Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends
June 2004 – January 2005

Cleveland:
• Increases in availability and abuse of PCP among African-American youth.
• Increasing heroin availability and abuse among youth.
• Limited availability of methamphetamine continues to be reported in the area.

Toledo:
• Methamphetamine has increased in availability and abuse among diverse groups of primarily white users.
• Continuing increases in pharmaceutical opioid abuse, especially among white, suburban college-age individuals.
• Some increases in heroin-related emergency room visits among African-American youth.
• Continuing reports of high levels of crack use in the inner city areas.

Dayton:
• Increasing heroin availability and abuse remains a commonly reported trend.
• Pharmaceutical opioid abuse continues at high levels, especially among white, suburban youth and young adults.
• Although limited availability, methamphetamine continues to attract new users, primarily whites between the ages of 20 and 40.
• Availability of powdered cocaine and crack remains high.

Akron:
• Continuing increases in availability and abuse of methamphetamine.
• Increases in heroin treatment admissions from rural areas.
• Increases in availability of crack and powdered cocaine.
• Continuing reports about high levels of pharmaceutical opioid abuse among white youth.

Columbus:
• Continuing increases in heroin availability and abuse; some reports about increasing availability of black tar heroin.
• Methamphetamine remains an increasing problem among white youth and young adults.
• Increasing prevalence of polydrug use, especially among youth and young adults.
• Continuing reports about high availability of crack cocaine.

Youngstown:
• Heroin availability and abuse continue to increase.
• Powdered cocaine and crack-cocaine abuse remains a commonly reported problem in the area.
• Increases in pharmaceutical opioid abuse among diverse user groups including high school age individuals.

Athens:
• Continuing reports about increases in crack-cocaine and powdered cocaine availability and abuse.
• Increasing street availability of methadone tablets.
• Heroin remains a more commonly reported drug problem in the area.
• Some reports about increases in methamphetamine abuse among individuals in their 20s and 30s.
• Potential increases in Ecstasy abuse.

Cincinnati:
• Increases in heroin availability; white youth and young adults remain among the fastest growing groups of new users.
• Methamphetamine availability and abuse are increasing, especially among white college-age youth.
• Pharmaceutical opioid abuse continues at high levels.
• Availability of crack remains high; some reported increases in abuse among white adolescents and young adults.