

OSAM-O-GRAM

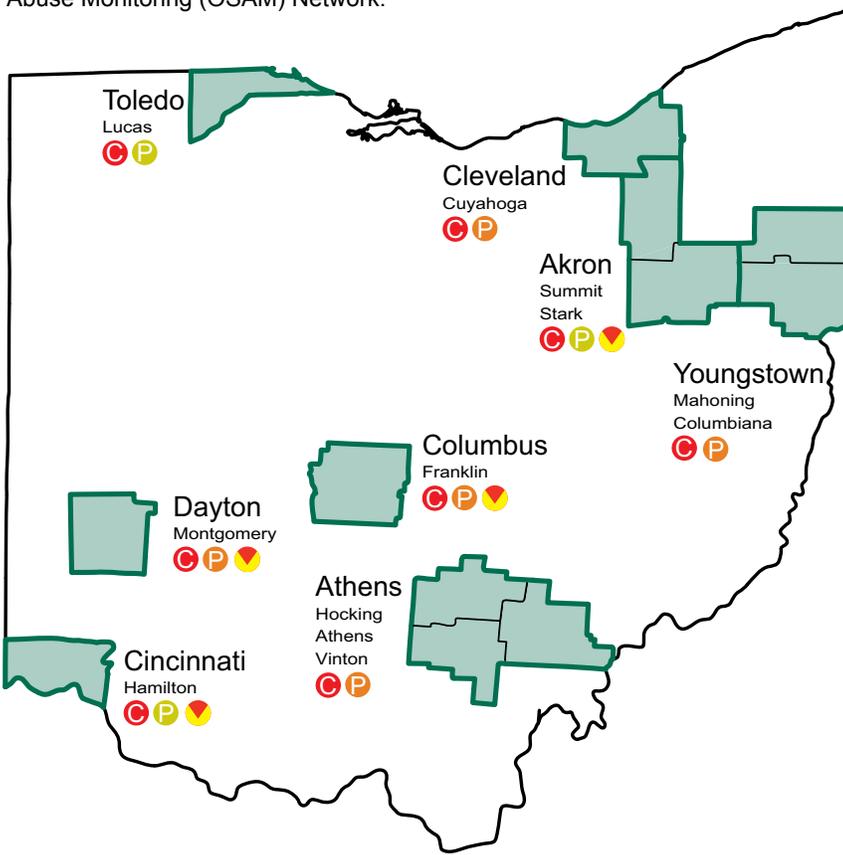
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Wright State University & the University of Akron

Crack and Powdered Cocaine: Availability, Quality, and Prices Across Ohio

Cocaine has been an on-going public health concern in Ohio and across the nation. The data presented here were collected between June 2007 and January 2008, and depict the availability, price, and purity of crack and powdered cocaine in the regions of the state covered by the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network.



- C** High levels of crack cocaine.
- P** Moderately high levels of powdered cocaine.
- P** Moderate levels of powdered cocaine.
- ▼** Temporary summertime "drought" of crack and powdered cocaine.

OSAM Region	Crack cocaine*		
	Availability	Prices/gram	Purity
Akron	High	\$50	60+%
Athens	High	\$70-\$100	60+%
Cincinnati	High	\$25-\$40	N/A
Cleveland	High	\$125-\$130 (1/8 ounce)	60+%
Columbus	High	\$40-\$60	N/A
Dayton	High	\$45-\$55	60+%
Toledo	High	\$40-\$80	60+%
Youngstown	High	\$40-\$80	60+%

OSAM Region	Powdered cocaine*		
	Availability	Prices/gram	Purity
Akron	Mod.	\$60-\$70	30-60%
Athens	Mod.-High	\$100	60+%
Cincinnati	Mod.	\$25-\$50	30-60%
Cleveland	Mod.-High	\$125-\$150 (1/8 ounce)	60+%
Columbus	Mod.-High	\$60-\$70	N/A
Dayton	Mod.-High	\$40-\$50	60+%
Toledo	Mod.	\$40-\$60	30-60%
Youngstown	Mod.-High	\$30-\$40	30-60%

* Data on drug availability and prices were derived from interviews with active and recovering users. Crime lab data on drug availability were largely consistent with user reports. Information on purity was obtained from crime lab professionals.

OSAM-O-GRAMS report key findings of the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network. Informants located throughout the state use qualitative and quantitative data to provide semiannual monitoring of substance abuse trends. The OSAM Network is funded by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services by contract to Wright State University and by subcontract to the University of Akron. This OSAM-O-GRAM is based on the January 2008 OSAM Network meeting.

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