2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BERMUDA DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK



Bermuda's Drug Situation: **Update on Key Indicators**

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DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK

- 1998 UNGASS meeting where the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), now United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), was mandated to aid with data comparability.
 - 2006 Throne Speech Initiative; formed in 2008.
 - Re-engaged in 2012
 - IIth Annual Meeting
 - Growing representation





BACKGROUND

A group of people who represent either themselves or an agency that aims to provide Bermuda with factual, objective, and comparable information concerning drugs and drug addiction, and their consequences.

MISSION

The BerDIN is committed to providing the evidence that allows for discussions and decisions to be informed by sound, centrally available, local data, on a wide range of issues that increase understanding of the complex, dynamic, and evolving nature of the Island's drug problem.

FACILITATED & COORDINATED BY DNDC

- ☐ Collect, collate, monitor, analyse, interpret, produce, and disseminate.
- ☐ Standardise drug literature dissemination mechanism and processes.
- ☐ Conduct primary drug-related research.
- ☐ Provide technical assistance and capacity building.

PURPOSE

- Build a Bermuda picture to analyse the situation and the evolution of the phenomenon and responses.
- Compile information used to monitor and assess the implementation of the national drug strategy.

OBJECTIVES

To provide information essential for policy making, organisation of drug-related services, and on drug-related issues of general interest.

Identify existing drug abuse patterns

Identify changes in drug abuse patterns

Monitor changes/ emerging drug problems Raise awareness through dissemination of information Integrate agencies involved in drug reduction or control



- Substance use is a difficult and complex phenomenon to monitor.
 - Multi-source or multi-indicator system was needed to provide insight into various aspects of the drug problem.
- Provides a medium for agencies to report their information.
- It brings together institutions and individuals to exchange drugrelated information, working in the areas of:
 - drug prevention, treatment, education, control, health, and law enforcement.



From 7 to 32 data providers

45
drug control areas

Since 2006

150+
indicators

14-year series
for most indicators



ORGANISATIONAL CHALLENGES

STAFFING

- Shortages, turnover, or organisation restructure resulting in a need for relationship building and advocacy.
- Re-assignment



DATA

- Key indicators not reported by interdiction agency.
- Still unable to obtain robust Drug Prevention data to add to the report.

TIMELINESS

- Not all agencies met the target submission date.
- Time lag in processes affecting data availability.

DATABASE

 Less than 100% utilisation of BerDIN database directly by BerDIN Members.

COVID-19









DATA GAPS

CRIME

Drug arrests, persons stopped and warned for cannabis (7g legislation), drug availability and drug market



TREAT-MENT Problem drug use, dual-diagnosed clients, drug-related harms, treatment gaps

JUSTICE

Public expenditure on drug offenders in prison

ECONOMY

Cost of problem drug use to society



DATA MISSING FROM THE REPORT





KEY INDICATORS: Substance-related facts

- Crime appears to be decreasing.
- People say they feel safe in their neighborhoods.
- Significant increase of cash, cannabis, crack cocaine, heroin seized.
- More alcohol available for home consumption.
- DUI court saw increase in referrals, admissions and completions.



KEY INDICATORS: Substance-related facts

- More new people assessed for substance abuse treatment.
 - Most facilities admissions closed.
- DTC saw increases in referrals and completions.
- Increase in number of youth referred for counselling and life skills.
- Less reception inmates positive for illicit drugs.
- Significant decline in THC use during pregnancy.



KEY INDICATORS: Substance-related facts

MALES

Higher rates of:

