

TABLE 11.2

Prevalence of Mental-Health Problems Among Prison and Jail Inmates

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	PERCENTAGE OF INMATES IN . . .			
	STATE PRISON		LOCAL JAIL	
	WITH MENTAL PROBLEM	WITHOUT	WITH MENTAL PROBLEM	WITHOUT
Criminal record				
Current or past violent offense	61%	56%	44%	36%
Three or more prior incarcerations	25%	19%	26%	20%
Substance dependence or abuse	74%	56%	76%	53%
Drug use in month before arrest	63%	49%	62%	42%
Family background				
Homelessness in year before arrest	13%	6%	17%	9%
Past physical or sexual abuse	27%	10%	24%	8%
Parents abused alcohol or drugs	39%	25%	37%	19%
Charged with violating facility rules*	58%	43%	19%	9%
Physical or verbal assault	24%	14%	8%	2%
Injured in a fight since admission	20%	10%	9%	3%

*Includes items not shown.

Note: Most recent data available.

Source: James and Glaze (2006).