

A COMMUNITY AT RISK

DRUG-FREE MARION COUNTY'S SNAPSHOT OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG USE.



DRUG-FREE MARION COUNTY • 2ND EDITION

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DRUG-FREE MARION COUNTY

What We Believe:

The most effective solution to substance abuse problems is a local solution.

Who We Are:

Drug-Free Marion County is a legislatively created advisory board of concerned citizens representing a variety of community organizations. We serve as the local coordinating council of a statewide network, mobilizing and coordinating community efforts to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse in Marion County.

Our Mission:

Drug-Free Marion County, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

What We Do:

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive community plan that establishes priorities, defines goals, and outlines specific action to address substance abuse problems in the areas of Prevention, Treatment and Criminal Justice.
- Oversee a comprehensive grant application process and recommend distribution of local funds collected through the courts. Monitor program effectiveness, requiring quarterly accounts of goals, activities, populations served, and results.
- Develop and support alliances and communication among community and neighborhood organizations, schools, law enforcement, faith-based coalitions and others.

How You Can Help:

BECOME INVOLVED

Seven standing committees serve as community liaisons, supporting the board in decision-making and action. Anyone living or working in Marion County is invited to participate.

CONTRIBUTE

Drug-Free Marion County is a 501 (c) (3) organization, so all financial contributions are tax-deductible.

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DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBER:

Whether you are a family member, in law enforcement, a healthcare provider, a social worker, a teacher, part of the faith community or friend, you likely have come in direct contact and witnessed the consequences of those who misuse alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. The often-debilitating impact of substance abuse impacts the entire community. Therefore, we as a caring community must work together to understand the problem and meet the challenge of successfully responding.

One part of this response is this second edition of A Community At-Risk, Drug-Free Marion County's SNAPSHOT of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use in Marion County. This report is an integral resource in providing information on the level of substance abuse taking place in Marion County. The data illustrate how pervasive the misuse of addictive substances is within our community and underscore trends that can guide how community resources can best be utilized.

Among the trends discovered through research compiled by the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute:

- Marijuana use by Marion County 8th and 12th graders remains higher than state and national figures.
- Methamphetamine labs investigated in Marion County increased from 2 in 2001 to 18 in 2002.
- Tobacco use by Marion County 8th graders exceeds state and national norms.

This and much more related information is contained in this report. Through the tracking and sharing of these valuable data, Drug-Free Marion County intends to continue constructing a platform, initiated with last year's first edition of the SNAPSHOT, that will continue to challenge the community to look at root causes, available resources and how best to respond and look for ways to prevent the misuse of addictive substances.

We encourage you to take time to read this report, to consider what it means for the health, safety and future of Marion County and to discuss these findings with colleagues, family and other loved ones. Please share your comments about this report and how you can help Drug-Free Marion County in its mission to prevent the misuse of addictive substances by contacting Randy Miller at Drug-Free Marion County, 317-254-2815, or through E-mail at rmiller@drugfreemc.org.

Sincerely,



Linda Finke, RN, PhD
Chairperson, Board of Directors



Randy Miller
Executive Director

HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMENTS

Marijuana use by Marion County **8th and 12th graders** remains *higher* than state and national figures. (Pg. 3 & 4)

Tobacco use by Marion County **8th graders** *exceeds* state and national norms. (Pg. 3)
44 to 50 percent of **retailers** in Marion County were willing to **sell tobacco to minors** for the last two years. This has occurred at the same time that this rate has decreased to below 20 percent overall in Indiana. (Pg. 6)

Female arrestees testing positive for *illegal drugs* reached **75 percent** for the first time in 2002. (Pg. 9)

Cocaine and marijuana use among inmates at the Marion County Jail remain **steady** while *opiate and methamphetamine* use are **starting to climb**. (Pg. 10)

Alcohol-involved *traffic crashes* **increased** for the first time in 3 years. (Pg. 12)

Cocaine seizures *increased drastically* in 2001, while cannabis (*marijuana*) seizures decreased significantly. (Pg. 13 & 14)

Methamphetamine labs investigated in Marion County increased from **2** in 2001 to **18** in 2002. (Pg. 16)

Individuals accessing *addiction treatment services* through the Hoosier Assurance Plan (HAP) continues to **increase steadily**. (Pg. 19)

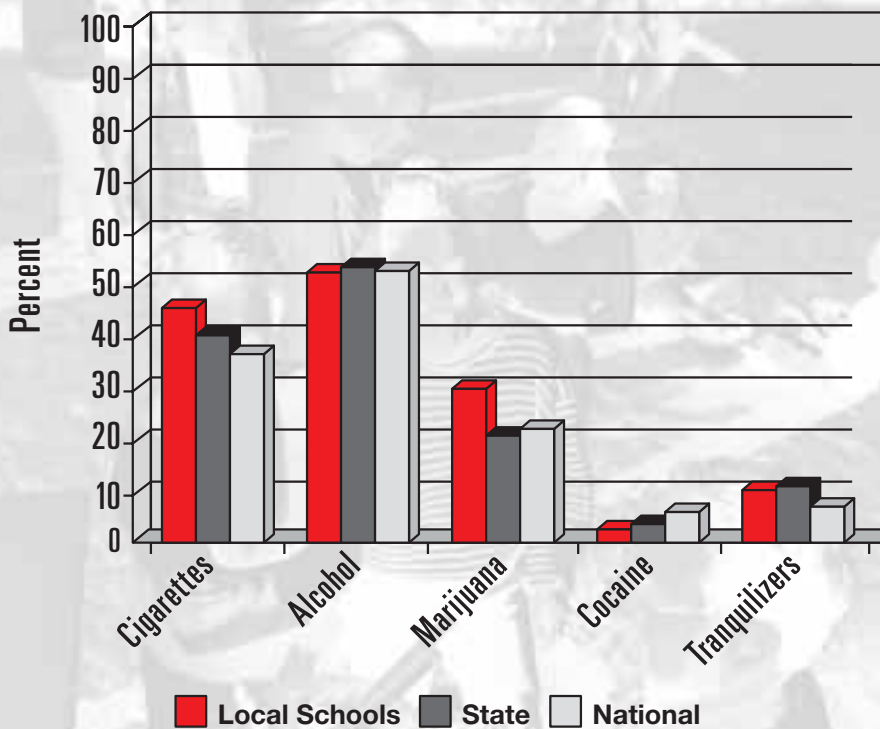
COMMENTS:

