

Methamphetamine



Facts and Figures 2006

Is methamphetamine the most common drug used by people in treatment?

In calendar year 2004, 53% of all publicly funded substance abuse treatment admission clients had alcohol as a primary drug (32,659 admissions). Amphetamine / methamphetamine was the second most common drug with 19% of all admissions (11,528 admissions). Oregon's admission rate is the highest in the nation. SAMHSA documents that in 2002: "(T)he highest primary methamphetamine/ amphetamine admission rate was in Oregon- 324 admissions per 100,000".

Adolescents and Methamphetamine

Fortunately, most youth in Oregon are not using methamphetamine. In 2005, 97% of 8th grade Oregon students report no use of methamphetamine in their lifetime. 95% of 11th grade students report no use of methamphetamine in their lifetime. The vast majority (98%) of 8th and 11th grade students in Oregon have not used methamphetamine in the past 30 days.

Adults and Methamphetamine

Adults seeking treatment who have methamphetamine as a primary drug are evenly split between men (49%) and women (51%). The large majority are Caucasian (84%). Most clients are treated in outpatient (32%) or residential (41%) treatment.

Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections estimates, using internal survey data, that approximately 70% of their inmates have a drug issue while only 8% are incarcerated due to a drug crime. In 2005, 39% of female inmates self admit to regular methamphetamine use, while 27% of male inmates self admit to regular methamphetamine use.

Resources

Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services
(<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/index.shtml>)

Department of Corrections
(http://www.oregon.gov/DOC/TRANS/PROGMS/wf_d_ad.shtml)