



Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Fact Sheet - FY 2007



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

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2007, there were 106,684 admissions to substance abuse treatment programs statewide; 4.2% (4,460) of these admissions reported being from the City of Worcester. One percent (45) of admissions from the City of Worcester 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 Worcester reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 56% were white non-Latino, 9% were black non-Latino, 30% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 12% were married, and 22 % reported not to be married now.
- 33% had less than high school education, 48% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 17% were employed.
- 27% were homeless.
- 30% 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 Worcester.

	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
City	35%	47%	6%	3%	5%
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 Worcester							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '97	5,678	4,041	1,632	1,999	1,583	2,767	2,054
FY '98	6,311	4,418	2,118	2,169	1,783	3,281	2,417
FY '99	6,525	4,454	2,002	2,152	1,666	3,409	2,606
FY '00	6,806	4,549	2,090	2,321	1,683	4,046	3,210
FY '01	7,248	4,265	1,832	1,967	1,345	4,400	3,486
FY '02	6,805	3,990	1,736	1,871	1,306	4,020	3,033
FY '03	5,673	2,973	1,370	1,538	1,042	3,505	2,653
FY '04	4,855	2,526	1,160	1,402	1,052	2,943	2,353
FY '05	4,810	2,506	1,027	1,378	1,197	2,941	2,300
FY '07	4,460	2,629	1,022	1,257	1,211	2,273	1,743

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

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

