

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 2007 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.
- Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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ABOUT A.A.

A.A. can be found almost everywhere, almost all the time – in more than 113,000 groups throughout the world. We welcome opportunities to cooperate with others who are providing help to alcoholics.

Look for A.A. in your phone book, newspaper or write to:
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Box 459, New York, NY 10163.
General information is available on our
Web site: www.aa.org

IN 2007 more than 8,000 A.A. members from the U.S. and Canada participated in a random survey of the membership. Such studies have been conducted every three years since 1968 by the General Service Office.

Alcoholics Anonymous conducts this survey to keep members informed on current trends in membership characteristics. The survey also provides information about A.A. to the professional community and to the general public as part of A.A.'s purpose to carry our message to those who still suffer from alcoholism.

AGES OF MEMBERS

Under age 21	2.3%
Age 21 through 30	11.3%
Age 31 through 40	16.5%
Age 41 through 50	28.5%
Age 51 through 60	23.8%
Age 61 through 70	12.3%
Over 70	5.3%

The average age of an A.A. member is **47** years.

COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP

White	85.1%
Black	5.7%
Hispanic	4.8%
Native American	1.6%
Asian and other	2.8%

GENDER OF MEMBERS

Men	67%
Women	33%

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MARITAL STATUS OF MEMBERS

Married	35%
Single	34%
Divorced	23%
Other	8%

LENGTH OF SOBRIETY

Sober more than 10 years	33%
Sober between 5-10 years	12%
Sober between 1-5 years	24%
Sober less than 1 year	31%

Average sobriety of members is more than **eight** years.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP

85% of the members belong to a home group.

INTRODUCTION TO A.A.

Factors most responsible for members coming to A.A. (two responses permitted—total responses may add up to more than 100%).

Through an A.A. member	33%
Treatment facility	33%
Self-motivated	31%
Family	24%
Court order	11%
Counseling agency	8%
Health Professional	7%
Employer or fellow worker	4%
Non-A.A. friend or neighbor	3%
Correctional facility	3%
Al-Anon or Alateen member	2%
A.A. literature	2%
Newspaper/magazine/radio/TV	1%
Member of clergy	1%
Internet	1%
Other	7%

SPONSORSHIP

79% of members have a sponsor.

73% got a sponsor within 90 days.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members attend an average of **2.4** A.A. meetings per week.

RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

74% of members' doctors know they are in A.A.

39% of members said they were referred to A.A. by a health care professional.

ADDITIONAL HELP...BEFORE

Before coming to A.A., **63%** of the members received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.

74% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played an important part in directing them to A.A.

ADDITIONAL HELP...AFTER

After coming to A.A., **63%** of the members received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.

86% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played an important part in their recovery from alcoholism.

MEMBERS' OCCUPATIONS

Retired	16%
Self-employed/Other	11%
Manager/Administrator	10%
Professional/Technical	10%
Skilled Trade	8%
Unemployed	8%
Laborer	6%
Health professional	5%
Disabled (not working)	5%
Sales worker	4%
Student	4%
Service worker	3%
Educator	3%
Clerical Worker	2%
Homemaker	2%
Transportation (equip. oper.)	2%
Craft worker	1%

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