

Economic Benefits of Long-term Recovery¹

People in recovery experience dramatic improvements in all areas of life once they are in addiction recovery, and these improvements continue over time as recovery is maintained. By advocating for an expansion of recovery services, every citizen can contribute to the successes long-term recovery brings.



38%

Reported facing financial struggles during long-term recovery, compared to the 70% reporting similar problems while using substances



83%

Reported having a compensated, stable job as a result of long-term recovery

2x



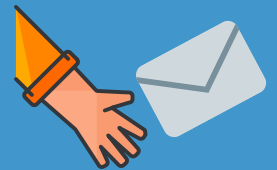
As many individuals in recovery start their own businesses compared to individuals with an active substance use issue

93%



Reported having access to a banking system, compared to the 80% national average

2x



As many individuals in recovery pay bills on time and repay debts compared to those with an active substance use issue or disorder

FINANCIAL SITUATIONS IMPROVE AS INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE THE RECOVERY PROCESS



84%

People in long-term recovery report paying taxes, compared to the 67% of people beginning their recovery



84%

People in long-term recovery report good credit standing, compared to the 58% of people beginning their recovery



92%

People in long-term recovery reporting planning for their financial futures, compared to the 77% of people beginning their recovery



With substance use issues costing Americans \$600 billion annually² recovery is beneficial not only for individuals, families, and communities, but also for the nation's health and economy.

¹ Laudet, A., & Faces & Voices of Recovery (2013). *Life in Recovery: Report on the Survey Findings*.

² National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2018, January 17). Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research-Based Guide (Third Edition). Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/principles-drug-addiction-treatment-research-based-guide-third-edition> on 2020, March 13

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