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MTIBRS Training & Technical Assistance

Drug Landscape a Changin’

Drugs - the story is a changing

Drug Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand TTL	% of TTL
Opium	24	19	21	25	27	34	18	20	25	68	281	0.56%
Depressants	50	33	77	72	48	56	56	42	43	47	524	1.04%
Cocaine/Crack	33	31	32	38	77	95	68	78	67	84	603	1.19%
Hallucinogens	58	54	37	43	70	71	84	85	77	81	660	1.30%
Heroin	73	59	138	215	254	266	421	485	543	139	2,593	5.12%
Narcotic/Prescription	406	361	361	354	340	255	252	169	227	426	3,151	6.22%
Other/Unknown Drug	422	466	651	587	558	544	618	494	528	573	5,441	10.75%
Amphetamines/METH	758	1,026	1,503	1,770	2,058	2,102	2,247	2,097	2,197	1,765	17,523	34.62%
Marijuana	2,244	2,432	2,451	2,578	2,726	2,631	2,408	1,887	271	218	19,846	39.20%
Grand Total	4,068	4,481	5,271	5,682	6,158	6,054	6,172	5,357	3,978	3,401	50,622	
% Change from Previous Year		10.15%	17.63%	7.80%	8.38%	-1.69%	1.95%	-13.20%	-25.74%	-14.50%		

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% Change from Previous Year		35.36%	46.49%	17.76%	16.27%	2.14%	6.90%	-6.68%	4.77%	-19.66%

- This data was pulled for a request from DCI. The spreadsheet will be provided along with the slides and recording. It gives the all of this information for every agency and can be filtered any number of ways to get a better handle on what’s happening in your communities.
- In 2022 there were only 4 fentanyl cases for not only the entire tenure, but in the entire state

Drugs - what we know from drug arrests

Offense Groupings for Offenses Associated with a METH Drug Arrest	Offenses from 2021-2022
Group B Offenses (Lesser crimes)	1,124
Theft offenses	362
Assaults/PFMA/Robbery/Kidnapping	360
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism/Arson	68
Weapons Law Violations	57
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	53
Counterfeiting/Forgery	16
Sex Offenses	12
Animal Cruelty	2
Grand Total	2,055

- 3,935 incidents involving a METH drug arrest since 2021
- 1,345 or 34% involved additional non-drug offenses
- 110 MCAs were chosen for these METH arrests

We can get some indication of crimes associated with an incident involving a drug arrest. This data shows for incidents involving a drug arrest for METH – the offenses that were associated with those drug arrests, while 66% only involve drug offenses – 34% are linked to property crimes, crimes against persons. If we added suspected of using that would obviously increase these numbers and the types of offenses. Drug involvement will add even more data to document drug involvement a wider variety of crimes.

New Drug Tools Reminders for XML

- ▶ Suspected Drug Involvement
 - ▶ On the Incident level
 - ▶ Can select up to 8
- ▶ Suspected of Using
 - ▶ Now on the *person*, formerly the offense
 - ▶ Minimally victim, offender and arrestee
 - ▶ Can select up to 12
 - ▶ Collecting broad drug categories and expanded computer options
- ▶ Expanded location types

- In last November's JTF training, we touched on these new drug tools in XML, but we thought we'd revisit them today as a reminder -
- Suspected Drug Involvement - This field is used to indicate whether the incident involved drugs and is located at the incident level. This is a new field to allow officers to report suspected drug involvement and drug type ***based on their law enforcement training and observations*** (options range from cocaine to other drug types to none)
- Suspected of Using - the officer would select if any parties involved were suspected of consuming alcohol and/or using drugs/narcotics during or shortly before the incident, or using computer equipment to perpetrate the crime. (options range from Prescription drugs to Cell phones to none)
- Expanded location types in XML – we have expanded location options for officers to include locations such as medical marijuana dispensary, Assisted Living facilities, etc. This helps us determine where certain offenses are occurring and NOT occurring.
- Why are these new data tools exciting? Because it gives our officers the opportunity to paint a more vivid picture of an incident – their observations and taking the time to report them go a long way, more than they realize!
- ***Having these new tools are a good start... using them and using them well is another story.***

Incident Scenarios

- ▶ PFMA - Victim Using Meth & Offender Drinking Alcohol
 - ▶ Suspected Drug Involvement: Amphetamines / Methamphetamines
 - ▶ Suspected of Using for Victim: Amphetamines / Methamphetamines
 - ▶ Suspected of Using for Offender/Arrestee: Alcohol

- ▶ Criminal Mischief - Offenders Live Streaming & Using Marijuana
 - ▶ Suspected Drug Involvement: Marijuana (All Types)
 - ▶ Suspected of Using for Offenders: Marijuana (All Types) & Cell Phone

- ▶ DUI - Offender/Arrestee Drinking Alcohol
 - ▶ Suspected Drug Involvement: None
 - ▶ Suspected of Using for Offender: Alcohol

- Suspected of using IS a mandatory field and does NOT default to none – your RMS should alert the officer to make a selection!

- Suspected of drug involvement IS NOT mandatory and defaults to NONE – remind your officers that this field is there and to use as it might pertain to their case

How will we use the new drug tools to tell the changing story?

What are we missing that better tells the story?

Manpower issues?

Do turnover rates impact these numbers?

Where are there upticks and down turns?

Lack of Officer understanding?

Are there roadblocks to getting the “real” data to us?

Given all the new tools, and the data showing a decrease in drug crimes (as we all know that is only the crimes where drugs were seized)... is that really what you all are seeing? Maybe it is. If it is not, can the new tools help? What other factors are impacting the story that we are not seeing? Is something being collected that would add value to what the data is telling us?

Upcoming Training

- ▶ May 10th, 2023 - Victim to Offender Relationship Enhancements
- ▶ May 24th, 2023 - Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, or Assault?
- ▶ June 7, 2023 - Elements of Identity Theft

- ▶ <https://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/MTIBRS-Training>

Do you have suggestions for future session topics? We'd love to hear them! Please email your ideas to MBCCdata@mt.gov

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