



# **The Evolution of Iowa's Pseudoephedrine Control Law**

*Strong Medicine to Reduce Meth Labs  
& Protect Citizens*

# Iowa's Pseudoephedrine (PSE) Control Law

- ◆ SF 169 signed by Gov. March 22, 2005 as toughest meth lab reduction law in nation.
- ◆ Effective May 21, 2005.
- ◆ Net effect: ALL PSE must be OFF shelves, secured behind counters or in locked cabinets, with purchase/sales limits.

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- ◆ Most PSE to be sold from behind pharmacy counter. 7.5 g/30-day/person limit.
- ◆ Small amounts of liquid & liquid-filled PSE may be sold from behind retail counter or locked cabinet. 360 mg/24-hr/person limit.
- ◆ Photo ID & purchase log required (name, address & PSE quantity).



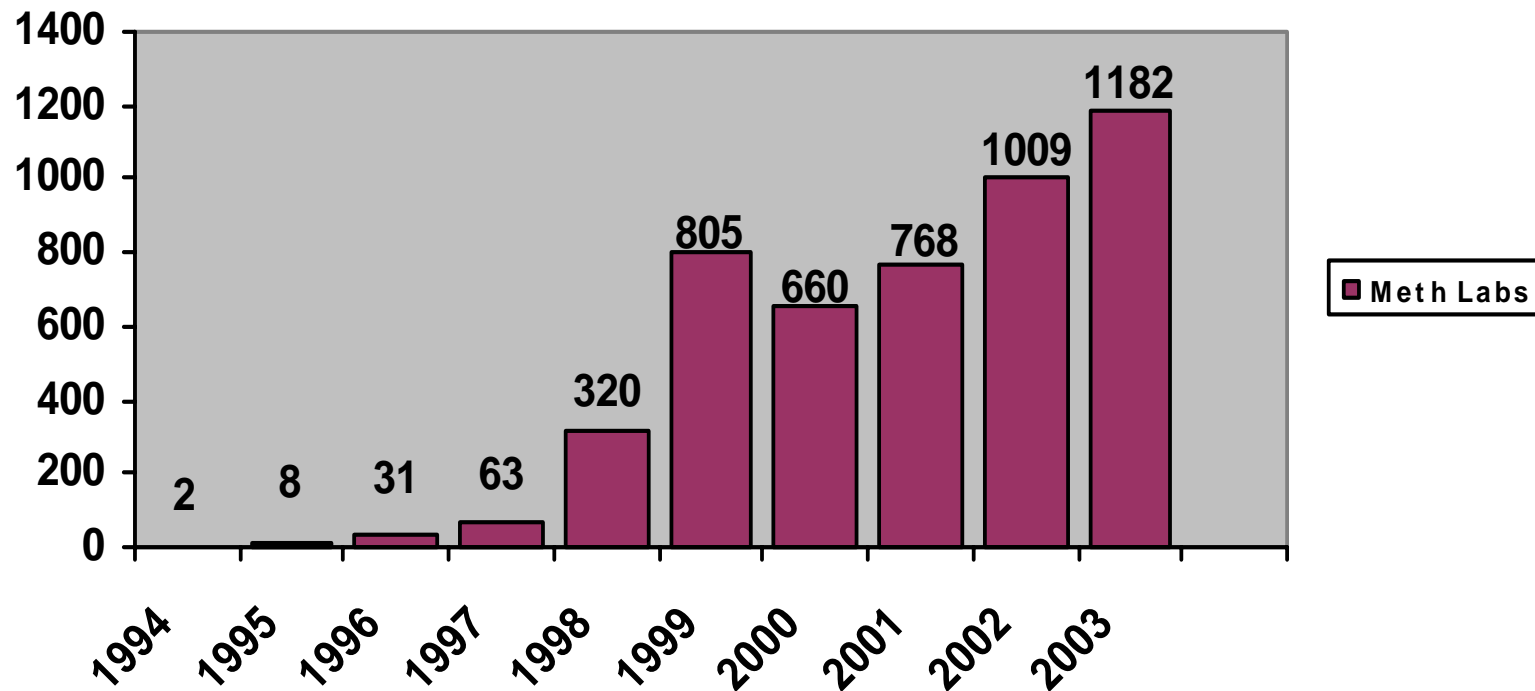
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# A Two Year Process: 2003

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- ◆ PSE-Schedule V concept first surfaces in meeting with lone legislator.
- ◆ Oklahoma officials lay groundwork for Schedule V.
- ◆ Iowa surveys show law enforcement & consumers support meth precursor controls.
- ◆ 2003 meth labs = 1,182 (vs. 1,009 in '02).

