



# Methamphetamine Use in Montana

	United States	Montana
Percent increase in deaths caused by methamphetamine from 2018 to 2020 <sup>1</sup>	<b>81%</b> 2018-2020	<b>150%</b> 2018-2020
Percent of people aged 12+ who report using methamphetamine in the past year <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.9%</b> 2019-2020	<b>1.7%</b> 2019-2020

## Key Points

- Methamphetamine and stimulant seizures by law enforcement increased by **385%** in Montana between 2012 and 2021.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2020, methamphetamine was found in **48%** of drug overdose deaths.<sup>4</sup>
- **\$48.5 million** were charged by hospitals across the state to treat 4,804 patients for methamphetamine-related admissions and emergency department visits in 2020.<sup>5</sup>
- Methamphetamine was the **second most common drug** (not including alcohol) found in impaired driver blood samples or postmortem blood samples after cannabis. Methamphetamine was found in **13%** of driver blood samples.<sup>6</sup>



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