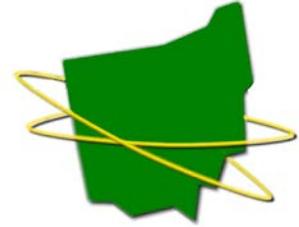


OSAM-O-GRAM

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DATELINE: Ohio



Wright State University
The University of Akron

Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

January 2005 – June 2005

Toledo:

- Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability and abuse, primarily among white users.
- Pharmaceutical opioids remain in demand among users. Slight decreases in OxyContin® availability were noted.
- High-school-aged youth using powdered cocaine was noted as an emerging population in the area.
- High levels of crack abuse in the inner city areas continue.

Cleveland:

- Increases in crack abuse among older adults in public housing, homeless people, and adolescents.
- Increasing numbers of women seeking treatment for heroin abuse.
- Ecstasy is readily available and inexpensive.
- PCP continues to be a concern in the area.

Akron:

- Increases in crack injection among whites was noted.
- Increases in young heroin users, especially women.
- Increases in methamphetamine abuse.

Dayton:

- Increase in methamphetamine availability and abuse.
- Crack injection somewhat more common in recent months.
- Transition to heroin from initial pharmaceutical opioids continues.
- A small increase in ecstasy abuse among juveniles noted by juvenile criminal justice authorities.

Youngstown:

- Crack cocaine use penetrating suburban areas of the county.
- Users reporting crack injection.
- Emerging population of young users, including high school aged using powdered cocaine.
- Large increases in heroin availability noted; younger users reportedly experimenting with the drug.
- Law enforcement and users reporting increases in methamphetamine abuse.

Columbus:

- More young African Americans becoming involved with powdered cocaine.
- Black tar heroin increasingly more available in parts of Columbus.
- Pharmaceutical opioids continue to be in demand; OxyContin® available, but more difficult to obtain.
- Young users (college-age) reported an increase in LSD and mushrooms (psilocybin) availability.

Athens:

- Powdered cocaine and crack increasing significantly.
- Large increases in availability of pharmaceutical opioids reported; increases in users injecting OxyContin®.
- Ecstasy becoming popular once again.
- Availability and abuse of methamphetamine varies.

Cincinnati:

- Methamphetamine availability and abuse continue to increase, especially among whites.
- Availability and abuse of crack cocaine remain high and is a primary reason for drug treatment admissions.
- Pharmaceutical opioid abuse continues as a significant problem; generic OxyContin® abuse continues.
- Heroin abuse increasing, especially among white youth and young adults.