Cigarettes

Cannabis

Cocaine

Crack



Alcohol

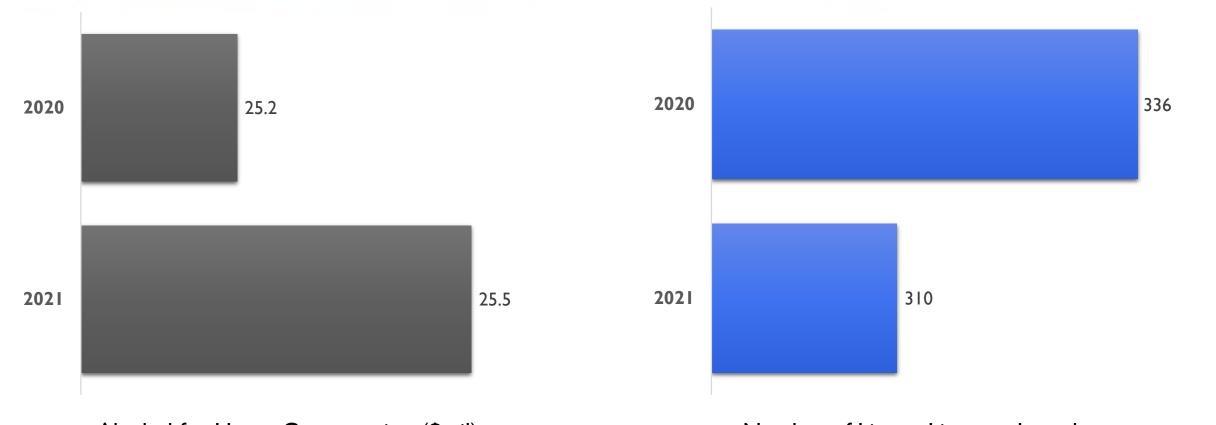
Admitted to having a mental health issue



Likely to see professional for mental health, substance use, emotional and behavioural problems



ALCOHOL IMPORTS AND LIQUOR LICENCES



Alcohol for Home Consumption (\$mil)

Number of Liquor Licences Issued

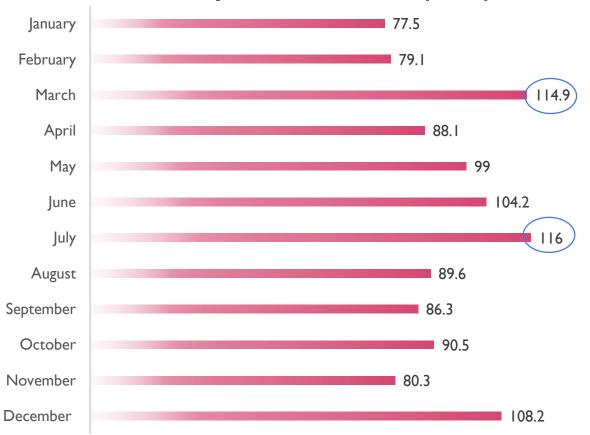
540 bartenders TIPS certified in 2021

Sources: HM Customs, Liquor Licence Authority

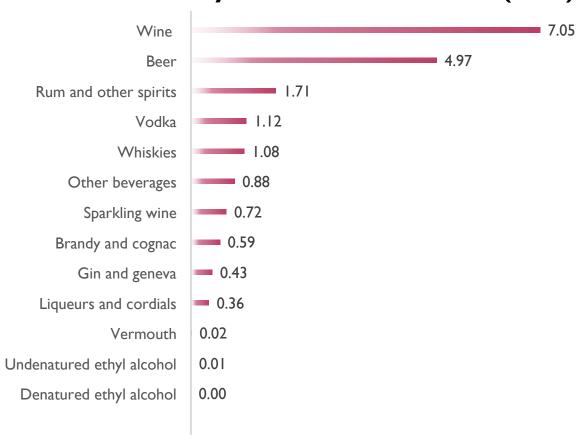


2021 RETAIL SALES INDEX AND CUSTOMS DUTY

Estimated Liquor Store Sales (\$mil)

