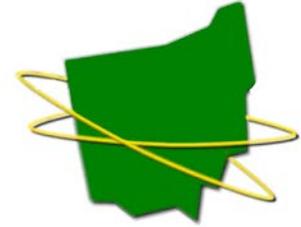


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Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

June 2005 – January 2006

Toledo:

- High and increasing availability of crack and powdered cocaine.
- Low availability of heroin reported by users and crime lab professionals.
- Moderate or high availability of OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Vicodin®; increasing abuse among high-school-age youth.
- Increasing availability of high purity methamphetamine in the areas surrounding Toledo.
- High availability of ecstasy in the areas surrounding Toledo reported by users and crime lab professionals.

Cleveland:

- High levels of powdered cocaine use in the Hispanic community.
- Moderate availability of heroin; increasing abuse among young whites.
- Moderate availability of OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Vicodin®; increasing abuse among adolescents.
- High availability of crack cocaine, ecstasy, and PCP, but low availability of methamphetamine reported by users and crime lab professionals.

Akron:

- High availability of crack cocaine; continued reports of crack injection.
- Lower powdered cocaine availability and higher prices than in most other areas of the state.
- Moderate or high heroin availability; increasing abuse in young suburban users.
- High availability of pharmaceutical opioids; increasing use among adolescents.
- High availability and abuse of methamphetamine.

Dayton:

- High availability of crack cocaine; continued reports about crack injection.
- High availability of powdered cocaine; high levels of abuse among adolescents.
- Increasing heroin availability; young whites remain the most common group of new users.
- Easy access to pharmaceutical opioids; increasing abuse among high-school-age youth.
- Moderate availability of methamphetamine; more reports about injection use.

Youngstown:

- High availability of crack cocaine; increasing abuse in suburban areas.
- Continued reports about powdered cocaine popularity among 16-25-year-olds.
- Moderate or high availability of heroin; increasing use among young whites.
- Moderate or high availability of pharmaceutical opioids; increasing abuse among young whites.
- Users report low availability of methamphetamine; BCI&I lab reports indicate potentially higher availability.

Columbus:

- High availability of crack cocaine, and moderate to high availability of powdered cocaine.
- Moderate availability of heroin; increasing abuse among young whites.
- Low availability of OxyContin®; moderate availability of other commonly abused pharmaceutical opioids.
- First reports about buprenorphine abuse.
- Low availability of methamphetamine, with glassy crystals being the most commonly seen form of the drug.
- High availability of ecstasy according to users and crime lab reports.

Cincinnati:

- High availability of crack cocaine; reports about crack injection.
- Moderate or high availability of powdered cocaine; increasing abuse among adolescents and young adults.
- Moderate but increasing availability of heroin; increasing abuse among young whites.
- Moderate or high availability of most commonly abused pharmaceutical opioids; first reports about abuse of Kadian®.
- Moderate availability of methamphetamine.
- Low availability of ecstasy according to crime lab reports, but higher according to users.

Athens:

- Continued increases in crack and powdered cocaine availability and abuse; reports about crack injection.
- Low availability of heroin.
- High availability of most commonly abused pharmaceutical opioids; increasing abuse among young whites.
- Potentially increasing availability of high purity methamphetamine.

