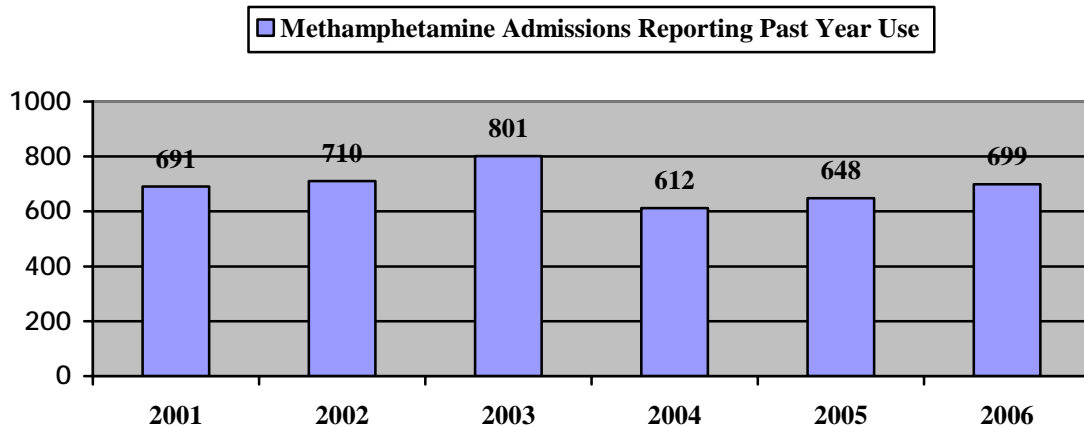


## Massachusetts

### 2007 NASADAD State Snapshot on Methamphetamine



In 2003, in response to a rise in anecdotal reports of methamphetamine use in the gay white male community, the Bureau began to look at methamphetamine data in terms of reported past month and past year use.

#### 2006 Demographics for Methamphetamine Admissions

The demographic for this population remains very similar to 2005 however; the mean age is a year younger.

- 70% Male
- 86% White, non-Latino
- Mean Age: 29.8 yrs (Down from 30.7 yrs in 2005)

#### Other State Activity to Note

Demand for Methamphetamine treatment continues to be relatively low in Massachusetts. However, Massachusetts has taken the following steps regarding methamphetamine:

1) An Executive Branch initiative resulting in the completion of a Methamphetamine curriculum and six regional trainings. Modules of the training focus on:

- ✓ a general overview of methamphetamine,
- ✓ a more in depth understanding of a treatment protocol for treatment providers and mental health workers, and
- ✓ specific information for health care providers, public safety officials, family members, partners, and friends

2) Two additional State-wide trainings in FY07 using the newly developed curriculum described above;

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- 3) A planned, two day Matrix Model training for treatment providers from across the State;
- 4) An Executive branch initiative on prevention that uses information from focus groups, made up of non-users and former users, and treatment providers to develop effective primary prevention and risk education materials for users and friends, families and partners of users.
- 5) Continued participation in the Boston Methamphetamine Workgroup, which has resulted in a club drug focused SAMHSA grant that allowed the development of an outreach program and a prevention, intervention, referral and risk management website.

If **additional resources** were made available to improve services, the areas in most need of assistance would be:

- Residential and outpatient capacity
- Wrap-around services
- Staff training
- Sharing of best practices

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