

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Biennial Review Academic Years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24

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Executive Summary

This biennial review is in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, which added section 1213 to the Higher Education Act. These amendments require that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal program, an institution of higher education (IHE) must certify that it has adopted and implemented a drug prevention program as described in this part. The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act requires institutions of higher education (IHE) to conduct a biennial review of their alcohol and other drug (AOD) policies and prevention programs in order to identify and implement needed changes. The objectives of the biennial review are to determine the effectiveness of, and to implement any needed changes to the AOD prevention program and to ensure that campuses enforce disciplinary sanctions for violating standards of conduct consistently. The following is the report resulting from the biennial review of the AOD prevention program implementation and policy development and enforcement at The College of Charleston for the period of August 1, 2020, through July 31, 2024.

Students, faculty, and staff may request information about the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act by contacting the Office of the Dean of Students at 843.953.5522 or by going online to: <https://charleston.edu/student-affairs/drug-free.php>

I. Data of Student Substance Abuse

Data on student substance abuse at the College of Charleston comes from two primary sources, 3rd Millennium Classrooms and the College of Charleston's Student Health Survey. Incoming freshmen and transfer students under the age of 25 are mandated to complete an online alcohol assessment and education course from 3rd Millennium Classrooms called Alcohol-Wise. In addition to the alcohol module, students are also required to complete both a marijuana and sexual assault prevention module, called Marijuana-Wise and Consent and Respect. Data for this report is pulled from 3rd Millennium responses, <https://sms.3rdmil.com>. The second source for AOD data at the College of Charleston is from an online survey administered to current students called the Student Health Survey, which is conducted during the spring semester each year.

a. Incoming Freshmen: Education and Use

College of Charleston has partnered with 3rd Millennium Classrooms, whose mission is to help students address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention and sexual assault prevention in higher education institutions across the country by using a motivational interviewing style and provide personalized feedback reports, with a goal of engaging students in a powerful learning experience that impacts behavior. Each year over 2 million students complete Alcohol-Wise for College - an online, non-opinionated, evidence-based alcohol abuse prevention course. As part of our comprehensive alcohol and sexual assault prevention program, College of Charleston expects each member of the first-year class to complete Alcohol-Wise, Marijuana-Wise, and Consent and Respect.

Whether they use alcohol/marijuana or not, these courses will empower them to make well-informed decisions about alcohol and/or marijuana and help them better cope with the substance use and resulting behavior of their peers. The Consent and Respect Modules provide information about healthy relationships, the importance of consent and being a good communicator, and the many ways one can contribute to a safe, respectful, and positive campus community. Students take Part I of the Alcohol-Wise module, and then complete Part II at least 30 days after, which assesses any behavioral changes in drinking related behavior once students have spent time on campus. Findings summarizing enrollments during AY 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-34 are shown below.

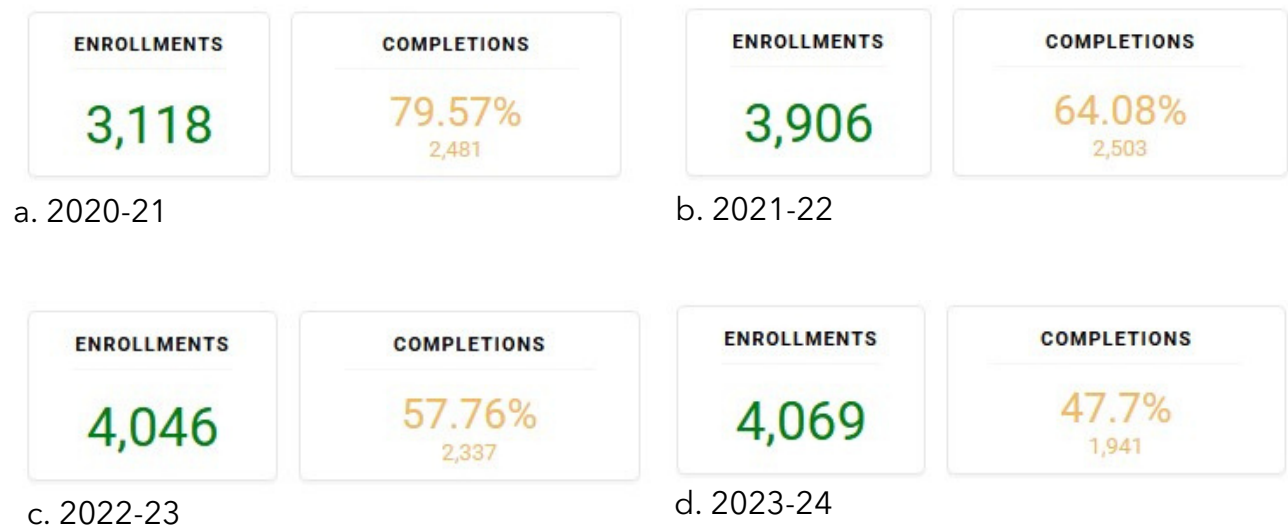
Data from Alcohol and Marijuana-Wise is compiled into an Outcome Report and distributed at the end of the academic year by 3rd Millennium. The data is used by multiple departments to identify and track trends, develop the strategic plan and goals for the upcoming year.

