

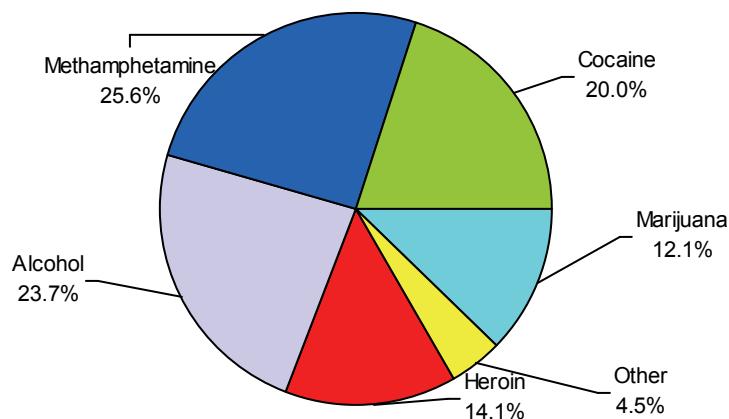
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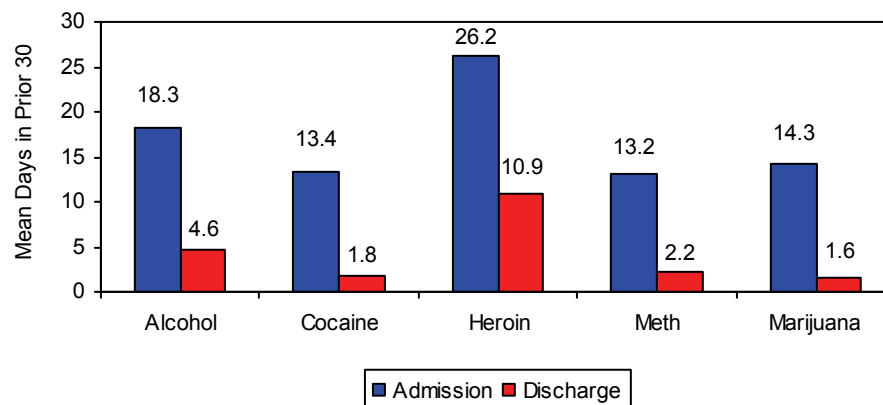
The fiscal year 2008-2009 Annual Report is part of the LACES evaluation of all county funded adult alcohol and drug treatment programs in Los Angeles County. The information included in this report was gathered in part through the usual admission and discharge process required of all county-contracted treatment providers. The information on client outcomes and program performance in particular was collected through the Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System (LACPRS). The purpose of this report is to provide the county with an overview of client outcomes and program performance for the entire county and for certain areas and special populations. It includes all admission and discharge information dated between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Below are selected findings from the chapter illustrating the results of the data analysis on the entire county.

Percent Reporting Specified Alcohol/Drug as the Primary Substance of Abuse



Methamphetamine use is the most commonly reported drug in Los Angeles County accounting for 25.6% of all participants. Not surprising is the finding that alcohol and cocaine were reported as the second and third most commonly reported primary substance, respectively. A smaller number of participants sought treatment for heroin and marijuana.

Decrease in Use of Primary Drug in Mean Days from Admission to Discharge (n = 15,666 / 45.1%)



For all drugs, use decreased about 48% from admission to discharge. In the case of marijuana, it decreased by 89%. Reported primary use of cocaine, methamphetamine, and alcohol decreased by 87%, 83%, and 75% respectively. Heroin use decreased by approximately 58%.