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FOREWORD

This Fourteenth Edition of the *Status Report on Missouri's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems* has been prepared by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Research and Statistics Unit. The report compiles national and state survey data, substance abuse related events recorded by other state agencies, and data from substance abuse treatment programs. Data tables and charts identify and illustrate substance abuse consequences and compare Missouri and national rates for alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use.

The Status Report provides county-level data on substance abuse indicators and the demographics of consumers receiving treatment and intervention services in programs contracted by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The district and satellite offices of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse located in Kansas City, Saint Louis, Jefferson City, Springfield, and Rolla can provide assistance in accessing prevention, treatment, and compulsive gambling services. Please refer to the district map in the Status Report appendix.

Inquiries and comments pertaining to the Status Report should be directed to the Research and Statistics Unit. The 2002-2008 editions are accessible on the following website:

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Stringer", written over a large, stylized flourish.

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