

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 drug treatment admissions have remained relatively constant over the past five years. However, meth treatment admissions are down by over 20%.
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/data/main.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