Colorado Drug Trends

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Caveats

• Focus: Alcohol, Marijuana, Prescription Opioids, Heroin, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine

• Treatment admissions for OBH licensed facilities only

• Information based on Primary Drug only
Treatment Admissions
Calendar Year 2015

- Alcohol: 59%
- Marijuana: 14%
- Cocaine: 3%
- Methamphetamine: 12%
- Heroin: 8%
- Prescription Opioids: 3%
- Other: 1%
Regional Differences

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Alcohol January 2008 - December 2015

Alcohol Treatment Admission Rates

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Alcohol by Age
January 2008 - December 2015

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Alcohol
Age of First Use and First Treatment

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Alcohol
Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender

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Marijuana
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Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids
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Route of Administration

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Heroin
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Injection Drug Use in Colorado
All Drugs of Abuse Combined

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Cocaine
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Summary

• Treatment admissions to OBH licensed faculties only
• Treatment admissions vary across the state
• Highest percentage of treatment admissions for alcohol (59% of all treatment admissions)
• Marijuana treatment admissions remain stable since 2008
• Non-medical use of prescription opioids have dropped from a rate of 50.1 treatment admissions per 100,000 population in 2014 to 38 treatment admissions per 100,000 population in 2015
• Heroin treatment admissions have increased 244% between 2008 and 2015
• IV drug use across all drugs has increased 166% between 2008 and 2015
• Methamphetamine treatment admissions have increased 34% between 2008 and 2015