

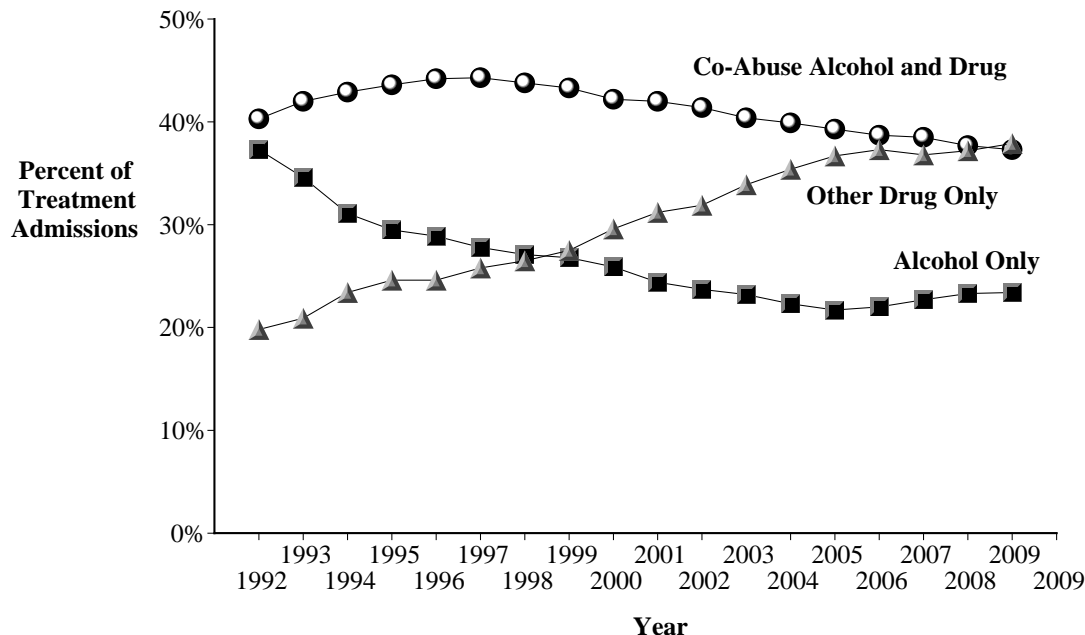
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Alcohol-Only Admissions Comprised 23% of Treatment Admissions in 2009; Nearly 40% of Admissions Were for Drugs Other Than Alcohol

The percentage of substance abuse treatment admissions for drug-only problems has risen since 1992 while the percentage for alcohol-only and the co-abuse of alcohol and drugs has declined, according to the most recent data from the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). The percentage of drug-only treatment admissions increased from 20% in 1992 to 38% in 2009 (the most current year for which data are available). Alcohol-only treatment admissions, which had surpassed drug-only admissions prior to 1999, decreased from 37% to 23% over the same period. The percentage of treatment admissions for the co-abuse of alcohol and other drugs also decreased, from a high of 44% in 1997 to 37% in 2009. While these findings may reflect actual changes in substance abuse and dependence, they may also be the result of other factors, such as changes in insurance policies or access to treatment.

Percentage of U.S. Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for Alcohol-Only, Other Drug-Only, and Co-Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs, 1992 to 2009



NOTE: The Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) is a compilation of client-level data routinely collected by the individual State administrative data systems to monitor their substance abuse treatment systems. Generally, facilities that are required to report to the State substance abuse agency (SSA) are those that receive public funds and/or are licensed or certified by the SSA to provide substance abuse treatment (or are administratively tracked for other reasons).

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA), *Quick Table: Treatment Episode Data Set-Admissions (TEDS-A)—Concatenated, 1992 to 2009, Substance Abuse Type by Year (Percents)*, Created 12/16/2011. Available online at <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/quicktables/quicksetoptions.do?reportKey=25221-all%3A3>.

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