National Treatment Admissions for Methamphetamine as the Primary Drug of Abuse Decrease; Admissions for Opiates Other Than Heroin Continue to Increase

The percentage of national admissions to state-funded substance abuse treatment facilities citing methamphetamine as a primary substance of abuse decreased slightly from a recent peak of 8.2% in 2005 to 7.5% in 2007, according to recently released data from the national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). These findings are consistent with other reports of declining methamphetamine use.* In contrast, admissions for the primary abuse of opiates other than heroin, such as the prescription painkiller oxycodone, have increased five-fold since data collection began in 1992, reaching a high 5.0% in 2007. Admissions for the primary abuse of other drugs have remained relatively stable over the past few years (see figure below).

Primary Substance of Abuse at Admission to U.S. State Licensed or Certified Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities, 1992 to 2007

*e.g., National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, Monitoring the Future, Community Epidemiology Work Group.


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