

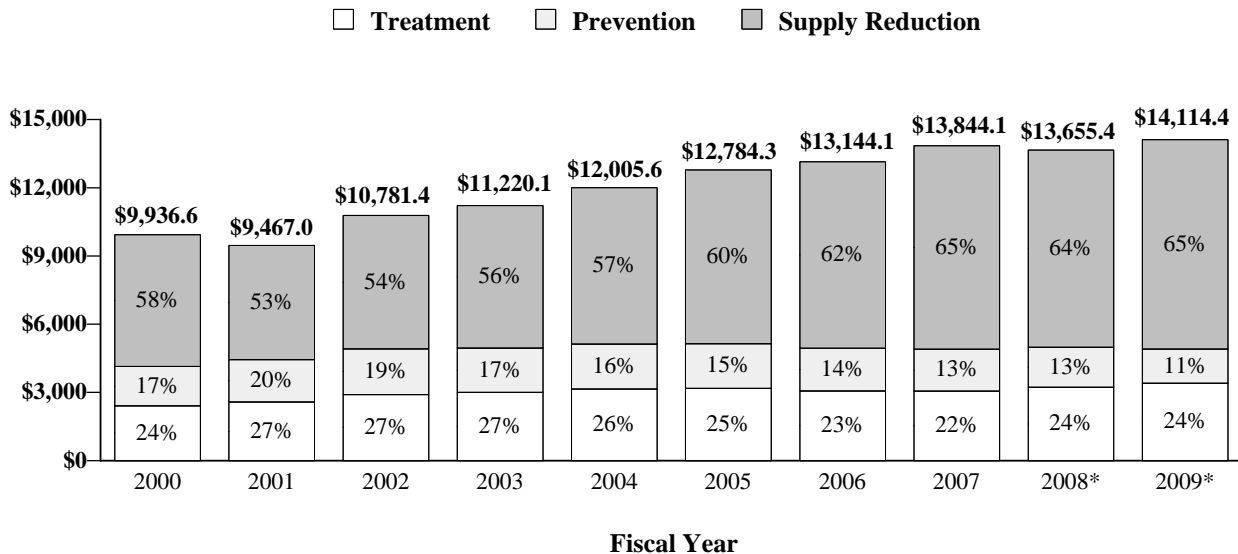
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *FY2009 Federal Drug Control Budget Released; Prevention Continues to Receive Dwindling Proportion of Funding*

Prevention continues to receive a declining share of the federal drug control budget, according to the *National Drug Control Strategy FY2009 Budget Summary* released earlier this month by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Eleven percent of the requested \$14.1 billion FY2009 national drug control budget is allocated to prevention, down from 20% in 2001. Slightly less than one-fourth of the budget is dedicated to treatment. In contrast, nearly two-thirds (65%) of the FY2009 budget is allocated to supply reduction, including domestic law enforcement (27%), interdiction (27%), and international (11%) efforts. This supply reduction “runs counter to what research has found: that efforts to reduce demand are best addressed through treatment and prevention rather than supply reduction” (Carnevale Associates, p. 1).

#### National Drug Control Budget (in millions), FY2000 to FY2009\*



\*FY2008 budget is the estimated enacted amount; FY2009 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, “FY02-09 Budget Emphasizes Least Effective Ingredients of Drug Policy,” *Policy Brief*, February 2008 (available online at [http://www.carnevaleassociates.com/Federal\\_Drug\\_Budget\\_FY02\\_09\\_Trend.pdf](http://www.carnevaleassociates.com/Federal_Drug_Budget_FY02_09_Trend.pdf)); and

Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), *National Drug Control Strategy FY2009 Budget Summary*, 2008; *National Drug Control Strategy FY2008 Budget Summary*, 2007; and *National Drug Control Strategy FY2007 Budget Summary*, 2006 (available online at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.org/policy/budget.html>).

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