



Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Treatment

Annual Report - FY 2012

WOMEN ADMISSIONS



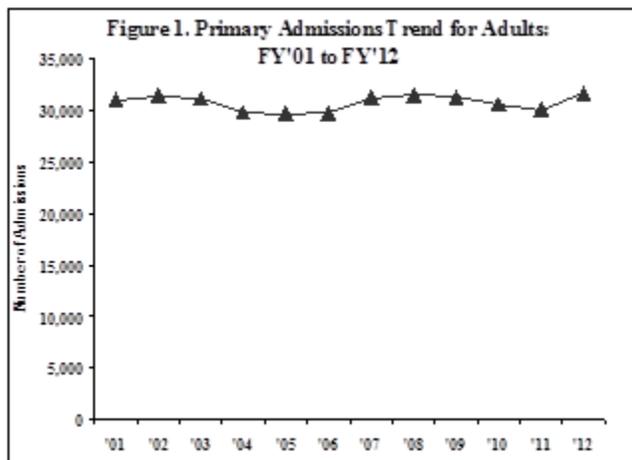
This annual report provides information on adult admissions to substance abuse treatment services. Admission data presented here were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Management Information System in FY 2012 by licensed providers.

Use of Illicit Drugs

Based on 2009 – 2010 combined data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (<http://www.samhsa.gov/>), 10.9% of non-pregnant women aged 15-44 used illicit drugs in the past month.

Treatment Admissions

In FY 2012 there were 32,956 females admitted to substance abuse treatment services in Massachusetts; of these 755 admissions were less than 18 years of age. This report presents data on women 18 and older. For information on substance abuse treatment services provided to women under 18, please refer to the Adolescent Annual Report. Figure 1 illustrates treatment admissions trend for



women 18 years and older to all treatment services for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2012.

Characteristics of Admissions

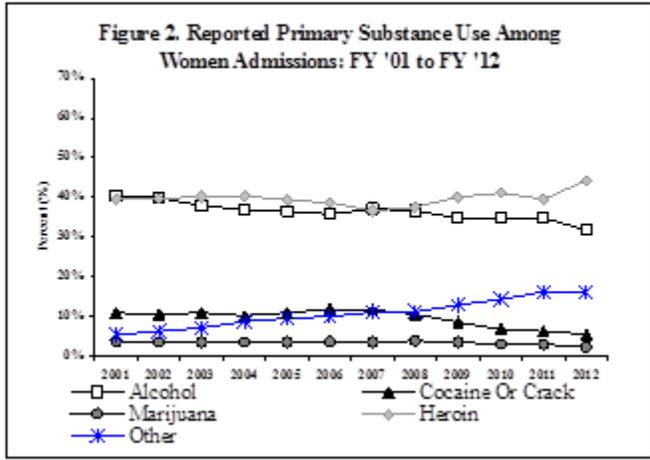
In FY 2012, women admissions to substance abuse treatment reported the following characteristics:

- 85.3% (26,889) were White, 6.0% (1,892) were Black, 2.6% (815) were multi-racial and 6.0% (1,905) were of single other race.
- 7.5% (2,369) of these admissions were Hispanic.
- 82.2% (26,040) were unemployed.
- 17.4% (5,334) were homeless.
- 56.7% (17,973) had received prior mental health treatment.
- 43.5% (13,783) reported injection drug use (past year).
- 63.6% (20,168) were between the ages of 21-39, with a mean age of 33.6 years.
- 25.5% (8,072) had children under six years of age, 34.3% (2,772) of these admissions reported living with their children. 28.7% (9,085) were the parents of children 6-18 years old, 32.3% (2,937) of these admissions reported living with their children.

¹ Prior to FY 2007, all data was collected in Substance Abuse Management Information Legacy System. Beginning with 2007, BSAS started the gradual transition to the new MIS

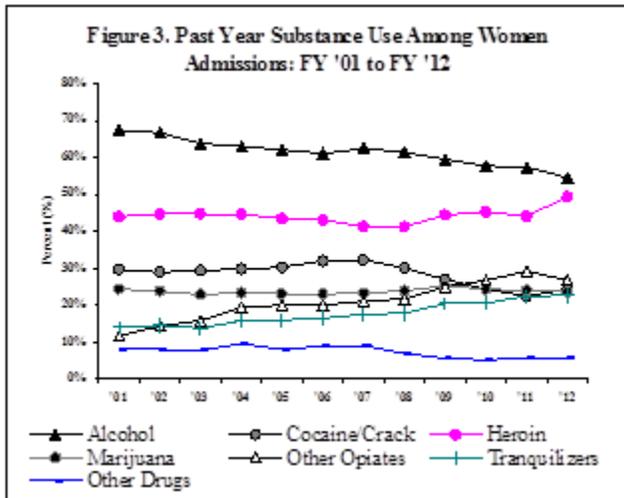
Primary Substance of Use

In FY 2012, women admissions reported alcohol and heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment. Of all admissions, 31.8% (10,070) reported alcohol as primary substance of use, 44.3% (14,020) heroin, 5.6% (1,767) crack or cocaine, 2.3% (727) marijuana, and 16.1% (5,096) other drugs.



Substances Used in Past Year

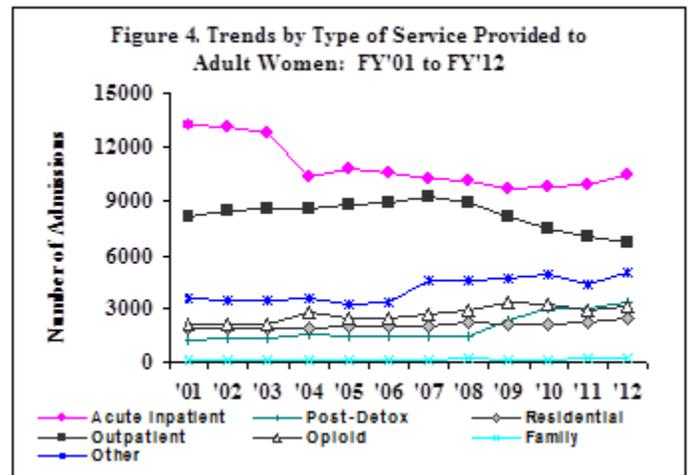
In FY 2012, among women clients at admission alcohol and heroin remained the most reported substances used in the past year. The percentages of past year use add up to more than 100% due to poly-drug use. Of all these admissions 54.5% (16,995) reported past year alcohol use, 24.4% (7,717) crack and/or cocaine, 49.2% (15,346) heroin, 23.6% (7,356) marijuana use, 26.8% (8,491) all other opiates¹, 22.7% (7,183) tranquilizer, and 5.7% (1,812) all other drugs.



Admissions by Service Type²

In FY 2012, adult women admissions received services in the following service categories:

- 33.1% (10,503) were admitted to Acute Inpatient Treatment Services.
- 10.5% (3,329) were admitted to Post-Detox Treatment Services.
- 7.5% (2,374) were admitted to Residential Treatment Services.
- 21.2% (6,706) were admitted to Outpatient Treatment Services.
- 9.8% (3,107) were admitted to Opioid Treatment Services.
- 0.6% (197) were admitted to Family Treatment Services.
- 15.8% (5,001) were admitted to Other Treatment Services.



¹ All Other Opiate category includes Non-Prescription Methadone, Non-Prescription Suboxone, Oxycodone, and other Opiates/Synthetics

² The service categories that are used to classify providers changed between FY 2010 and FY 2012. The data reported here are for these new categories. These data may not correspond exactly with data provided in earlier fact sheets.