Differences in data from 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24:

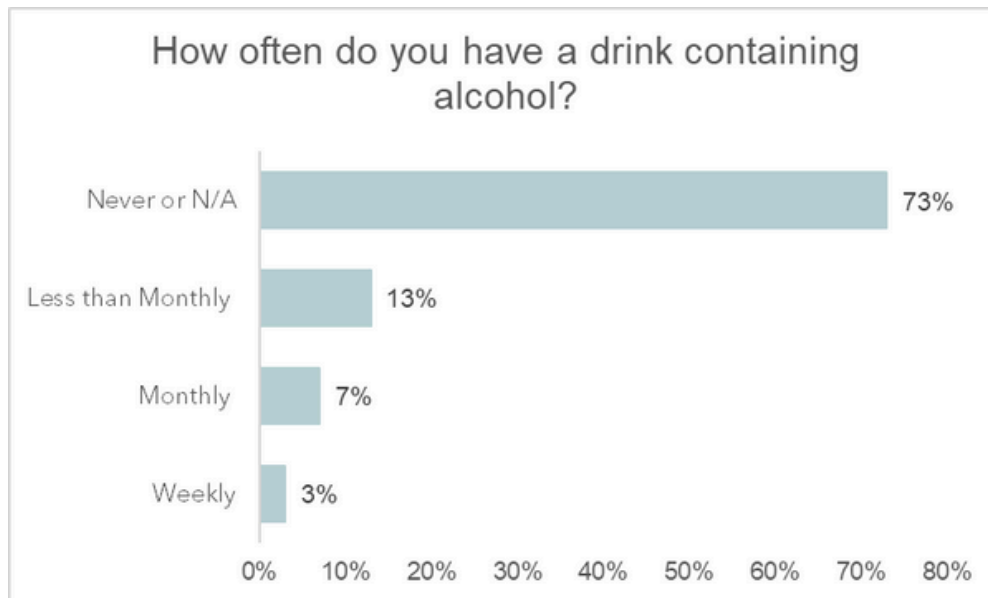
- The percentage of incoming freshman reporting they do not consume alcohol decreased by 15% during this reporting period, dropping from 73% reporting “Never” or “Not Applicable” during AY 2020-21 to 58% in AY 2023-24.
- Of those students who did report alcohol use, the largest plurality across all four academic years reported drinking “monthly” or “less than monthly”. In AY 2020-21, 18% of students report drinking either monthly or less than monthly, which jumped to 20% in 2021-22. In AY 2022-23 and 2023-24, students reported 19% and 22% respectively.
- This data suggests that fewer incoming freshman transfer students may be drinking prior to attending the College of Charleston or throughout their first year at the College.
- It is important to note that students who reported “Not Applicable” or did not answer the question related to their frequency of consumption made up a significant portion of respondents, at 53% and 52% in AY 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively.

