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		<b>% of Enrollments</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Female		25.2%
Male		74.4%
Transgender		0.4%
<b>Hispanic/non-Hispanic</b>		
Hispanic		3.8%
Non-Hispanic		96.2%
<b>Education Level</b>		
No Education or Less Than High School		30.3%
High School Diploma / GED		43.6%
Beyond High School, No College Degree		19.7%
College Degree or Higher		5.0%
Other		1.5%
<b>Age</b>		
Less Than 18		1.1%
18 to 25		10.5%
26 to 30		14.5%
31 to 40		23.1%
41 to 50		25.1%
51 and Older		25.7%
<b>Employment (N=2,698; excludes <a href="#">not in labor force</a> )</b>		
Employed		44.7%
Not Employed		55.3%
<b>Homeless at Enrollment (N= 6,174 ; excludes cases where housing disposition at enrollment could not be determined)</b>		
No		61.9%
Yes		38.1%
<b>Marital Status</b>		
Married		8.2%
Divorced		9.3%
Separated		4.8%
Never Married		74.2%
Partnership		1.9%
Widowed		1.7%
<b>Client's Region of Residence</b>		
Central		7.4%
Greater Boston		43.0%
Metro West		7.7%
Northeast		8.2%
Southeast		18.0%
Western		15.0%
Out of State		0.6%
<b>Past Year Needle Use</b>		
No		75.3%



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<b>% of Enrollments</b>	
<b>Past Year Needle Use</b>	
Yes	24.7%
<b>Prior Mental Health Treatment</b>	
No	60.3%
Yes	39.7%
<b>Prior Mental Health Medication (in the past 12 months)</b>	
No	70.8%
Yes	29.2%



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**Substance Use Trends**

**Primary Substance of Use**

Table 1 provides a summary of the "primary drug" reported at admission.

**Table 1**  
**Primary Drug Trend: FY 2008 - FY 2017**

	Total Admissions	Marijuana	Opioids		Other	Sedatives/Hypnotics		Stimulants	
		Marijuana	Heroin	Other Opioids	Other	Alcohol	Other Sedatives/Hypnotics	Crack/Cocaine	Other Stimulants
FY 2008	9,524	13.9%	21.3%	1.3%	0.3%	46.9%	0.1%	16.0%	0.2%
FY 2009	8,716	12.8%	23.5%	1.9%	0.5%	46.6%	0.2%	14.5%	0.1%
FY 2010	8,370	13.0%	22.4%	2.3%	0.2%	48.8%	0.3%	13.0%	0.1%
FY 2011	7,583	11.2%	22.3%	3.3%	0.2%	51.3%	0.4%	11.1%	0.1%
FY 2012	7,072	10.3%	25.1%	3.2%	0.1%	49.8%	0.5%	11.0%	*
FY 2013	6,738	10.3%	29.3%	3.0%	0.1%	47.1%	0.3%	9.6%	0.2%
FY 2014	6,752	9.6%	31.4%	2.6%	0.4%	46.1%	0.3%	9.3%	0.3%
FY 2015	6,169	10.2%	32.0%	2.7%	0.2%	46.8%	0.3%	7.7%	0.2%
FY 2016	6,698	10.0%	35.8%	2.5%	0.4%	42.4%	0.4%	8.1%	0.4%
FY 2017	7,516	7.2%	35.2%	2.9%	0.5%	44.3%	0.6%	9.0%	0.3%

**- Drug Categories:**

**Other Opioids** includes: Prescription and Non Prescription Opioids.

**Other** includes: PCP, Other Hallucinogens, Inhalants, OTC, and Other.

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**Past Year Substance Use**

At admission, clients are asked to report on all substances used in the past 12 months. Due to poly-substance use\*, percentages may add up to more than 100%. Table 2 shows the distribution of past year substance use for all substances. This table includes information about admissions that reported past year substance use.

