



Drug Use by Gang Membership Status

Using data collected during 2008 we compared respondents' urinalysis results (n=2,105) for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, methamphetamine, or any combination of the four, by gang status. Analysis showed that there were no significant differences among those who tested positive for cocaine, opiates, or methamphetamine by gang status. However, gang status was significantly associated with marijuana and any drug use. Current and former gang members tested positive for marijuana (54.0% and 47.3% respectively) and any drug (69.6% and 71.4% respectively) more often than non-gang members (30.8% for marijuana and 58.9% for any drug) and gang associates (46.4% for marijuana and 66.1% for any drug).