3rd Millenium AOD Training Results

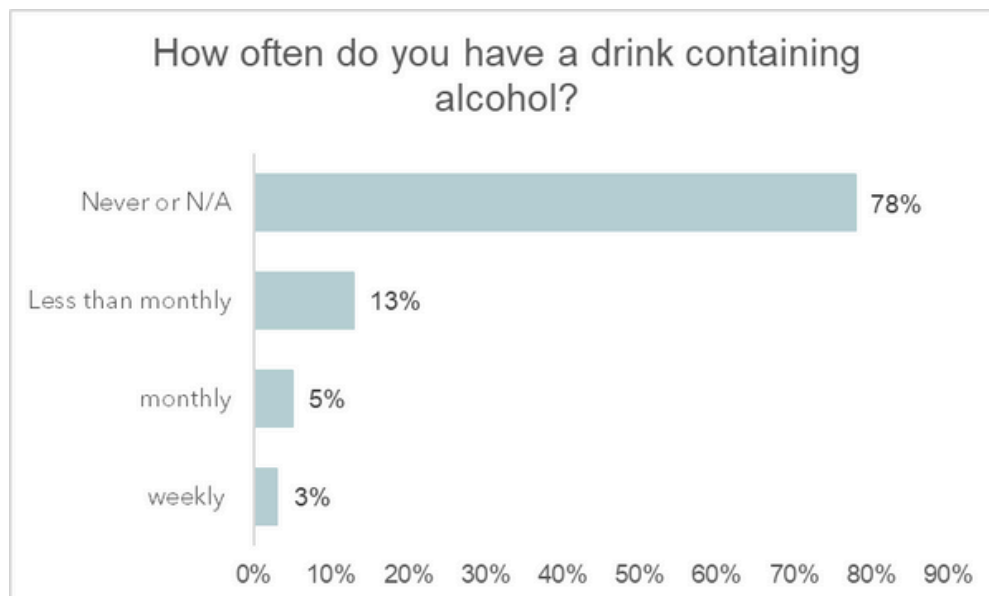
1.3rd Millenium Enrollments



2. Frequency of Alcohol Consumption

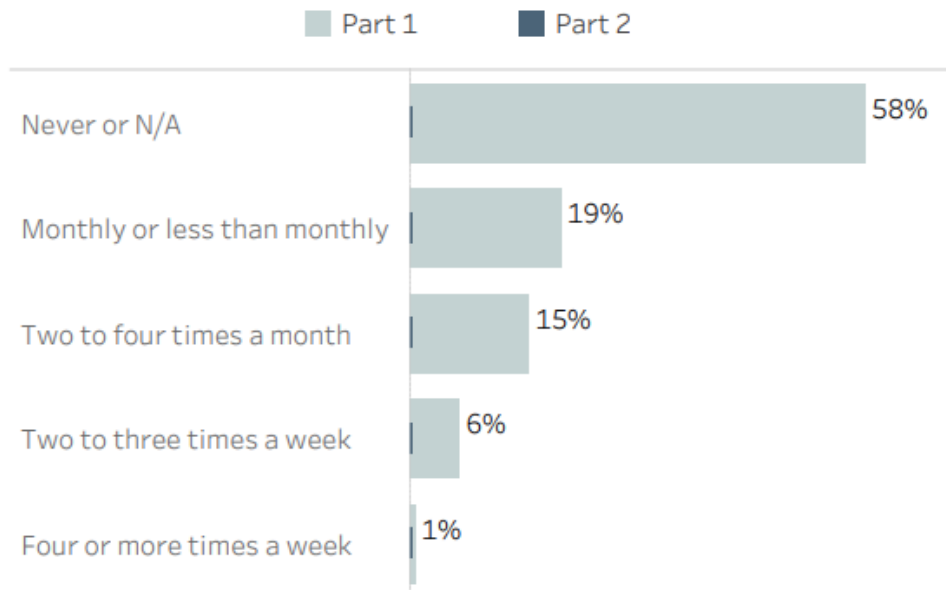


a. 2020-21



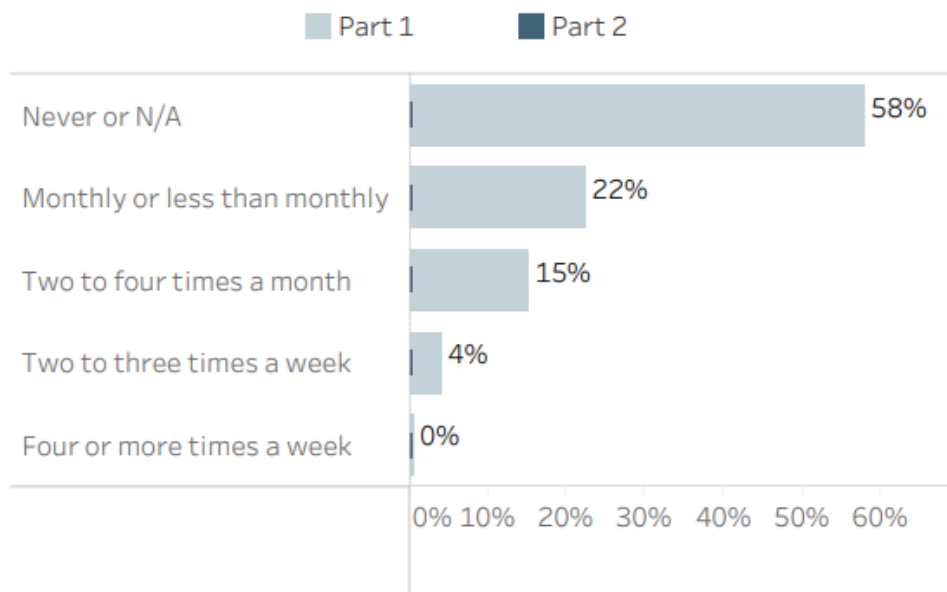
b. 2021-22

How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?



c. 2022-23

How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?



d. 2023-24

b. General Student Body: Use and Misuse Patterns

The Student Health Survey (SHS) is revised and conducted in the spring semester of every academic year. The data is used by the Counseling Center to assess areas of concern, by the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator with the Office of Student Wellness & Well-being, to plan and evaluate for prevention education and intervention initiatives campus-wide, and by faculty members who oversee the data collection for research and publication purposes.

The SHS is used to quantify and document college students' attitudes, perceptions, and opinions about alcohol and drugs, to gather information on student mental health, and to support seeking behaviors. The survey also measures actual alcohol and drug use behaviors and motivations for use. The majority of measures used in the survey have been validated and have been adapted/adopted from sources such as the CORE Alcohol and Drug survey, the SAMHSA National Survey on Drug Use and Health, and academic literature on help-seeking behavior and mental health.

The Student Health Survey has the advantage of allowing campus partners to have input in revisions each spring based on trends seen in different departments, which has led to a more accurate representation of general student body AOD use. The following table describes the student demographics from the 2024 Student Health Survey.

Table 1: 2024 Student Health Survey Sample Characteristics n=1,017

Characteristic	Percent
Gender	
Male	15%
Female	78.7%
Trans/ Non-binary	6.3%
Class Standing	
Freshman	28.3%
Sophomores	23.1%
Juniors	23.4%
Seniors	20.3%
Graduate Students	3.4%
Racial/Ethnic Identity	
White, alone	75.8%
Black, alone	5.9%
Other	18.3%
Sexual Orientation	
Heterosexual	68.1%
LGB	31.9%

Data collected from the SHS from 2020-24 suggests several trends regarding student substance use behaviors. Across all 8 substance categories (alcohol, marijuana, narcotics/opioids, benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, cocaine, designer drugs, and amphetamines), students who reported ever using was reduced between 2020 and 2024, with the largest decrease reported among students who reported ever using cocaine (17% in 2020 to 9.2% in 2024). Similar downward trends are noted across all substances among students who reported past year use and past 30-day use. Reported alcohol use has declined almost 6% between 2020 and 2024. It is suggested that a consistent decrease in substance usage from the beginning of this reporting period (AY 2020-21) could have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alcohol use remains consistently high across the College of Charleston campus as compared to national data from the ACHA National College Health Assessment. Current alcohol use has incrementally decreased throughout this reporting period, with 90% reported ever consuming alcohol in 2020 and 84.6% reported in 2024. Past 30-day use, however, has declined more significantly from 71.5% in 2020 to 54.6% in 2024.

Students who reported ever using marijuana decreased during the reporting period from 60% in 2020 to 54.9% in 2024, but past 30-day use has remained steady at 27% in 2020 and 26.8% in 2024. Current cocaine use has declined by almost 50% during the overall reporting period, from 17% in 2020 to 9.2% in 2024. Even more so, reported past 3-day use of cocaine decreased from 7.3% in 2020 to 1.6% in 2024. Students who reported ever using other drugs including narcotics, benzodiazepines, and designer drugs saw similar large declines (decreasing from 7% to 4.1%, 10% to 5.1%, and 12% to 6.8% respectively).

