Methamphetamine in Wisconsin

Past Month Methamphetamine Use Among People Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group, United States, 2015

- 13,000 (12 to 17)
- 128,000 (18 to 25)
- 757,000 (26 or Older)

In 2015, approximately 897,000 people aged 12 and older were current users of methamphetamine in the United States.

Effects and Signs of Methamphetamine Use

Methamphetamine can be injected, smoked, snorted, and swallowed. There are many harmful effects of methamphetamine use.

**SHORT TERM**
- Decreased appetite
- Faster breathing
- Increased blood pressure
- Increased body temperature
- Increased wakefulness and physical activity
- Rapid and/or irregular heartbeat

**LONG TERM**
- Anxiety
- Confusion
- Extreme weight loss
- Hallucinations
- Intense itching
- Paranoia
- Severe dental problems
- Sleeping problems
- Violent behavior

Prevention Works. Treatment is Effective. Recovery is Possible.

Methamphetamine use is present in all regions of Wisconsin. Its popularity is due in part because it is less expensive and has a longer euphoric effect than other illegal stimulants. Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/meth to learn more about the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and its partners to reduce the negative impacts of methamphetamine use on individuals, families, and communities.

Fast Facts

- **424**
  - The estimated annual economic cost in millions of dollars of methamphetamine use, including the cost of health care and lost productivity.

- **1,592**
  - The percentage increase in number of grams of methamphetamine seized by the Wisconsin State Patrol from 2010-2014.

- **167**
  - The percentage increase from 2011 to 2015 in the number of charges for possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or deliver methamphetamine as analyzed in the Wisconsin Court System’s Circuit Court Access Program.

- **58**
  - The number of counties with at least one methamphetamine-related operating while intoxicated incident in 2015, up from 24 in 2012.

- **25-34**
  - This age range accounts for 45% of all methamphetamine-related operating while intoxicated incidents in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin County-Authorized Persons Receiving Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Methamphetamine

(Totals include only persons treated using county funds)

Sources:
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services. www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/meth
- Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center, Southeast Wisconsin Threat Analysis Center, and F.B.I. Milwaukee Field Division - Field Intelligence Group. 2016 Wisconsin Methamphetamine Study.