The **increase in methamphetamine lab investigations** in Marion County is similar to the same trends observed in other parts of the country. However, if the use of this devastating drug continues to increase, our *community will be at risk* for not only increased criminal activity but also health-related concerns due to the **toxic substances** used in its manufacture. The community needs to be aware of the *dangers of this drug*. Contact the Indiana State Police **Drug Enforcement Section** at 317-247-1852 to learn more or their **Meth Hotline** at 1-800-453-4756 to report suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.

Any use of marijuana by youth is not only disturbing, but also illegal. In addition, more *youth* enter treatment for *marijuana dependency* than all other illicit drugs combined. Research has shown that smoking marijuana can be **addictive**, that it **damages short-term memory, impairs balance and coordination** (i.e. driving ability), and may result in **respiratory damage and cancer**. We must *communicate these facts*, especially to our youth.

If you have any questions or comments about the information included in this report, contact Drug-Free Marion County at 317-254-2815 or rmiller@drugfreemarioncounty.org.

SELF-REPORTED LIFETIME USE MARION COUNTY 8TH GRADERS



Note: All figures are for 2001.

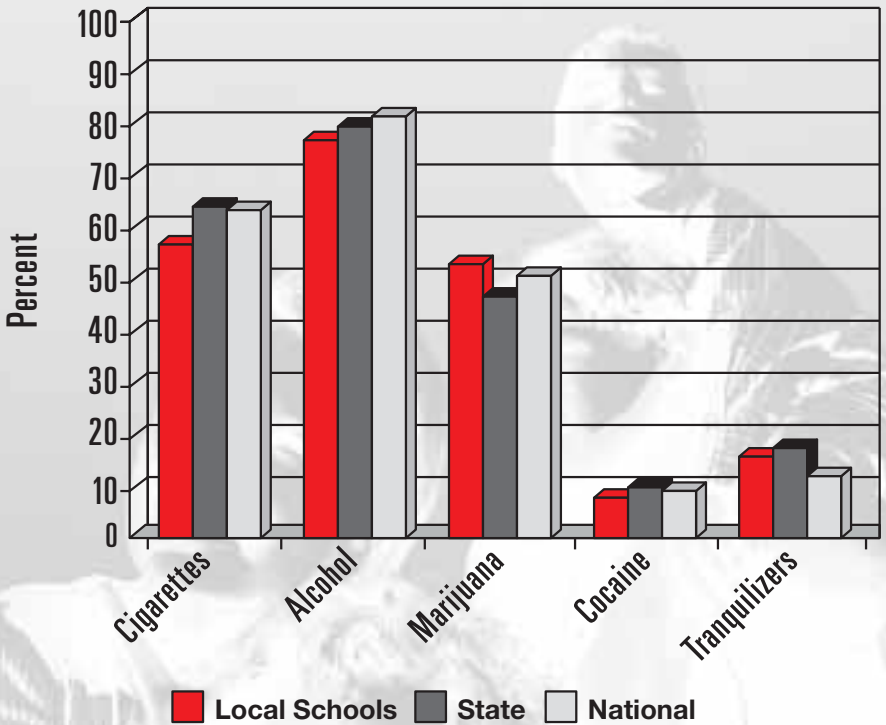
School sample sizes:

8th grade = 1987 students from Marion County Public Schools

12th grade = 1090 students from Marion County Public Schools

Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center
Monitoring the Future Study, University of Michigan

