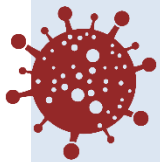
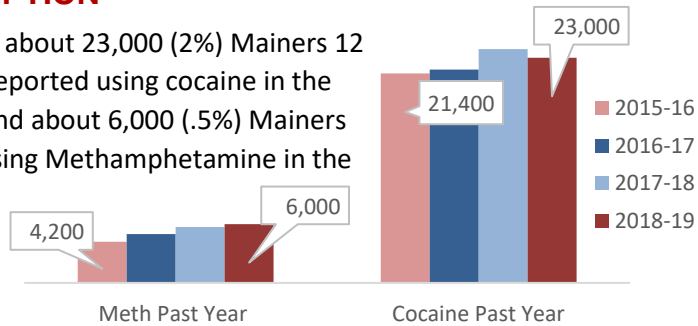


CONSUMPTION

In 2018-19, about 23,000 (2%) Mainers 12 and older reported using cocaine in the past year and about 6,000 (.5%) Mainers reported using Methamphetamine in the past year.¹



Based on urine drug tests collected before and after the declaration of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a positivity increase of 20% for methamphetamine and 10% increase for cocaine nationwide. This is compared to an increase of 79% for methamphetamine and 47% for cocaine in New England.²

CONSEQUENCES

Illicit stimulants are an emerging cause of concern due to their increased involvement in drug deaths, especially when combined with Illicit fentanyl. The number of deaths related to methamphetamines doubled between 2019 (47) to 2020 (99). The number of deaths in Maine involving cocaine nearly doubled from 2016 (60) to 2020 (118), making up 23% of drug deaths.⁴



From 2018 to 2020, investigations conducted by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for methamphetamine manufacturing have decreased by 72% while investigations into sales have doubled. This may be due to the increase in pre-manufactured crystal methamphetamine that is being trafficked into Maine decreasing the need for home manufacturing.⁶



Stimulants remain a concern in Maine with a rise in self-reported use as well as overdose deaths.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Maine high school students who reported that their parents often/always knew where they were outside of school were 6x times less likely to misuse prescription drugs in the past month, 7x less likely to have ever used cocaine, and 13x less likely to have ever used methamphetamine.⁷

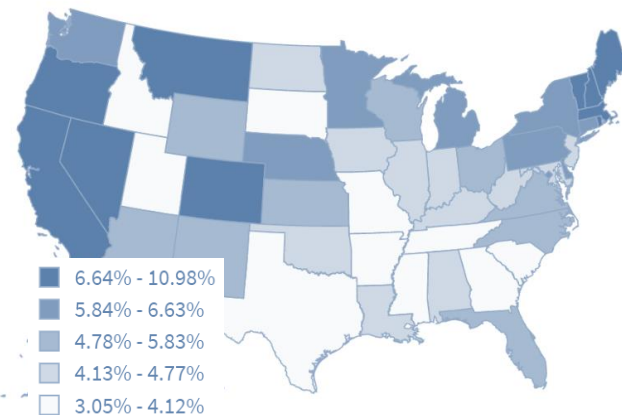


In 2020, there were 442,000 stimulant prescriptions dispensed in Maine. Most (75%) stimulant prescriptions dispensed in Maine contain the primary active ingredients of either Dextroamphetamine (e.g., Adderall) or Methylphenidate (e.g., Ritalin); most often prescribed to treat attention-deficit/hyperactive disorder.⁸



For the past several years, stimulants have been the third-most commonly verified medication/drug in calls to the poison center.⁹

Cocaine Use in the Past Year: Adults 18-25, 2018-2019



Maine has one of the highest rates of cocaine use among young adults (18-25) in the nation. In 2018-19, 7.3% of young adults in Maine used cocaine in the past year; compared to 5.5% nationwide.¹



¹ National Drug Use and Health Survey*
² Millennium Health Signals Report
³ Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services
⁴ Maine Office of the Attorney General, Maine Drug Death Report
⁵ National Institute of Drug Abuse
⁶ Maine Drug Enforcement Agency
⁷ Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey*
⁸ Maine Prescription Monitoring Program
⁹ Northern New England Poison Center
 * Self-reported data