positive for Opiates  
Positive for PCP  
Positive for Propoxyphene  
Positive for Cannabinoids

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