Approximately 41% of students reported ever using tobacco in 2020, which dropped significantly in 2022 (20.44%), but has since risen back up and remained steady at 31.5% for the last two years. This shift is inconsistent with national data from ACHA National College Health Assessment, which reported steady tobacco use, including smoke and smoke-free products, between 32-36% for all 4 years of this reporting period. Reported tobacco use in the past 30 days has risen slightly from 2020 (9.1%) but showed a significant dip in 2022 (5.9%) and 2023 (8.3%) before rising back up in 2024 (10.4%).

The reported combined use of alcohol and prescription drugs appears to have more than doubled between 2022 and 2023; however, the survey question was changed during this time to include combined use of alcohol and prescription drugs for both those with and without a prescription.

Table 2: Substance Use Rates by Year

	2020 n=1,462	2021 n=1,408	2022 n=1,208	2023 n=1,248	2024 n=1,017
<i>Tobacco Use</i>					
Ever	601 (40.7%)	495 (35.2%)	247 (20.44%)	393 (31.5%)	321 (31.6%)
Past Year Use	407 (27.6%)	309 (21.9%)	163 (13.5%)	249 (20%)	252 (24.8%)
Past 30-Day Use	134 (9.1%)	147 (10.4%)	71 (5.9%)	23 (8.3%)	106 (10.4%)
<i>E-Cigarette Use</i>					
Ever	712 (48.2%)	652 (46.3%)	511 (42.30%)	426 (34.2%)	415 (40.8%)
Past Year Use	550 (47.2%)	505 (35.9%)	411 (34.0%)	329 (26.4%)	321 (31.6%)
Past 30-Day Use	332 (22.4%)	323 (22.9%)	304 (25.2%)	246 (19.27%)	262 (25.7%)

	2020 n=1,462	2021 n=1,408	2022 n=1,208	2023 n=1,248	2024 n=1,017
<i>Alcohol</i>					
Ever	1,211 (90%)	1,246 (89%)	1,046 (87%)	1073 (86.5%)	859 (84.6%)
Past Year Use	1,191 (88%)	1,209 (86%)	951 (79%)	1043 (83.64%)	833 (82%)
Past 30-Day Use	962 (71.5%)	969 (69%)	830 (69%)	851 (68.24%)	555 (54.6%)
<i>Binge Drinking (past 2 weeks)</i>					
Yes	494 (34%)	540 (39%)	500 (42%)	488 (39.1%)	365 (35.9%)
<i>Mixing alcohol and prescription drugs*</i>					
Yes	116 (8%)	99 (7%)	60 (5%)	262 (21.5%)	206 (20.3%)
<i>Prescription Drug Misuse**</i>					
Overuse	77 (17.7%)	48 (10.5%)	46 (11.44%)		
Intentional High	58 (13.4%)	37 (8%)	31 (7.7%)		
Mixed with Alcohol	142 (32.7%)	104 (22.1%)	82 (20.4%)		

	2020 n=1,462	2021 n=1,408	2022 n=1,208	2023 n=1,248	2024 n=1,017
<i>Marijuana</i>					
Ever	869 (60%)	780 (56%)	710 (59%)	722 (59%)	556 (54.9%)
Past Year Use	295 (47%)	589 (42%)	536 (45%)	573 (46%)	448 (44.2%)
Past 30-Day Use	391 (27%)	337 (24%)	327 (27%)	347 (27.8%)	271 (26.8%)
<i>Narcotics/Opioids</i>					
Ever	101 (7%)	71 (5%)	67 (6%)	53 (4.3%)	42 (4.1%)
Past Year Use	33 (2%)	15 (1%)	13 (1%)	8 (0.64%)	12 (1.2%)
Past 30-Day Use	14 (1%)	7 (0.5%)	4 (0.3%)	3 (0.24%)	5 (0.5%)
<i>Benzodiazepines (Xanax)</i>					
Ever	147 (10%)	105 (8%)	76 (6%)	65 (5.2%)	52 (5.1%)
Past Year Use	63 (4%)	43 (3%)	19 (2%)	15 (1.2%)	23 (2.3%)
Past 30-Day Use	33 (2.3%)	22 (1.6%)	2 (0.2%)	6 (0.5%)	6 (0.6%)

	2020 n=1,462	2021 n=1,408	2022 n=1,208	2023 n=1,248	2024 n=1,017
<i>Hallucinogens</i>					
Ever	209 (14%)	195 (14%)	163 (14%)	151 (12.1%)	117 (11.5%)
Past Year Use	129 (9%)	128 (9%)	103 (9%)	89 (7.1%)	80 (7.9%)
Past 30-Day Use	46 (3.2%)	33 (2.4%)	21 (1.7%)	26 (2.1%)	8 (0.8%)
<i>Cocaine</i>					
Ever	251 (17%)	175 (13%)	145 (12%)	125 (10%)	93 (9.2%)
Past Year Use	191 (13%)	119 (9%)	91 (8%)	72 (5.8%)	60 (5.9%)
Past 30-Day Use	107 (7.3%)	58 (4.2%)	20 (1.7%)	11 (0.9%)	17 (1.6%)
<i>Designer Drugs</i>					
Ever	169 (12%)	135 (10%)	94 (8%)	78 (6.3%)	69 (6.8%)
Past Year Use	104 (7%)	74 (5%)	47 (4%)	24 (1.9%)	30 (3%)
Past 30-Day Use	36 (2.5%)	20 (1.4%)	4 (0.3%)	1 (0.5%)	7 (0.7%)

