

Division of Narcotics Enforcement



Staffing	FY 2012	FY 2013
Sworn staff - Special Agents	35	35
Civilian support	3	2
Sworn supervisors	6	6

Narcotics Seizures	FY 2012	FY 2013
Methamphetamine	18,452g	55,832g
Cocaine	41,497g	795g
Crack Cocaine	861g	640g
Heroin	101g	290g
Marijuana	36,444oz	39,849oz
Marijuana Plants	754	7,262
Ecstasy	1,182du	326du
Pharmaceuticals	2,807du	282du
Firearms	234	175

Dosage unit is denoted by "du." Grams is denoted by "g." Ounces is denoted by "oz."

Methamphetamine Labs	FY 2012	FY 2013
Labs seized (all law enforcement)	382	358
Labs seized (DNE personnel)	53	68

Investigations	FY 2012	FY 2013
Case Load	533	452
Search Warrants	409	411
Defendants	919	838
Drug Trafficking Organizations Disrupted or Dismantled	135	130

Protecting Iowa's Children:

In FY 13, DNE encountered 58 drug endangered children and ensured that appropriate steps were taken to protect these children.

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution. They may also be children whose caretaker's substance abuse interferes with the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment.

In calendar year 2012, DHS reported there were 1,002 instances of confirmed or founded child abuse involving the presence of illegal drugs in a child's body. This is an upward trend and 5 year high which demonstrates the critical need to address Iowa's Drug Endangered Children.

Methamphetamine:

Methamphetamine remains the most significant drug problem in Iowa. The correlation between meth abuse, child neglect, property and violent crime is both significant and alarming. Approximately 90% of meth plaguing Iowa is imported by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations and not the local meth labs discovered throughout Iowa.

The local "one pot" or "shake and bake" meth labs continue to be a problem in Iowa and pose significant health and safety risks due to the various chemicals, volatility and risk of explosion and fire.





Supporting Local Law Enforcement

The Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE) has 35 Special Agents located throughout the State. The primary duty and responsibility of these agents is conducting complex criminal investigations of major drug trafficking organizations. These criminal organizations are responsible for the vast majority of the supply of illicit controlled substances which are distributed and abused in Iowa. These agents also provide support to local law enforcement and numerous drug task forces throughout the State. Over the last 5 years DNE has initiated 2,564 investigations, the majority of which were conducted jointly with our local and federal law enforcement partners. Currently, there are 18 funded local drug task forces and four federal task forces operating in the State. Forty percent of DNE's Agents are assigned to these task forces and work with them on a daily basis. In addition, DNE responds to all requests for drug investigative services from counties and municipalities without established task forces.

DNE Agents provide outreach and annual training to community organizations and local investigators on a variety of drug related topics. An average of 45 presentations are conducted each year reaching over 2,000 citizens and law enforcement officers.

Average Annual Drug Investigations Initiated, FY 2009-2013