# Iowa Meth Labs: 2003





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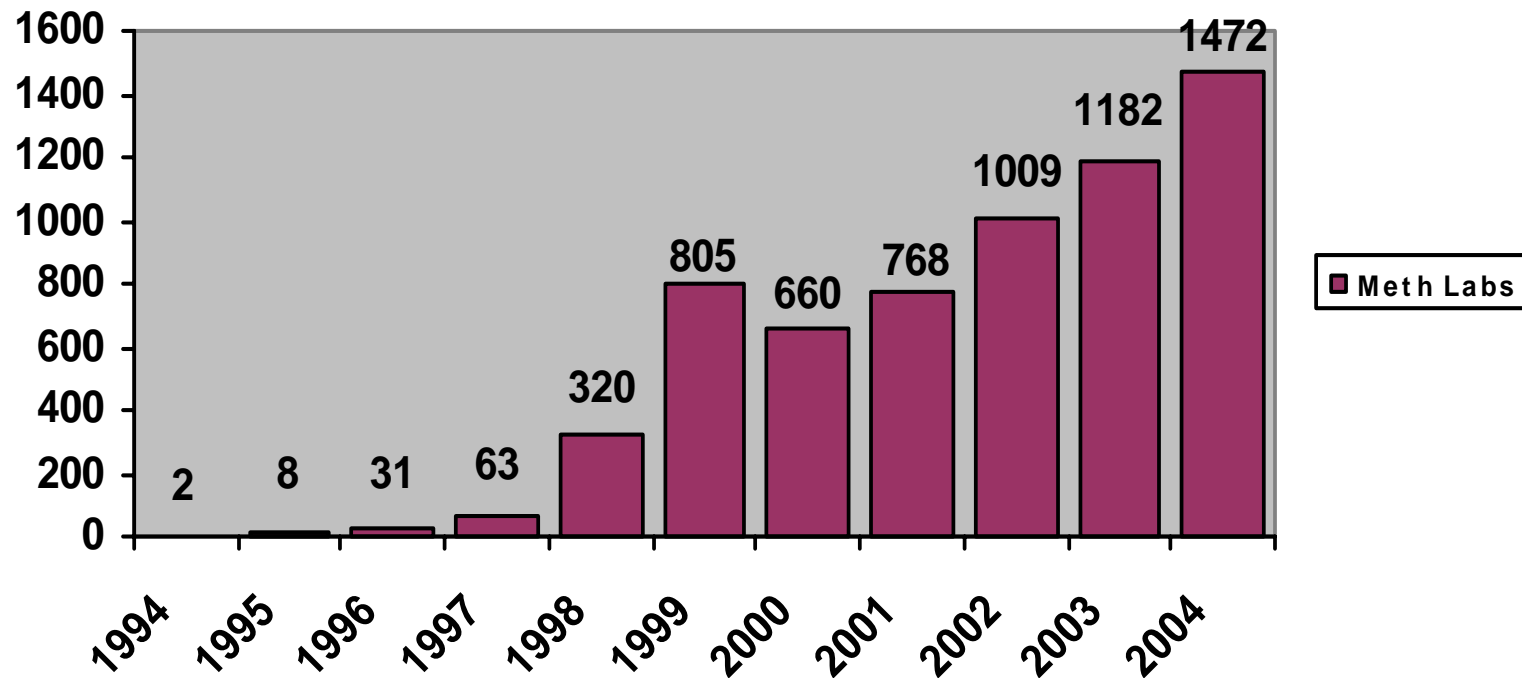
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- ◆ Discussions with law enforcement & other proponents of meth precursor controls.
- ◆ Schedule V proposal formulated by ODCP.
- ◆ Brief retail groups on Schedule V proposal in advance of 2004 legislative session.

