

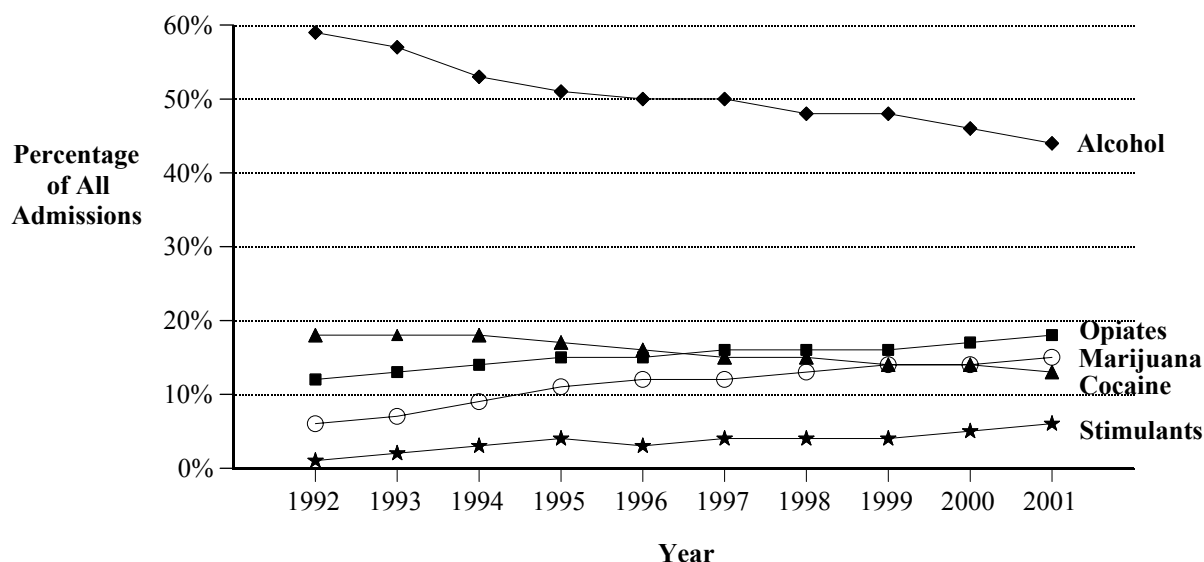
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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National Treatment Admissions for Primary Alcohol and Cocaine Abuse Decline; Opiates, Marijuana, and Stimulants Increase Since 1992

The percentage of admissions to state-funded substance abuse treatment facilities for alcohol abuse has declined since 1992, according to data from the national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). While alcohol continues to be the substance most frequently cited as a primary substance of abuse, primary alcohol abuse accounted for less than one-half (44%) of all admissions in 2001, down from 59% in 1992. A decline was also seen in admissions for primary cocaine abuse (from 18% in 1992 to 13% in 2001). At the same time, there was an increase in the proportion of admissions for primary abuse of opiates (from 12% to 18%), marijuana (from 6% to 15%), and stimulants (from 1% to 6%). Other drugs, including sedatives, tranquilizers, hallucinogens, inhalants, and PCP each accounted for less than 1% of yearly admissions during the nine year period (data not shown).

Primary Substance of Abuse at Admission to U.S. State Licensed or Certified Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities, 1992-2001



NOTE: TEDS is based on admissions and not individuals. Therefore, an individual could be admitted to treatment more than once during the course of a calendar year, accounting for more than one admission.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the Office of Applied Studies, SAMHSA, "National Admissions to Substance Abuse Treatment Services," *Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) 1992-2001*, December 2003. Available online at <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/teds01/TEDS2K1Index.htm>.

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