

2008 Methamphetamine Strike Force Report Card

Indicator	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2000-2007	Change 2006-2007
1. Total Meth Deaths	136 (5.66) ¹	145 (5.90)	167 (6.64)	210 (8.19)	206 (7.91)	240 (9.11)	174 (6.59)	184 (6.91)	+35%	+06%
2. Related Emergency Mentions <i>* is proportion of all substance abuse mentions</i>	747 (31.1)	673 (27.4)	598 (23.8)	558 (21.8) <i>*25%</i>	797 (30.7) <i>*27%</i>	1477 (56.4) <i>*33%</i>	1160 (43.9) <i>*31%</i>	826 (31) <i>*30.8%</i>	+11%	-29%
3. Drug Treatment Admissions for Meth Primary Drug of Choice	4475 (186.3)	5578 (226.8)	7023 (279.4)	6410 (250)	5714 (187.2)	5193 (197.2)	5632 (213.3)	5467 (205.3)	+18%	-03%
4. Positive Meth Tests: Adult Arrestees Juvenile Arrestees	28% 11%	34% 9%	34% 12%	40% 15%	43% 12%	46% 21%	39% 10%	31% 8%	+10% -27%	-7% -2%
5. Lab Cleanup/Seizure County Cleanup: DEA/NTF Seizures:	47 33	22 26	19 32	26 16	24 24	13 15	10 5	14 3	-70% -91%	+40% -40%
6. Number of Arrests for Meth Sales and Possession	6820 (283.88)	6372 (259.09)	6343 (252.32)	7729 (301.41)	8447 (324.33)	8964 (340.46)	7370 (279.09)	5502 (207)	-19%	-25%
7. Availability Measures "Easy to get" Price: Per "8-Ball": 1/8 oz Purity	70% \$160 25%-53%	66% \$100-\$125 30%-40%	67% \$100-125 10%-99%	65% \$100-125 10%-99%	83% \$100-140 70%-100%	81% \$100-150 50%-95%	76% \$140-180 50-80%	70% \$120-\$300 40-90%	Price slightly up; purity down	Wider range in purity & increase in price
8. Number of Drug Endangered Children	244	176	284	128	269	396	374	375	+35%	0%
9. Hotline Calls	236	265	375	444	834	457	872 ¹	1175	+398%	+35%
10. Strike Force-Generated Media Stories	132	101	75	59	51	29	96	242	+83%	+152%

Note: Data on 1995-1999 is available at www.mn2meth.org

¹ Figures in parenthesis represent rate per 100,000

Strike Force convened by Board of Supervisors
Meth Hotline opens

DEC Opens in North County

Vista Partners Project Begins

Prop 36 Begins

DAWN ER Mention System Changed

DEC Expands Countywide

Meth Production Shifts to Mexico

Nat'l Pseudoephedrine Controls Established

Mexico Limits Pseudoephedrine Imports

1996

1997

1999

2001

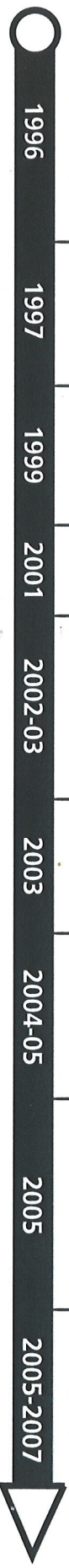
2002-03

2003

2004-05

2005

2005-2007



ADDITIONAL NOTES AND DATA

Border Issues

- There were 8 labs seized in Tijuana in 2007, reporting is not standardized, but this may represent a 27% decrease from 2006
- 2007 Precursors Seizures:
 - 1 seizure of red phosphorus, 1 hydrolic acid, 1 seizure of pseudo tabs

Meth Seizures at POE (kilos)

- 2001: 490 kilos
- 2002: 395 kilos
- 2003: 522 kilos
- 2004: 431 kilos
- 2005: 810.34 kilos
- 2006: 1,395 kilos
- 2007: 871 kilos

Emergency Room Mentions

San Diego County Emergency Medical Services has developed a new database that is more comprehensive than the current sample-based database we use, and will be used in this Report Card beginning next year to report meth-related data in our local hospitals. As a reference point, in 2006, EMS noted that 2,237 persons were discharged from local emergency rooms with an amphetamine diagnosis. This represents all of emergency room data rather than the sample reported in past years.

Meth % of all Tx Admits

- 1998 36%
- 1999 33.2%
- 2000 32.2%
- 2001 35%
- 2002 38.7%
- 2003 41.1%
- 2004 41.7%
- 2005 46.2%
- 2006 47.4%
- 2007 42.1

Treatment Admits

Primary Drug Categories - Comparison CY 2005 to CY 2007

Drug	CY 05		CY 06		CY 07	
	# Admits	% of Total	# Admits	% of Total	# Admits	% of Total
Heroin	864	7.7%	771	6.5%	882	6.8%
Meth	5193	46.2%	5632	47.4%	5467	42.1%
Cocaine	851	7.6%	977	8.2%	1034	8.0%
Marijuana	1642	14.6%	2081	17.4%	2379	18.3%
Alcohol	2492	22.2%	2081	17.5%	2956	22.7%
Total	11236	100.0%	11901	100.0%	12987	98%

Type and Source for Report Card Indicators

- Total number of persons with meth in their system at the time of death.
Source: the County of San Diego Medical Examiner's Office.
- Total number within a sample of area ED's where meth is mentioned during the course of an ED visit.
Source: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), a national information system.
- Number of persons admitted to publicly-funded drug treatment who identify meth as their primary drug of choice. *Source: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Services.*
- A sample of interviews and drug tests among adult and juveniles at time of booking.
Source: Substance Abuse Monitoring, a program operated by the San Diego Association of Governments (formerly ADAM).
- a. Number of meth-related toxic clean ups and dump sites.
Source: County of San Diego Environmental Health Department
b. Meth Lab seizures.
Source: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Number of arrests for meth sales and possession. *Source: Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS).*
- Availability measures:
 - Methamphetamine "easy to get" averages from jail interviewees. *Source: SAM interviews*
 - Price & Purity of meth samples acquired during arrests/investigations.
Source: San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD-LECC) Formerly the Narcotic Information Network
- Number of Drug Endangered Children.
Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services.
- Numbers of call to the Hotline.
Source: San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD-LECC)
- Numbers of print and broadcast media stories as generated by MSP/MPI activities.
Source: Institute for Public Strategies (IPS)