



# METHAMPHETAMINE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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- National drug of choice is prescription pain medicines, opioids & heroin resulting in the declaration of a national opioid emergency.
- While the opioid crisis is significant and does have a local impact to the San Diego Region,

**Methamphetamine** is greatest threat here

# METHAMPHETAMINE



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- White, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder
- Made from amphetamine; used as nasal decongestant, bronchial inhalers
- Used for its stimulant effects by the military during WWII for long flights.
- Known as meth, chalk, ice & crystal
- Stimulant, used mostly for recreational purposes & available on the illicit market



- Once known as Methamphetamine Capital
- Over-the-counter pseudoephedrine
- Manufactured in Mexican “superlabs” and smuggled across the Border for distribution nationally

# THE METH TRIFECTA



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Cheap

Pure

Available



# REPORT CARD



## Preliminary Methamphetamine Strike Force 2018 Report Card

Indicator		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1.	<b>Total Meth-related Deaths</b>	267	262	311	377	369
	• Death rate per 100,000 population	8.5	8.2	11.1	11.5	11.2
2.	<b>Emergency Dept. Discharges for Amphetamines<sup>1</sup></b>	8,116	10,254	12,595	13,209	Not Available Until 2019
	• Rate per 100,000 population <sup>2</sup>	258	321	383	402	
	• ED Use Rate per 100,000 ED Visits	1071	1,260	1,469	1,539	
3.	<b>Meth Primary Drug of Choice</b>	4,820	4,991	4,564	4,689	4,911
	• Percent of All Public Drug Treatment Admits	34%	37%	36%	36.8%	36.9%
4.	<b>Positive Meth Tests</b>					
	• Adults Arrestees	43%	45%	49%	56%	56%
	• Juvenile Arrestees	10%	13%	8%	14%	11%
5.	<b>Lab Cleanup/Seizure</b>					
	• County Cleanup	5	4	7	8	3
	• DEA/NTF Seizures	0	2	2	1	1
6.	<b>Number of Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests for Meth Sales and Possession<sup>3</sup></b>	6,644	6,734	6,849	8,428	9,293
7.	<b>Availability Measures</b>					
	• "Easy to get"	83%	90%	90%	86%	90%
	• Price per Ounce	\$400-\$1,200	\$400-\$1,200	\$350-\$600	\$250-\$450	\$200-\$450
	• Meth Seizures at Border POE	5,729 kg	5,862 kg	8,103 kg	8,706 kg	13,831 kg
8.	<b>Hotline Contacts</b>	215	231	265	83	45



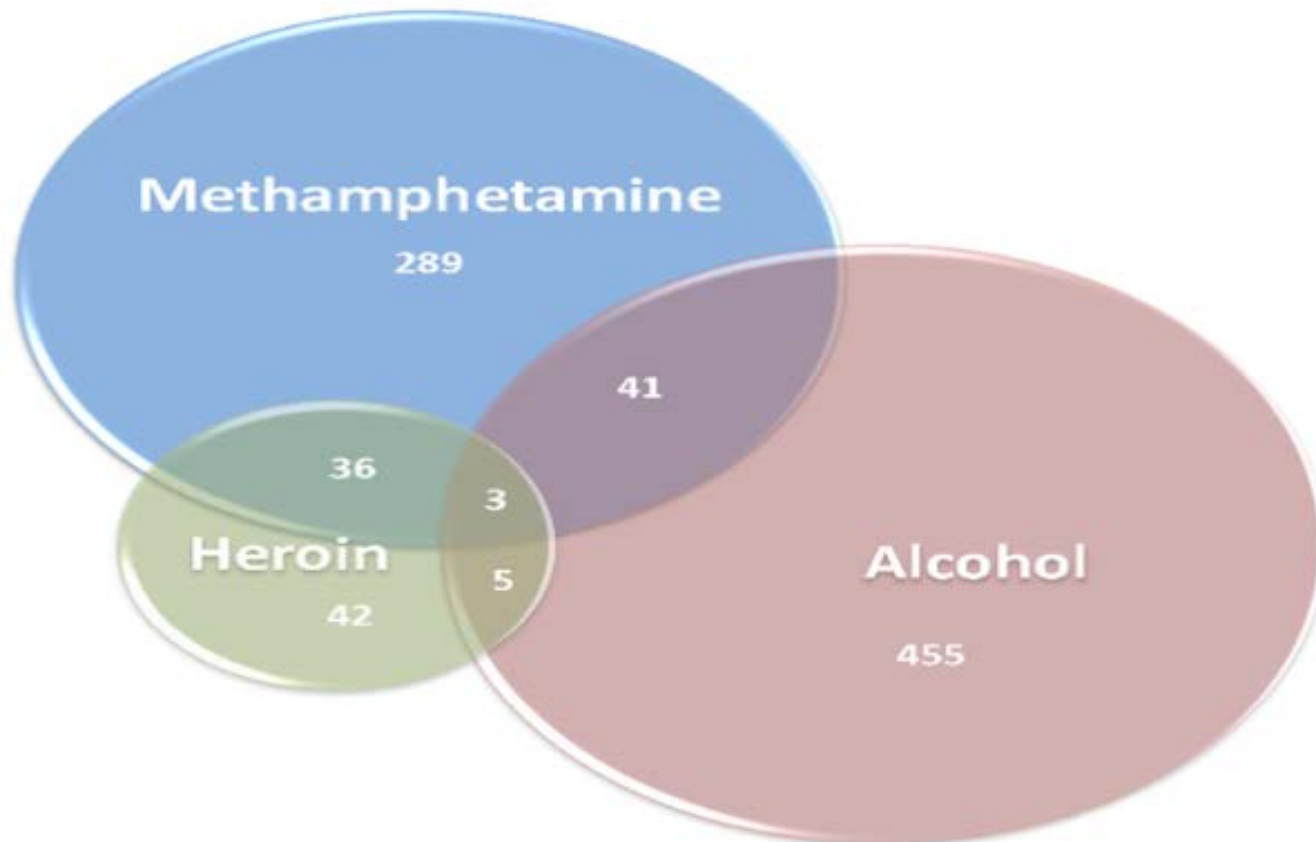
- **55% of male arrestees & 58% of female arrestees** tested positive for meth, both record highs
- Drug of choice for +**60%** of **males** in treatment
  - Most smoke it
  - **17%** under age 25
  - **31%** Hispanic
- **78%** of the **meth-involved deaths** were **male**

