



## Pinellas County Prescription Drug Abuse Fact Sheet

### 2008 Partnership for a Drug Free America's Annual Tracking Study:

- 1 in 5 teens have abused a prescription pain medication
- 1 in 5 report abusing prescription stimulants and tranquilizers

### Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey-Lifetime Use

- In 2008, 15.7% of Pinellas County high school students and 3.4% of Pinellas County middle school students reported using Prescription Pain Relievers on at least one occasion in their lifetime

### July 2008 SAMHSA Report

Intentional misuse of prescription drugs is now only second to marijuana as the nation's most prevalent drug problem.

### Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey- Past 30 Day Use

	Pinellas County		Florida Statewide	
	2006	2008	2006	2008
<b>Middle Schools</b>	(n=518)	(n=390)	(n=24,630)	(n=39,686)
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.0%	1.6%	2.3%	3.9%
Prescription Amphetamines	1.3%	3.1%	0.6%	1.6%
Depressants (e.g. xanax)	1.7%	4.8%	1.0%	3.0%
<b>High Schools</b>	(n=619)	(n=459)	(n=32,263)	(n=51,785)
Prescription Pain Relievers	5.0%	4.9%	2.1%	4.0%
Prescription Amphetamines	0.5%	1.9%	1.0%	1.7%
Depressants	0.6%	4.4%	1.2%	3.4%

### Substance Use, Health, and Safety Survey

- In 2008 in Pinellas County, 1.1% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 4.5% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 5.6% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders and 5.8% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported non-medical use of prescription drugs in the past 30-days. This is an increase in every grade from 2006.

### Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility

- 2.6% of youth in 2007 and 1.7% in 2008 presented to the JARF reported Xanax as their primary drug of use at admission
- 2.8% of youth in 2008 presented to the JARF reported Oxycodone as their primary drug of use

### Suncoast District National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) Prevalence Data

- 4.4% of Pinellas County Adults reported nonmedical use of pain relievers in the past year (2004, 2005 and 2006 averages)

## 2008 Medical Examiner Office District 6 Toxicology Report Data

- In 2008, District 6 had the highest in the state of reported cases of **Total Deaths with Alprazolam (250), Total Deaths with Diazepam (145), Total Deaths with Oxycodone (308), and Total Deaths with Methadone (118)**
- From 2001 to 2008, the cases with Hydrocodone found in toxicology reports rose from 54 to 112, an overall increase of 107.4%
- From 2001 to 2008, the cases with Oxycodone rose from 61 to 308, an overall increase of 404.9%
- From 2001 to 2008, the cases with Methadone rose from 37 to 118, an overall increase of 218.9%

## January –June 2009 Medical Examiner Office District 6 Toxicology Report Data

	Cause 15-17	Present 15-17	Cause 18-25	Present 18-25	Cause 26 plus	Present 26 plus
Alcohol	0	1		6	26	59
Alprazolam	0	1	6	12	39	40
Diazepam	0	0	1	1	26	17
Other Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	4	20	56
Fentanyl	0	0	0	0	2	1
Hydrocodone	0	0	3	5	17	15
Methadone	1	0	6	3	46	8
Morphine	0	1	2	0	19	6
Oxycodone	0	1	6	3	67	18
Other Opiod	1	1	0	1	16	32
Total	2	5	24	35	278	252

## Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Comparison of Controlled Substances Purchased by Undercover Agent

	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Oxycodone (all formulations)</b>	8 cases	54 cases (575% increase)	43 cases (20% decrease)	118 cases (174% increase)
<b>Heroin (for comparison)</b>	4 cases	4 cases (0% change)	0 cases (400% decrease)	1 case (100% increase)

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