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Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine poses a low drug threat to Connecticut. Of the 47 law enforcement respondents to the NDTs 2002 in Connecticut, 27 reported that methamphetamine was a low threat in their jurisdictions, 18 did not provide a response, one reported that methamphetamine was a medium threat, and one reported that methamphetamine was a high threat. Amphetamine-related admissions to publicly funded facilities in Connecticut remained low but increased from 32 in 1999 to 128 in 2001, according to TEDS. (Nationwide, methamphetamine-related admissions account for 95 percent of the amphetamine-related admissions reported to TEDS.) (See [Table 1](#) in Heroin section.) According to the Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, there were no methamphetamine-related deaths in the state in 2002. FDSS data indicate that there were no methamphetamine seizures in Connecticut in 2002. Further, USSC data indicate that there were no methamphetamine-related federal sentences in Connecticut in FY2001. (See [Table 2](#) in Heroin section.) Pricing data for methamphetamine in Connecticut is unavailable, according to the DEA Boston Division.

According to federal, state, and local law enforcement officials, methamphetamine laboratory seizures are rare in Connecticut--only two methamphetamine laboratory seizures have been reported since 1997. Both laboratories were nonoperational at the time of seizure.

Caucasian local independent dealers are the primary transporters and distributors of the limited amount of methamphetamine that is available in Connecticut. These dealers transport the drug from California and southwestern states, typically via package delivery services. Methamphetamine distribution in Connecticut usually occurs at raves or techno parties, private homes, and bars.

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