

# Adult Substance Abuse

## The Marchman Act

### The Florida Substance Abuse Impairment Act

The Marchman Act defines substance abuse and substance abuse impairment. Marchman Act admissions may be either voluntary or involuntary.

Criteria for Involuntary Admissions are as follows:

- Good faith reason to believe the person is substance abuse impaired and because of the impairment
- Has lost power of self-control over substance use **and either**
  - Has inflicted, or threatened or attempted to inflict, or unless admitted is likely to inflict, physical harm on self or others **or**
  - Is in need of substance abuse services and, by reason of substance abuse impairment, his/her judgment has been so impaired the person is incapable of appreciating the need for services and of making a rational decision in regard thereto.

The table below displays the percentage of involuntary admissions (assessments and/or treatments) for those persons who received substance abuse services from local contracted providers.

### Marchman Act Involuntary Assessment and/or Treatment (percent of total who received services)

	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
Flagler	0.0%	8.5%	4.5%
Volusia	2.4%	1.9%	3.8%
Florida	3.0%	2.6%	2.0%

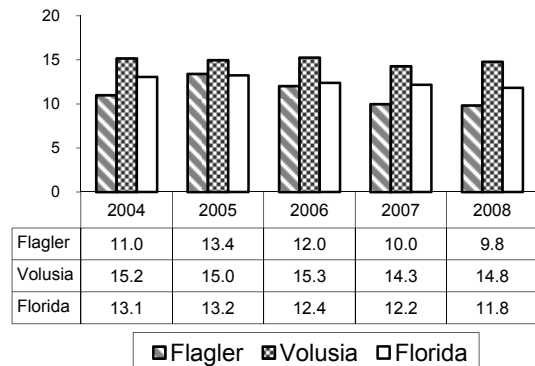
Data Source: Circuit 7 Department of Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

## Binge Drinking

The 2007 Florida Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Data Report contains responses from randomly selected participants on a variety of behavioral questions. The 2010 target for adult binge drinking is 13%. The BRFSS reported the percent of adults who engage in heavy or binge drinking as follows:

	2002	2007
Flagler Overall	17.8%	18.4%
Volusia Overall	18.2	17.5
Florida Overall	13.7	16.2
Flagler Men	24.4	24.6
Volusia Men	24.8	23.1
Florida Men	20.1	20.3
Flagler Women	12.3	12.6
Volusia Women	12.5	12.3
Florida Women	7.7	12.4

## Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Crashes Rate of Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Crashes Per 10,000 Population



**This Indicator Measures...** the total annual rate of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes per 10,000 population in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

**This is Important Because...** according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, approximately 37% of the total deaths in motor vehicle crashes are alcohol-related.

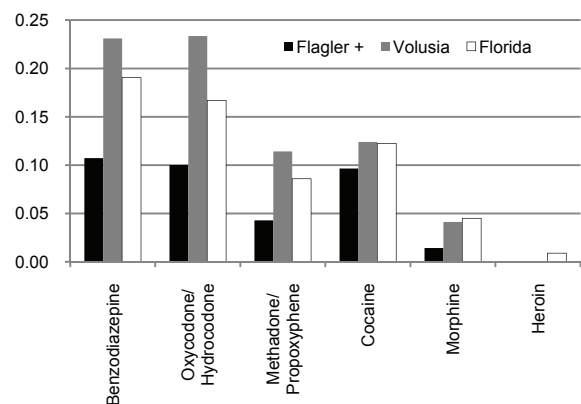
Source: Florida CHARTS

Note: The Flagler rate decreased to a five-year low. The Volusia rate has fluctuated and has decreased overall from 2004.

## Deaths from Drugs

According to the *Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners 2008 Report*, the three drugs that were most lethal were opioids: heroin, methadone and oxycodone. The chart below is based on that report.

### Rates of Deaths per 1,000 Population



+ Flagler data is for District 23 which also includes Putnam and St. Johns Counties.