



Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Fact Sheet - FY 2007



This fact sheet contains information on admissions to Substance abuse treatment reporting Lowell as their city of residence. Admission data presented here were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2007.

Residents of the City of Lowell

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2007, there were 106,684 admissions to substance abuse treatment programs statewide; 2.2% (2,371) of these admissions reported being from the City of Lowell. 0.9% (21) of admissions from the City of Lowell were under 18 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent admissions to treatment and not distinct individuals.** In FY 2007, admissions to substance abuse treatment services from the City of Lowell reported the following characteristics:

- 68% were male and 32% were female.
- 60% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 66% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 24% were Latino, and 7% were other racial categories.
- 68% were never married, 11% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 39% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 15% had more than high school education.
- 19% were employed.
- 22% were homeless.
- 33% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance for which they seek treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of reported primary drugs statewide with that for the City of Lowell.

	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
City	36%	46%	6%	5%	3%
State	41%	36%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions can report using more than one substance within the year. Therefore the sum of each cell may not equal the total.

Table 2 shows the frequency at which past year use was reported for all substances as well as that for intravenous drug use (IDU).

Table 2							
Number of admissions Reporting Substance Used: FY 1997 – FY 2007							
City of Lowell							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '97	2,869	2,080	837	990	734	1,489	1,078
FY '98	2,996	2,059	825	962	576	1,782	1,249
FY '99	3,232	2,218	985	1,043	593	1,811	1,368
FY '00	3,072	2,032	855	984	472	1,794	1,415
FY '01	3,206	2,003	882	1,005	436	1,941	1,408
FY '02	2,820	1,742	771	728	316	1,740	1,275
FY '03	2,834	1,646	690	752	334	1,804	1,422
FY '04	2,362	1,440	633	754	351	1,405	1,149
FY '05	2,269	1,306	506	634	290	1,257	1,030
FY '07	2,371	1,444	525	706	371	1,103	935

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional change in admission counts for the City of Lowell and the proportional change in those admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use.

