



Mental Health Problems

More than 40% of jail inmates reported that they had a mental disorder (such as manic depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and anxiety) (Beck, Berzofsky, Caspar, & Krebs, 20

marijuana in the month prior to their arrest, 24% used cocaine or crack, and 12% used methamphetamines.

More than a third of jail inmates who had mental health problems had used drugs at the time of their offense, compared to a fifth of inmates without mental health problems. Jail inmates with mental health issues were also more likely to be using alcohol at the time of their offense than those without (James & Glaze, 2006).

Disabilities

In 2011–12, 40% of local jail inmates reported having at least one disability and 16% reported multiple disabilities. Disability types included:

- Ambulatory.
- Cognitive.
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(70%) were white.

Heart disease was the second leading cause of death in local jails, accounting for 23% of inmate deaths annually since 2000. In each year since 2010, more than a quarter (27%) of jail deaths have been due to heart disease. The heart disease mortaf h

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