

Pinellas County Prescription Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Abuse Fact Sheet



- In 2010, Pinellas County Practitioners dispensed **6.3 million units** of Oxycodone.¹
- In 2010, a Pinellas County resident **died every 36 hours** with Oxycodone either present or the cause of death.²
- In 2010, there were 249 Prescription Drug Related Accidental Deaths in Pinellas County.²
- In 2010 in Pinellas County, 252 decedents given a toxicology report tested positive for alcohol as being present or the cause of death, that is **roughly 21 residents a month**.²
- In 2008 in Pinellas County, roughly **27 people were admitted every month** to Pinellas County Emergency Rooms for Prescription Drug related incidents.³
- In 2008 in Pinellas County, roughly **8 people were admitted everyday** to Pinellas County Emergency Rooms due to an Alcohol-related incident.³
- In 2010 in Pinellas County, well over twice as many people died from accidental prescription drug overdoses than from motor vehicle related accidents.²
- In 2010 in Pinellas County more youth used alcohol than any other drug. Students had higher rates of Alcohol use in their lifetimes (53.5%) than Florida students statewide (51.5%). The percentage of students who reported using Alcohol at age 13 or under was 25.5% versus 27.1% statewide. The 30-day prevalence rate for Alcohol use in Pinellas County high school students was 39.6% compared to 38% statewide and 17.9% among middle school students compared to 16.8% statewide.⁴
- In 2010 in Pinellas County, 3.3% of Pinellas County students reported prescription pain reliever use compared to 2.9% statewide. 2.0% of Pinellas County students reported depressant use, the same as the statewide average.⁴
- In 2007 in Pinellas County, adverse effects from underage drinking cost residents **161 million dollars**.⁵

2010 Pinellas County Medical Examiner Data Where a Tracked Drug Was Present at Time of Death or the Cause of Death by Age Group

	15-17	18-29	30-59	>60	Total
Alcohol, Amphetamines, Inhalants, Cannabis, Cocaine, Heroin, Other	0 (0.0%)	89 (5.3%)	338 (20.2%)	43 (2.6%)	470 (28.1%)
Alprazolam, Diazepam, Other Benzodiazepine, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Methadone, Morphine, Propoxyphene, Other Opioids	7 (0.4%)	229 (13.7%)	849 (50.7%)	119 (7.1%)	1204 (71.9%)
TOTAL	7	318	1187	162	1674

Important Note: The total number exceeds the number of deaths in Pinellas County due to the many number of multiple drugs present in decedents at the time of death.

Pinellas County Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility, 2010⁶

- In 2010, 2.9% of youth presented to the JARF reported Xanax as their primary drug of use at admission
- In 2010, 5.3% of youth presented to the JARF reported Oxycodone as their primary drug of use at admission
- In 2010 28.2% of youth admitted to the JARF reported Alcohol as their primary drug of use at admission

2011 Last Drink Survey Results

LiveFree in partnership with the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center (PJAC) and the Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility (JARF) have been implementing a Last Drink Survey given to youth at time of admission. The survey is being used to help the coalition understand correlations between alcohol, prescription drugs and juvenile crime. One of the questions asks "On how many occasions have you used alcohol and prescription drugs in combination? **8.8%** of the 205 youth surveyed at the PJAC reported using alcohol and prescription drugs together on at least once occasion. **22.3%** of the 103 youth surveyed at the JARF reported using alcohol and prescription drugs together on at least once occasion.

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¹ 2010, DEA-ARCOS

² 2010, District 6 Medical Examiner Office

³ 2008, Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration

⁴ 2010, Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

⁵ 2007, Economic Costs of Underage Drinking in Florida

⁶ 2010, Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services

In Pinellas County, in over 6 Operation Medicine Cabinet events and drop off containers, Local Law Enforcement has collected a total of 5,444.12 pounds of medications!