

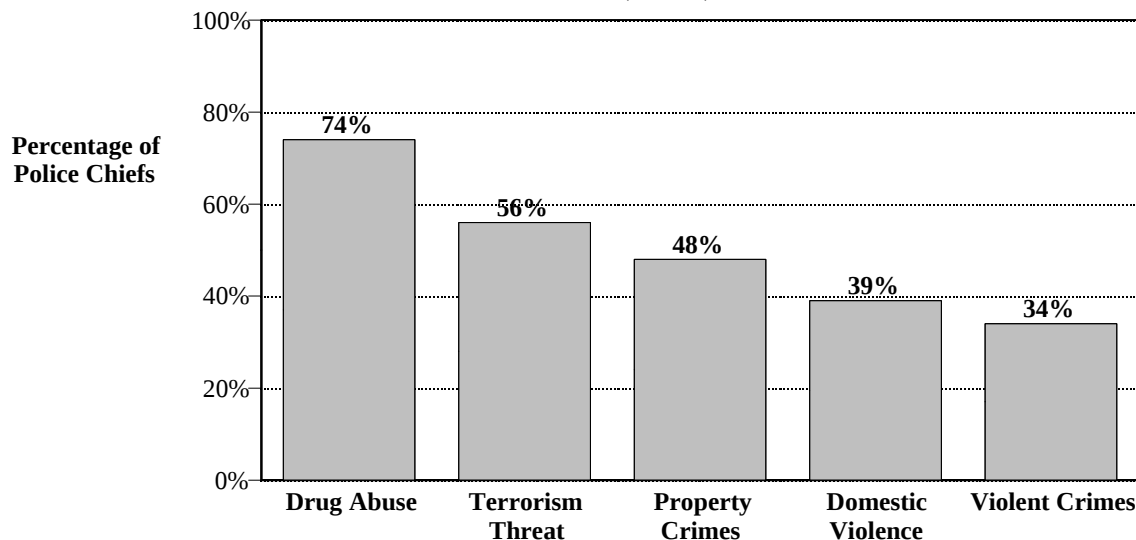
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***Majority of Police Chiefs Report Drug Abuse Is a Serious Problem in Their Community;
Three Out of Four Report Inadequate Resources to Deal with Drug Abuse***

Drug abuse is the most serious and under-resourced problem faced by law enforcement, according to a recent survey of 300 police chiefs across the United States. Sixty-three percent of police chiefs reported that drug abuse was a serious problem in their community—more than any other issue (data not shown). Furthermore, three-fourths of police chiefs reported that there are too little resources available for their police department to use in dealing with drug abuse. Chiefs in medium-size communities and small towns were most likely to express dissatisfaction with the resources they have to deal with drug abuse (data not shown).

**Percentage of U.S. Police Chiefs Reporting
They Have Too Little Resources to Deal With Issues, 2004**
(N=300)*



*A national telephone survey of 300 chiefs of police in large cities, medium communities, and small towns was conducted in June 2004 by Peter D. Hart Research Associates

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