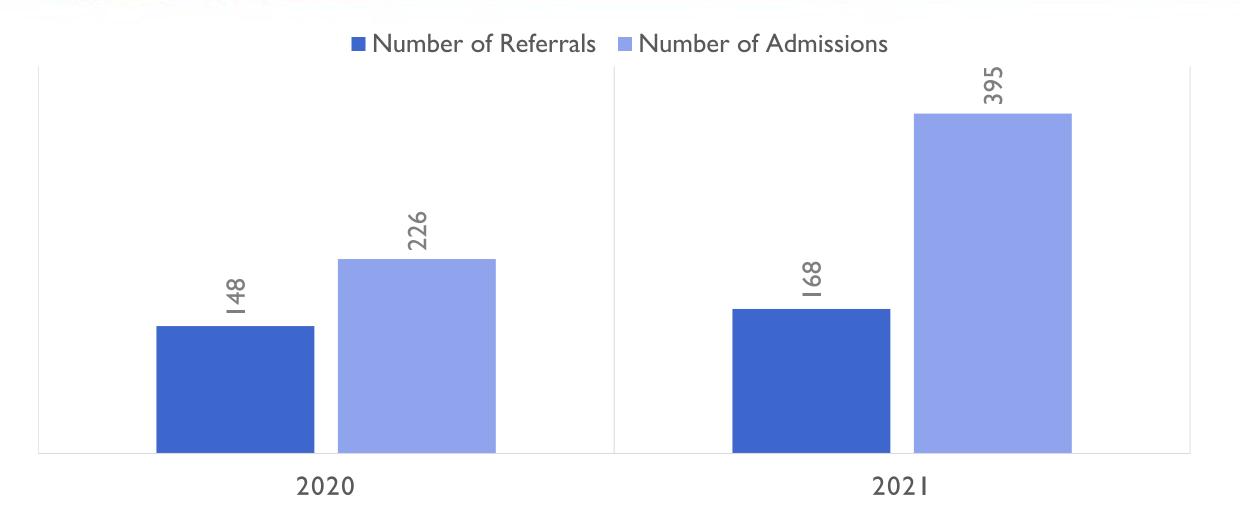


Estimated Duty Collected on Alcohol (\$mil)



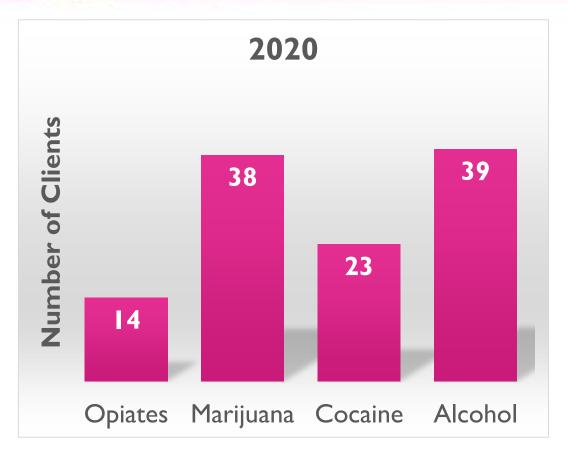
Source: Department of Statistics

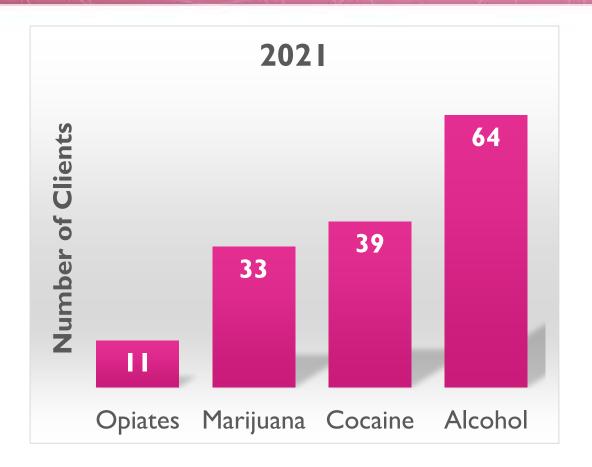






SUBSTANCE OF CHOICE

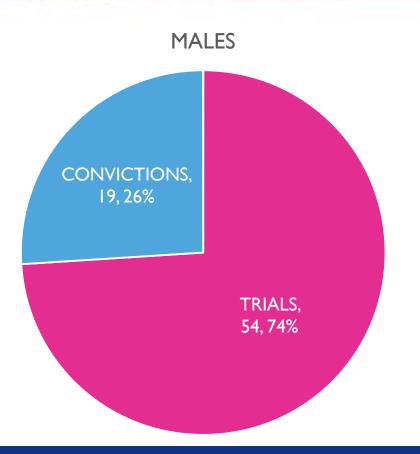


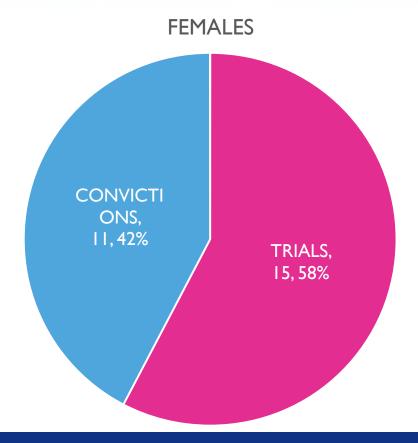


New clients had moderate clinical diagnosis vs existing clients who were likely to have severe diagnosis.



