Meth Trends
In Iowa

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Drugs of Choice: All Iowans

Primary Substance of Choice by Iowans in Treatment

Source: IDPH, 2014
Iowa Youth Substance Abuse
6th, 8th and 11th Grade Users, Last 30-Days

Source: Iowa Youth Survey, 2014
Iowa Youth Drugs of Choice
Primary Substance by Juvenile Clients Entering Treatment

- Marijuana: 66.3%
- Alcohol: 21.9%
- Other: 6.5%
- Meth: 4.1%
- Cocaine: 0.2%
- Opiates/Synthetics: 1.0%

Source: IDPH, 2014
Iowa’s Workplace
Positive Drug Tests Reported 2011 (v 2002)

Marijuana 59.0% (v 62.8%)
Meth 15.8% (v 22.9%)
Cocaine 8.9% (v 9.7%)
Opiates 12.8% (v 9.7%)
Other 3.5% (v NA)

Source: IDPH, 2014
Iowa Drug-Related Traffic Fatalities
Number Killed in 2014 Who Tested Positive for Illicit Drugs

Does not include alcohol-related fatalities.
Alcohol & poly-drug combinations were detected in some crashes.

Source: IDOT, 2014
Iowa Drug-Impaired Driving
2014 Non-Alcohol Evaluations by Drug Recognition Experts

Source: IDPS, 2014
Iowa Meth Labs Down 90% vs. Peak of 10 Years Ago. Source: IDPS, 2015

(Gold = “One Pot” Labs)
Iowa Meth Purity
Crime Lab Fiscal Year Averages

Source: IDPS, 2014
Iowa Meth Treatment Admissions

Source: IDPH, 2014

4,062

7,196
Rate of Meth Treatment
% of *ALL 12+ Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for Meth

*Clients reporting meth as primary, secondary or tertiary drug of choice

Iowa Meth Use Treatment Rate 11th Highest in US. Source: TEDS 2012
Iowa Drug-Related Child Abuse
Confirmed/Founded Cases: Illegal Drugs in a Child’s Body

(Differential Response initiative began in 2014)
Iowa “Drug-Related” Prison Admissions
Primary Drug Involved

- All Drugs
- Meth
- Marijuana
- Cocaine/Crack
- Rx Heroin
- Other

Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse, 2015
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