

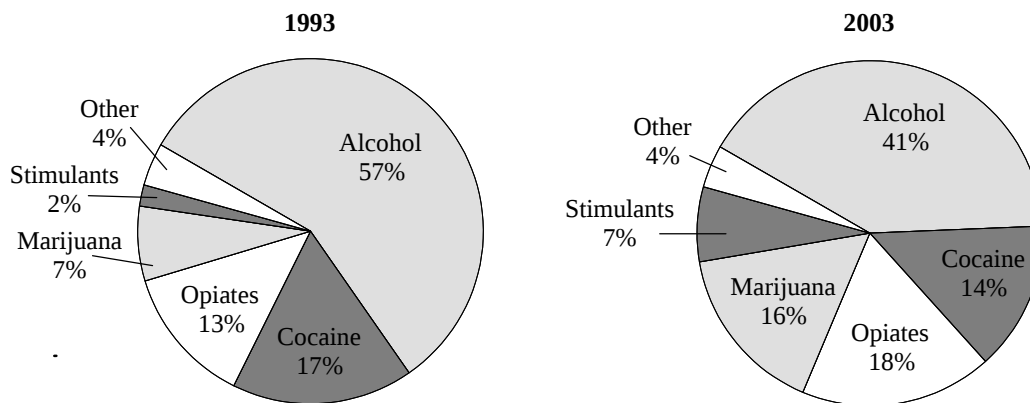
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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National Treatment Admissions for Primary Alcohol and Cocaine Abuse Decrease While Admissions for Marijuana Double and Stimulants Triple

The percentage of admissions to state-funded substance abuse treatment facilities for primary* alcohol abuse declined from 1993 to 2003, 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 (41%) of all admission in 2003 (the most recent year for which data are available), down from 57% in 1993. The percentage of admissions for primary cocaine abuse also decreased, from 17% to 14%. At the same time, the percentage of admissions for primary abuse of stimulants (including methamphetamine and prescription stimulants) tripled and marijuana more than doubled while primary opiate admissions also increased (from 13% to 18%).

Primary Substance of Abuse at Admission to U.S. State Licensed or Certified Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities, 1993 and 2003



*Each admission may report a primary, secondary, or tertiary substance of abuse.

NOTE: TEDS is based on admissions 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. "Trends in Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions: 1993 and 2003," *The DASIS Report*, 2006. Available online at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k6/TXtrends/TXtrends.cfm>.

New Job Announcement:

CESAR Seeking PhD-Level Candidate to Analyze Data on Alcohol Use Among College Students

CESAR is seeking a Research Associate to analyze and publish data from an ongoing, longitudinal prospective survey of alcohol use among college students. A PhD-level candidate with post-doctorate experience in public health and/or epidemiology is preferred. If you are interested in working in a supportive and stimulating, university-based team environment, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Amelia Arria at CESAR, 4321 Hartwick Rd, Ste 501, College Park, MD 20740; 301-403-8342 (fax); cesar@cesar.umd.edu.

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