DRUG-RELATED TRIALS & CONVICTIONS



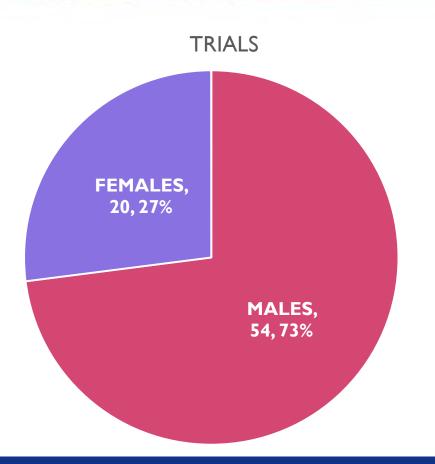


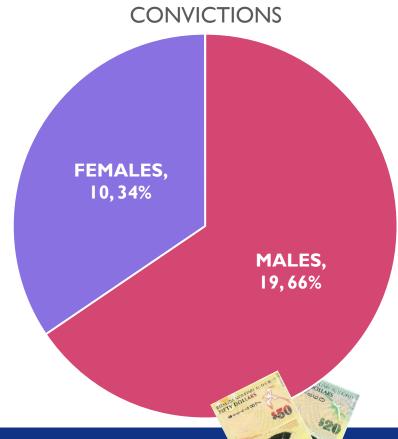
Females mostly convicted of possession with intent to supply offences; males for possession of drug equipment and simple possession.

Source: Department of Public Prosecutions



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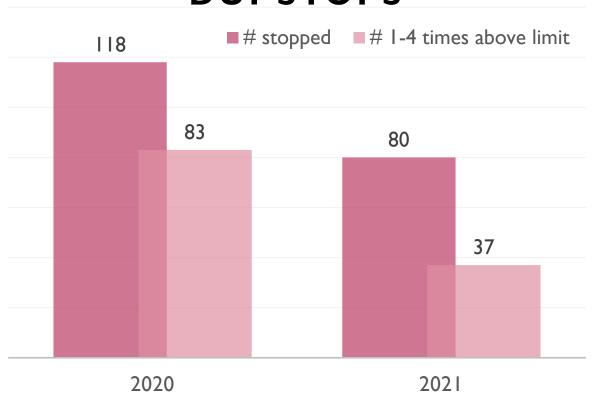
Males reported spending \$50 a week, while women spent \$20 a week on alcohol.

Source: Department of Public Prosecutions



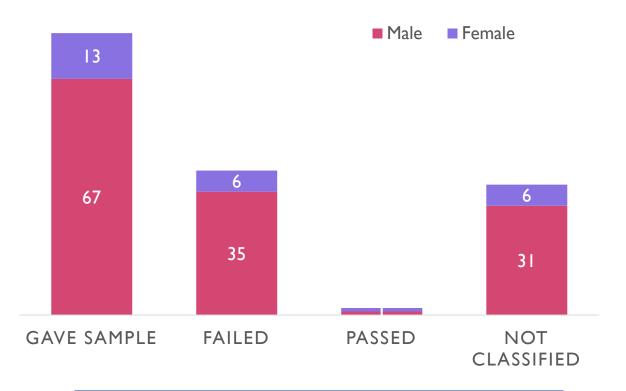
IMPAIRED DRIVING

DUI STOPS



Almost half of persons stopped were 1 to 4 times above legal limit.