**Table 2**  
**Past Year Substance Use Trend: FY 2008 - FY 2017**

	Total Admissions	Marijuana	Opioids		Other	Sedatives/Hypnotics		Stimulants	
		Marijuana	Heroin	Other Opioids	Other	Alcohol	Other Sedatives/Hypnotics	Crack/Cocaine	Other Stimulants
FY 2008	8,577	29.7%	27.0%	5.4%	3.2%	79.7%	3.5%	49.3%	1.0%
FY 2009	7,787	29.5%	29.2%	7.3%	1.5%	78.2%	4.3%	45.8%	1.3%
FY 2010	7,500	30.4%	28.0%	8.3%	1.4%	78.7%	4.2%	42.8%	1.0%
FY 2011	6,914	28.9%	27.7%	10.4%	1.4%	78.2%	5.2%	39.1%	1.3%
FY 2012	6,512	27.9%	30.3%	9.7%	1.3%	77.1%	5.8%	38.9%	0.8%
FY 2013	6,090	28.2%	35.9%	9.7%	2.1%	74.2%	5.8%	35.9%	1.6%
FY 2014	6,176	28.8%	38.2%	9.4%	2.7%	73.9%	6.9%	36.6%	2.2%
FY 2015	5,678	28.2%	38.5%	8.9%	2.5%	71.7%	7.0%	30.8%	1.9%
FY 2016	6,204	30.3%	42.6%	10.0%	3.6%	69.3%	7.2%	33.7%	2.2%
FY 2017	7,053	28.6%	42.0%	9.2%	2.7%	69.7%	7.1%	36.0%	2.3%

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\* Poly-substance use refers to either the use of multiple substances at the same time, or the use of multiple drugs during a specified time frame.



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### Service Utilization

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Table 3 contains a list of the types of services utilized by Black, African American admissions.

**Table 3**  
**Service Category Trend: FY 2008 - FY 2017**

	Total Admissions	Acute Treatment Services	County Corrections	Engagement, Assessment and Referral	Intervention	Medication Assisted Treatment	Outpatient	Post Detox Stabilization	Recovery High School	Recovery Support	Residential	Supportive Case Management
FY 2008	9,419	37.0%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	34.5%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	8.5%	6.9%
FY 2009	8,856	37.5%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	33.6%	6.0%	0.0%	*	7.3%	6.5%
FY 2010	8,450	35.3%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	29.0%	9.5%	0.0%	3.7%	8.1%	5.8%
FY 2011	7,701	38.6%	4.7%	0.0%	0.4%	3.3%	27.9%	10.2%	0.0%	1.8%	8.2%	4.9%
FY 2012	7,356	36.8%	4.0%	0.0%	0.3%	3.5%	31.2%	10.0%	0.1%	2.8%	7.6%	3.8%
FY 2013	7,024	38.6%	4.1%	0.0%	0.2%	4.8%	27.9%	9.3%	0.2%	2.9%	8.1%	4.1%
FY 2014	7,102	40.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.2%	4.8%	25.4%	11.3%	0.1%	2.4%	8.2%	4.0%
FY 2015	6,512	39.6%	3.6%	0.0%	0.2%	4.9%	26.0%	11.9%	*	2.0%	8.3%	3.5%
FY 2016	7,039	37.4%	3.0%	0.0%	0.2%	5.9%	25.1%	13.5%	0.1%	2.7%	8.7%	3.5%
FY 2017	8,082	37.3%	2.9%	3.8%	0.2%	5.6%	22.1%	14.0%	*	2.9%	7.6%	3.4%

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- Service types are classified into service categories based on setting.

- Engagement, Assessment and Referral includes opioid urgent care centers

- Medication Assisted Treatment includes all three FDA-approved MAT treatments: methadone, buprenorphine and extended-release injectable naltrexone

- Acute Treatment Services includes acute treatment services and section 35



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## Appendix

### **General Notes**

- To protect client confidentiality, the data in cells containing 5 or fewer counts are suppressed.
- Data includes primary clients only; a primary client is defined as a person seeking treatment for their personal substance use problem(s).
- Missing/unknown/not applicable responses are excluded from the data. Therefore, the number of admissions for each category/table may vary from the total number of admissions.
- In 2014, a new system of reporting was adopted by some Methadone treatment providers. Due to this system change, the reported enrollment numbers for FY 2014 may be higher than the actual number of enrollments. This also influences any assessment data captured in the trend tables starting from 2014 onward.
- Homelessness at enrollment is determined based on the client's housing disposition at the time of enrollment.
- Due to data updates and changes to definitions, data included in this fact sheet **should not be compared** to similar data published in prior years.
- Data and definitions used were as of *July 6, 2018*.
- Prepared by: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, Office of Statistics and Evaluation on *August 14, 2018*.

### **Not Applicable Values**

The table below shows values that reflect a valid response for the element, but were excluded from the percent calculations. Specifically, in the calculation of the % employed, we exclude clients who are not in the labor force and clients who reported an employment status of other.

Category	Response	% of Total Admissions
Employment	Not In Labor Force	64.4%
	Other	0.6%