

# Methamphetamine: In Our Backyard

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"In recent years, the spread of methamphetamines has reached dangerous levels in Illinois, especially in rural Illinois."

-Former Governor George H. Ryan, 1999

## PURPOSE:

TO INVESTIGATE PERCEPTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN RURAL ILLINOIS.

TO PROVIDE RURAL FAMILY PHYSICIANS WITH RESOURCE GUIDE.

## METHODS:

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC RECORDS CONCERNING METHAMPHETAMINE USAGE, ARRESTS, LABORATORY SEIZURES, AND TREATMENT SOUGHT.

SURVEY OF 41 COMMUNITY LEADERS (CLERGY, COUNTY BOARD, SCHOOL BOARD, AND FAMILY PHYSICIANS) IN THE 3 LARGEST COMMUNITIES OF LEE COUNTY-AMBOY, ASHTON, AND DIXON, IL.

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**Table 1. Percentage of lifetime methamphetamine use in the U.S. population by age group, 2002**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>	<u>Past Year</u>	<u>Past Month</u>
12–17	1.5%	0.9%	0.3%
18–25	5.7%	1.7%	0.5%
26 and older	5.7%	0.4%	0.2%
<b>Total population</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health

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**Table 2. Percentage of methamphetamine use by college students and young adults, 1999–2002**

Age Groups	Lifetime				Annual				Past 30 Days			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
College students	7.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.0%	3.3%	1.6%	2.4%	1.2%	1.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%
Young adults	8.8%	9.3%	9.0%	9.1%	2.8%	2.5%	2.8%	2.5%	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%	1.0%

Source: Monitoring the Future Study.

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**Table 3. Percentage of methamphetamine use by secondary school students, by grade, 1999–2002**

Grade	<b>Lifetime</b>			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
8 <sup>th</sup> graders	4.5%	4.2%	4.4%	3.5%
10 <sup>th</sup> graders	7.3 %	6.9%	6.4%	6.1%
12 <sup>th</sup> graders	8.2 %	7.9%	6.9%	6.7%
Grade	<b>Annual</b>			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
8 <sup>th</sup> graders	3.2%	2.5%	2.8%	2.2%
10 <sup>th</sup> graders	4.6 %	4.0%	3.7%	3.9%
12 <sup>th</sup> graders	4.7 %	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%
Grade	<b>Past 30 Days</b>			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
8 <sup>th</sup> graders	1.1%	0.8%	1.3%	1.1%
10 <sup>th</sup> graders	1.8 %	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%
12 <sup>th</sup> graders	1.7%	1.9%	1.5%	1.7%

Source: Monitoring the Future Study.