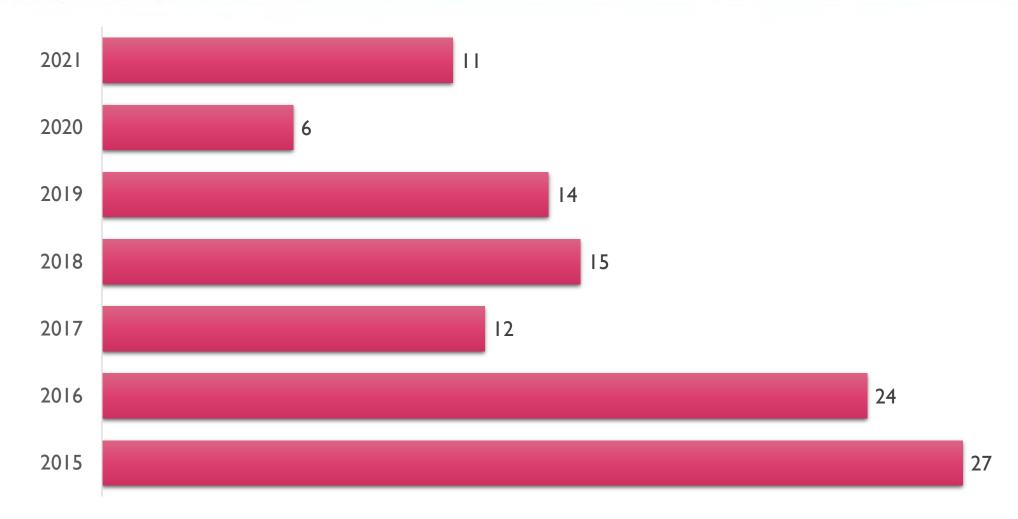
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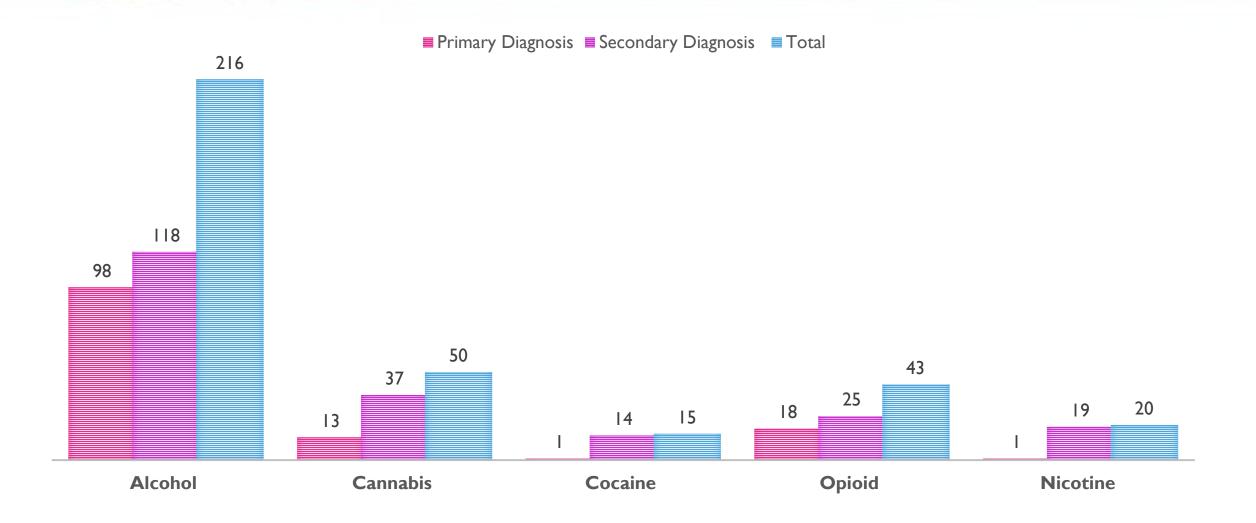
19 males 5 females 2-3 times above the limit



