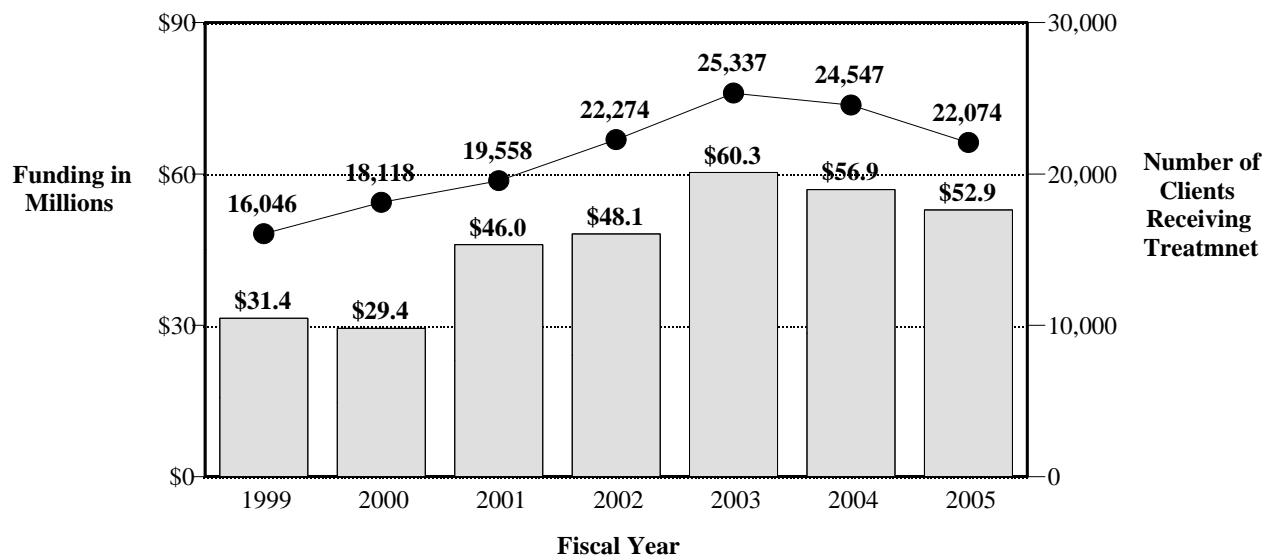


Baltimore City's Treatment System Loses More Than \$7 Million in Funding; Number of Clients Receiving Treatment Decreases

Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems (BSAS) was established in 1990 and has administered Baltimore City's substance abuse treatment system since 1995. It now consists of approximately 80 treatment programs offering a continuum of treatment services. Funding for BSAS programs increased steadily from FY99, peaking at \$60.3 million in FY03. Since that time, however, budget cuts and the discontinuation of state and federal grants led to the loss of more than \$7 million in funding for Baltimore City treatment programs. As a result, the annual number of clients receiving treatment has decreased from the peak of 25,337 in FY03 to 22,074 in FY05. According to the most recent estimate, approximately 58,000 Baltimore City residents are in need of substance abuse treatment.*

Drug Treatment Funding (in Millions) and Number of Clients Receiving Treatment, Baltimore City, FY99 to FY05



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