# A Two Year Process: 2004

- ◆ Schedule V legislative proposal gets no traction. Soft PSE purchase limits pass.
- ◆ Attorney General says communities may enact local PSE ordinances, & many do.
- ◆ Oklahoma enacts Schedule V law.
- ◆ 2004 meth labs = 1,472 (vs. 1,182 in '03).

# Iowa Meth Labs: 2004



# “Perfect Storm” in 2005

- ◆ Over 120 state leaders, law enforcement officials, community groups, substance abuse pros & others support Schedule V.
- ◆ Over two dozen communities pursue enactment of local controls on PSE, etc.
- ◆ Growing # of other states take up PSE-Schedule V proposals, as OK law works.



# Supporters



## State Government

- ◆ Governor Tom Vilsack
- ◆ Attorney General Tom Miller
- ◆ Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Board of Pharmacy Examiners
- ◆ Department of Human Services
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources
- ◆ Office of Drug Control Policy
- ◆ Department of Public Health
- ◆ Department of Public Safety

## City & County Government

- ◆ Clinton County Attorney
- ◆ City of Garnavillo
- ◆ City of Knoxville
- ◆ City of Tipton
- ◆ IA League of Cities
- ◆ IA State Association of Counties
- ◆ National Association of Counties
- ◆ Polk County Attorney

# Supporters cont.

## Law Enforcement & Public Safety

- ◆ IA Assoc. of Chiefs & Peace Officers
- ◆ IA County Attorneys Assoc.
- ◆ IA Firefighters Group
- ◆ IA Police Executive Forum
- ◆ IA Professional Firefighters Assoc.
- ◆ IA Special Agents Assoc.
- ◆ IA State Sheriff's & Deputies Assoc.
- ◆ IA State Patrol Supervisors Assoc.
- ◆ IA State Police Association
- ◆ IA State Troopers Association
- ◆ State Police Officers Council
- ◆ Boone County SO
- ◆ Cedar County SO
- ◆ Clarinda PD
- ◆ Clay County SO
- ◆ Corydon PD
- ◆ Delaware County SO
- ◆ Dubuque PD
- ◆ Dunlap PD
- ◆ Eddyville PD
- ◆ Grinnell Police Officers Assoc.
- ◆ Harrison County Crime Stoppers
- ◆ Harrison County SO

# Supporters cont.

## Law Enforcement/Public Safety cont.

- ◆ Huxley PD
- ◆ Kossuth County SO
- ◆ LeMars PD
- ◆ Madrid PD
- ◆ Marion PD
- ◆ Marion County SO
- ◆ Mason City PD
- ◆ Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force
- ◆ Midwest HIDTA
- ◆ Montgomery County SO
- ◆ Mount Pleasant PD
- ◆ Newton PD
- ◆ Nevada PD
- ◆ O'Brien County SO
- ◆ Oelwein PD
- ◆ Osage PD
- ◆ Pocahontas County SO
- ◆ Polk County Police Chiefs & Sheriffs Assoc.
- ◆ Poweshiek County SO
- ◆ Prairie City PD
- ◆ Quad City MEG Unit

# Supporters cont.

## Law Enforcement/Public Safety cont.

- ◆ RAID Task Force of NE Iowa
- ◆ Ringgold County SO
- ◆ Scott County SO
- ◆ SE IA Inter-Agency Task Force
- ◆ Story City PD
- ◆ Story County SO
- ◆ Stuart PD
- ◆ Tipton PD
- ◆ Tri-County Drug Task Force
- ◆ Webster City PD
- ◆ West Burlington PD

## Substance Abuse Service Providers

- ◆ Addiction Management Systems
- ◆ Alcohol & Drug Dependency Services
- ◆ Boone Co. Prevention
- ◆ Center for Addictions Recovery
- ◆ Clinton Co. Substance Abuse Council
- ◆ Community & Family Resources
- ◆ Employee & Family Resources
- ◆ Families First Counseling Services
- ◆ Helping Services of NE IA
- ◆ Iowa SAFE KIDS

# Supporters cont.

## Substance Abuse Service Providers cont.

- ◆ Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors Assoc.
- ◆ New View Substance Abuse Treatment & Prevention
- ◆ Prevent Child Abuse Iowa
- ◆ Prevention Concepts
- ◆ South Central Youth & Family Service
- ◆ Vista Counseling Center
- ◆ Youth & Shelter Services

