**Lowell Area BSAS Observations 1/4/16**

The population of the greater Lowell area is 272,225, according to the 2010 census. This includes the cities of Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, and Westford. The BSAS statistics for each individual city are listed in the table below:

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| **City** | **Population** | **BSAS Admissions** | **Opioid %\*** | **People Served** | **Opioid Patients\*** | **% of Pop** |
| Lowell | 106,519 | 2,911 | 59.9% | 2,490 | 1,492 | 1.40% |
| Billerica | 40,243 | 586 | 66.4% | 445 | 295 | 0.73% |
| Chelmsford | 33,802 | 244 | 50.8% | 239 | 121 | 0.36% |
| Dracut | 29,457 | 451 | 60.5% | 370 | 224 | 0.76% |
| Tewksbury | 28,961 | 473 | 60.1% | 417 | 251 | 0.87% |
| Tyngsboro | 11,292 | 0-100 | 50.0% | 129 | 65 | 0.58% |
| Westford | 21,951 | 0-100 | 43.2% | 102 | 44 | 0.20% |

The opioid percentages were the sum of percentages of people admitted for heroin and all other opioids. The number of opioid patients is an estimate, based on the number of total people served by BSAS for 2014. Below are percentages of those admitted in each city who reported past year needle use, heroin use, and other opioid use.

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| **City** | **Needle Use** | **Heroin Use** | **Other Opioid Use** |
| Lowell | 53.1% | 57.0% | 16.8% |
| Billerica | 58.7% | 64.5% | 20.8% |
| Chelmsford | 43.2% | 47.4% | 17.7% |
| Dracut | 53.7% | 55.8% | 20.0% |
| Tewksbury | 49.6% | 57.3% | 13.5% |
| Tyngsboro | 36.4% | 39.3% | 16.7% |
| Westford | 31.6% | 31.1% | 20.0% |