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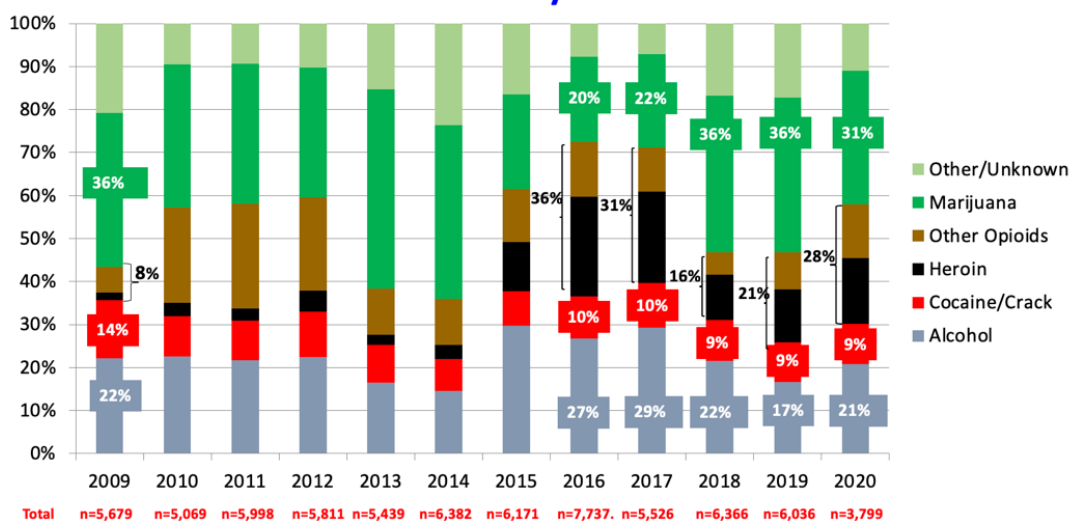


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Trends in Treatment Admissions by Primary Drug in Broward County

Recently released data document changing trends among patients entering treatment for substance use disorder in Broward County. New treatment patients reporting their primary drug at treatment entry included men (64.5%) and women (35.5%). Ages included <18 (19.6%), 18-25 (14.6%), 26-34 (26.9%), and 35 and older (38.9%).

**Percent of Treatment Admissions by Primary Drug
Broward County: 2009 - 2020**



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families - SAMH

In 2020, a total of 28% of patients reported heroin or other opioids as their primary drug. This is an increase from 21% reported in 2019 and 16% reported in 2018. Although it is lower than the high of 36% seen in 2016, the increase is still a cause for concern. Most treatment patients (31%) reported marijuana as their primary drug. This percentage is down 5% from 2019. One of the trends seen in the chart is that in general, as treatment admissions for opioids as a primary drug increases, the treatment admissions for marijuana decrease. This was the case in 2016 and 2017, and 2020.

Treatment admissions for alcohol as a primary drug (21%) also increased slightly from 2019, but remain lower than the peak of 29% in 2017. Cocaine, including powder and crack, was reported as a primary drug by 9% of new treatment patients and this figure has remained relatively stable for the past 10 years.

The new data also include figures on route of administration. A total of 13.6% of patients reported injection, and of those, 93.7% reported injecting an opioid. Other routes of administration include smoking (36.2%), sniffing (10.9%), and oral (26.8%).

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