



# Synthetic Drugs and Chemical Section



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# Methamphetamine Facts

Schedule II controlled substance

Methamphetamine is the most widely abused, domestically produced synthetic drug in the United States.

It is used across all genders, ages, and socio-economic levels.

Has a high rate of addiction, a low rate of sustained recovery, and is relatively inexpensive to manufacture.



# U.S. Methamphetamine Problem

The U.S. methamphetamine threat is a two prong problem:

- Methamphetamine manufactured by Mexican Trafficking Organizations (large “Super Labs” in Mexico & the U.S.)
- Small Capacity Production Labs (SCPLs) (based in the U.S.)



# Domestic Meth

- The New Methamphetamine
  - 3 to 4 times easier to make and 3 to 4 times more potent than the old drug
  - Common chemicals purchased over the counter
  - 1 to 4 hours to cook a batch (old method took 20 hours)
  - Accounts for 98% of all reported clandestine labs. EPIC 2004



INSTALACIONES



PERSONAS DETENIDAS







\*Total Costs: \$23.4 BILLION

\*2009 Rand Study

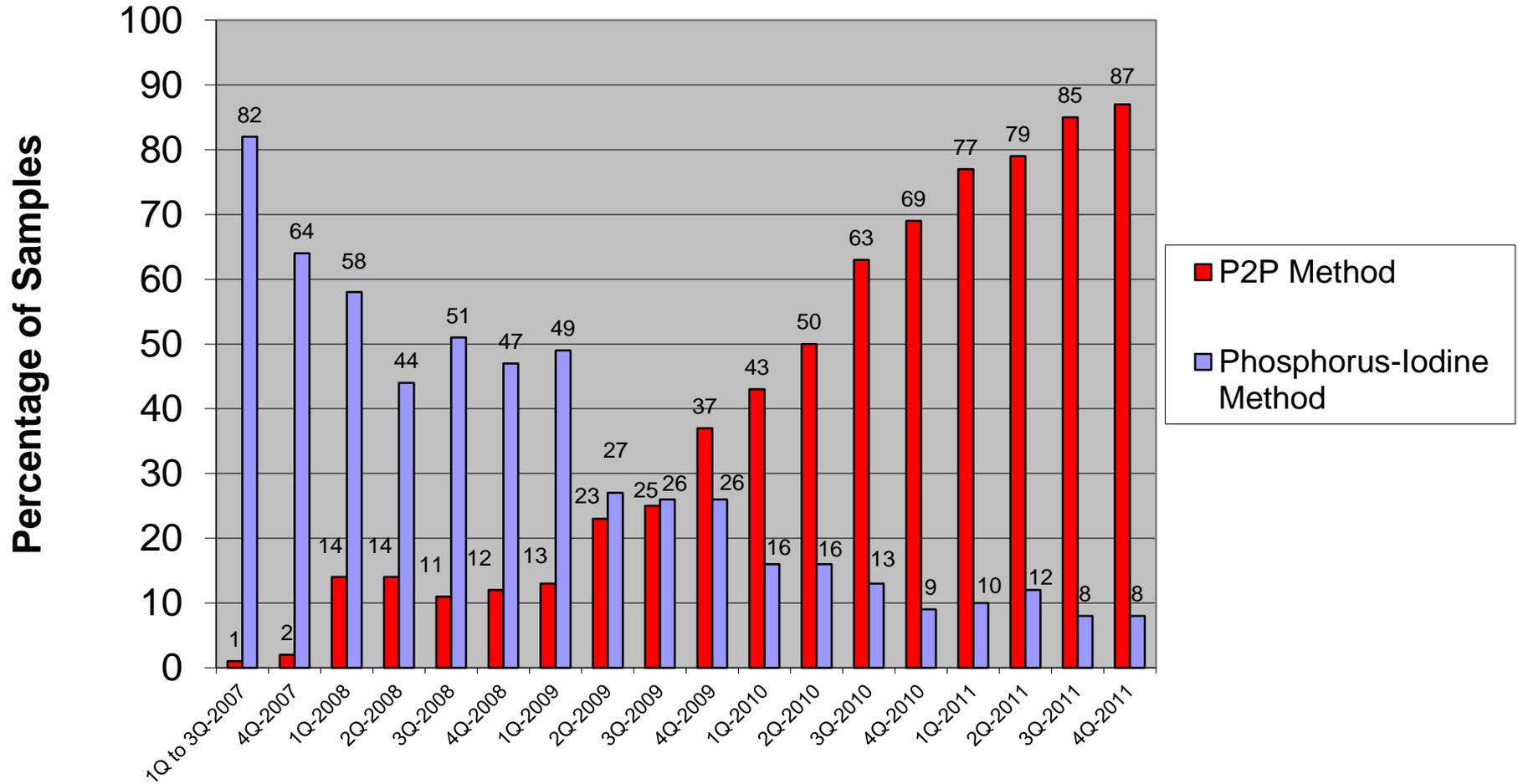


CHANGE

CHANGE IS THE ONLY  
CONSTANT



# P2P vs. PSE/EPH





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# Thank You & Questions

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