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This News brief alerts you to the following: Sturm, R., & Andreyeva. (2005). Use of mental health care among youths in 1997 and 2002. *Psychiatric Services*, 56(7), 793.

In the column "Datapoints," Roland Sturm reports on mental health service use among youths in 1997 (N = 21,824) and 2002 (N = 22,064). Data came from the National Survey of America's Families (NSAF), a part of The Urban Institute's Assessing the New Federalism project. The 2002 survey asked caregivers of youths between 6 – 17 years how many times youth had received mental health treatment (substance abuse excluded) in the year prior to the interview. "The percentages of youths who received any mental health care nationwide has increased substantially from 7.1% in 1997 to 8.9% in 2002, or by 25% (p < .01) ....Service use rose in all of the 13 states surveyed, although some changes were small and changes in eight of the states were not statistically significant" (p. 793).

For more information about the NSAF, go to:

<http://www.urban.org/Content/Research/NewFederalism/NSAF/Overview/NSAFOverview.htm>

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