SELF-REPORTED LIFETIME USE MARION COUNTY 12TH GRADERS



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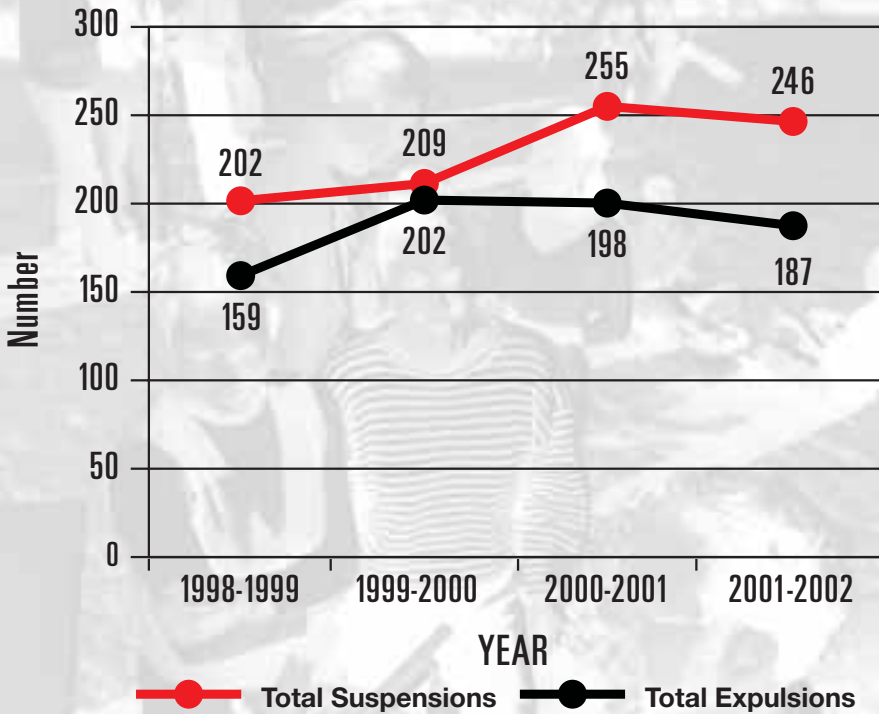
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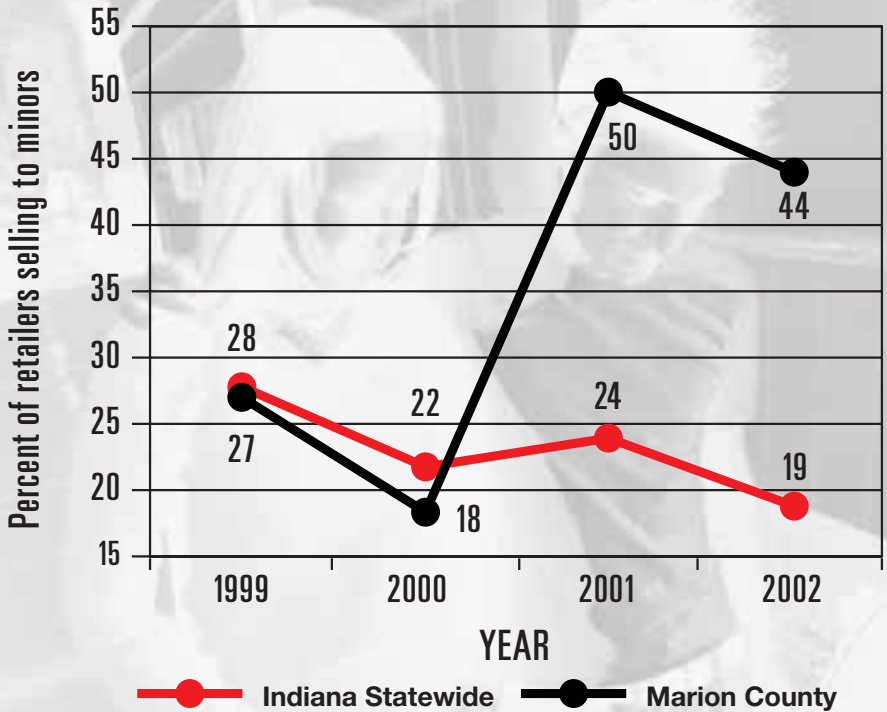
DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS MARION COUNTY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS



Note: Data include only Marion County public school districts (i.e. Decatur, Lawrence, Perry, Pike, Washington, Wayne, and Warren Township Schools and Indianapolis Public Schools). Data do not include private and/or religiously-affiliated schools.

Source: Indiana Department of Education

NON-COMPLIANCE RATES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF YOUTH TOBACCO PURCHASE LAWS • MARION COUNTY

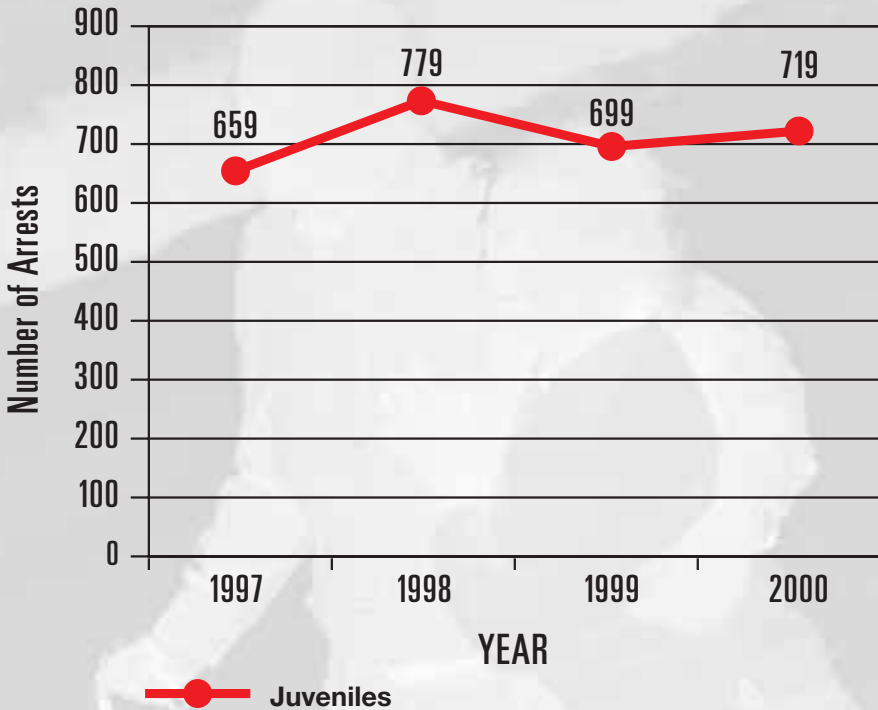


Synar Sample Sizes for Marion County:

Year	Number of Vendors
1999	102
2000	108
2001	130
2002	119

Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center
The Monitoring the Future Study, University of Michigan

