

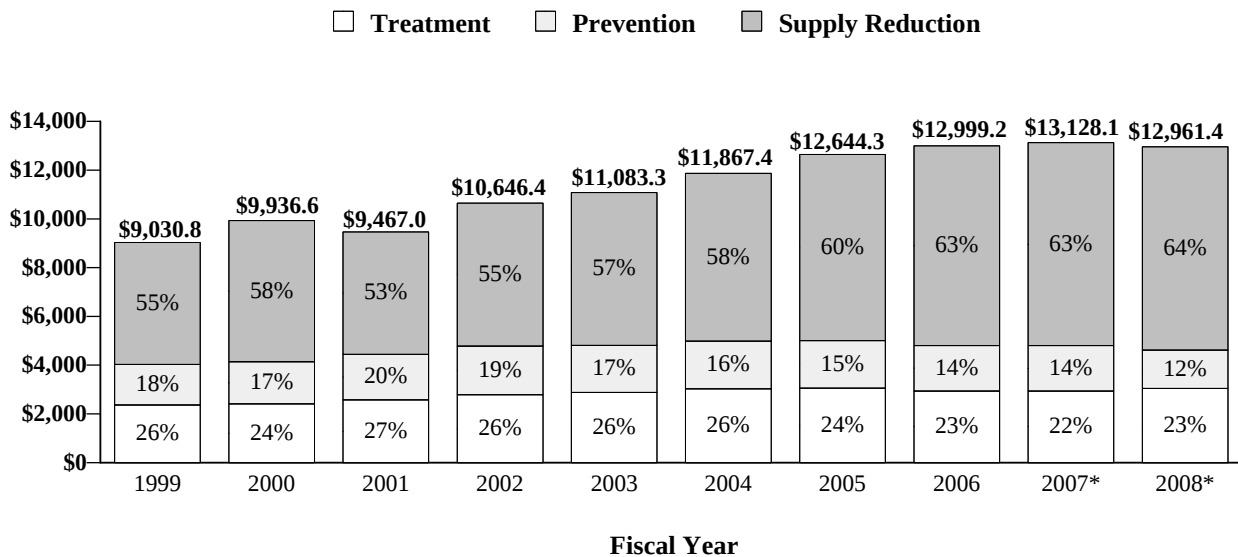
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FY2008 Federal Drug Control Budget Released; Prevention Gets Smallest Percentage in Past Decade

Nearly two-thirds (64%) of the FY2008 national drug control budget is allocated to supply reduction, including domestic law enforcement (28%), interdiction (25%), and international (11%) efforts, according to the *National Drug Control Strategy FY2008 Budget Summary* released earlier this month by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The remaining portion of the requested \$12.9 billion budget is allocated to treatment and prevention, areas typically defined as demand reduction. Of note is the reduction in funding for substance abuse prevention to 12% of the total budget—the lowest level in the past decade. Overall, “the FY 2008 budget trend goes against well-established principles of effective drug control policy, including the need for a comprehensive balanced approach between interdiction, law enforcement, overseas programs, and prevention and treatment programming” (Carnevale Associates, p. 1).

National Drug Control Budget (in millions), FY1999 to FY2008*



*FY2007 budget is estimated; FY2008 budget is the requested amount, which may differ from the amount actually enacted.

NOTE: Percentages do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from Carnevale Associates, “FY ’08 Drug Budget: Prevention Funding Continues to Decline,” *Policy Brief*, February 2007 (available online at http://www.carnevaleassociates.com/Federal_Drug_Budget_FY08.pdf); and

Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), *National Drug Control Strategy FY2008 Budget Summary*, 2007; *National Drug Control Strategy FY2007 Budget Summary*, 2006; and *National Drug Control Strategy FY2006 Budget Summary*, 2005 (available online at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.org/policy/budget.html>).

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