## **Community Needs Assessment Worksheet**

[Assessment](http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework/step1-assess-needs) is the first step of the [Strategic Prevention Framework](https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework). To change a problem, you must first understand it. The assessment step is sometimes referred to as “assessing needs” (or “needs assessment”) because the data collected during the assessment will reveal what a community, state, tribe, or jurisdiction needs in order to prevent substance abuse and promote wellness. Using data allows for a more objective decision-making process. The assessment should be able to answer the following questions about substance use:

* What problems and related behaviors are occurring?
* How often are the problems and related behaviors occurring?
* Where are these problems and related behaviors occurring?
* Which population groups experience more of these problems and related behaviors?

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| **Provide a summary of your community’s data around underage drinking** *(consumption rates, consequences, etc.)* |
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| **Provide a summary of your community’s data around adult binge drinking** *(consumption rates, consequences, etc.)* |
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| **Provide a summary of your community’s data around prescription drug/opioid abuse** *(consumption rates, consequences, etc.)* |
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**Select the data-driven priority(s) you plan to address based on your data summaries provided above.**

Underage Drinking

Adult Binge Drinking

Prescription Drug/Opioid Abuse