

**Characteristics of Persons Seeking  
Treatment for Problematic Substance Use,  
1 January to 30 June 2016  
Report on  
Standardized Intake  
Treatment Form**

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**Regional Standardized Treatment Centre Intake Form**

- The Regional Standardized Treatment Centre Intake Form is aimed at strengthening the capacity of states, to collect data on admissions to drug treatment centres in a standardized manner.
- It emerged from a proposal by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).
- In February 2013, Cabinet approved the participation of Grenada at the training seminar for use of the Intake Form.
- Three (3) Officers attended a Regional Seminar on Standardization of Drug Treatment Forms. This seminar was convened 12 to 13 February 2014, in Guyana.
- Use of the Form officially commenced in Grenada in January 2016.

The use of the Intake Form would assist Grenada in the following areas:

- Identifying patterns of drug use
- Indicator of drug trends (an early warning system)
- Management purposes
- Advocacy and policy
- Identification of patterns of service utilization
- Service evaluation

**Socio-Demographics**

**Data**

**1 January-to 30 June 2016**

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Rathdune</b>	50	76.93%
<b>Carlton House</b>	15	26.07%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>SEX</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Female</b>	7	10.77%
<b>Male</b>	58	89.23%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>African origin/black</b>	54	83.08%
<b>Creole</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Indigenous people</b>	2	3.08%
<b>Mixed</b>	8	12.31%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%



<b>AGE (Accessed Treatment)</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Average age</b>	37.4 years
<b>Minimum age</b>	15 years
<b>Maximum age</b>	66 years

<b>AGE RANGE (YEARS)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>10-19</b>	6	9.23%
<b>20-29</b>	14	21.54%
<b>30-39</b>	19	29.23%
<b>40-49</b>	10	15.38%
<b>50 and older</b>	15	23.08%
<b>Missing</b>	1	1.58%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>DEPORTED</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>No</b>	61	93.85%
<b>Yes</b>	4	6.15%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Incomplete primary</b>	6	9.23%
<b>Complete primary</b>	25	38.46%
<b>Incomplete secondary</b>	23	35.38%
<b>Complete secondary</b>	7	10.77%
<b>Complete university/tertiary</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Vocational</b>	2	3.08%
<b>No response</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>No response</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Not working (School, prison, homeless etc)</b>	8	12.31%
<b>Not working/retired (retiree, disabled)</b>	2	3.08%
<b>Unemployed (looking for work)</b>	19	29.23%
<b>Working/self-employed</b>	35	53.85%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

## **TREATMENT HISTORY**

<b>AGE OF FIRST USE</b>	<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>Crack</b>	<b>Other drug</b>
<b>Mean age</b>	16.8 years	15.6 years	14 years	35 years
<b>Minimum age</b>	9 years	5 years	13 years	35 years
<b>Maximum age</b>	30 years	40 years	15 years	36 years

<b>TIMES TREATED (LIFETIME)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>FIRST TIME SEEKING TREATMENT</b>	17	26.15%
<b>1 to 5 times</b>	18	27.69%
<b>6 to 10 times</b>	11	16.93%
<b>More than 11 times</b>	16	24.62%
<b>MISSING</b>	3	4.61%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%



<b>SOURCE OF REFERRAL TO TREATMENT</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Encouragement from friend(s) or family member (s)</b>	13	20.00%
<b>No response</b>	3	4.62%
<b>Referral from a general health centre/hospital etc</b>	3	4.62%
<b>Referral from Drug Control Secretariat</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Referral from prison or juvenile detention center</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Referral from social services or other (churches, community services)</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Referral from the justice system or Police department</b>	40	61.54%
<b>Voluntarily (self-referral)</b>	3	4.62%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>MAIN SUBSTANCE IMPACTING TREATMENT</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	17	26.15%
<b>Cannabis</b>	41	63.08%
<b>Cocaine</b>	4	6.15%
<b>Crack</b>	2	3.08%
<b>Other drugs: Prescription drug</b>	1	1.54%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

<b>SECONDARY SUBSTANCE IMPACTING TREATMENT</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	14	45.16%
<b>Cannabis</b>	10	32.26%
<b>Cocaine</b>	4	12.90%
<b>Crack</b>	1	3.23%
<b>Tobacco</b>	2	6.45%
<b>Total</b>	31	100.00%

# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERACTION**

<b>ARREST HISTORY (LIFETIME)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>No</b>	26	40.00%
<b>Yes</b>	39	60.00%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

**PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION**

<b>EVER DIAGNOSED WITH A PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>NO</b>	17	26.15%
<b>NO RESPONSE</b>	1	1.54%
<b>YES</b>	47	72.31%
<b>Total</b>	65	100.00%

## **CONTAGIOUS DISEASE HISTORY**



<b>STD RESULTS</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Negative</b>	22	81.48%
<b>Positive</b>	5	18.52%
<b>Total</b>	27	100.00%

<b>HIV/AIDS RESULTS</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Did not respond</b>	1	4.55%
<b>Don't know</b>	3	13.64%
<b>Negative</b>	17	77.27%
<b>Positive</b>	1	4.55%
<b>Total</b>	22	100.00%

**SUMMARY:**

**JANUARY TO JUNE 2016**

- Sixty-five (65) persons presented to 2 treatment facilities (Carlton House Drug Rehabilitation Centre and Rathdune Psychiatric Unit) in Grenada for problematic substance use.
- 7 were females (10.77%) and 58 were males (89.23%).
- The main substance driving the demand for treatment was marijuana (63.08%) followed by alcohol (26.15%).
- The average age of persons in treatment was 37 years old, with the youngest person being 15 years of age, and the oldest being 66 years.
- The average age of first use for alcohol was 16.8 years, and marijuana 15.6 years.
- 17 clients (26.15%) sought treatment for the first time.

- The youngest age of initiation into substance use was 5 years old, and the oldest was 40 years.
- 38 persons (77.5%) in treatment, and who had enrolled into a treatment program in the past, had completed treatment.
- Most persons in treatment did not complete their secondary education, while 29.23% were classified as unemployed.
- 39 persons (60%) of those in treatment were arrested at least once in their lifetime and 47 persons (72.31%) were diagnosed with a psychiatric condition.

## Questions & Answers