



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
Middle Schools	(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%
High Schools	(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 6th graders, 4.5% of 8th graders, 5.6% of 10th graders and 5.8% of 12th 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
Oxycodone (all formulations)	8 cases	54 cases (575% increase)	43 cases (20% decrease)	118 cases (174% increase)
Heroin (for comparison)	4 cases	4 cases (0% change)	0 cases (400% decrease)	1 case (100% increase)

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To get help for someone addicted or experimenting with Prescription Drugs
 call **1-888-PAR-NEXT 24 hours a day**