	2020 n=1,462	2021 n=1,408	2022 n=1,208	2023 n=1,248	2024 n=1,017
<i>Amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin)</i>					
Ever	209 (14%)	172 (12%)	135 (11%)	127 (10.2%)	104 (10.2%)
Past Year Use	179 (12%)	107 (8%)	77 (6%)	62 (5.0%)	67 (6.6%)
Past 30-Day Use	46 (3.2%)	70 (5.1%)	26 (2.2%)	24 (1.9%)	24 (2.4%)

*Measure changed for 2023 and 2024 Student Health Survey- combined use of alcohol and prescription drugs for those with and without a prescription

**Questions not asked in 2023 and 2024 survey

As part of a SAMHSA grant objective in AY 2022-23 and 2023-24, the Office of Student Wellness and Well-being worked with two faculty members to develop social norm campaigns around substance use behavior from data collected during the prior years' Student Health Survey. Questions to evaluate the campaigns are then included in the next health survey. 150 posters with a message about substance use behavior on the College of Charleston campus are hung each year in January or February and then evaluated in the April survey.

2022-23 Campaign Message



Table 3: 2022-23 Campaign Evaluation Measures

	n=1,061 % or mean
Reported Seeing Message	57.8%
Frequency of Message Exposure (Often/Very Often)	26.5%
Helpfulness (1-5)*	3.30
Believability (1-5)*	3.57
Level of Interest (1-5)*	3.46
Relevance (1-5)*	4.02


*Range 1 (not at all) to 5 (very)

2023-24 Campaign Message

Did you know...

82%

of CofC students would worry if their friends mixed alcohol and drugs*



If you're concerned that you or a friend may need support related to substance use, please know there are free CofC services:

Therapy Assistance Online (TAO)
Specific modules for

- Substance Use Recovery Skills
- Self-assessment
- Mindfulness Exercises
- Stress and Coping Techniques

Collegiate Recovery Program
Provides a safe student-focused community for students in recovery

- Sober Events
- Check-ins
- Academic Support

The Counseling Center
Receive therapeutic support from professional counselors for substance & other mental health concerns trained

- Assessment/Treatment
- Relapse Prevention

Based on College of Charleston student responses to the 2023 Student Health Survey

Table 4: 2023-24 Campaign Evaluation Measures

	n=921 % or mean
Reported Seeing Message	64.3%
Frequency of Message Exposure (Often/Very Often)	29%
Helpfulness (1-5)*	3.93
Believability (1-5)*	4.03
Level of Interest (1-5)*	3.56
Relevance (1-5)*	4.16

*Range 1 (not at all) to 5 (very)

II. AOD Program Elements

a. Individual Initiatives

i. Prevention Efforts

The College of Charleston is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming college experience for all students. This includes multiple outreach and educational efforts to decrease or eliminate substance abuse. As part of our comprehensive student transition education effort, the college requires (through the Dean of Students Office) that each incoming freshman and transfer student under the age of 25 complete a 2-3 hour block of online alcohol and marijuana education and sexual assault prevention (Alcohol-Wise, Marijuana-Wise, and Consent and Respect-Wise, 3rd Millennium Classrooms). Previously, the Dean of Students Office enforced completion of the training by placing registration holds on the accounts of all students who were noncompliant by a predetermined deadline each semester; however, mitigating circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as staffing shortages led to a drop in compliance monitoring for all required training through 3rd Millennium Classrooms during this reporting period.

Substance misuse prevention efforts run throughout the school year, which include annual training of Resident Assistants and Residence Hall Directors, presentations during student and parent orientations, Greek Life organizations in partnership with their designated Risk Managers, the First Year Experience curriculum for freshman, and programming on campus specifically targeting alcohol and other drugs.

Both formal and informal classes, lectures, discussions, activities, and other programs are offered regularly throughout the academic year by the Office of Student Wellness and Well-being (OSWW)'s Director and Substance Use Prevention Coordinator and the Office of the Dean of Students' Coordinator for Prevention Education Initiatives. In addition, there are other staff members who participate in "Do Not Drop That Class," where faculty can request a presentation for their class on various topics about alcohol or other drugs to enrich their curriculum. OSWW also houses the student organization, Students4Support, a group of single-session peer-to-peer counselors, to be available for students 6 days per week to support students with academic or personal struggles, which may include AOD and mental health challenges.

OSWW works with various organizations across campus and within the community to help plan engaging, alcohol-free activities that students are encouraged to attend. As a component of federal grant funding awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), OSWW works with faculty to develop 2-3 yearly social norms awareness campaigns on campus, often focusing on substance use behaviors and the status of mental health on the College of Charleston campus. Data for the social norms awareness campaigns is derived from the College of Charleston's Student Health Survey.

In 2022, OSWW began a partnership with Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR Lowcountry) to offer free Narcan administration training to the College of Charleston faculty, staff, and students twice monthly during the fall and spring semesters. Since this partnership began in 2022, ~150 members of the College of Charleston community have been trained in identifying signs of opioid overdose and administering Narcan in an emergency.

In 2024, OSWW partnered with Charleston County Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), also known as the Charleston Center, to host several educational lectures for faculty and staff of the College on current trends in substance use among college students.

ii. Counseling and Treatment Efforts

The College also has a coordinated response for students who violate a policy involving substances or who present to the Counseling Center voluntarily with substance-related concerns. This response includes students who are reported by fellow students, Resident Assistants, and students whose care is managed by the multi-disciplinary team known as the Students of Concern Committee. Anyone within the College of Charleston community may report a student who they have concerns about through the Office of the Dean of Students. Many of these students are directed by the Dean of Students to the Counseling Center for a substance abuse assessment and possible treatment.