JUVENILE ARRESTS FOR DRUG OFFENSES MARION COUNTY



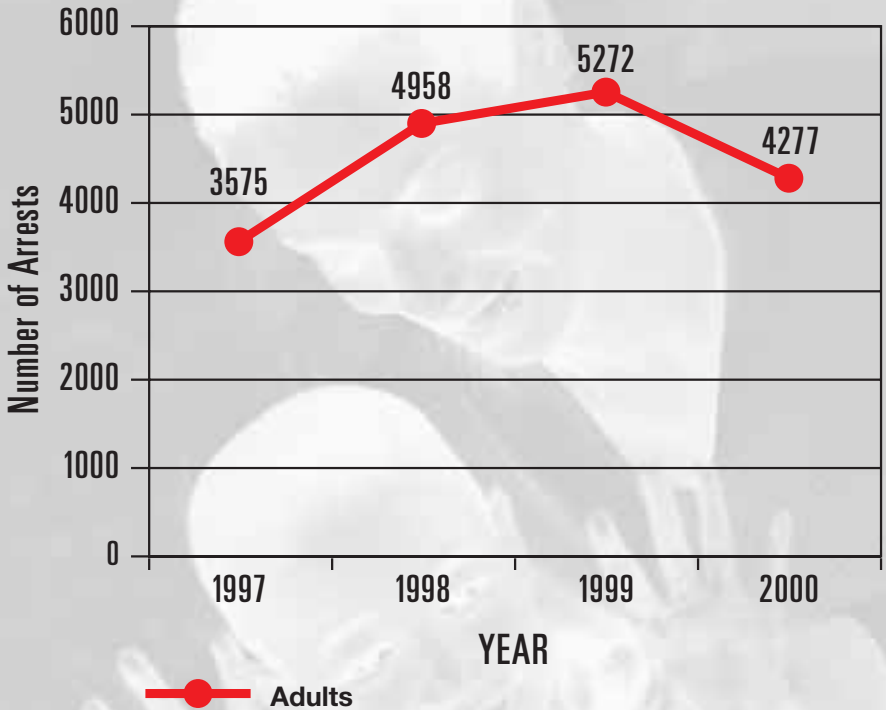
Note: Arrests may reflect both level of substance abuse in the community and police activity.

INCLUDED OFFENSES:

- Drug Abuse-Sale/Manufacture
- Opium/Cocaine-Sale/Manufacture
- Synthetic Drug-Sale/Manufacture
- Other: Dangerous Non-Narcotics
- Drug Possession-Subtotal
- Opium/Cocaine-Possession
- Synthetic Narcotics Possession
- Other Drug-Possession
- Driving Under Influence
- Liquor Law Violations
- Drunkenness

Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center; FBI UCR

ADULT ARRESTS FOR DRUG OFFENSES MARION COUNTY



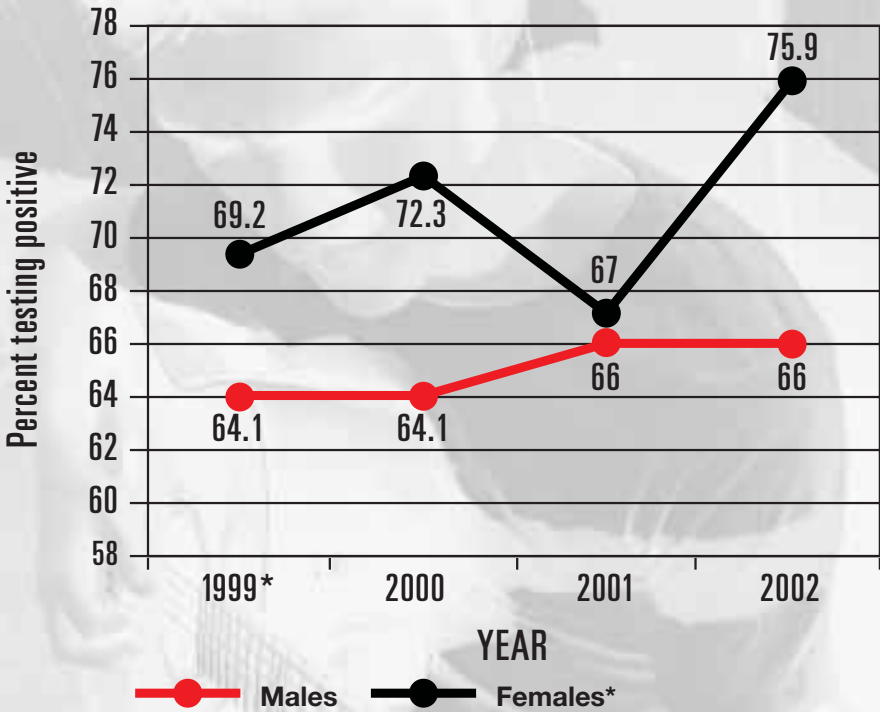
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ADULT ARRESTEES TESTING POSITIVE FOR ANY ILLEGAL DRUG MARION COUNTY



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Technical Note: These data summarize the results of urine samples given voluntarily by arrestees. Sample sizes for Marion County are as follows:

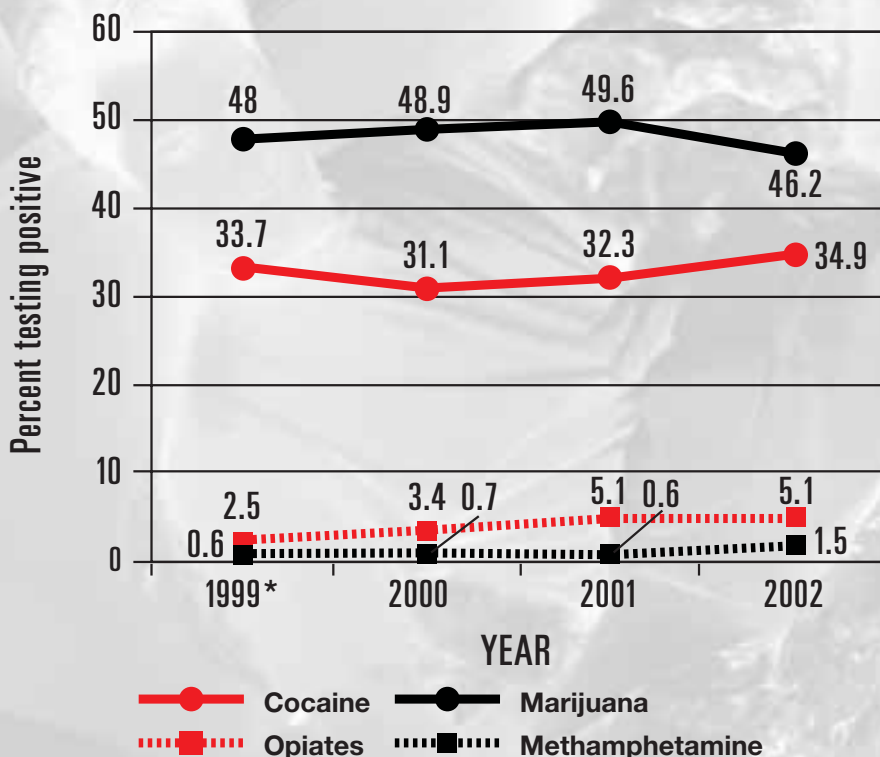
Year	Males	Females
1999	652	419
2000	743	144
2001	778	281
2002	653	232

The Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM) is a national program sponsored by the National Institute of Justice. The ADAM program is currently operating in 35 sites across the country. ADAM data are collected in Marion County for two consecutive weeks four times a year (once each calendar quarter).

*All female data and only 1999 male data are unweighted.
 †National Institute of Justice Drug Abuse five primary drugs (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, and PCP)

Source: Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM)

MALE ARRESTEES TESTING POSITIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS MARION COUNTY—DRUG BREAKDOWN



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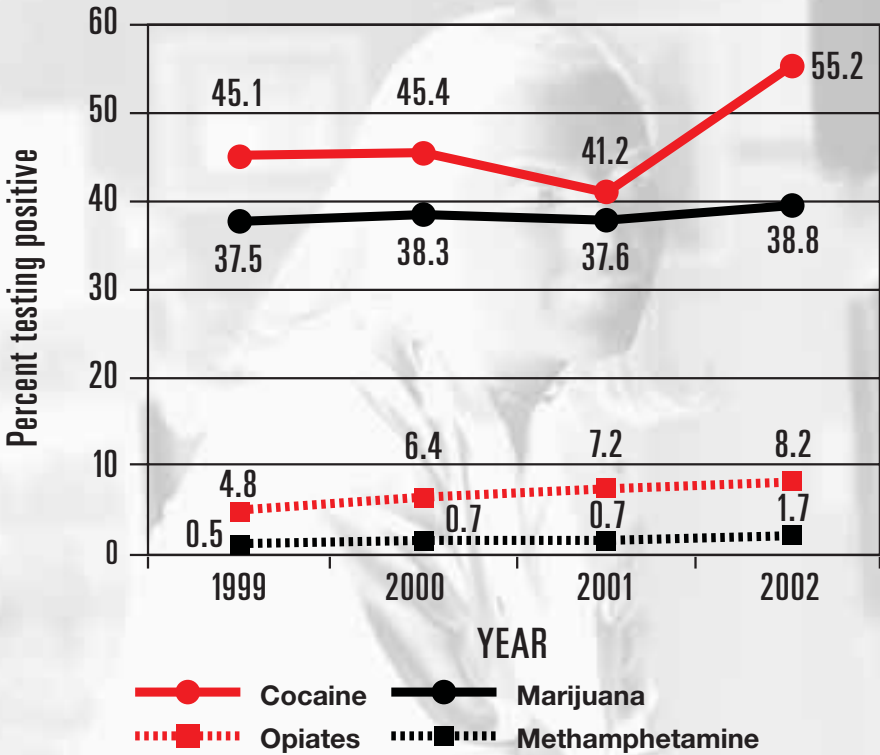
Technical Note: These data summarize the results of urine samples given voluntarily by arrestees.

The ADAM program reports only for the four drug categories listed above.

*Data for this year are unweighted.

Source: Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM)

FEMALE ARRESTEES TESTING POSITIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS MARION COUNTY—DRUG BREAKDOWN



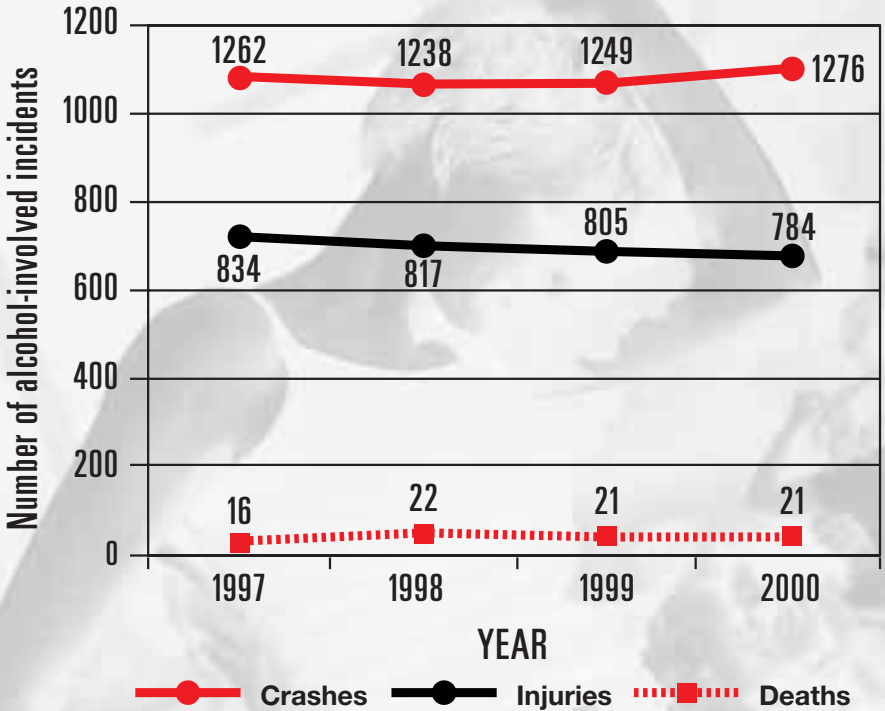
These data summarize the results of urine samples given voluntarily by arrestees.

Technical Note: The ADAM program reports only for the four drug categories listed above.

