

**MARIJUANA DOMINATES CO – OCCURRING DISORDERS
ADMISSIONS TO THE
TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES**

Dual diagnosis refers to co – occurring disorders of Mental Health disorders and Substance Abuse disorders (alcohol and / or drug dependence or abuse). In Jamaica, persons are found across the mental health and substance abuse spectrum with various combinations of dual / multiple disorders.

Data coming out of the Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres have indicated that for the period 2003 to 2006 one thousand six hundred and forty two (1642) persons sought treatment for drug addiction and of that number 14.9% were diagnosed with dual disorders.

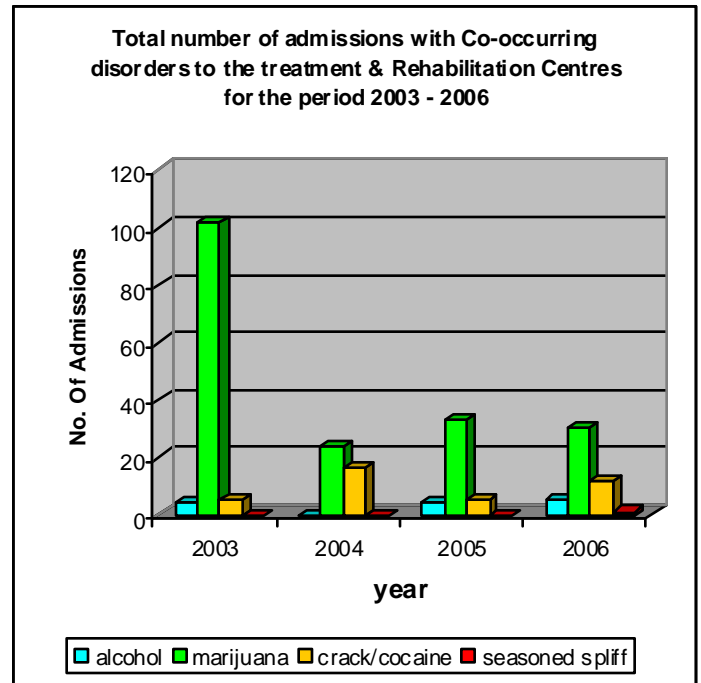
77.5% of those diagnosed with dual disorders, the substance abused was marijuana. Crack/cocaine was responsible for 15.6%, alcohol 5% and seasoned spliff was abused by 0.4%

The data also indicate that 35.4 % of those diagnosed with a mental health disorder and marijuana abuse were within the 20 - 24 age band, while 19% were found in the 25 – 29 age cohort and 17% in the 15 – 19 age group, respectively.

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Total number of admissions with Co-occurring disorders to the Treatment & Rehabilitation Centres for the period 2003 - 2006

	Alcohol	Marijuana	Crack/Cocaine	Seasoned Spliff	Total
2003	4	102	5	0	111
2004	0	24	16	0	40
2005	4	33	5	0	42
2006	5	30	12	1	48
Total	13	189	38	1	241



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