When a student is referred to counseling following an AOD violation on campus, the Counseling Center completes a mandated screening with the student. The goal of that screening is to assess the circumstances related to the violation and determine whether the violation is related to poor choices around substance use vs. a more serious circumstance like a possible underlying substance use disorder. The Counseling Center's screening results will determine if the student may need to be connected with mental health services. Dependent on the level of severity, the student may be able to use the campus Counseling Center or if a more serious pattern of substance misuse or substance use disorder is indicated, the Counseling Center will notify ODOS that further evaluation at an off-campus provider is recommended but not mandated.

Though the Counseling Center provides these initial assessments and referrals for additional mental health services, they are removed from the disciplinary process and communication regarding AOD violation sanctioning will always come from ODOS.

Additional Resources for Students:

Collegiate Recovery Program, 843.953.6630, Education Center Suite 106

The Charleston Center, 843.958.3300; 24-hour helpline: 843.722.0100

MUSC Institute of Psychiatry, Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs, 843.792.9162

MUSC, Psychiatry Resident Clinic 843.792.9162

MUSC, Emergency Room 843.792.3826

Roper Hospital Emergency Department, 843.724.2010 Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health, 843.747.5830 Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program of S.C. 843.958.3300

Alcoholics Anonymous (near campus), Grace Episcopal Church, 98 Wentworth St, Charleston, Friday at 9:00pm and Sunday at 7:00p.m.; Bethel United Methodist Church, 57 Pitt St, Charleston, Saturday at 8:00pm

Urine Drug Testing Services: Charleston Center, 843.958.3300

Lowcountry Drug Screening, 843.747.3224

iii. Substance Free Living

Collegiate Recovery Program: Sustaining Recovery from Substance Abuse

Our Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) is an institutionally sanctioned and supported program for students in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors seeking a degree in higher education. It is a structured, healthy community where recovering students can thrive academically and socially while actively pursuing their recovery. The CRP provides students with an opportunity to bond together in an alcohol-free and drug-free environment.

The Collegiate Recovery Program's mission is to provide a safe and nurturing student-focused community in which students in recovery from substance and/or addictive disorders can be empowered in furthering their academic, professional and personal potential to become healthy, responsible, productive members of society.

Our CRP aims to help our sober students stay substance-free through peer-to-peer support, group support and through connection to the local recovery community.

Goals for the Collegiate Recovery Program:

- Make connections with other recovering students and have a safe, supportive space to relax and recharge
- Be involved in fun, sober events on and off campus
- Facilitate recovery support and accountability through case management, including weekly meetings and check-ins, support for transitions to campus, etc.
- Create opportunities to be of service to each other and potential students
- Make connections to resources for academic wellness and support
- Challenge stereotypes and myths about addiction and recovery through outreach and education

Students involved in the CRP can expect to practice abstinence-based recovery, attend local and CRP recovery meetings, and participate in community service projects if they desire. They may also have the opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary research opportunities dedicated to the promotion of sustainable long-term recovery from addictive behaviors.

The Charleston Center

The Charleston Center under Charleston County DAODAS provides residential treatment and outpatient services, and more for the Charleston community. Outpatient services include individual and group counseling.

Inpatient, substance-free living options include:

- Withdrawal Management: medically monitored and clinically managed treatment for adults withdrawing from substances
- Transitional Care: 24-hour medically monitored services to adults who require continuous therapeutic care in recovery from chemical dependency
- New Life Program: medically monitored care for pregnant and parenting women who are substance-dependent

b. Campus and Community Initiatives

Sexual Assault

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) provides direct support and information for students who have been the victim of any crime. They also provide educational tables to discuss victimization, often with an emphasis on sexual assault and the heightened risk of victimization when using alcohol or drugs. Resources for sexual assault, involving substance use or not, are listed below:

Office of Victim Services (OVS), 843.953.2273

Tri-County SPEAKS Sexual Assault Center, 843.745.0144

MUSC Sexual Assault Services, 843.860.5508

Cougar Shuttle

The College of Charleston Cougar Shuttle service operates seven nights a week from 11:00p.m. until 3:00a.m. during the spring and fall semesters. Cougar Shuttle is free to all students who show a current Cougar Card. Students choosing to use the Cougar Shuttle should call 864.636.0972 to be picked up and transported to a destination anywhere on the Charleston peninsula.

The Office of Student Wellness and Well-being

The Office of Student Wellness and Well-being (OSWW) aims to promote healthy living in all aspects of students' lives through alcohol-free programming and online health education. This work includes ensuring students have the skills and knowledge to make informed decisions about their substance use and the subsequent physical, social, emotional, financial, and legal consequences. Health and wellness events include evening cooking classes, sexual health and wellness fair, and a spring formal.

Cougar Activities Board (CAB) and Late-Night Alcohol-Free Programing

The Cougar Activities Board (CAB) is a student-run organization that provides programming to the College of Charleston community. Its mission is dedicated to co-curricular experiences that are inclusive and educational in order to cultivate a united campus. The Office of Student Life and CAB offer free, late-night programming as alcohol-free alternatives for students to enjoy during the evenings throughout the school year. Thirty events are held each academic year. These have included events such as the following: annual Casino Night, themed dinner clubs, Halloween trick or treating, self-care nights, and Just Dance parties. Student Life offers programming grants for registered student organizations to host alcohol-free, all student body-inclusive activities throughout the year.

