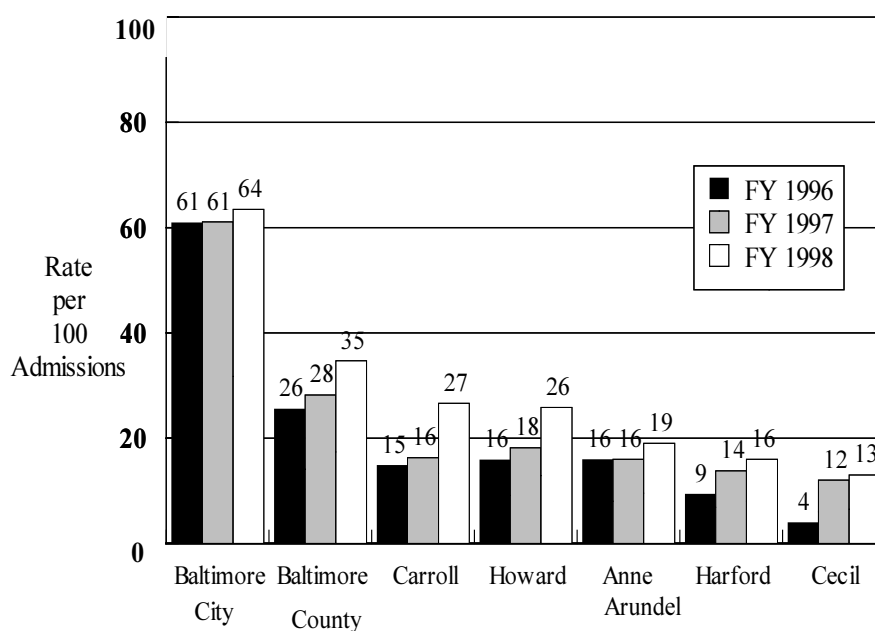


Baltimore City Heroin Related Treatment Admissions Hold Steady in FY 1998; Increases Found in Most Neighboring Counties

The Substance Abuse Management Information Systems (SAMIS) tracks up to three drugs of abuse for each client admitted to drug treatment programs in Maryland. The rate of heroin mentions in Baltimore City from FY 1996 to FY 1998 has remained stable. In contrast, most of the surrounding suburban counties have experienced significant increases. (See chart below.) The 1998 Maryland Drug Scan (DEWS Fax, Vol. 1, Issue 3) also indicates an increase in heroin use in these counties.

**Rate of Heroin Mentions per 100 Drug Treatment Admissions,
by Year and County**



NOTE: A mention is a report of a substance as a problem on a SAMIS admission or discharge form. Up to three substances may be reported for each admission and each discharge; thus, the number of mentions exceeds the numbers of admissions and discharges. (*Trends and Patterns*, FY 1998).

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