## Community Anti-Drug Coalitions

- ◆ Building Directions for Families
- ◆ Delaware County Drug Abuse Coalition
- ◆ Dubuque Area Substance Abuse Coalition
- ◆ Van Buren County SAFE Coalition
- ◆ Wayne County SAFE Coalition

# Supporters cont.

## Health Care

- ◆ Bedel's Pharmacy
- ◆ Blank Children's Hospital
- ◆ Broadlawns Medical Center
- ◆ Clayton County VNA
- ◆ Community Health Partners of Sioux City
- ◆ Dubuque County Health Department
- ◆ Great River Medical Center
- ◆ Iowa Health System
- ◆ Lucas County Health Center
- ◆ Mercy Health
- ◆ Palo Alto Community Health
- ◆ Polk County Medical Society
- ◆ Regions Medical Center
- ◆ Seasons Center for Community Mental Health

# Supporters cont.

## Others

- ◆ Agribusiness Assoc. of Iowa
  - ◆ Buchanan County Volunteer Services
  - ◆ Case Facilitation Family Team Meetings
  - ◆ Des Moines Public Schools “Success” Program
  - ◆ Kaneshville High School
  - ◆ Kinderwood
  - ◆ Sacred Heart School
  - ◆ Priority #1
  - ◆ Heartland Family Service
  - ◆ IA Conference United Methodist Church
  - ◆ IA Environmental Council
  - ◆ IA Landlord Association
  - ◆ IA Realtors
  - ◆ St. Mark Community Center
- (Via testimonials to state lawmakers, work on local meth precursor control ordinances & news media interviews on related issues)



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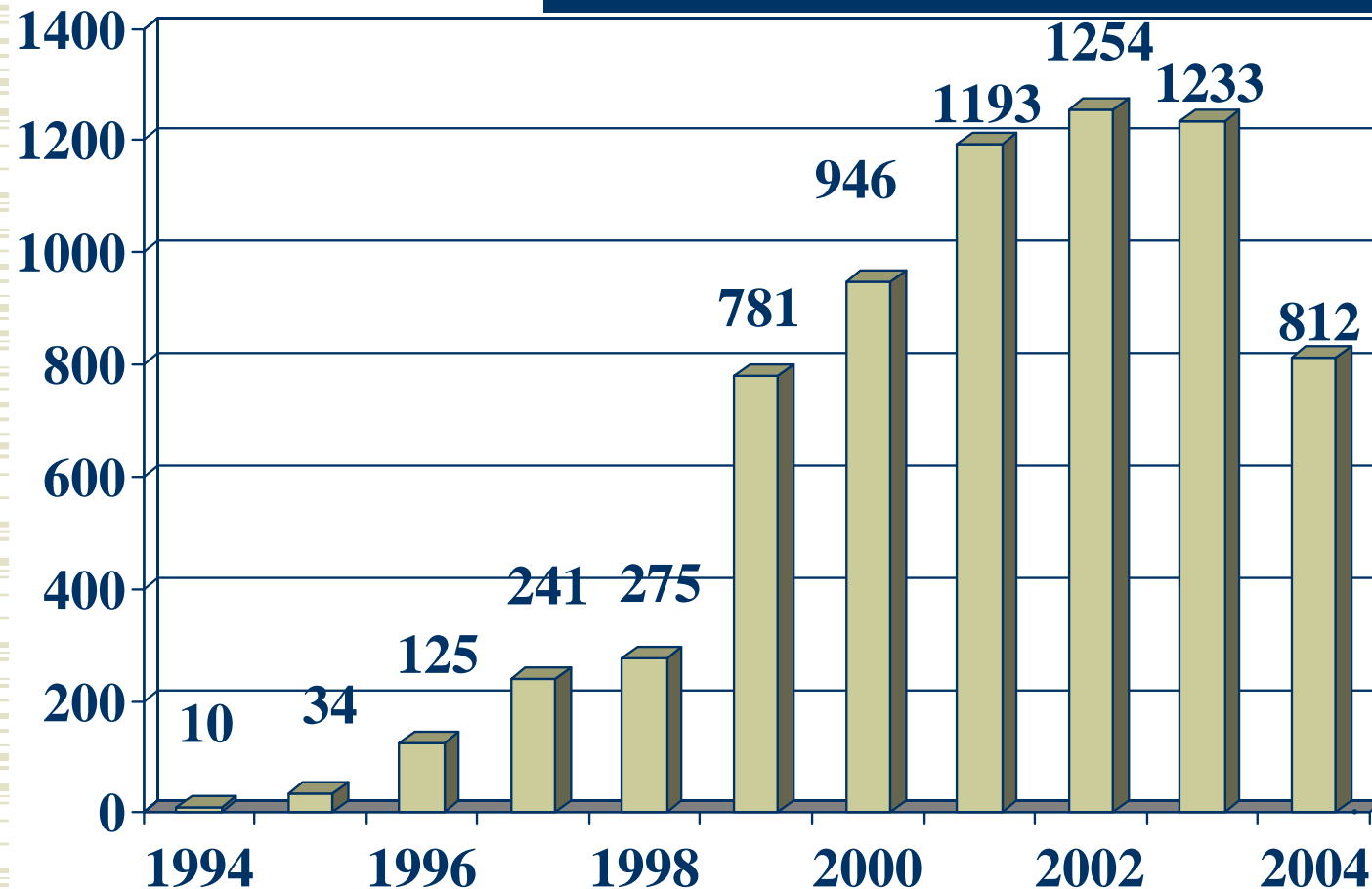
# “Local” Ordinances in Iowa

