

Data Spotlight

Treatment Episode Data Set

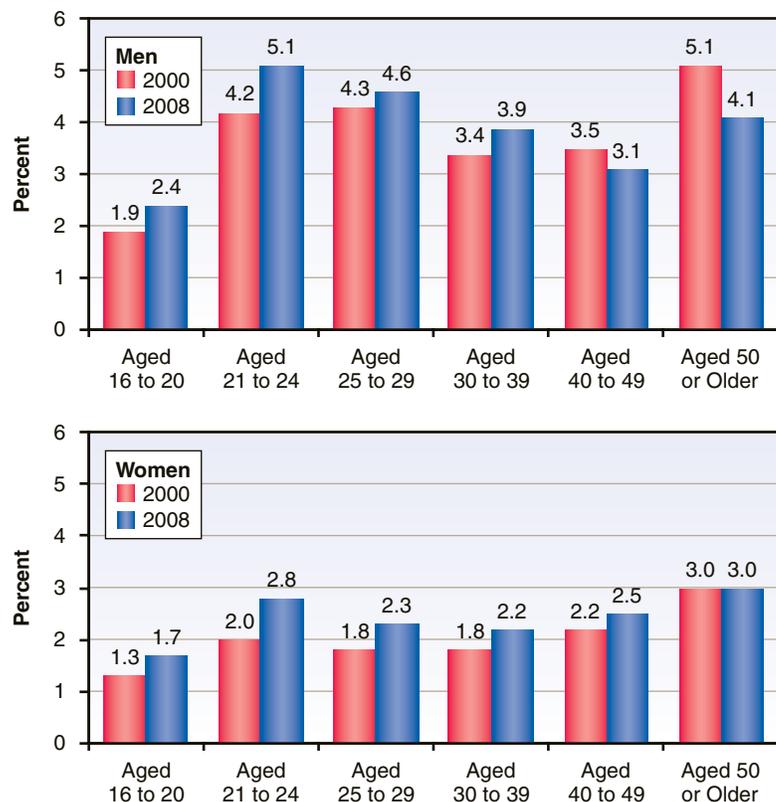
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Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals for DUI/DWI Have Increased among Men Younger than 40 and Women Younger than 50

In 2008, on average, one person died every 38 minutes as a result of alcohol-involved car crashes in the United States.¹ That same year, law enforcement officials made nearly 1.5 million arrests for driving under the influence (DUI).² Rehabilitation programs that combine education and substance abuse treatment are one effective way to prevent repeated offenses among individuals arrested for DUI or driving while intoxicated (DWI), which in turn can help to prevent alcohol-related fatalities in the general population.

According to the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), DUI/DWI referrals made up 3 percent of all substance abuse treatment admissions and 8 percent of admissions that were referred to treatment by the criminal justice system in 2008.³ Overall, DUI/DWI referrals were a small proportion of substance abuse treatment admissions. However, DUI/DWI referrals have increased since 2000 among men younger than 40 and women younger than 50 (Figure).

DUI/DWI Referrals among Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions, by Gender, Age Group, and Year*: 2000 and 2008



* Computation is based on 21 States in which "detailed criminal justice referral" was reported for at least 75 percent of all admissions aged 12 or older in 2000 and 2008. These States—CO, FL, HI, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, MS, ND, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TX, and UT—accounted for 55 percent of all such substance abuse treatment admissions in 2000, and 55 percent of all such admissions in 2008.

¹ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (2010). *Fatality Analysis Reporting System encyclopedia—Trends—Alcohol*. Retrieved from <http://www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/Trends/TrendsAlcohol.aspx>

² U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2008, Arrest Table 29*. Retrieved from <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/arrests/index.html>

³ Computation is based on the 32 States and jurisdictions in which "detailed criminal justice referral" was reported for at least 75 percent of all admissions aged 12 or older in 2008. These States and jurisdictions—AL, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MO, MS, ND, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SD, TX, UT, WV, and WY—accounted for 76 percent of all such admissions in 2008.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), 2000 and 2008, based on data received through August 31, 2009. TEDS is a compilation of data on the demographic characteristics and substance abuse problems of those admitted for substance abuse treatment in the United States. TEDS is one component of the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS), an integrated data system maintained by the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, SAMHSA.

