

Older Adults in Substance Abuse Treatment: FACTS AND FIGURES



Findings from the OMHAS Client Process Monitoring System (CPMS)

From July 1999- June 2004, over 2,300 people over 65 years old were served in publicly funded treatment programs

- 78-83% completed treatment, which is significantly higher than average
- 91-94% were there for alcohol related problems
- 80-85% were men
- 89-92% were white
- 83-86% lived in their own homes
- 68-73% were referred by courts for driving under the influence
- 93-95% were served by outpatient treatment programs
- Oregon Health Plan and private insurance paid for only about 8% each of the treatment episodes. The majority paid for their own treatment.

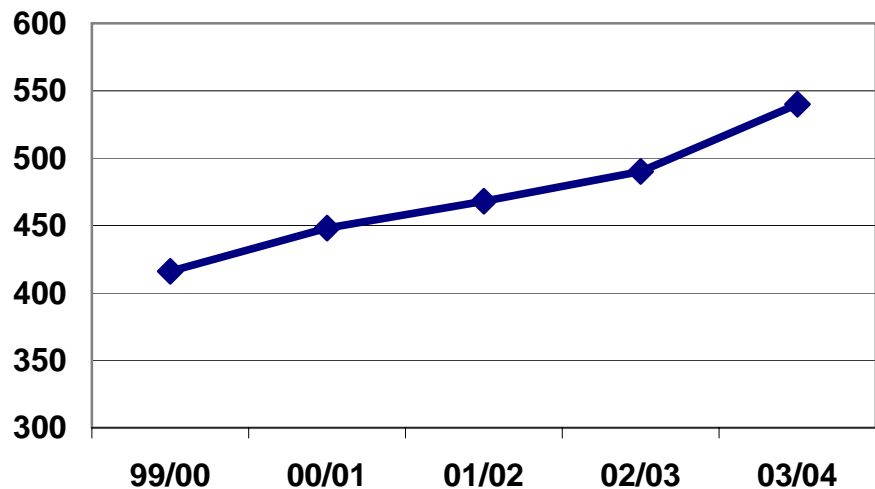
Key Highlights from:

Substance Abuse by Older Adults: Estimates of Future Impact on the Treatment System*

- The proportion of the population 65+ will rise from 12% in 2002 to 20% in 2030
- Abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious health problem for up to 17% of adults 60 and older
- The number of adults 50 and over with substance abuse problems will double, from 2.5 million, to 5 million between 1999 and 2020
- The health care system in the United States does not appear to have recognized or dealt with the increasing use of psychoactive substances by older populations

*(2002) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Office of Applied Studies. DHHS Publication No. SMA 03-3763

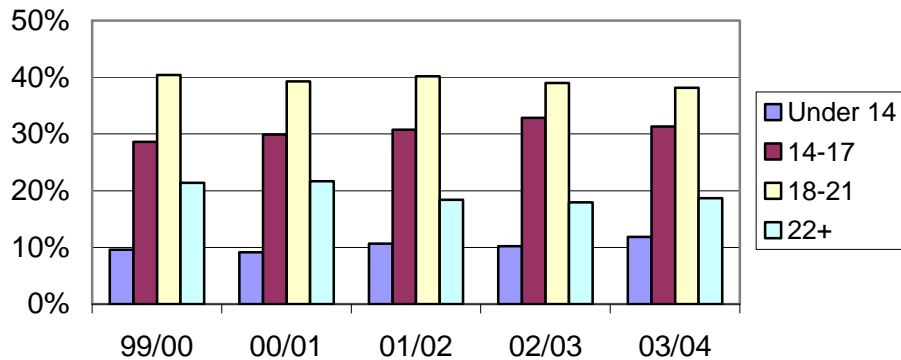
Clients Age 65 and Older Served in Publicly Funded Treatment



While only 0.7% of people in treatment are over 65 years old, the number has been increasing steadily over the past five years

More findings from the Client Process Monitoring System

Age at 1st Use for those over 65

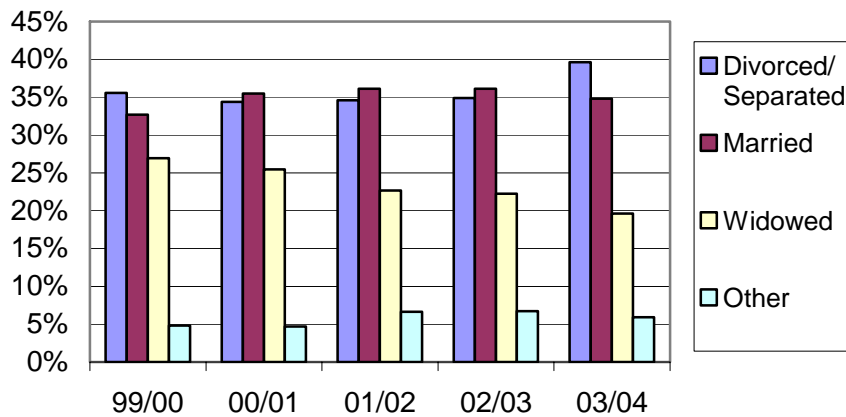


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1-800-923-HELP

Marital Status



More Resources

Treatment Improvement Protocol No. 26: Substance Abuse Among Older Adults

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

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Arrests in past 5 years