# MULTIPLE DRUGS



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## Relationship Between Methamphetamine, Heroin, and Alcohol Deaths in San Diego County, 2017



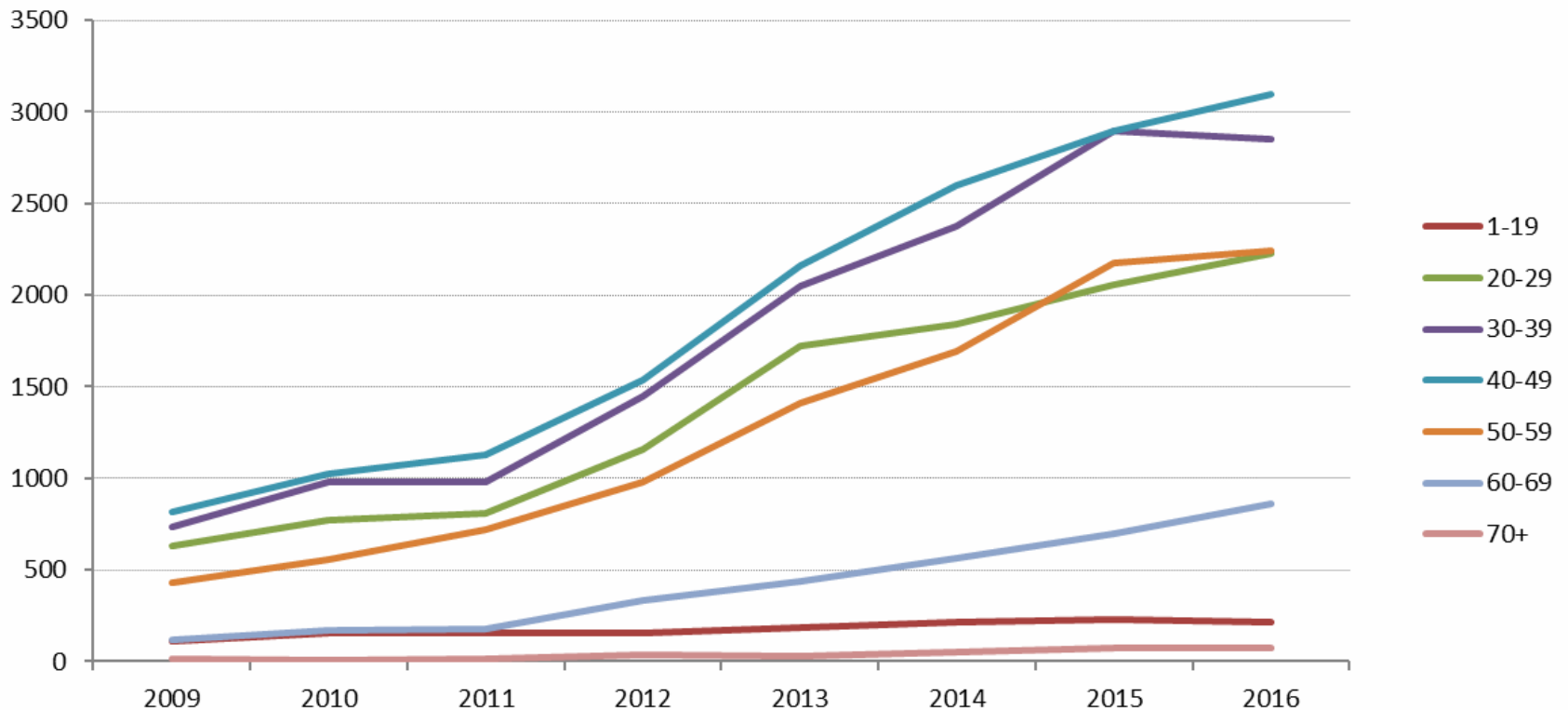


# OTHER IMPACT



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**ED Discharge Rate\* for Amphetamine Dependence by Age Group, 2009 - 2016**



