



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...
About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

Question:

How does alcohol compare with other drugs as a reason for being admitted to Missouri's substance abuse treatment programs?

Answer:

Alcohol was recorded as the "primary drug of abuse" for **more than 40%** of the admissions to treatment in Missouri in FY 2003. This is similar to the rates experienced in the past four or five years.

MISSOURI ALCOHOL IMPACT FACT #24

- Alcohol has accounted for more treatment admissions than any other drug since records began being kept more than 25 years ago.
- Alcohol continued to lead the list of treatment admissions in FY2003, accounting for 15,470 of the total 38,266 admissions.
- By comparison, marijuana was the "primary drug of abuse" for 9,726, cocaine for 6,593, methamphetamines for 3,607, and heroin for 1,362.

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