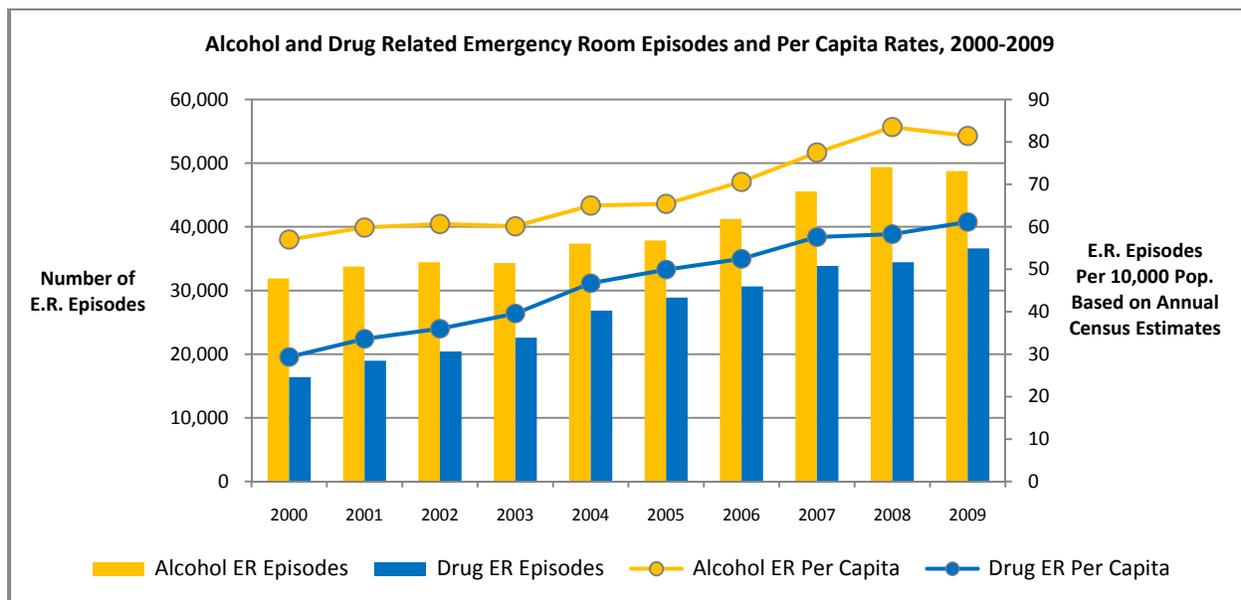


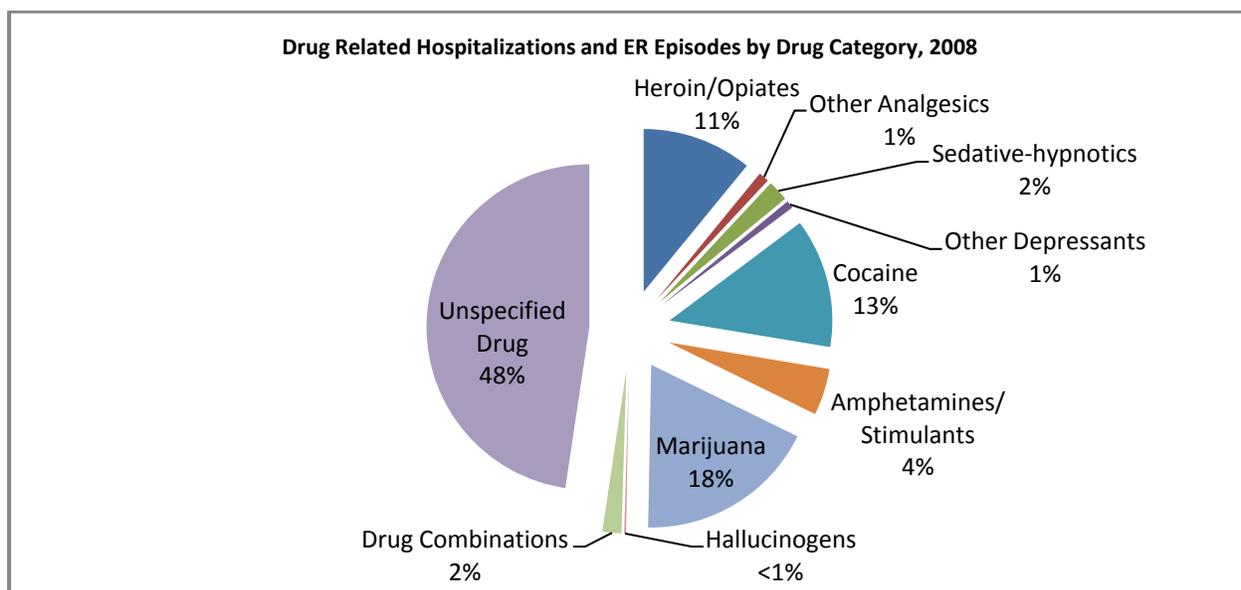
SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATED HOSPITAL EPISODES

Alcohol and drug related emergency room episodes and per capita rates have increased during the past decade. Alcohol related ER episodes involving Missouri residents increased from nearly 32,000 in year 2000 to 49,000 in 2009. During this period, the population-based rate increased from 57 per 10,000 to 81 per 10,000. The number of drug related episodes more than doubled, and the rate increased from 29 per 10,000 population in 2000 to 61 per 10,000 in 2009.



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Emergency room services were used with 60% of the alcohol related and 54% of the drug related hospitalizations in 2008. Among the drug related ER and hospital services, almost one-half did not identify a specific drug in the first-listed drug diagnosis. Marijuana, cocaine, and heroin accounted for most of the specified drugs.



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.