Weeks of Welcome

The beginning of the fall semester is statistically a high-risk time for students. Numerous activities are planned during those first six weeks to engage new students in campus activities, encourage socialization, and prevent consequences from AOD use. All activities are either AOD free or have restrictions on alcohol use. Examples of some of the activities offered for Weeks of Welcome for this Report are listed below:

- Grocery bingo
- Movie nights
- Family Feud games
- Dance classes with various multicultural student groups

Cougar Countdown

Cougar Countdown is a program for students to support their mind, body and spirit during the final days of each semester and during final exams. It is a mix of academic support, physical and emotional support, and student recreational and wellness programming. The events occur in various locations on campus and are supported by many campus offices and academic departments. Examples include:

- Extended schedule of late-night study spots in the library, dining halls, and other campus buildings
- Pop-up breakfast, coffee, and snack breaks sponsored by dining services, campus organizations, and local businesses
- Late-night gym recreation hours in the Johnson Center
- Stress Relief Fair with volunteer therapy dogs, sensory crafts, and a healthy snack provided by Charleston Culinary Group catering services

Alternative Fall Break & Spring Break

The Center for Civic Engagement organizes volunteer service opportunities in which students travel during both fall and spring breaks. All participants pledge to be substance-free during the trip. These trips are designed and facilitated by students. The students travel domestically and internally. Also, Residence Life plans an AOD-free alternative spring break event in a venue within walking distance to campus for those students who remain in the Charleston area.

SCDAODAS

South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SCDAODAS). This organization provides resource materials on drug and alcohol prevention education, upcoming AOD prevention and peer support training, and recovery housing assistance. Employees may also obtain referrals from SCDAODAS for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs. SCDAODAS may also provide technical assistance in setting up drug and alcohol prevention programs. Call 803.896.5555 or 1-800-942-3425 for information.

Alcohol/DUI Programs

The State of South Carolina requires that a person convicted of Driving Under the Influence or Boating Under the Influence participate in its state approved program, [Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program \(ADSAP\)](#). These are in each SC County, usually through the local county Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services Department. Many states also accept this program as meeting their requirements. In Charleston County, call the Charleston Center at 843-958- 3300.

Assessment and Treatment for Employees/Employee Assistance Program

The College of Charleston offers its employees comprehensive services through its contract Employee Assistance Program managed by Deer Oaks. Questions about services should be directed to the [Human Resources Office](#).

The Office of Human Resources is responsible for overseeing all actions and programs related to the [Employee Drug and Alcohol Abuse policy \(9.1.6\)](#) and the [Alcohol and Illicit Drug Testing policy \(9.1.6.1\)](#). The College also maintains a 100% [Tobacco-Free Campus Policy \(6.1.5\)](#) that applies to both students and employees. A clear statement that the institution will impose disciplinary sanctions on students and employees (consistent with State and Federal law), and a description of those sanctions, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, for violations of the standards of conduct is available within each policy.

c. Environmental Initiatives

i. Sanctions from the Office of the Dean of Students

Medical Amnesty Policy

The College has a [Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy \(12.4.4\)](#) with regard to student alcohol/drug related emergencies. This policy states that any student who is in need of medical care during an alcohol/drug related emergency, and who receives or actively seeks out such care in a timely fashion, may do so without fear of being subjected to student disciplinary action provided the student completes the amnesty conditions. After care is received, the policy outlines conditions that the student must fulfill in order to continue having amnesty applied.

Sanctions and Amnesty Numbers

The numbers below equal the number of students sanctioned or granted Amnesty from on and off campus. The numbers were generated from Maxient reports 1204, 61, 63, 95, 96. Every attempt was made to count students and not charges, but there may be instances where students with multiple changes per incident were counted in more than one sanction category. It is likely that the parent notification number is inflated because a parent notification is required for sanctions, amnesty, and each individual charge.

Typical Sanctions:

- First alcohol violation is warning and online education.
- First drug possession/use violation is deferred suspension and AOD assessment at the Counseling Center or an off-campus drug screening.

2020-21	Sanctions and Amnesty Conditions								
Violation	Warning	Residential Probation+ Warning + Online Education	Disciplinary Probation + AOD Assessment	Deferred Suspension + AOD Assessment	Suspension	Deferred Expulsion + AOD Assessment	Expulsion	Amnesty + AOD	Parental Notification
Alcohol Possession/Use	27	17	26	39	1	1	0	3	100
Drug Parapher.	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	13
Drug Possession/Use	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	2	35
Public Intoxication	3	0	7	3	0	0	0	8	25
Totals	30	17	33	53	4	1	0	11	173

2021-22	Sanctions and Amnesty Conditions								
Violation	Warning	Residential Probation+ Warning + Online Education	Disciplinary Probation + AOD Assessment	Deferred Suspension + AOD Assessment	Suspension	Deferred Expulsion + AOD Assessment	Expulsion	Amnesty + AOD	Parental Notification
Alcohol Possession/Use	54	13	39	11	0	0	0	23	105
Drug Parapher.	2	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	22
Drug Possession/Use	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	4	33
Public Intoxication	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	25	27
Totals	58	15	49	26	1	0	0	48	187

2022-23	Sanctions and Amnesty Conditions								
Violation	Warning	Residential Probation+ Warning + Online Education	Disciplinary Probation + AOD Assessment	Deferred Suspension + AOD Assessment	Suspension	Deferred Expulsion + AOD Assessment	Expulsion	Amnesty + AOD	Parental Notification
Alcohol Possession/Use	15	27	0	18	0	0	0	10	67
Drug Parapher.	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	13
Drug Possession/Use	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	3	19
Public Intoxication	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	14
Totals	19	31	1	25	2	0	0	22	113

