

INDIANA COLLEGE SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY (ICSUS) KEY POINTS FOR COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

❖ Why participate?

- Schools will receive information on their students' substance use, consequences of use, what students think their peers are doing, mental health concerns, and gambling behaviors.
- Each school receives a report of findings broken down by gender and age, and comparing their data with the statewide data. They also receive their raw data.
- Student data can inform policy making, prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts on and off campus.
- There is no cost to participate. The survey is funded by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction every other spring (odd years). All 2- and 4-year institutions of higher education in Indiana are encouraged to participate!

❖ How does it work?

- The survey is online. Each school will send an invitation email to their students asking them to participate. The email will contain the link students need to access the survey. Students will have 2 weeks to take the survey.
- Schools need to administer the survey between February 1 and their Spring break, or at least one month after their spring break.
- Schools can add optional modules: one on mental health, the other on wellness.
- Schools can add up to ten additional questions on any topic they would like.
- Schools should check with their Internal Review Board (IRB) to see if they need to submit paperwork to be reviewed (some schools do and some don't).
- If schools want to add an incentive (e.g., chance to win 1 of 3 \$50 Target gift cards) that information can be added to the end of the survey.

❖ Where can I find more information?

- Past year state reports and a sample school report are available at <https://collegesurvey.indiana.edu/>.
- The ICSUS 2025 survey instrument can be viewed at <https://collegesurvey.indiana.edu/docs/ICSUS%20Instrument.pdf>
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