All data are unweighted.

Source: Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM)

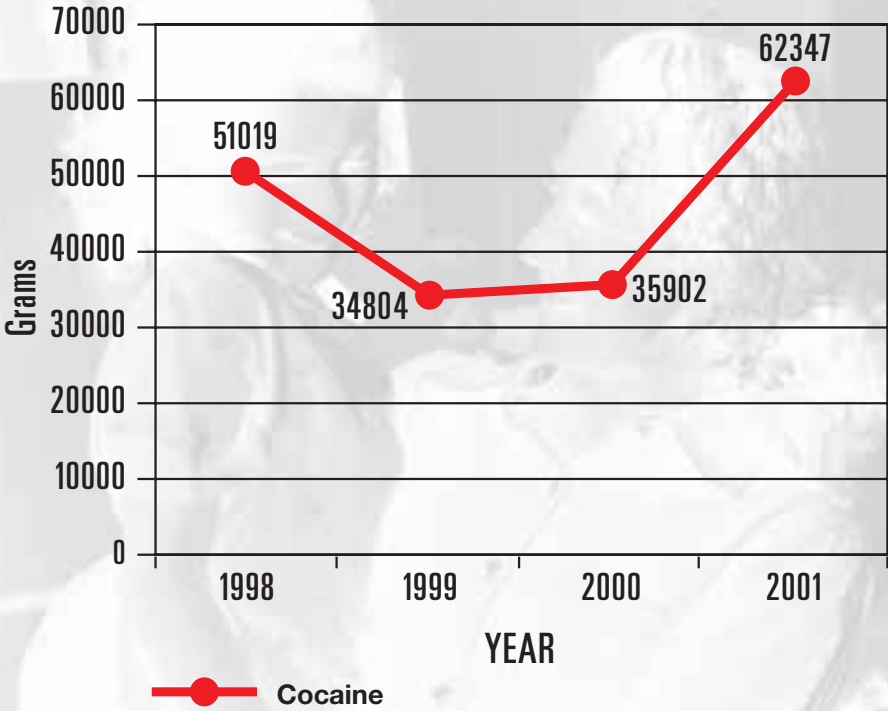
ALCOHOL-INVOLVED TRAFFIC CRASHES, INJURIES AND DEATHS MARION COUNTY



Note: The person injured or killed in the alcohol-related crash may not have been the impaired driver and may not have been in the vehicle of the impaired driver.

Source: Indiana State Police Crash Reports as compiled by Purdue University, Center for Advancement of Transportation Safety

COCAINE GRAMS SEIZED IN NARCOTICS CASES SUBMITTED TO CRIME LAB • MARION COUNTY



The street value of one ounce of cocaine is between \$800 and \$1000.

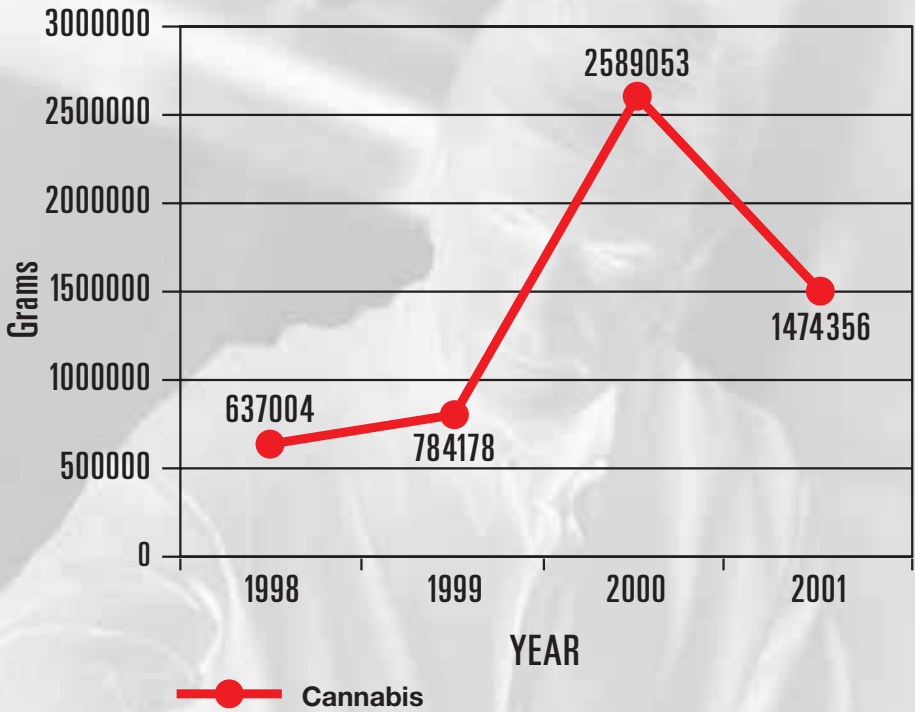
1 ounce = 28.4 grams

Source: Indianapolis Police Department, 2003

Note: These data do not include seizures made by Indiana State Police in Marion County.

Source: Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency

CANNABIS GRAMS SEIZED IN NARCOTICS CASES SUBMITTED TO CRIME LAB • MARION COUNTY



The street value of one ounce of marijuana is between \$45 and \$75.