County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Department Discharges Database, 2009-2016.

\*Rate per 100,000 ED Discharges

# Underage Drinking; Social Host Ordinances

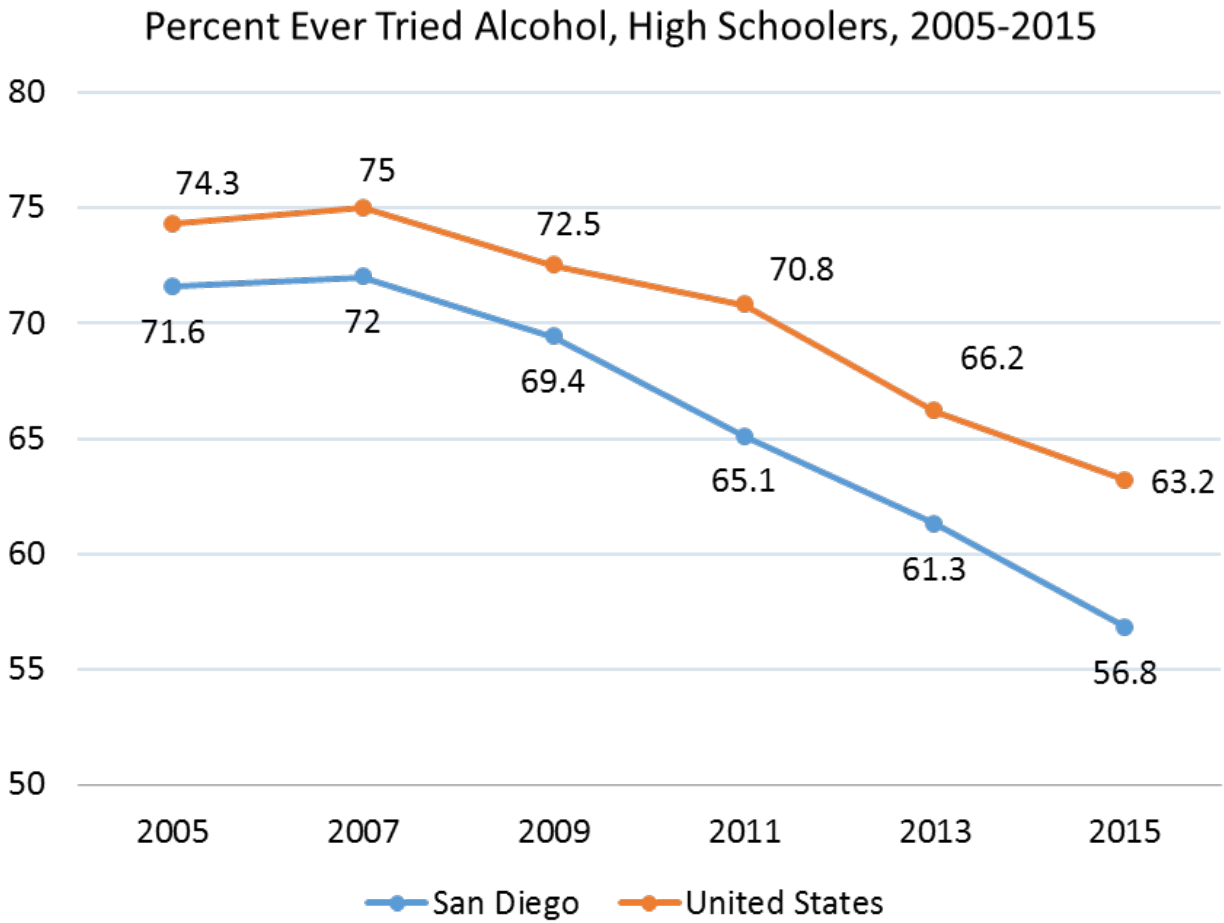


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# UNDERAGE DRINKING RATES DECREASED BY 21%



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# THANK YOU



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