

Infographic: Drug Abuse in the Workplace

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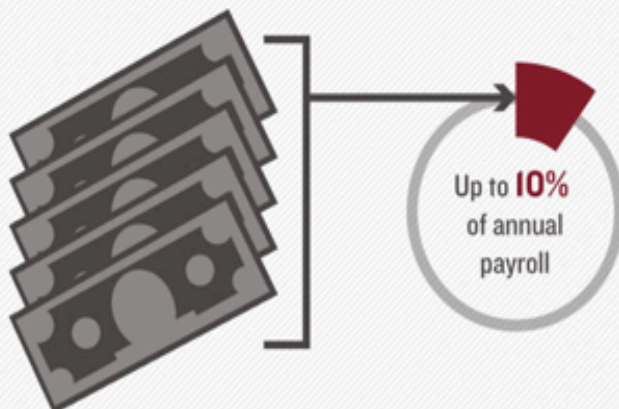
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Thanks in part to a drastic increase in prescription narcotic abuse among the public, drug use on the job has also increased — and with alarming effects for employers. The following infographic, courtesy of [Compliance and Safety](#), illustrates the magnitude of the problem.

Footing The Bill

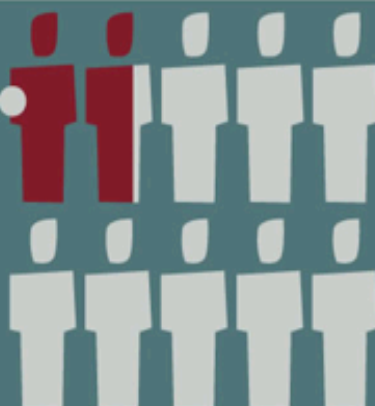
The high costs of substance abuse to employers

\$100 billion:
Annual cost of
drug abuse to
businesses



75%

of illicit drug users
currently employed



60%

of adults know
someone who
has gone in to
work under the
influence



3 million

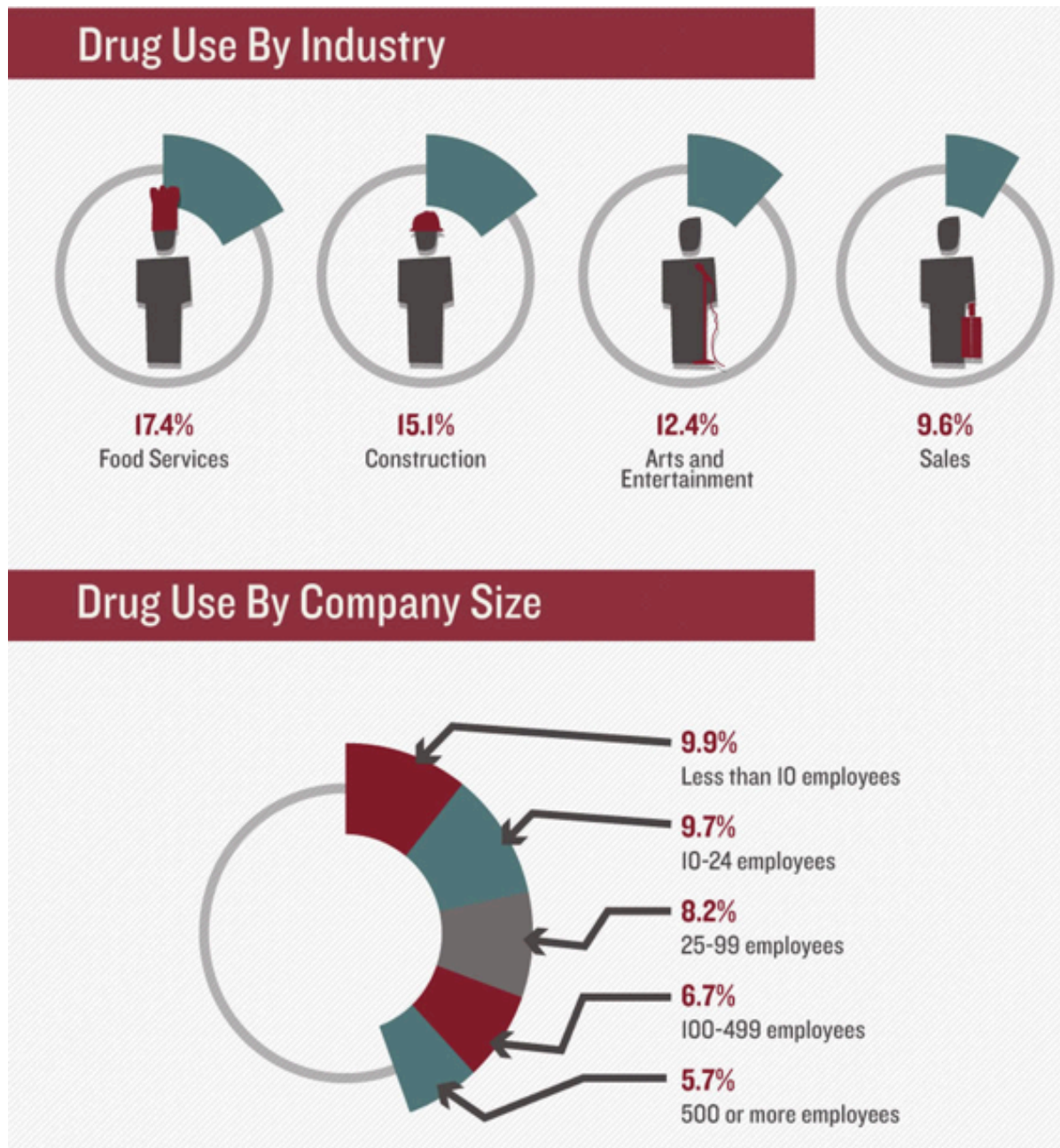


Workers will go
into work under
the influence
each year

3% of the workforce



The infographic goes even further by breaking down drug use by industry and company size.



Employers have options, however, including:

- The government-funded [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA), which offers resources on maintaining a drug-free workplace.
- The [National Institute of Drug Abuse](#) (NIDA) offers information on the effects of drug abuse and how to initiate prevention and treatment measures.
- The United States Department of Labor's "[drug-free workplace policy builder](#)" helps organizations develop a customized drug-free workplace policy statement.
- [EmploymentDrugTesting.com](#) offers information and services regarding employee drug testing.

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