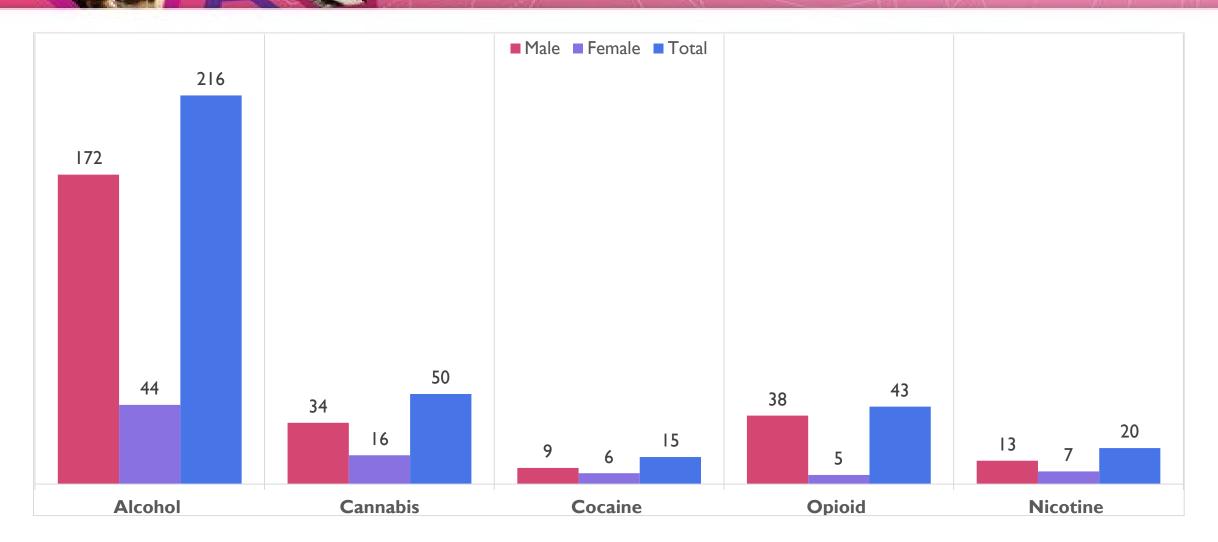
DUI CLASS PARTICIPATION



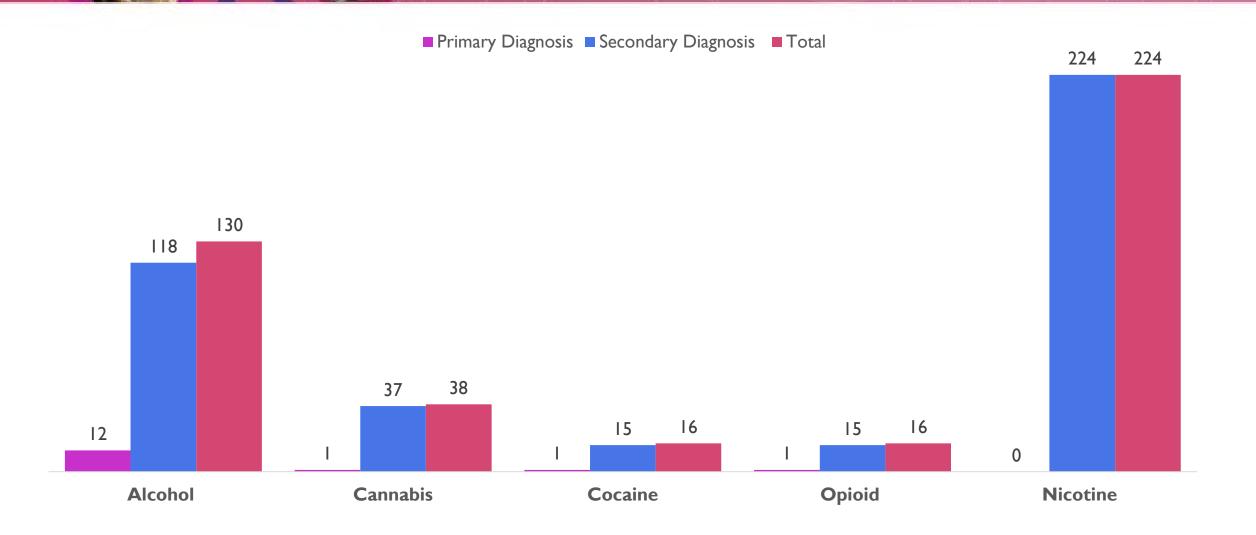
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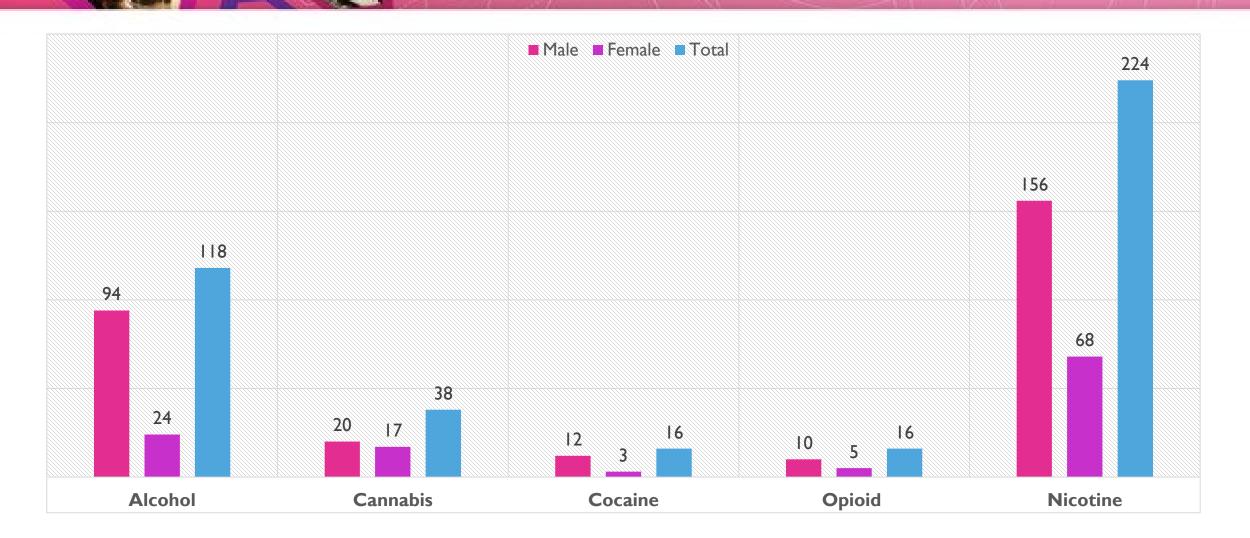
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INPATIENT DRUG-RELATED CASES BY DIAGNOSIS

