

# The Saint Lucia National Drug Information Network (NATDIN)



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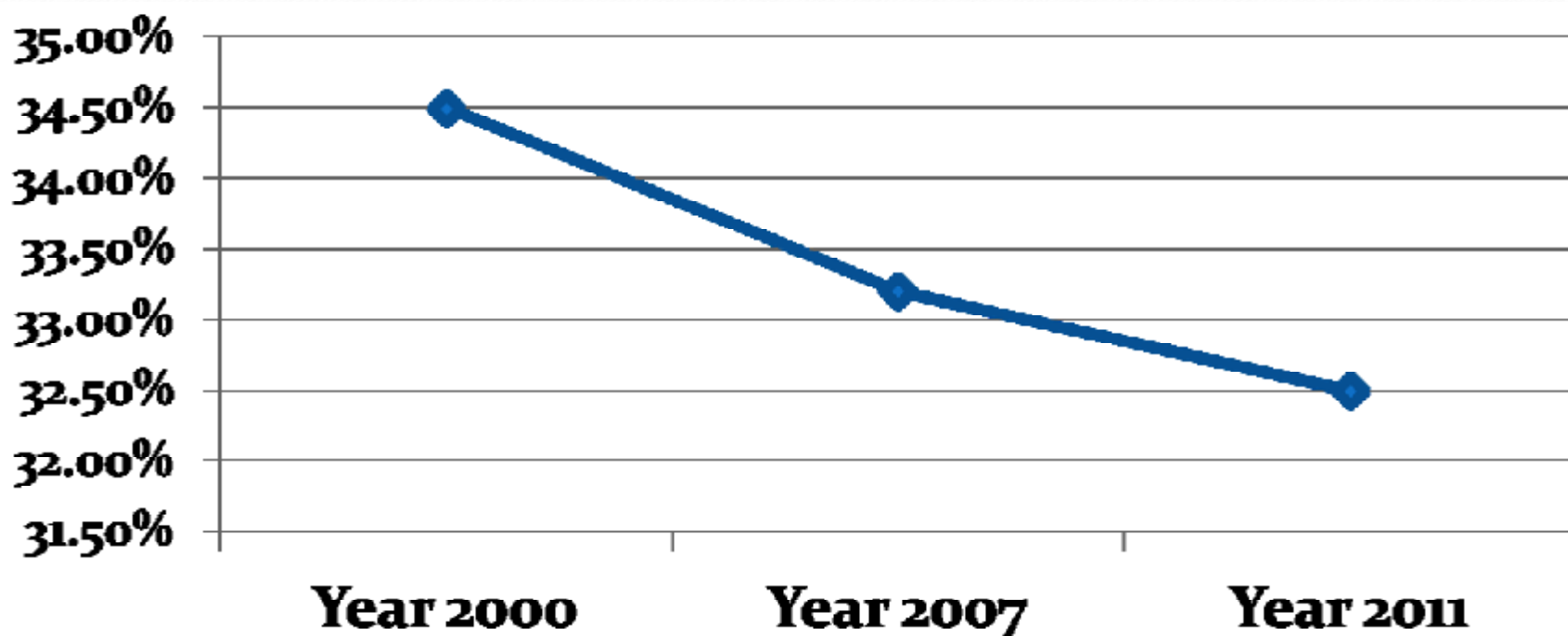
# Status of DIN

- Established in 2008
- Several local reports and newsletters published
- non-operational in 2010
- Re-established 2012



# Recent Trends

## Comparison of Tobacco Use (GYTS) results



**TABLE 3: Prevalence of Alcohol Use**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Lifetime Prevalence</b>	<b>Past Year Prevalence</b>	<b>Past Month Prevalence</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	71.10	49.20	31.32
Barbados	75.60	54.73	34.57
Dominica	80.18	66.05	51.58
Grenada	80.77	58.94	39.55
Guyana	61.02	46.40	36.79
Haiti	47.72	26.91	18.27
Jamaica	65.83	47.03	33.38
St. Kitts and Nevis	64.77	45.41	30.04
<b>St. Lucia</b>	<b>86.20</b>	<b>73.64</b>	<b>61.95</b>
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	65.34	46.38	33.21
Suriname	61.15	44.78	31.80
Trinidad and Tobago	82.08	66.60	48.23
<b>Average</b>	<b>68.90</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>36.70</b>

**Comparative Analysis of Student Drug Use in Caribbean Countries  
(Compiled in 2011)**

**By the Inter America Drug Abuse Control Commission(CICAD)**

# Summary

- St. Lucia recorded the highest Alcohol use of the age group studied.
- St. Lucia recorded the second highest marijuana use of the same age group.
- According to the students St. Lucia is the second easiest country to access marijuana.
- Tobacco is also used throughout the region, but to a lesser extent than alcohol and even marijuana. There is a lot of experimentation with cigarettes, but current use rates are very low
- past year marijuana prevalence overtook cigarette prevalence in st.lucia 2011



# Recent Activities

- NATDIN workshop June, 2012
- Meeting with individual stakeholders
- DIN Sub Regional Meeting August, 2012
- Data gathering
- Report (local) – currently underway
- Use of Secondary Data to develop Secondary School Drug Prevention Program
- Workshop with school counselors where this data was presented April 2013.

# Recent Publications

- None, but pending for the first quarter of 2013





# Future Plans

- Publish data from DIN
- Distribute publications to stakeholders and other relevant organizations
- Host 1<sup>st</sup> of yearly local DIN meeting with stakeholders
- Work with individual stakeholders to develop data gathering and sharing processes
- School Survey – Sept/Oct
- Expand Indicators to include Gender Relations and School Counselors