NA is composed of people who come from many races, cultures, age groups, professions, and backgrounds. The only requirement to become an NA member is the desire to stop using drugs. The decision to become a member in the NA Fellowship rests with the individual.

There are no annual dues or fees for membership. NA is a community-based organization that holds conventions each year. At every NA World Convention since 1996, NA members have been asked to fill out a survey. In 2015, the survey was made available at WCNA in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in our international journal The NA Way Magazine, and on our website. When we conducted this survey in 2015:

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- 11% were African-American;
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The gender composite changed from 2013. In that survey, 43% were female and 57% were male.

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### Importance of First NA Meeting

The 2015 survey indicates that members perceive their first NA meeting as very important. We also asked respondents about their influence to stay in NA and 85% reported identification as a key component. Since NA meetings vary, both in members attending and meeting formats, we encourage people to try different meetings to find that vital identification.

In the graph below, the number one influence to attend NA meetings was a treatment facility or counseling agency. Many members are introduced to NA while participating in treatment and/or counseling. The Informational Pamphlet #29, An Introduction to NA Meetings, which explains practices that may be unfamiliar to those at their first meeting or early in recovery could be helpful to persons in early recovery.

Multiple answers were permitted; only the top seven choices are shown.

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### Meeting Attendance

Regular attendance at NA meetings provides the opportunity to experience the NA message of recovery. Members surveyed attend an average of 3.23 meetings per week.

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### Employment Status

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### Drugs Used on a Regular Basis

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For several years, professionals and members alike wondered whether addicts were able to maintain employment, familial relationships, and housing while using drugs. In the 2015 Membership Survey, the question was posed to the members: 44% of the respondents indicated that all areas of their lives were affected by drug use, and 45 percent stated that they were able to maintain employment. Areas most notably affected by drug use were commitment to intimate relationships and providing for a family.

About NA

Narcotics Anonymous is a worldwide fellowship of recovering addicts whose primary purpose is to help addicts stop using drugs by utilizing a twelve-step approach. NA is not a religious organization and does not require any particular belief system. It teaches basic spiritual principles such as honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness, to name a few. The specific practical application of these principles is determined by the individual member.

NA members learn from one another how to live drug-free and recover from the effects of addiction. Although not associated with any religion, political group, organization, or institution, NA cooperates with professionals and the public by providing information about the fellowship.

In many communities, Narcotics Anonymous is listed in the white pages of the telephone directory. Another way to obtain local meeting information is by accessing the “NA Meeting Search” link at www.na.org. Questions about NA meetings in other countries or general information about the fellowship can be obtained by contacting NA World Services.