

Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

June 2004 – January 2005

Toledo:

- Methamphetamine has increased in availability and abuse among diverse groups of primarily white users.
- Continuing increases in pharmaceutical opioid abuse, especially among white, suburban college-age individuals.
- Some increases in heroin-related emergency room visits among African-American youth.
- Continuing reports of high levels of crack use in the inner city areas.

Cleveland:

- Increases in availability and abuse of PCP among African-American youth.
- Increasing heroin availability and abuse among youth.
- Limited availability of methamphetamine continues to be reported in the area.

Akron:

- Continuing increases in availability and abuse of methamphetamine.
- Increases in heroin treatment admissions from rural areas.
- Increases in availability of crack and powdered cocaine.
- Continuing reports about high levels of pharmaceutical opioid abuse among white youth.

Dayton:

- Increasing heroin availability and abuse remains a commonly reported trend.
- Pharmaceutical opioid abuse continues at high levels, especially among white, suburban youth and young adults.
- Although of limited availability, methamphetamine continues to attract new users, primarily whites between the ages of 20 and 40.
- Availability of powdered cocaine and crack remains high.

Youngstown:

- Heroin availability and abuse continue to increase.
- Powdered cocaine and crack-cocaine abuse remains a commonly reported problem in the area.
- Increases in pharmaceutical opioid abuse among diverse user groups including high school age individuals.

Columbus:

- Continuing increases in heroin availability and abuse; some reports about increasing availability of black tar heroin.
- Methamphetamine remains an increasing problem among white youth and young adults.
- Increasing prevalence of polydrug use, especially among youth and young adults.
- Continuing reports about high availability of crack cocaine.

Athens:

- Continuing reports about increases in crack-cocaine and powdered cocaine availability and abuse.
- Increasing street availability of methadone tablets.
- Heroin remains a more commonly reported drug problem in the area.
- Some reports about increases in methamphetamine abuse among individuals in their 20s and 30s.
- Potential increases in Ecstasy abuse.

Cincinnati:

- Increases in heroin availability; white youth and young adults remain among the fastest growing groups of new users.
- Methamphetamine availability and abuse are increasing, especially among white college-age youth.
- Pharmaceutical opioid abuse continues at high levels.
- Availability of crack remains high; some reported increases in abuse among white adolescents and young adults.