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- ◆ Appanoose County
- ◆ Balltown
- ◆ Clarke County
- ◆ Dallas County
- ◆ Davis County
- ◆ Des Moines County
- ◆ Hardin County
- ◆ Harrison County
- ◆ Hazelton
- ◆ Jasper County
- ◆ Keokuk
- ◆ Knoxville
- ◆ Lee County
- ◆ Linn County
- ◆ Madison County
- ◆ Mahaska County
- ◆ Marion
- ◆ Marion County
- ◆ Marquette
- ◆ Melcher-Dallas
- ◆ McGregor
- ◆ Monona County
- ◆ Oskaloosa
- ◆ Pella
- ◆ Pleasantville
- ◆ Polk County
- ◆ Scott County
- ◆ Wayne County

# OK Meth Labs Seizures

Of 812 labs in 2004, 347 (43%) were seized prior to HB 2176 taking effect in April.





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## **“Perfect Storm” in 2005**

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- ◆ **Combat Meth Act introduced in Congress, w/bipartisan Iowa support.**
- ◆ **Schedule V is crime prevention tool, not expected to reduce meth abuse.**
- ◆ **Legislative hearings illustrate problem, fail to find better alternative.**



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# “Perfect Storm” in 2005

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- ◆ OK experience, “peer” activity (local, state & U.S.), trend data, legislative hearings & coalition input inform/educate lawmakers.
- ◆ Media scrutiny emphasizes scope of problem & public support for Schedule V.
- ◆ Momentum builds & attitudes change.

# “Perfect Storm” in 2005

- ◆ Iowa citizens & policy makers get it!
  - Meth addiction ravages families & demands resources.
  - Approx. 80% of meth is from outside of Iowa.
  - Four meth labs/day pose public safety threat to all Iowans...drain enforcement resources...AND are relatively *preventable*.
- ◆ If for no other reason, then for our children!

## Mom Offers 'Sad Face of Meth'

By LEE ROOD  
DES MOINES REGISTER  
STAFF WRITER (February 22, 2005)



Julie Fatino stood in the back of the news conference Monday at the Des Moines Police Department, clutching two pictures of her dead daughter.

One by one, police officers and prosecutors urged Iowa legislators to pass a stronger law to combat methamphetamine manufacturing. Then, when the nearly 30 men clad in dark suits had cleared the room, the mother in the pink trench coat produced her own evidence of meth's horrors.

One picture showed a strikingly pretty 12-year-old girl, beaming in a school photo. The second, taken roughly a year later at a Polk County juvenile detention center, was haunting. Angela Fatino appears rail-thin, her long brown hair sheared and dyed. Deep red circles surround her eyes. Her gaze is empty.

"I want to make this the face of meth in Iowa," Julie Fatino said. "I want Angie to become the poster child of meth addiction."

