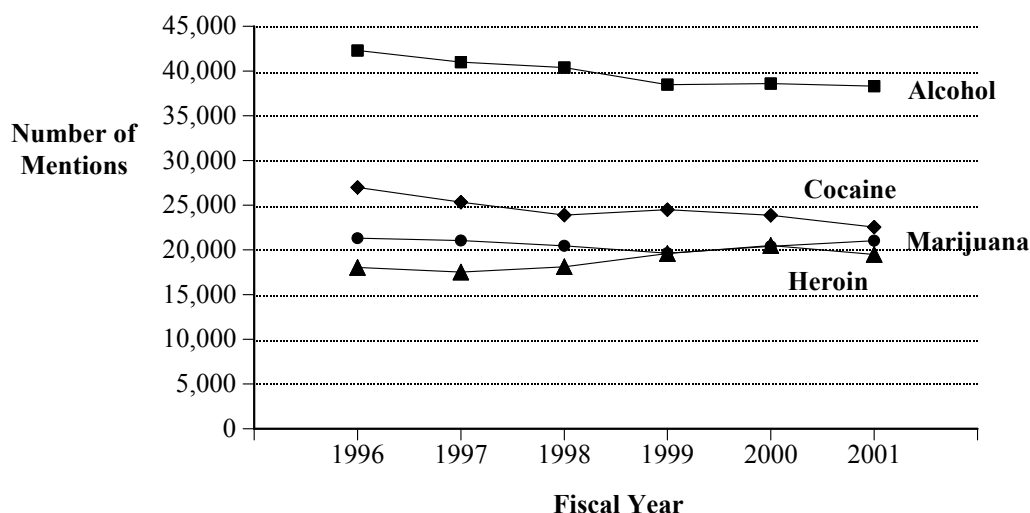


Cocaine Mentions Decrease, Marijuana Mentions Increase Among Maryland Treatment Clients

The number of mentions of cocaine as a problem among clients admitted to publicly funded treatment programs in Maryland has been decreasing over the past two years, according to data from the Maryland Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS). In FY 2001 there were 22,543 cocaine mentions, a decrease of 8% from FY1999. At the same time marijuana mentions have increased 7%, from 19,623 in FY1999 to 21,021 in FY2001. Mentions of alcohol (the substance most frequently mentioned as a problem among treatment clients) and heroin have remained relatively stable since 1999.

**Number of Alcohol, Cocaine, Heroin, and Marijuana Mentions,
Maryland Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, FY1996-FY2001**



NOTES: A mention is a report by a client of a substance as a problem. Up to three substances may be reported for each admission; thus the total number of mentions exceeds the number of admissions. All Maryland treatment programs are required to report to SAMIS as a condition of certification and funding.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS), Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA). For more information, contact Erin Artigiani of CESAR at 301-403-8329.