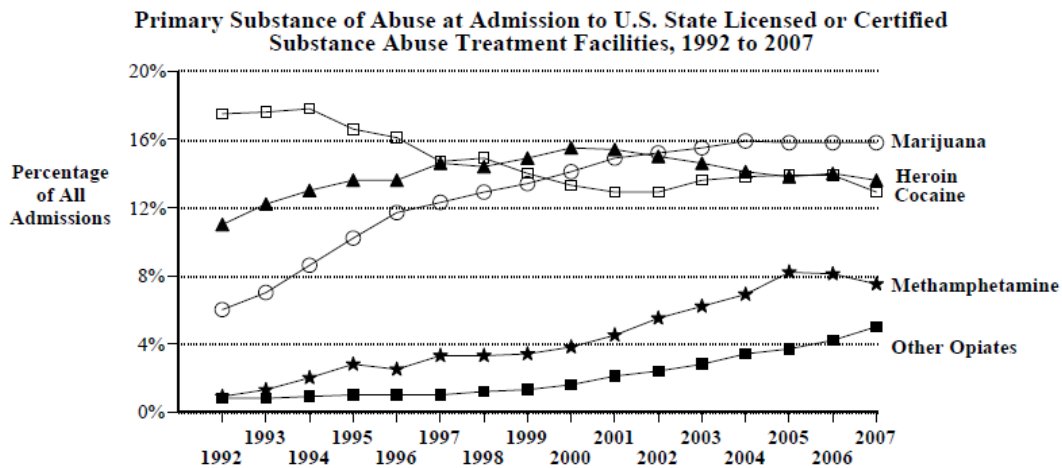


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National Treatment Admissions for Methamphetamine as the Primary Drug of Abuse Decrease; Admissions for Opiates Other Than Heroin Continue to Increase

The percentage of national admissions to state-funded substance abuse treatment facilities citing methamphetamine as a primary substance of abuse decreased slightly from a recent peak of 8.2% in 2005 to 7.5% in 2007, according to recently released data from the national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). These findings are consistent with other reports of declining methamphetamine use.* In contrast, admissions for the primary abuse of opiates other than heroin, such as the prescription painkiller oxycodone, have increased five-fold since data collection began in 1992, reaching a high 5.0% in 2007. Admissions for the primary abuse of other drugs have remained relatively stable over the past few years (see figure below).



*e.g., National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, Monitoring the Future, Community Epidemiology Work Group.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the Office of Applied Studies, SAMHSA, *Treatment Episode Dataset (TEDS) Highlights—2007, National Admissions to Substance Abuse Treatment Services, 2009*. Available online at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/dasis.htm#teds2>.