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## Surveying the status of male and female drug addicts in Iran

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**Background:** Drug addiction is one of the destructive and devastating phenomenons of human society which is faced with human assets, spiritual, capital and human resources with services thread. In the current situation, national assets and empowered youth and vitality of society are at the target of visible and invisible operators of addiction. Addiction can cause diverse effects on social, economic, political and personality issues.

**Purpose:** The main purpose of this study is to review and investigate the current status of addiction issues, figures and the number of drug addiction in Iran as well as strategies to prevent them.

**Method:** Data on numbers of drug addicts in the country and the recommendations provided in the field of addiction recovery patients collected by using the latest research conducted and a summary of the results of the content analysis was carried out.

**Results:** Results of research conducted in the field of drug addiction in Iran shows that about two million people permanently and about 800-thousand people are in recreational drug taking. 94.8% of this group of abusers was male and 5.2% were women. The age composition of the drug abusers showed that around 44% under 29 years and 95% in the age group 25 to 29 years are considered. Based on the rapid assessment of drug abuse in the country (RSA 86), 11.2% of drug users are high school graduates. The statistics show that 47.9% of married women and 41.7% of them are single drug users.

**Conclusion:** The overall results of this study indicate that preventing youth drug abuse and addiction families can play an important role. The family as a social institution has an important role in the formation of character. The amount parents have adequate training in the area of life skills, children will be healthier and better data are transmitted to the offspring.

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