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Methamphetamine Treatment Admission Rates Higher Than Those of Cocaine and/or Heroin in Western States

More than three-fourths of western states have higher rates of methamphetamine/amphetamine-related* treatment admissions than cocaine- or heroin-related admissions, according to data from the 2002 national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). In Idaho, for example, methamphetamine and other amphetamines were reported as the primary drugs of abuse at a rate of 116 per 100,000 residents, compared to a rate of 6 per 100,000 for cocaine and 3 per 100,000 for heroin. In contrast, one-third (4 out of 12) of states in the north central region of the country, 2 of the 17 southern states, and none of the northeastern states had rates of methamphetamine/amphetamine treatment admissions higher than those for cocaine and/or heroin.

U.S. Treatment Admissions per 100,000 Population by Primary Substance of Abuse, 2002

(Highlighted methamphetamine rates are those that are higher than cocaine and/or heroin treatment rates in that state)

		Cocaine	Heroin	Meth*
WEST	Alaska	42	4	15
	Arizona	14	11	28
	California	81	160	200
	Colorado	78	44	68
	Hawaii	33	21	217
	Idaho	6	3	116
	Montana	16	8	119
	Nevada	61	39	157
	New Mexico	10	13	4
	Oregon	56	158	324
	Utah	42	49	115
	Washington	81	111	150
	Wyoming	25	2	167

		Cocaine	Heroin	Meth*
MIDWEST	Illinois	149	108	13
	Indiana	64	11	23
	Iowa	64	10	198
	Kansas	102	3	61
	Michigan	122	90	5
	Minnesota	93	22	78
	Missouri	161	32	86
	Nebraska	49	<1	102
	North Dakota	6	1	65
	Ohio	73	35	2
	South Dakota	13	2	69
	Wisconsin	36	12	4

		Cocaine	Heroin	Meth*
NORTHEAST	Connecticut	183	626	4
	Maine	36	99	4
	Massachusetts	60	671	1
	New Hampshire	28	47	7
	New Jersey	74	370	2
	New York	269	366	3
	Pennsylvania	93	116	2
	Rhode Island	173	485	2
	Vermont	72	164	4

		Cocaine	Heroin	Meth*
SOUTH	Alabama	109	5	36
	Arkansas	90	2	125
	Delaware	191	254	2
	District of Columbia	399	470	4
	Florida	125	36	5
	Georgia	108	9	22
	Kentucky	65	6	13
	Louisiana	213	18	18
	Maryland	199	481	3
	Mississippi	71	4	17
	North Carolina	79	13	3
	Oklahoma	60	5	119
	South Carolina	106	13	7
	Tennessee	77	---	9
	Texas	50	23	13
	Virginia	72	30	3
	West Virginia	1	4	<1

*Methamphetamine constitutes about 95 percent of combined methamphetamine/amphetamine admissions. Four states (Arkansas, Connecticut, Oregon, and Texas) do not distinguish between methamphetamine and amphetamine admissions.

--- Heroin admissions are included in Other Opiates in Tennessee.

NOTES: Data are from treatment facilities that are state-licensed/certified and/or receive public funding. Treatment clients may report up to three substance problems. Geographic divisions are based on the U.S. Census Bureau regions.

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