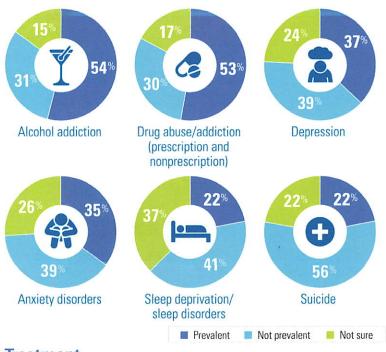
# U.S. Apprenticeship Programs: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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## **Treatment**

A wide range of mental health and substance abuse treatment services are available to apprentices in U.S. training programs, provided either by the apprenticeship program or by the union/employer.

### Preventive

- Employee assistance program (EAP) 79%
- Wellness programs include mental health component 74%
- Mental health assessment included in health risk assessments 61%
- Stress management program 50%
- Mindfulness/meditation tools 48%

## **Education and Awareness**

- Online resources and tools 82%
- Supervisor training 81%
- Newsletters 69%
- Educational sessions offered at worksite 65%
- Positive Jobsite Culture (PJC) 58%
- Mental health first aid training 57%
- QPR suicide prevention training 42%

## Prevalence and Awareness

Alcohol and drug addiction (prescription and nonprescription) are the most prevalent mental health/ substance abuse issues reported among training programs in the United States; ••••

One in five (22%) programs reported the prevalence of suicide. Another 22% were not sure

Another 22% were not sure if suicide was an issue facing their apprentices.

65% of programs reported that at least one of these three issues are prevalent among their apprentices.

One of the most striking findings is that a large share of respondents are "not sure" about the types of mental health issues trainees may be facing. For example, nearly one in four (24%) programs is unsure about the prevalence of depression among their apprentices.

# Impact on Job Performance

Programs report that mental health and substance abuse issues impact many aspects of the workplace.

Percentage of programs reporting that these issues are very or somewhat impactful on the following job performances:



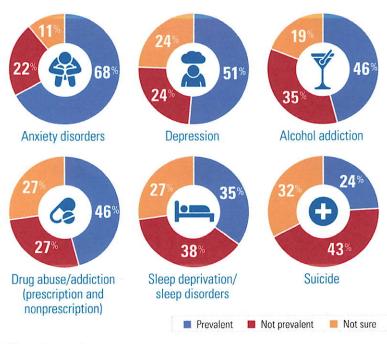


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## Preventive

- Employee assistance program (EAP) 81%
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- Stress management program 73%
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## **Education and Awareness**

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- Educational sessions offered at worksite 70%
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## Prevalence and Awareness

Anxiety disorders are the most prevalent mental health/ substance abuse issue reported among Canadian training programs; 68% of participating programs indicated they are somewhat

or very prevalent among their apprentices.



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Programs report that mental health and substance abuse issues impact many aspects of the workplace.

Percentage of programs reporting that these issues are very or somewhat impactful on the following job performances:

Absenteeism/tardiness	88%
Relationships with co-workers	<b>79</b> %
Worker safety/accidents	<b>79</b> %
Physical health	78%
Presenteeism	77%
Overall job performance	<b>76</b> %
Morale	74%



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