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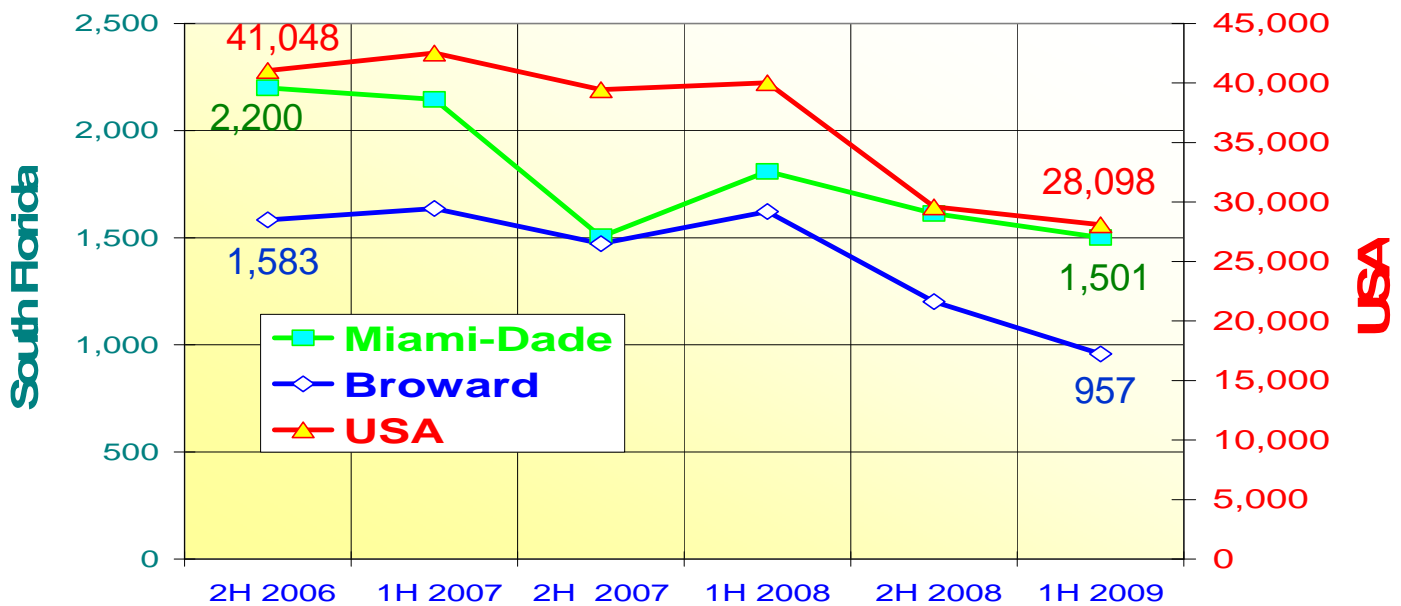
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## Local and National Signs of Declining Cocaine Problems

Declines in cocaine consequences in South Florida and nationally between 2007 and 2008 appear to be continuing in 2009. Raw data from the federal system that tracks drug-related emergency department reports from a sample of 290 hospitals (including 18 in South Florida) reveal a consistent downward trend in the numbers of cocaine-related reports between January 2008 and June 2009. The graph below illustrates declines in cocaine emergency department reports across the nation in red as tracked by the axis on the right side of the graph going from 41,048 in the second half of 2006 to 28,098 in the first half of 2009. Similar declines in South Florida tracked by the axis on the left side of the graph declined from 1,583 to 957 in Broward County during the same period and from 2,200 to 1,501 in Miami-Dade County. Other indicators of cocaine abuse such as deaths and treatment admissions declined between 2007 and 2008 in 17 of 20 sites of the National Community Epidemiology Work Group.

**Cocaine Emergency Department Reports**  
**Miami-Dade, Broward & USA Samples**  
**July 2006 June 2009**



Source: Local Analysis based on data from DAWN Live!