



OSAM-O-GRAM

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Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

January 2007 – June 2007

Toledo:

- High and increasing availability of crack.
- Cocaine HCl availability increased from low to high.
- Moderate and stable availability of heroin.
- Low to moderate availability of methamphetamine; commonly found in tablets with MDMA.
- High and increasing availability of pharmaceutical opioids, including OxyContin®.
- Moderate and increasing availability of Xanax®.
- Emerging reports of Serquel® abuse.
- High and increasing availability of MDMA according to crime lab professionals.

Cleveland:

- High availability of crack; small decreases were noted by some participants.
- High availability of cocaine HCl according to users; crime lab continues to report lower availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin; decreases in black tar, but increases in powder-type heroin.
- Users reported moderate and decreasing availability of OxyContin® and high availability of Vicodin® and Percocet®.
- Low availability of methamphetamine but continued increases in cases according to crime lab reports.
- Moderate availability of benzodiazepines.
- Moderate and increasing availability of PCP.

Dayton:

- High and stable availability of crack.
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- High and increasing availability of heroin.
- Moderate to high availability of pharmaceutical opioids, including OxyContin®.
- Low and decreasing availability of methamphetamine; higher availability reported in surrounding rural areas.
- High and stable availability of Xanax®.
- Emerging reports about Serquel® abuse.

Akron:

- High and increasing availability of crack.
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate to low availability of heroin; decreases noted by users and crime lab professionals.
- Moderate to high availability of pharmaceutical opioids; some decreases noted by crime lab professionals.
- Availability of benzodiazepines and carisoprodol decreased from high to low, according to crime lab reports.
- Low and decreasing availability of methamphetamine, according to users and crime lab reports.

Columbus:

- High and stable availability of crack.
- Moderate and decreasing availability of cocaine HCl reported by users; crime lab reported high availability and purity.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin; crime lab reported increases in black tar heroin.
- Crime lab reported moderate to high and increasing availability of OxyContin® and other pharmaceutical opioids.
- High and increasing availability of benzodiazepines reported by both users and crime lab professionals.
- Low availability of methamphetamine; “glassy crystal” form most commonly seen by crime lab.
- Moderate availability of MDMA, according to lab reports.

Youngstown:

- High and increasing availability of crack cocaine.
- High availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate and increasing availability of heroin; users reported black tar availability.
- Users reported high and stable availability of OxyContin®, Vicodin®, and Percocet®.
- Moderate to low availability of benzodiazepines reported by crime lab.
- Low availability of methamphetamine.
- Low levels of buprenorphine availability reported by crime lab.

Cincinnati:

- High and stable availability of crack; lower availability in surrounding areas outside of the city.
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- High, increasing availability of heroin, mostly brown powder
- High and increasing availability of pharmaceutical opioids reported by users and crime lab professionals.
- Moderate to high availability of benzodiazepines.
- Low and decreasing availability of methamphetamine; users indicated availability of pink powder-type methamphetamine.
- Cincinnati Drug and Poison Information Center reported cases of clenbuterol combined with heroin and cocaine.

Athens:

- High but decreasing availability of crack.
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- Low and stable availability of heroin; black tar most common.
- High but decreasing availability of most pharmaceutical opioids; moderate availability of methadone tablets/wafers.
- Continued decreases in methamphetamine availability.
- Low availability of buprenorphine reported by crime labs.
- Moderate availability of pharmaceutical stimulants.
- High and stable availability of benzodiazepines.