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		% of Enrollments
Gender		
Female		28.7%
Male		71.2%
Transgender		0.1%
Race/Ethnicity		
Black, Non-Hispanic		8.9%
Hispanic		16.0%
Multi-Racial		3.4%
Other		2.0%
White, Non-Hispanic		69.8%
Education Level		
No Education or Less Than High School		29.0%
High School Diploma / GED		46.0%
Beyond High School, No College Degree		19.5%
College Degree or Higher		4.0%
Other		1.6%
Age		
Less Than 18		0.1%
18 to 25		12.2%
26 to 30		22.5%
31 to 40		33.4%
41 to 50		18.9%
51 and Older		12.8%
Employment (N= 12,177; excludes not in labor force)		
Employed		16.4%
Not Employed		83.6%
Marital Status		
Married		4.5%
Divorced		11.2%
Separated		4.0%
Never Married		78.1%
Partnership		0.9%
Widowed		1.3%
Client's Region of Residence		
Central		14.3%
Greater Boston		27.5%
Metro West		9.3%
Northeast		14.9%
Southeast		18.9%
Western		14.7%
Out of State		0.4%
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No		36.9%



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Past Year Needle Use	
Yes	63.1%
Prior Mental Health Treatment	
No	53.4%
Yes	46.6%
Prior Mental Health Medication (in the past 12 months)	
No	62.5%
Yes	37.5%



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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 2012 - FY 2017

	Total Admissions	Marijuana	Opioids		Other	Sedatives/Hypnotics		Stimulants	
		Marijuana	Heroin	Other Opioids	Other	Alcohol	Other Sedatives/Hypnotics	Crack/Cocaine	Other Stimulants
FY 2012	29,062	1.4%	58.3%	5.5%	0.1%	27.8%	1.9%	4.8%	0.2%
FY 2013	31,960	1.3%	63.3%	4.0%	0.3%	25.6%	1.4%	4.0%	0.3%
FY 2014	34,503	1.2%	65.6%	3.2%	0.2%	24.3%	1.3%	3.8%	0.2%
FY 2015	34,472	1.2%	67.0%	2.6%	0.2%	24.2%	1.2%	3.3%	0.2%
FY 2016	34,447	1.3%	67.2%	2.3%	0.3%	23.7%	1.3%	3.7%	0.2%
FY 2017	37,847	1.2%	64.0%	2.5%	0.3%	24.9%	1.8%	4.9%	0.4%

- **Drug Categories:**

Other Opioids includes: Prescription and Non Prescription Opioids.

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

Other Sedatives/Hypnotics includes: Benzodiazepines, Other Tranquilizers, Barbituates, and Other Sedatives.

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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 2012 - FY 2017

	Total Admissions	Marijuana	Opioids		Other	Sedatives/Hypnotics		Stimulants	
		Marijuana	Heroin	Other Opioids	Other	Alcohol	Other Sedatives/Hypnotics	Crack/Cocaine	Other Stimulants
FY 2012	28,431	20.7%	65.4%	20.2%	2.5%	52.5%	23.3%	35.5%	2.8%
FY 2013	31,249	20.2%	69.5%	16.0%	3.2%	50.0%	22.6%	33.0%	3.1%
FY 2014	33,770	19.3%	71.7%	14.1%	3.6%	47.2%	23.6%	32.7%	3.7%
FY 2015	33,823	19.9%	73.1%	12.8%	3.4%	47.9%	21.2%	31.2%	3.9%
FY 2016	33,644	20.4%	73.5%	12.4%	3.8%	48.5%	20.6%	33.0%	4.5%
FY 2017	37,054	20.4%	71.6%	11.8%	3.4%	49.7%	20.7%	37.8%	5.2%

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* Poly-substance use refers to either the use of multiple substances at the same time, or the use of multiple substances 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 homeless admissions.

Table 3
Service Category Trend: FY 2012 - 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 2012	29,079	50.1%	0.6%	0.0%	*	2.1%	8.7%	22.7%	0.1%	*	14.3%	1.4%
FY 2013	32,080	55.9%	0.9%	0.0%	*	2.1%	7.8%	19.5%	*	*	12.5%	1.2%
FY 2014	34,531	54.8%	0.9%	0.0%	*	2.2%	6.7%	20.8%	0.1%	0.0%	13.1%	1.4%
FY 2015	34,488	55.5%	0.7%	0.0%	*	1.5%	6.4%	21.1%	0.1%	0.0%	13.4%	1.3%
FY 2016	34,498	52.1%	0.9%	0.0%	*	2.3%	6.8%	21.5%	0.1%	0.5%	14.5%	1.3%
FY 2017	39,730	48.6%	0.8%	4.6%	0.0%	2.9%	6.1%	21.5%	0.1%	2.1%	12.2%	1.2%

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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 abuse 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.
- 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 13, 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	68.5%
	Other	0.2%