

What you should know about Substance Abuse

19.5 million Americans use illicit drugs

(8% of the population over 12)

16.7 million users are over 18

10.9 million have driven under the influence of
illicit drugs in the past year

74% of users are employed full-time or part-time

2.3 million currently use cocaine

604,000 currently use crack

119,000 currently use heroin

1 million use hallucinogens
(LSD, PCP, Ecstasy & others)

600,000 have used methamphetamine
in the past month

**21.6 million people are classified as having a
dependence on drugs and/or alcohol**

(9.1% of the population over 12)

20 million needed but did not receive treatment

Of this, 1 million recognized the need for treatment

764,000 made no effort to seek treatment

273,000 sought out treatment but were unsuccessful

The number of people receiving substance abuse treatment
decreased from 2.3 million in 2002 to 1.9 million in 2003.