



Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Fact Sheet - FY 2010



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 2010.

Residents of the City of New Bedford

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2010, there were 106,301 admissions to substance abuse treatment programs statewide; 3.07% (3,261) of these admissions reported being from the City of New Bedford. 2.57% (67) 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 2010, admissions to substance abuse treatment services from the City of New Bedford reported the following characteristics:

- 63% were male and 37% were female.
- 65% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 83% were white non-Latino, 7% were black non-Latino, 11% were Latino and 11% were other racial categories.
- 70% were never married, 9% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 3% had less than high school education, 70% completed high school, and 27% had more than high school education.
- 13% were employed.
- 18% were homeless.
- 46% 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 New Bedford.

Table 1 Primary Drug by District and State FY 2010					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
City	33%	47%	4%	6%	3%
State	43%	38%	5%	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 2001 – FY 2010							
City of New Bedford							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '01	2,957	1,931	873	1,209	374	1,619	1,159
FY '02	3,483	2,286	1,069	1,484	401	2,039	1,402
FY '03	3,402	2,064	956	1,391	461	1,855	1,322
FY '04	3,352	2,010	927	1,345	538	1,848	1,314
FY '05	2,897	1,853	765	1,205	600	1,499	1,120
FY '06	2,738	1,667	646	1,141	655	1,414	1,038
FY '07	2,406	1,553	590	926	665	1,204	875
FY '08	2,449	1,572	704	886	560	1,221	971
FY '09	2,799	1,670	800	811	566	1,475	1,270
FY '10	3,193	1,706	876	960	587	1,802	1,523