

# Overview of Prevalence of Mental Health and Substance Use Issues: Dane County and National Data Based on Incarceration Status

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# Prevalence of Mental Health and Substance Use Issues

*Based on Past Reports*

Not in Custody  
*National*

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Incarcerated in Jail  
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High Utilizers of Multiple  
Systems  
*Dane County*

# Prevalence of Mental Health and Substance Use Issues

## Not in Custody

*Based on Past Reports*

### National

21% of people have been diagnosed with mental illness.

8% of people have a substance use disorder.<sup>1</sup>

### Dane County

18% of people in Dane County live with mental illness.

9% of people in Dane County live with a substance use disorder.

1. SAMHSA 2019: The National Study on Drug Use and Health. [https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt29392/Assistant-Secretary-nsduh2019\\_presentation/Assistant-Secretary-nsduh2019\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt29392/Assistant-Secretary-nsduh2019_presentation/Assistant-Secretary-nsduh2019_presentation.pdf)
2. White House 2016: Launching the Data-Driven Justice Initiative: Disrupting the Cycle of Incarceration. <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/30/fact-sheet-launching-data-driven-justice-initiative-disrupting-cycle>

# Prevalence of Mental Health and Substance Use Issues

## Incarcerated in Jail

*Based on Past Reports*

### National

64% of people in jail have been diagnosed with mental illness.

68% of people in jail have a substance use disorder.<sup>2</sup>

### Dane County

40% of people in the Dane County Jail live with mental illness.

80% of people in the Dane County Jail live with a substance use disorder.<sup>4</sup>

3. Public Consulting Group 2019: Dane County Behavioral Health Needs Assessment: Findings and Recommendations. <https://dane.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7908068&GUID=2A4EB0F0-888F-4F24-9E23-359E45356641>

4. Estimate from Sheriff Mahoney in 2019. <https://www.channel3000.com/our-modern-mental-health-institutions-number-of-attempted-suicides-at-dane-county-jail-rises/>

# High Utilizers of Multiple Systems in Dane County

*Dane County Data-Driven Justice — “Familiar Faces” Workgroup*

**335 people** had 10+bookings  
between January 2015 and June 2018

**322 people** were familiar to the Dane County Department of Human Services

**120 people** were admitted/release by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections

**264 people** had a record of a diagnosis from a WellPath (CCS) Jail Health Provider

# High Utilizers of Multiple Systems in Dane County

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11 people had 15+ bookings between  
January 2018 and August 2019

Combined, these 11  
people spent 1,599  
days in jail.

One individual  
had over 35  
bookings in those 20  
months.

Combined, these 11  
people account for  
\$479,145 (based on  
costs by DHS, DCSO,  
DOC, and MPD).