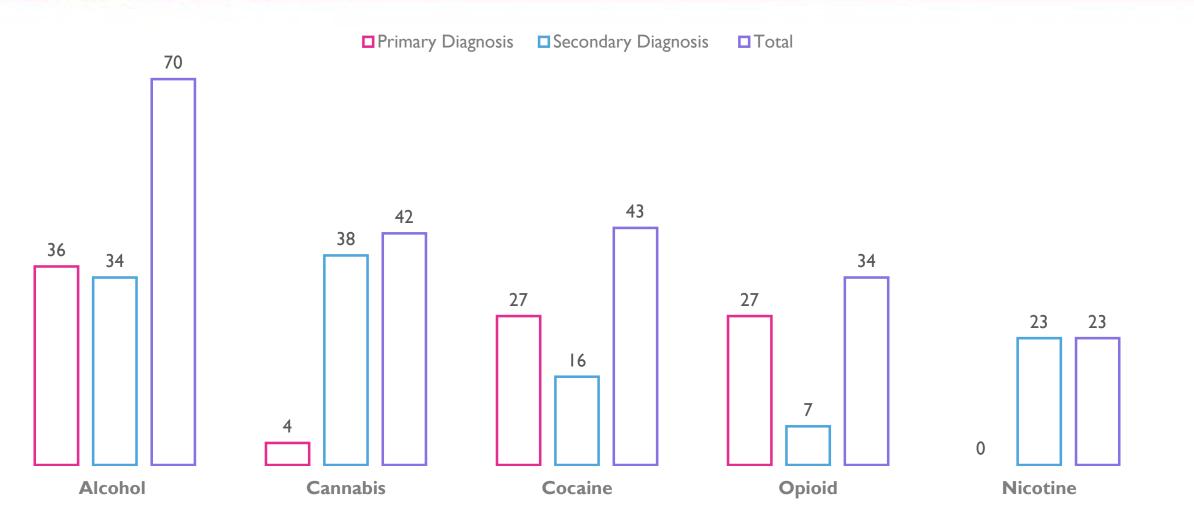


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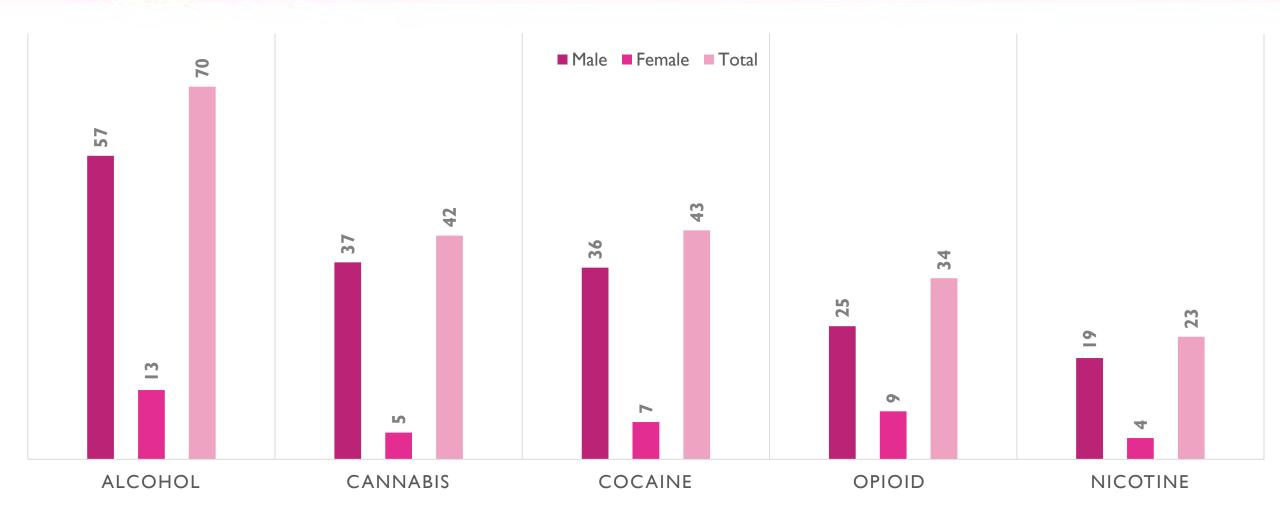
MWI DRUG-RELATED CASES BY DIAGNOSIS



