

Methamphetamine - Oregon Fact Sheet

- In 2005, Oregon shifted away from drug polices based on fear and reaction, and moved toward drug polices based on science and proaction in the areas of Prevention, Enforcement, and Treatment.
<http://oregon.gov/Gov/docs/OMTF-ClosingMemo.pdf>
- Included within Prevention is effective control of the key meth precursor, pseudo/ephedrine (PSE). Effective July 1, 2006, Oregon returned PSE to a prescription drug, as it was prior to 1976.
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measpdf/hb2400.dir/hb2485.en.pdf>
- PSE smurfing in Oregon has been eliminated, and meth labs in Oregon nearly eliminated.
<http://www.oregondec.org/OregonMethLabTrends.pdf>
- Mexico followed Oregon's lead, and then banned PSE entirely. The result is that meth from Mexico is pure, cheap, and plentiful, but weak. The potency of meth from Mexico is down substantially.
<http://www.oregondec.org/MPP-UpdatedInfo.pdf>
- Oregon drug arrests:
 - From November of 2006 to November of 2008:
 - The number of sworn law enforcement officers in Oregon increased.
 - There was a 31% drop in drug arrests in Oregon.
 - Nearly all of that decline was meth arrests.
 - Most other drug arrests remained flat or increased slightly.
<http://www.oregon.gov/CJC/SAC.shtml>
- Oregon emergency room meth-related visits are down by a third.
http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2010/06/decongestant_ban_cut_ohsus_met.html
- Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) - 2008 ADAM II Report:
 - From the Executive Summary: "In Sacramento the proportion of arrestees involved in acquiring methamphetamine in the prior 30 days remains high (26%), unchanged from 2007, but in Portland reported acquisition is significantly lower (13%) than 2007 levels (23%)."
 - From the Conclusion: "Methamphetamine . . . declines significantly in one of the ADAM II western sites (Portland) from 2007 (20% positive) to 2008 (15% positive). Thirty five percent of Sacramento arrestees test positive in 2008, representing no statistically significant change from 2007."
<http://whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/adam2008.pdf>
- Oregon crime rates:
 - 78% of property crimes are committed by addicts stealing to pay for their addiction.
http://www.doj.state.or.us/about/pdf/annual_report_2009.pdf
 - In 2008, Oregon experienced the largest decrease in crime rates in our nation.
http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/09/oregon_leads_the_nation_in_vio.html
 - By 2009, Oregon crime rates were at a 50-year low.
http://www.leg.state.or.us/press_releases/sdo_052410_III.html
- NOTE: PSE imports into the United States are up substantially - US estimates under 1988 UN Convention:
 - 2005: Just over 382,000 kilograms.
 - 2010: Just over 650,000 kilograms.
http://www.incb.org/pdf/e/precursors/20100305Estimates_Table.pdf

For more information, see <http://www.oregondec.org/>

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Quotes from Kentucky



- “On December 7, 2009, the Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association (KNOA), representing over 300 narcotics officers throughout Kentucky, voted unanimously to approve and support the designation of pseudoephedrine as a scheduled (prescription) drug.”
- “Kentucky has spent over \$1,617,634 during 2009 in meth lab clean up.”
- “If you are tired of meth labs in your community, tired of children being exposed to toxic chemicals, and tired of spending millions of dollars of tax money to clean up meth labs, pick up your phone and let your elected officials know that you want to join us in making pseudoephedrine a scheduled (prescription) drug.”
 - *Position Statement, Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association (January 14, 2010)*
- “I once believed that ETRACKING of Pseudoephedrine products was the best way to reduce meth labs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”
- “I now clearly see that ETRACKING of Pseudoephedrine products does not reduce meth labs.”
- “For the record, I believe the only way to significantly reduce meth labs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States is to schedule Pseudoephedrine products or follow Mexico’s lead and ban it.”
 - *Stanley Salyards, President, Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association (June 10, 2010)*
- “We are at 384 end of May YTD last year 279. That is a 38% increase. It looks like we are actually accelerating our growth YTD (it was only 31% YTD last month). I never use MetchCheck anymore. It is a waste of time.”
 - *Russ McIntyre, Kentucky State Police (June 10, 2010)*

Meth Lab Incidents*

Comparing Oregon and E-Tracking state tend lines

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Oregon	351	587	525	419	472	189	55	22	21	10
Kentucky	104	175	373	485	571	574	343	294	416	741
Oklahoma	399	806	883	1068	659	222	179	92	102	743
Arkansas	243	404	461	776	800	417	407	303	319	634

* Per EPIC/NCLD/DEA for 2000-2008. See http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/map_lab_seizures.html 2009 is directly from each state.

