

San Diego County Medical Examiner
**Methamphetamine Related Deaths
in San Diego County**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>
1995	150
1996	124
1997	156
1998	110
1999	108
2000	140
2001	150
2002	166
2003	210

(Methamphetamine related deaths = all deaths investigated by the County Medical Examiner in which Methamphetamine was detected in the body at the time of the death or fatal event including all accidents, homicides and suicides in San Diego County)

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Methamphetamine Related Deaths - *Manner*
2003

<i>Manner</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>% of Meth. related deaths</i>		<i>% deaths of this manner</i>	
		2003	(2002)	2003	(2002)
Accident (Drug Related)	94	45%	(44%)		
Accident (Motor Vehicle)	24	11%	(17%)	7%	(8%)
Accident (Other) (4 falls, 1 plane crash, 1 bicycle crash, 4 asphyxia including carbon monoxide, drowning, cave-in, 1 law enforcement restraint, 1 hyperthermia, 1 self-extubation following surgery)	13	6%	(5%)		
Natural with methamphetamine present	7	3%	(7%)		
Homicide (5 of 8 officer involved shootings)	35	17%	(13%)	22%	(12%)
Suicide	33	16%	(12%)	10%	(6%)
Undetermined (including 1 breast feeding infant)	3	1%	(1%)		
Fetal Death	1	1%	(1%)		
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>210</i> (166 in 2002)			<i>7.9% all ME cases</i> (6.8% in 2002)	

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Deaths Due to Drug Intoxication
Drug Related Accidents
 2003

<i>Accident – Drug Related</i>	<i>Total</i>
Overdose on Methamphetamine Only (2 ingested baggies of drugs)	12
Overdose on Meth. + Another Drug(s)* (Including Morphine/Heroin-13, Alcohol, Diazepam, Propoxyphene, Hydrocodone, other prescription meds, Cocaine.)	27
Complications of other drug overdose, methamphetamine present.	3
Contributing Chronic Natural Disease (33 with cardiac disease, 1 with liver disease)	34
Acute Natural Disease with methamphetamine intoxication as a contributing factor (5 acute cardiac, 5 brain hemorrhage, 1 brain infarct, 2 asthma, 2 GI hemorrhage d/t alcoholic liver disease, 1 diabetes, 1 sepsis, 1 brain tumor)	18
<i>TOTAL</i>	94

*Other drugs listed with most frequently detected drugs first.

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Methamphetamine Related Deaths - Age
2003

<i>Age</i>	<i># Of Deaths</i>	<i>% Of Total</i>	<i>% Of Total (2002)</i>
< 1 Year	2	<1%	<1%
1-19 Years	9	4%	4%
20-29 Years	47	22%	22%
30-39 Years	51	24%	28%
40-49 Years	62	30%	32%
50-59 Years	34	16%	13%
60 + Years (oldest 67)	5	2%	1%
<i>TOTAL</i>	210		

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Methamphetamine Related Deaths – *Manner vs. Age*
2003

<i>Manner</i>	<i><1 Year</i>	<i>1-19 Years</i>	<i>20-29 Years</i>	<i>30-39 Years</i>	<i>40-49 Years</i>	<i>50-59 Years</i>	<i>60 + Years</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Accidental (Drug Related)		1	13	22	37	18	3	94
Accidental (Motor Vehicle)		2	4	7	7	3	1	24
Accidental (Other)		1		2	3	6	1	13
Natural with methamphetamine present				1	3	3		7
Homicide		2	19	8	5	1		35
Suicide		3	11	10	6	3		33
Undetermined	1			1	1			3
Fetal Death	1							1
<i>TOTAL</i>	2	9	47	51	62	34	5	210

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Methamphetamine Related Deaths – *Ethnicity and Gender*
 2003

<i>Ethnicity</i>	<i># Of Deaths</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>% of Total Meth.Deaths</i>
American Indian	3	1	2	1%
Black	11	8	3	5%
Filipino	5	3	2	2%
Guamanian	3	3	0	1%
Hispanic	50	44	6	24%
White	131	99	32	63%
Other	7	6	1	3%
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>46</i>	