

## **Substance Abuse Statistics**

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- 8.31 % of North Carolina Citizens reported drug/alcohol abuse or dependence in 2003
- 31.7% of high school students reported having been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property
- In 2004 the DEA seized 243 methamphetamine labs in NC
- As of May 2005 there were 37 drug courts in existence or being planned for NC
- In 2003 36.5% of Federally sentenced defendants in NC had committed a drug offense
- In 2003 there were 27,111 admissions to substance abuse treatment
- In 2001 there were 33,980 admissions to substance abuse treatment
- 40% of violent victimizations involve alcohol
- 40% of offenders were abusing alcohol at the time of their crime
- 25% of offenders committed their crimes for drug money
- In 2005 4% of homicides were drug related
- 49% of people on probation are mentally ill
- 46% of the non-mentally ill probationers were abusing drugs at the time of their offense
- 60% of the inmates in state prison are mentally ill
- 51% of the non-mentally ill inmates were abusing drugs at the time of their offense
- From 2000 to 2005 the population in Buncombe County grew by 5%
- From 2000 to 2005 the prison population from Buncombe County with drug/alcohol offenses grew 27% and the DCC population grew 53%
- From 2000 to 2005 the state population grew 7.8% and the prison population for drug/alcohol offenses grew 21%.

## Available Providers

			%
Providers	1999	2006	Change
IOP	16	5	-220%
Counseling Services	39	8	-387%
Crisis Services	16	3	-433%
Detox	4	2	-100%
Group Homes	7	4	-75%
Halfway houses	7	9	28.5%
Outpatient	24	5	-380%
Preventative	12	3	-300%
Psychiatric facilities	5	3	-66%
Residential Programs	19	7	-171%
Screening/assessment services	12	3	-300%
<b>totals</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-209%</b>

United Way's 211: <http://www.211wnc.org>

**Drug Use and Dependence, State and Federal Prisoners, 2004,**  
BJS, October 2006, NCJ 213530.

Directory of Community Services for Asheville and Buncombe County. First  
Call for Help. 1999.

North Carolina Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.nc.us/>.

North Carolina Crime Statistics:  
<http://sbi2.jus.state.nc.us/crp/public/Default.htm>