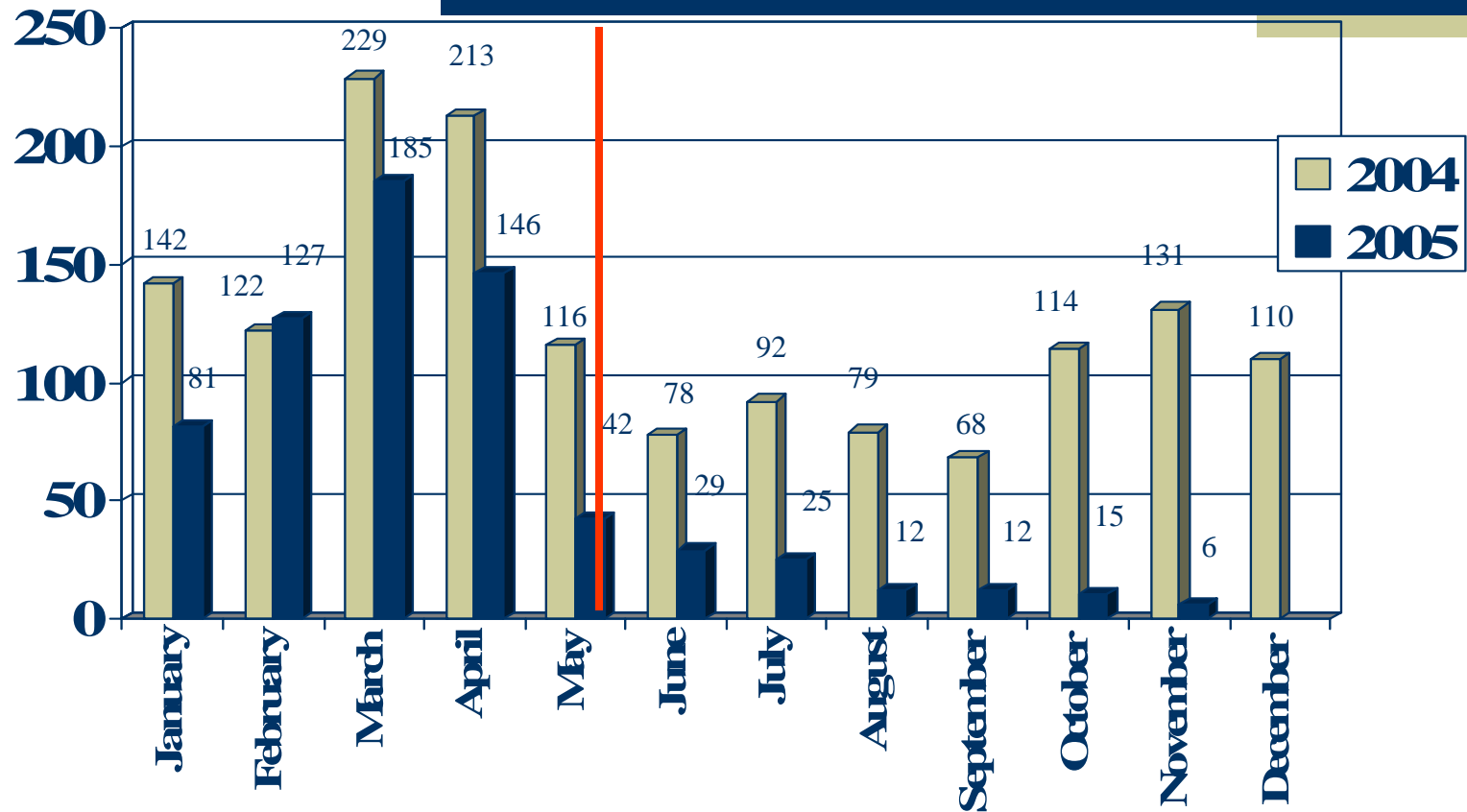
To Des Moines Police Chief William McCarthy and the many police and prosecutors, Monday's news conference was an opportunity to drive home for state legislators the need to better control sales of cold and allergy medicines used to make meth...

