



Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Fact Sheet - FY 2007



This fact sheet contains information on admissions to Substance abuse treatment reporting New Bedford 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 New Bedford

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2007, there were 106,684 admissions to substance abuse treatment programs statewide; 2.3% (2,502) of these admissions reported being from the City of New Bedford. One percent (24) of admissions from the City of New Bedford 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 New Bedford reported the following characteristics:

- 66% were male and 34% were female.
- 62% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 75% were white non-Latino, 9% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 6% were other racial categories.
- 67% were never married, 10% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 37% had less than high school education, 48% completed high school, and 15% had more than high school education.
- 15% were employed.
- 21% were homeless.
- 39% 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 the City of New Bedford.

Table 1 Primary Drug by District and State FY 2007					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
City	33%	43%	4%	5%	6%
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 New Bedford							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '97	2,276	1,603	918	1,002	195	1,245	911
FY '98	2,768	1,725	879	1,096	247	1,767	1,348
FY '99	2,623	1,827	922	1,125	280	1,517	1,144
FY '00	2,977	2,103	986	1,366	456	1,748	1,263
FY '01	2,620	1,692	767	1,064	331	1,507	1,080
FY '02	3,548	2,325	1,106	1,494	399	2,048	1,404
FY '03	3,435	2,102	1,003	1,389	459	1,847	1,315
FY '04	3,348	2,009	936	1,340	538	1,839	1,305
FY '05	2,889	1,849	770	1,188	590	1,481	1,111
FY '07	2,502	1,633	618	962	694	1,241	901

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

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