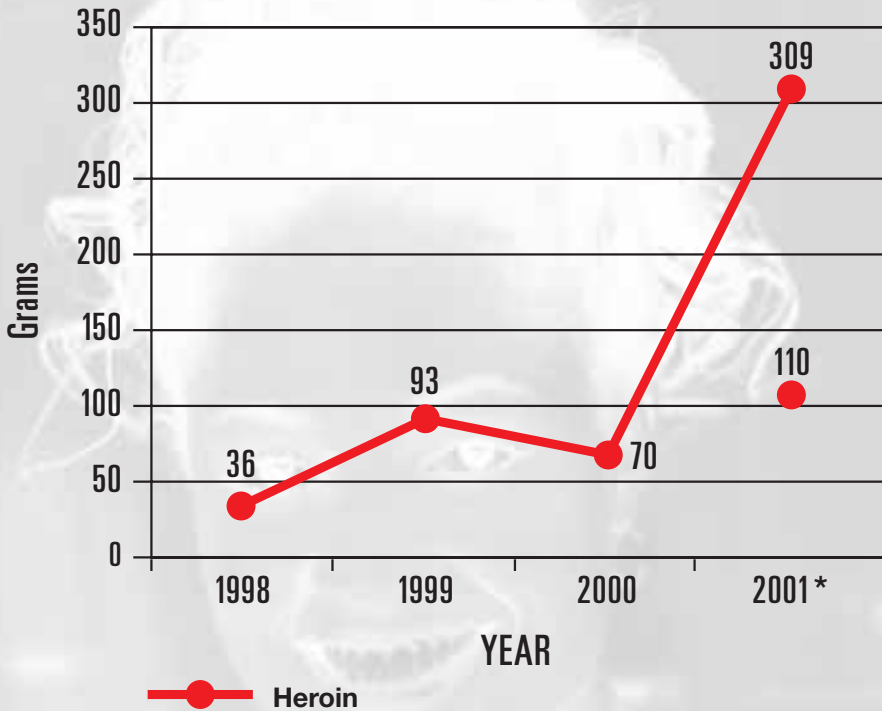
1 ounce = 28.4 grams

Source: Indianapolis Police Department, 2003

Note: These data do not include seizures made by Indiana State Police in Marion County.

Source: Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency

HEROIN GRAMS SEIZED IN NARCOTICS CASES SUBMITTED TO CRIME LAB • MARION COUNTY



The street value of one “bindle” of heroin is about \$25.

A bindle is a fold of aluminum foil that contains about 1/10 of a gram of heroin

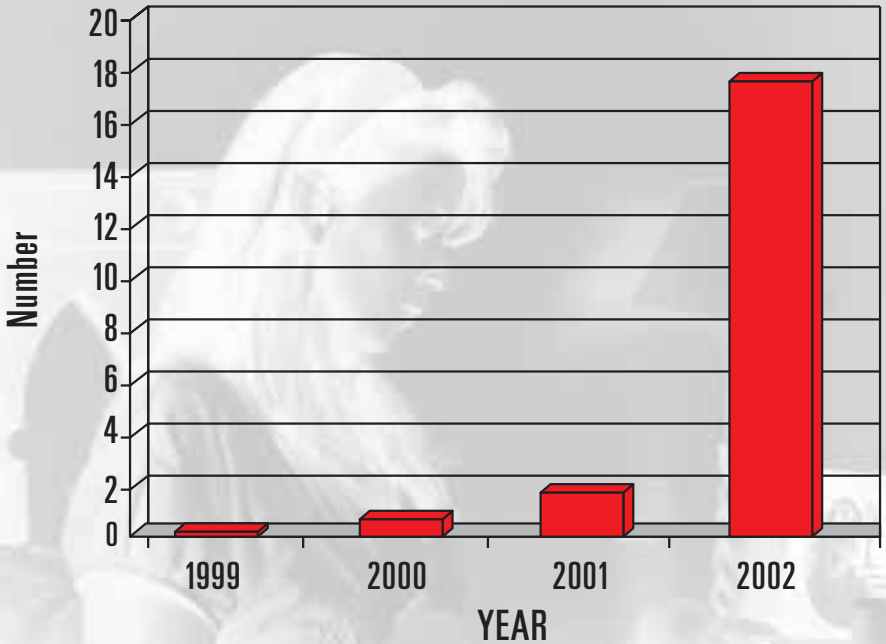
(Source: Indianapolis Police Department, 2003)

Note: These data do not include seizures made by Indiana State Police in Marion County.

* During January of 2003, the Indianapolis Police Department intercepted a package that led to the seizure of 198.5 grams of heroin. The total for the year without this large seizure was 110.5 grams and is also indicated on the graph.

Source: Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency

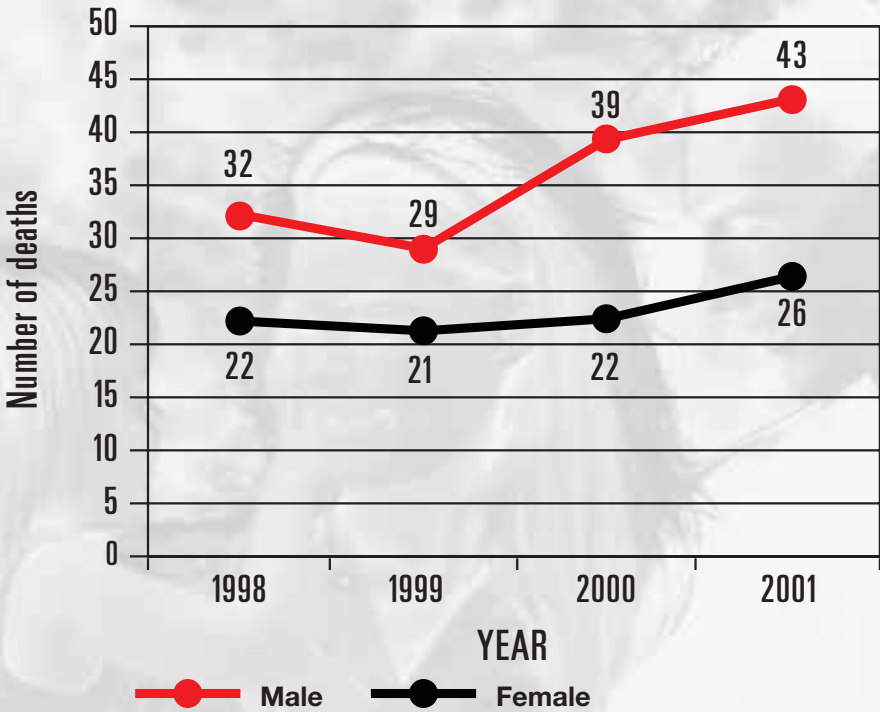
INDIANA STATE POLICE CLANDESTINE METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS • MARION COUNTY