# Perseverance = Policy Change

- ◆ March 16, 2005: Iowa Legislature unanimously approves PSE-Schedule V.
- ◆ March 22, 2005: Governor Vilsack signs SF 169 into law (some provisions effective immediately).
- ◆ May 21, 2005: Effective date.
- ◆ Results = **80% lab reduction first 6 months!**

# Tracking Iowa Meth Lab Incidents

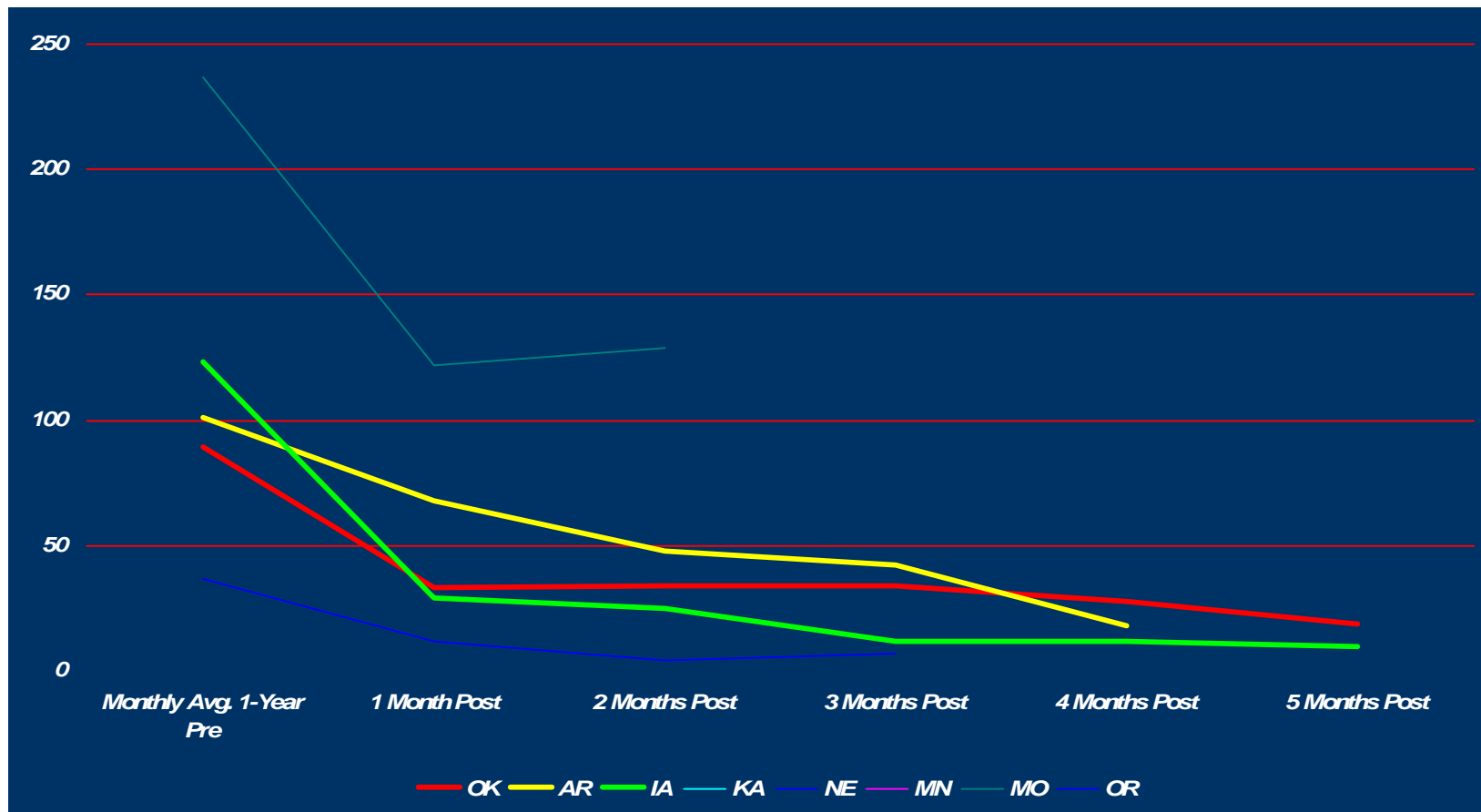
Preliminary Reports to Iowa DPS/DNE, updated as of 11-29-05



(\*SF 169—pseudoephedrine control—signed into law 3-22-05, effective 5-21-05)

