



OSAM-O-GRAM

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The University of Akron

Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

January 2006 – June 2006

Akron:

- High availability of crack cocaine; users reported crack injection as increasing.
- Moderate powdered cocaine availability; increasing abuse among middle-aged suburban females.
- Moderate to high heroin availability; continued abuse among white, suburban youth and young adults.
- High availability of pharmaceutical opioids. Users reported street availability of Duragesic® (fentanyl patches).
- Moderate availability of methamphetamine.
- Users and crime lab reported buprenorphine diversion.

Cleveland:

- High availability and purity of crack cocaine.
- Low availability of powdered cocaine.
- Moderate availability of heroin; users reported increasing availability of black tar heroin, including the Hispanic community.
- Moderate availability of pharmaceutical opioids; increased reports of OxyContin® abuse.
- Low availability of methamphetamine.
- Users and crime lab reported buprenorphine diversion.

Dayton:

- High availability of crack cocaine; reports of young users entering treatment and older male users (50-70 yrs).
- Moderate availability of powdered cocaine.
- High heroin availability; including black tar.
- Moderate to high availability of pharmaceutical opioids; users reported street availability of Duragesic® (fentanyl patches).
- High availability of Vicodin®.

Youngstown:

- High availability of crack cocaine.
- Moderate availability of powdered cocaine.
- Moderate availability of heroin.
- Moderate availability of pharmaceutical opioids; BCI&I lab reported increases in MS Contin®; users reported street availability of Duragesic® (fentanyl patches).
- Users reported low availability of methamphetamine; BCI&I lab reports indicated moderate availability with a decreased number of cases; most common in the tablet form.

Columbus:

- High availability of crack cocaine and moderate availability of powdered cocaine.
- Heroin availability was reported as high according to users. Increasing availability of black tar heroin. Crime lab reported cases of heroin mixed with fentanyl.
- Moderate availability of most pharmaceutical opioids and benzodiazepines. Availability of OxyContin® was reported as high.
- Users reported cases of buprenorphine abuse.
- Low availability of methamphetamine.
- Low availability of ecstasy according to users and crime lab reports.

Cincinnati:

- High availability of crack cocaine; increasing reports of white users.
- Moderate availability of powdered cocaine; increasing reports of injection.
- Moderate availability of heroin; continued reports of black tar.
- Moderate availability of pharmaceutical opioids with OxyContin® being among the most commonly abused. Law enforcement reported street availability of Duragesic® (fentanyl patches).
- User reports about buprenorphine abuse.
- Moderate availability of methamphetamine.
- High availability of ecstasy according to crime lab reports.

Athens:

- High availability of crack cocaine; users report increase in young users aged 13-15.
- High availability of powdered cocaine.
- Users report increasing availability of heroin; crime lab confirmed availability as moderate and increasing.
- High availability of most commonly abused pharmaceutical opioids; users report increasing street availability of methadone tablets.
- Ecstasy availability was reported by users and crime labs as high.