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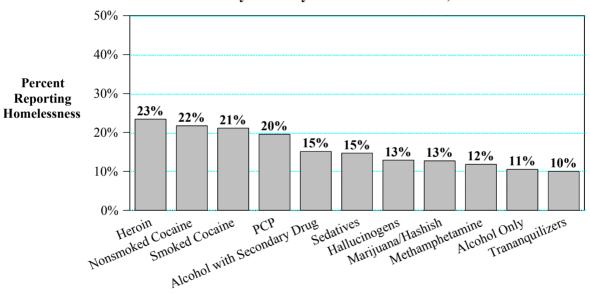
# A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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## Heroin, Cocaine, and PCP Treatment Admissions Have Highest Rates of Homelessness

The most recent data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) show that homelessness was related to the primary substance abused. Overall, 15% of all treatment client admissions in 1995 reported being homeless. However, heroin abusers had the highest homeless rate (23%), followed by cocaine (nonsmoked, 22%; smoked, 21%), and PCP abusers (20%). Some of these variations may be related to age differences in the drug of choice (see CESAR FAX Volume 6, Issue 19).

### Percentage of Treatment Admissions Reporting Homelessness, by Primary Substance of Abuse, 1995



#### **Primary Substance of Abuse**

NOTE: The TEDS comprises state-collected data on client admissions to treatment programs receiving any public funds.

SOURCE: Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Treatment Episode Data Set Advance Report 12*, WWW document; URL http://www.samhsa.gov/oas/teds (accessed 4/16/97).

### National Treatment Report Now Available from SAMHSA's Web Site

Treatment Episode Data Set Advance Report 12, featuring data from publicly funded treatment programs across the United States, is now available at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's World Wide Web site (www.samhsa.gov) under "Publications, Reports, and Statistical Information."