



CHILDHOOD RISK

ACE: Lived with Someone who had a Problem with Alcohol or Drugs

INDICATOR

Percent of children who lived with anyone with an alcohol or drug problem.

Numerator Number of children who experienced the ACE

Denominator Number of children who experienced the ACE

DESCRIPTION

This is a proxy measure for toxic stress and is included as an Adverse Childhood Experience. This asks parents, "Did [child's name] ever live with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs?"

IMPORTANCE

A child living with anyone who has alcohol or drug problems is at risk of experiencing additional ACEs, such as child abuse and neglect. These children are also at risk of future substance use issues and depression (Anda, 2002).

LIMITATIONS

- The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) is completed by the parent or caregiver, who may be unwilling or unable to report his/her drugs or alcohol use.
- There may be more reliable data sources that provide information about adult alcohol and substance dependence, such as the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, but these do not collect data specific to parents.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

Wisconsin Analyses

Federal Poverty Level

Data not available.

National Analyses

Federal Poverty Level	% of Children with a Parent with Problem with Drug/Alcohol
Under 100% FPL	12.1%
100-200% FPL	10.8%
200-400% FPL	8.8%
Over 400% FPL	5.9%

SOURCE

Anda, Robert F., et al. (2002) Adverse childhood experiences, alcoholic parents, and later risk of alcoholism and depression. Psychiatric Services. National Survey of Children's Health. (2016). Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved from www.childhealthdata.org.

YEAR:

2016

WI	US	Best	Worst
8.5%	9%	5.2% NY	15.9% AZ

PAST YEAR:

2011/2012

WI	US
10.1%	10.7%