2023-24	Sanctions and Amnesty Conditions								
Violation	Warning	Residential Probation+ Warning + Online Education	Disciplinary Probation + AOD Assessment	Deferred Suspension + AOD Assessment	Suspension	Deferred Expulsion + AOD Assessment	Expulsion	Amnesty + AOD	Parental Notification
Alcohol Possession/Use	62	13	27	15	4	0	0	18	96
Drug Parapher.	1	0	3	10	2	0	0	0	19
Drug Possession/Use	1	0	3	12	2	0	0	4	29
Public Intoxication	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	18	8
Totals	66	13	38	39	8	0	0	36	152

ii. Annual Security Report AOD Statistics

The College of Charleston 2024-25 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes data on arrests (tickets) for liquor law violations and drug law violations by Public Safety within our campus community, as well as conduct referrals given by Public Safety, Residence Life, and the Office of the Dean of Students. The statistics for calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 are provided below. Data from calendar year 2024 is not available at the time of this report.

Arrests (Tickets)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Law Violation	47	22	12	24
Drug Law Violation	6	11	11	32

Disciplinary Actions/ Conduct Referrals	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Law Violation	80	129	92	167
Drug Law Violation	56	17	33	30

III. Strengths and Weaknesses

Our strengths for AY 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24:

- Towards the end of the reporting period, the College of Charleston was approved funding for a new full-time, permanent position dedicated to AOD prevention on campus. This position will be housed under the Office of Student Wellness and Well-being and will be responsible for health education dissemination and event programming specifically related to preventing substance overuse. Additionally, this position will allow for more dedicated work at the community and infrastructure level of the College of AOD education and prevention.
- The Office of Student Wellness and Well-being successfully advocated for Narcan administration training to be offered for free to all students, faculty, and staff 7-8 per semester. Participants of the training receive a free dose of Narcan at the conclusion.
- In 2022, the Office of Student Wellness and Well-being was awarded a SAMHSA grant aimed at addressing suicide and substance use prevention among college students. This has allowed more on campus partnerships like the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling Center, the Veteran and Military Student Services, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, and the Office of Victim Services to reach specific subpopulations who may be more at risk of AOD issues at College of Charleston.

Our weaknesses for AY 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24:

- During and after the COVID-19 pandemic, the College stopped enforcing completion of the 3rd Millennium trainings, which resulted in a drop in the overall completion rate of 89% in AY 2019-20 to 48% in AY 2023-24.
- Because of an increased need of Counseling Center staff to support a student population with high rates of depression and anxiety after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Counseling Center shifted to provide a broader range of services to students. This removed the previous AOD-specific services for students, such as an AOD counselor groups, as well as a campus-wide newsletter distributed to faculty/staff to decrease alcohol and drug use.
- Until the end of the AY 2023-24, the College of Charleston lacked a full-time staff member whose position was dedicated to AOD prevention on campus. For much of this reporting period, AOD work was split among multiple other staff members from different offices including the Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Wellness and Well-being, and the Counseling Center.

IV. Objectives for the Next Reporting Period

- Re-implement mandated compliance with all 3rd Millennium courses (Alcohol-Wise, Marijuana-Wise, and Consent and Respect-Wise). OSWW's Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office and the Academic Services and Retention Office (ASRO) to impose registrations holds for students who do not complete the courses before a pre-determined deadline. The objective for mandated compliance within the next reporting period should result in >90% of incoming students completing the training.
- The Substance Use Prevention Coordinator will reassess the need for an AOD Working Group (which has not been active since 2020) and will act as chair of the committee. This group, comprised of multidisciplinary members including Residence Life, the Collegiate Recovery Program, the Office of Student Involvement, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Health Services, the Office of the Dean of Students, as well as faculty and community members, will address substance use behavior, prevention, and education on campus.
- The Office of Student Wellness and Well-being will update, and the College will enforce the 100% Tobacco-Free Campus Policy (6.1.5) to include the banning of smoke-free and tobacco-free nicotine products (e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, pouches, CBD or herbal cigarettes, nicotine gum). Enforcement for violating this policy will be consistent with the Employee Code of Conduct (9.1.2) or the Student Code of Conduct (12.4.2).
- Collaborate with College leadership and Fraternity and Sorority Life to promote alcohol and drug use prevention, bystander intervention, and enforcement of AOD policies.
- Use Student Health Survey data to inform social norms campaigns related to nicotine use, alcohol use, and marijuana use on campus.
- The Substance Use Prevention Coordinator and the Office of Dean of Students will work within the Charleston community to build relationships with local bars and restaurants to include signage related to AOD harm reduction practices.
- Work with the Division of Student Affairs and Residence Life to have Narcan available in all on-campus housing as well as in the Student Health Services clinic.

V. Procedure for Distributing Annual DAPP Notification

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act also requires that institutions send out an annual Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAPP) notice to all students, faculty, and staff. The requirements of the DAPP notification include the College of Charleston standards of conduct, disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the Office of the Dean of Students, health risks associated with use of alcohol and other drugs, the College's alcohol and drug prevention programs, and a statement that sanctions will be imposed for all policy violations for both students and employees of the College.

The DAPP notification will be distributed to all enrolled students and employees by email on the first day of each semester. This includes continuing education students, students studying abroad, students who are enrolled in only one class for academic credit, and students on a leave of absence. Each student will receive by email the entire student handbook, which includes AOD policies. A copy of the Student Handbook in its entirety is available via the [Office of the Dean of Students website](#). This information will also be available to students and employees on the College of Charleston's website dedicated to this report.