**Worcester Area Observations 8/24/15**

The population of the greater Worcester area is 265,719, according to the 2010 census. This includes the cities of Worcester, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, and West Boylston. The populations of each individual city are listed in the table below:

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| **City** | **Population** | **Opioid Admissions** | **People Served\*** | **% of Pop** | **OD Deaths** |
| Worcester | 181,045 | 3,308 | 2,741 | 1.51% | 41 |
| Holden | 17,346 | 66 | n/a | n/a | 3 |
| Leicester | 10,790 | 71 | 59 | 0.55% | 0 |
| Millbury | 13,261 | 150 | 129 | 0.97% | 3 |
| Shrewsbury | 35,608 | 148 | 134 | 0.38% | 1 |
| West Boylston | 7,669 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 |

Worcester, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, and Shrewsbury each saw their highest number of opioid admissions in 2014, compared with the previous 9 years. The exact number of opioid admissions in West Boylston was unknown for 2014 but less than 100. However, 56.8% of the BSAS admissions were primarily due to heroin. The number of people served is an estimate, based on the number of total people served by BSAS for 2014.

There were a total of 49 overdose related deaths in the greater Worcester area in 2014, representing 0.018% of the total population. Based on 2009 data, it can be assumed that there were a total of 3,466 overdoses in 2014. Below are estimates on the number of people in each city who reported past year needle use, heroin use, and other opioid use.

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| **City** | **Population** | **Needle Use** | **Heroin Use** | **Opioid Use** |
| Worcester | 181,045 |  |  |  |
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