	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total Investigations in Indiana	178	427	681	988
Investigations by Indiana State Police	129	214	546	732

Source: Indiana State Police

MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS DRUG RELATED DEATHS*

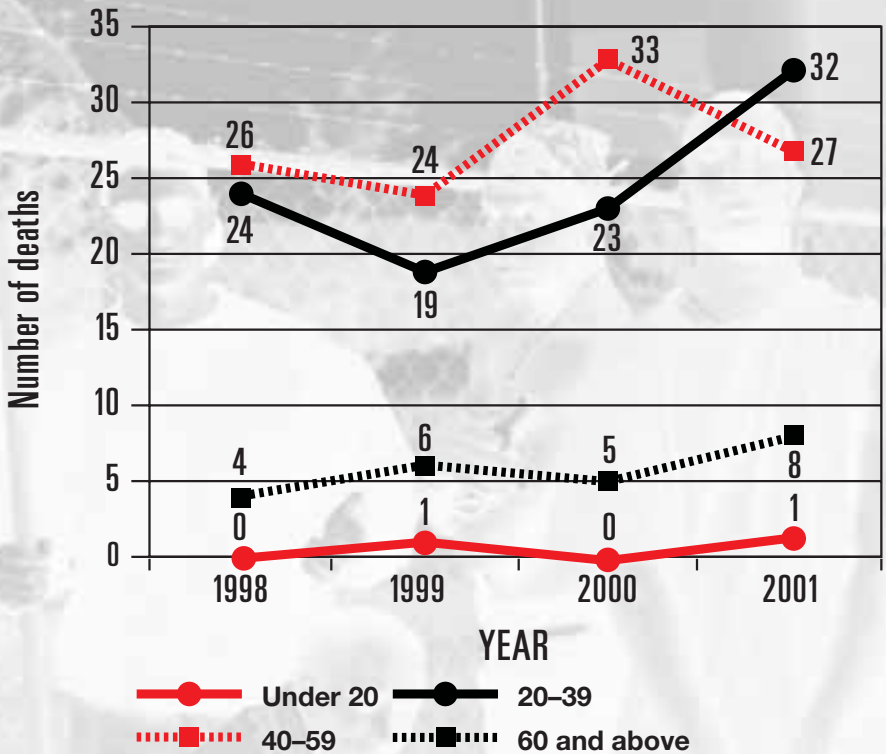


* Includes drug dependence/abuse, suicide, accidental poisoning, and deaths of undetermined intent. Does not include drug related homicides.

Note: These data only include individuals whose death certificates indicated s/he maintained a residence in Marion County.

Source: Marion County Health Department

MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS DRUG RELATED DEATHS* BY AGE

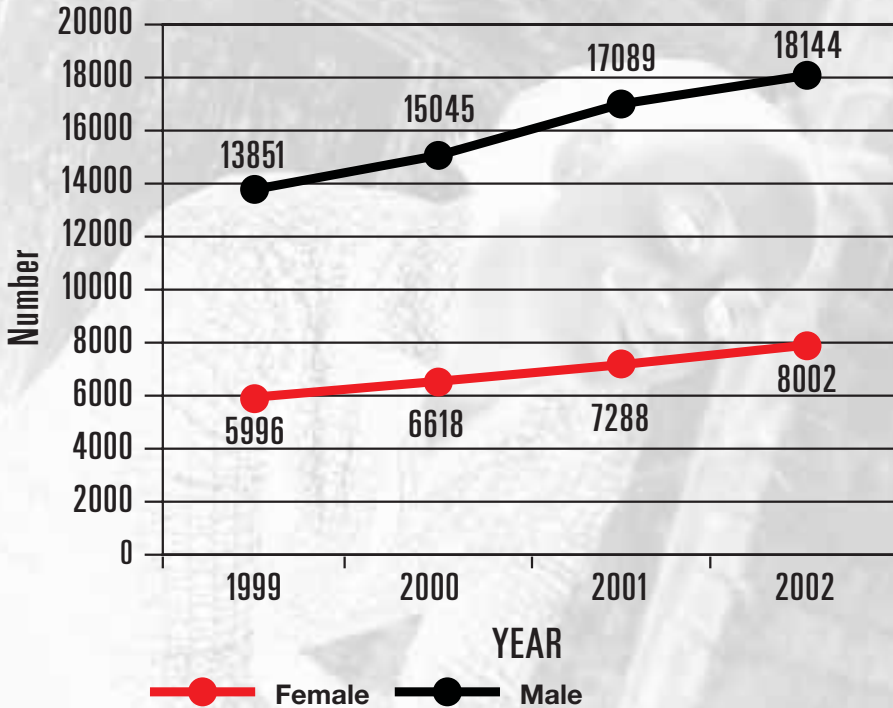


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Source: Marion County Health Department

HOOSIER ASSURANCE PLAN (HAP) FEMALE AND MALE ADDICTION TREATMENT RECIPIENTS



Note: These are only the individuals who received services through community mental health services and/or managed care providers funded by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction Hoosier Assurance Plan (HAP).

The Hoosier Assurance Plan is a program of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration – Division of Mental Health and Addiction. The Hoosier Assurance Plan helps to fund mental health and addiction services for those who either have no insurance or not enough insurance and meet eligibility.

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction works with private mental health and addiction service providers across the State of Indiana to help pay for the services needed by income eligible individuals and control the high cost of providing health care. The managed care providers provide a year's care at the most appropriate level of all enrollees.

For more information about HAP call 1-800-813-6511.

Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Office of Public Policy

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