

Question 16: Do you believe addiction is or is not a disease?

	IS A DISEASE	IS NOT A DISEASE	DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE	Count
Ohio Residents	61.7%	31.2%	7.0%	809
Sex				
Male	57.7%	35.7%	6.6%	389
Female	65.5%	27.0%	7.5%	420
Sex and Race Combined				
African - American	66.4%	28.5%	5.0%	80
White male*	55.1%	32.8%	12.1%	67
White female*	65.0%	32.7%	2.3%	52
Age				
18 to 29	57.1%	37.3%	5.6%	129
30 to 45	63.8%	33.9%	2.3%	173
46 to 64	63.8%	29.8%	6.4%	284
65 and over	61.4%	25.9%	12.7%	190
Education				
Less than high school	51.4%	32.4%	16.2%	93
High school graduate	58.0%	36.7%	5.4%	276
Some college	62.5%	31.2%	6.4%	240
College graduate	70.9%	24.1%	4.9%	190
Poverty Status				
138% and below FPL	67.1%	24.0%	8.8%	144
Between 138% and 200% FPL	68.8%	28.2%	3.0%	107
Above 200% FPL	60.9%	33.6%	5.5%	380
Party Identification				
Democrat	73.8%	19.3%	6.8%	293
Independent	57.0%	36.5%	6.5%	111
Republican	53.2%	40.7%	6.1%	320
Ideology				
Liberal	76.9%	18.2%	4.9%	134
Moderate	60.8%	33.6%	5.7%	281
Conservative	55.4%	38.0%	6.6%	278
Registered to Vote				
Yes	62.2%	31.2%	6.6%	682
No	59.5%	32.7%	7.8%	119
Insurance Status				
Insured	64.1%	28.9%	7.0%	723
Not insured / Don't know	42.7%	51.2%	6.1%	82
General Health Rating				
Excellent / Very good	61.0%	33.4%	5.7%	358
Good	60.7%	33.6%	5.8%	257
Fair / Poor	64.6%	24.2%	11.2%	195
Geographical Region				
Northeast Ohio	59.8%	32.1%	8.1%	320
Northwest Ohio	66.2%	29.0%	4.8%	96
Central Ohio	63.9%	29.0%	7.1%	143
Southeast Ohio*	62.2%	21.8%	16.0%	53
Southwest Ohio	61.1%	35.1%	3.8%	197
Rural or Urban County				
Urban county	67.1%	27.9%	5.0%	362
Suburban county	55.1%	34.9%	10.0%	219
Rural, small city	59.7%	33.0%	7.3%	227

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Question 16: Do you believe addiction is or is not a disease?

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Prescribed a Pain Reliever	62.6%	30.2%	7.2%	237
Yes	61.1%	31.9%	7.1%	564
No				

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**Question 17: Do you believe it is a physical disease, a psychological disease, or both? [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE ADDICTION IS DISEASE]**

	PHYSICAL	PSYCHOLOGICAL	BOTH	DON'T KNOW	Count
Ohio Residents	2.6%	20.5%	75.5%	1.4%	499
Sex					
Male	4.0%	26.8%	67.2%	2.0%	225
Female	1.4%	15.4%	82.3%	1.0%	275
Sex and Race Combined					
African - American*	9.9%	23.3%	76.7%		53
White male*	1.3%	40.3%	49.9%		37
White female*		15.7%	83.0%		34
Age					
18 to 29*		27.7%	72.3%		74
30 to 45	1.0%	18.4%	80.6%		110
46 to 64	3.2%	20.0%	73.7%	3.1%	181
65 and over	5.1%	19.8%	73.8%	1.3%	116
Education					
Less than high school*	1.8%	30.2%	59.9%	8.1%	48
High school graduate	4.3%	27.0%	67.8%	0.8%	160
Some college	0.4%	16.0%	83.0%	0.6%	150
College graduate	3.3%	15.4%	80.5%	0.7%	135
Poverty Status					
138% and below FPL	1.9%	23.8%	74.3%		97
Between 138% and 200% FPL*	1.8%	14.2%	80.9%	3.1%	74
Above 200% FPL	2.2%	18.9%	78.4%	0.4%	232
Party Identification					
Democrat	2.4%	19.7%	77.2%	0.6%	216
Independent*	0.3%	9.7%	90.0%		63
Republican	2.2%	23.3%	74.2%	0.3%	170
Ideology					
Liberal	1.5%	13.1%	84.0%	1.4%	103
Moderate	1.9%	22.3%	75.8%		171
Conservative	4.0%	21.0%	74.7%	0.4%	154
Registered to Vote					
Yes	2.1%	19.4%	76.8%	1.7%	424
No*	5.8%	28.5%	65.8%		71
Insurance Status					
Insured	2.7%	20.3%	75.5%	1.5%	463
Not insured / Don't know*	1.4%	24.6%	74.0%		35
General Health Rating					
Excellent / Very good	0.9%	22.3%	76.8%		218
Good	3.2%	18.8%	77.6%	0.4%	156
Fair / Poor	4.6%	19.5%	70.6%	5.2%	126
Geographical Region					
Northeast Ohio	3.6%	18.0%	76.7%	1.7%	192
Northwest Ohio*	1.7%	21.5%	76.8%		63
Central Ohio	3.3%	24.6%	67.8%	4.2%	91
Southeast Ohio*	3.3%	30.2%	66.5%		33
Southwest Ohio	0.7%	18.2%	81.1%		120
Rural or Urban County					
Urban county	1.6%	17.0%	79.6%	1.8%	243
Suburban county	1.9%	19.1%	77.1%	1.9%	121
Rural, small city	4.9%	28.1%	66.6%	0.4%	136

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