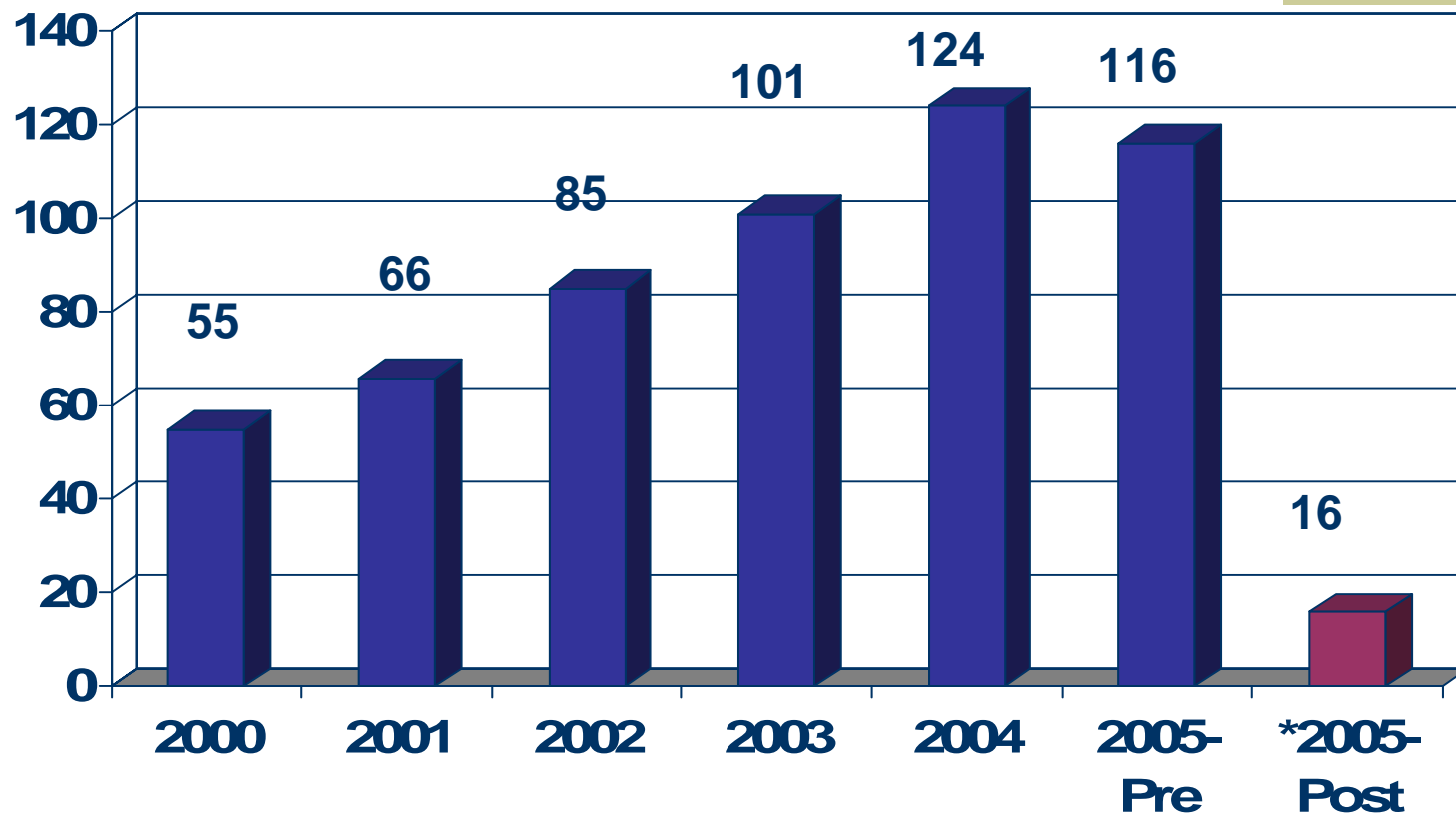
# Meth Lab Trends: State by State

## Initial Impact of “Schedule V” Laws



# Iowa Meth Lab Incidents

## Monthly Averages



Source: Iowa DPS/DNE. \*2005 "Post" represents preliminary meth lab incident reports since implementation of Iowa's pseudoephedrine control law May 21, 2005. (Updated by ODCP 11-29-05)

# Meth Usage: The Future? A Look at Meth Purity

**Methamphetamine Analyzed by the DCI Lab  
July 2004 - August 2005**

