



FACT SHEET

- Kansas ranked 11th in the nation in the number of meth labs seized in 2004. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation.*
- 583 meth labs were seized in Kansas in 2004. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- 8th graders in rural areas are 104% more likely to use meth than those in urban areas. *Source: "Prevention in rural areas," by R.W. Edwards & P. Waters. In Prevention Forum, vol. 22, issue 3, pp.7-11, 2002.*
- Kansas saw a 108% increase in treatment admissions for methamphetamine addiction from 1997 to 2004. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services*
- Meth issues (enforcement, environmental damage, incarceration, treatment) cost the state over \$23 million dollars per year. *Source: "Methamphetamine Labs: Reviewing Kansas' Enforcement Efforts," Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, 2001.*
- 80 children in Kansas were exposed to toxic chemicals in meth labs in 2004. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- 6.4% of Kansas high school seniors have tried meth at least once in their lifetimes. *Source: Kansas Communities That Care school survey, 2004.*
- Approximately 98% of people who use meth become addicted, as opposed to 10% of all people who use alcohol. *Source: Dr. Thomas Hall, Addiction Counselor Program, KCK Community College*
- 1,581 Kansans sought treatment in state-funded treatment agencies for meth addiction in FY 2004. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services*
- Approximately 55% of those seeking treatment were 29 years of age or under. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services*
- 85-90% of labs in Kansas are Nazi method, 10-15% are Red Phosphorous. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- One pound of meth produces between five and six pounds of toxic waste. *Source: Kansas Department of Health & Environment*
- 76.4% of illegal drug users aged 18 years and older are employed. *Source: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, 2001 data.*

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project began in October 2002, in order to develop a statewide infrastructure to fight the methamphetamine problem in Kansas. It is located at Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services in Topeka. Call 785-266-8666 for more information.

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