Source: Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute



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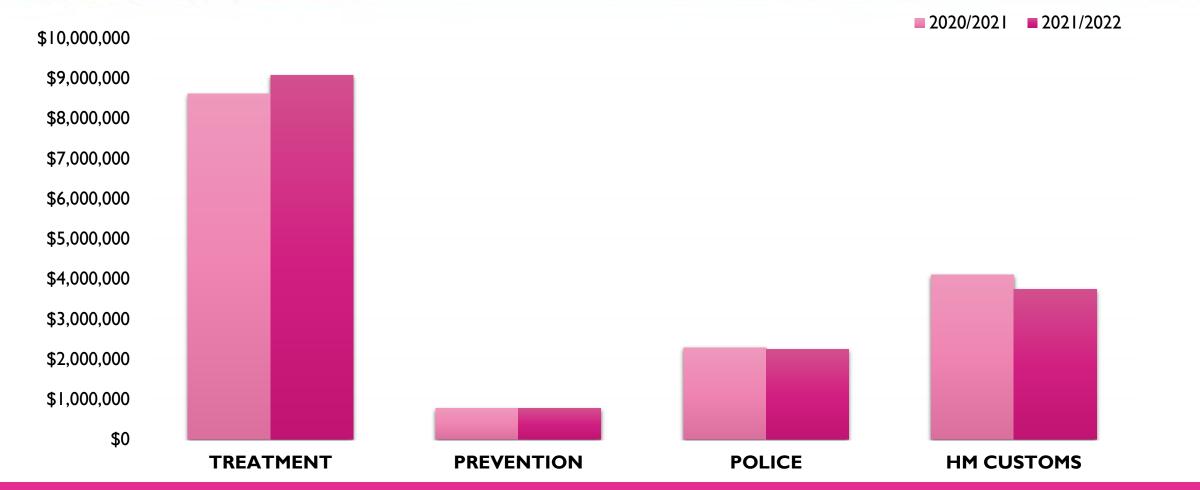


MORTALITY DATA



Source: Central Government Lab





Treatment services received the most funding in each year, over the past eleven years.

Source: Department of Finance



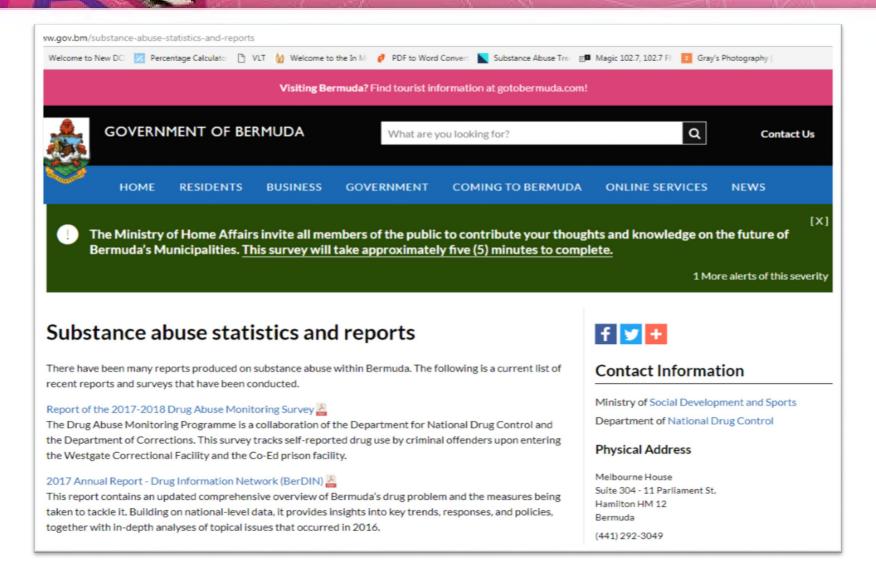
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