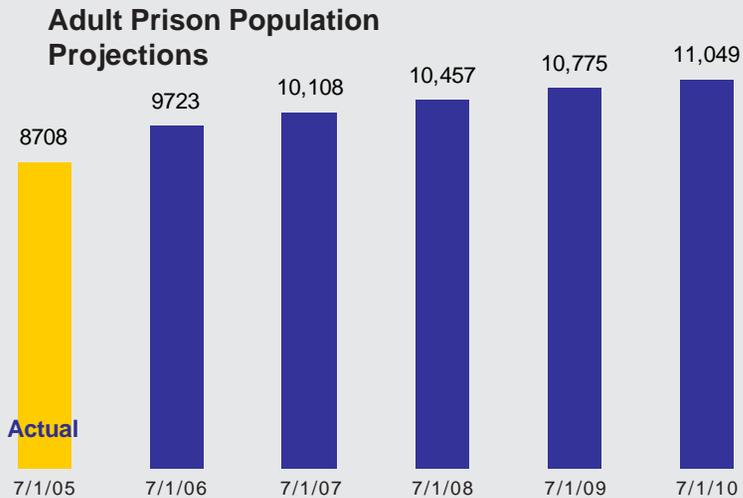


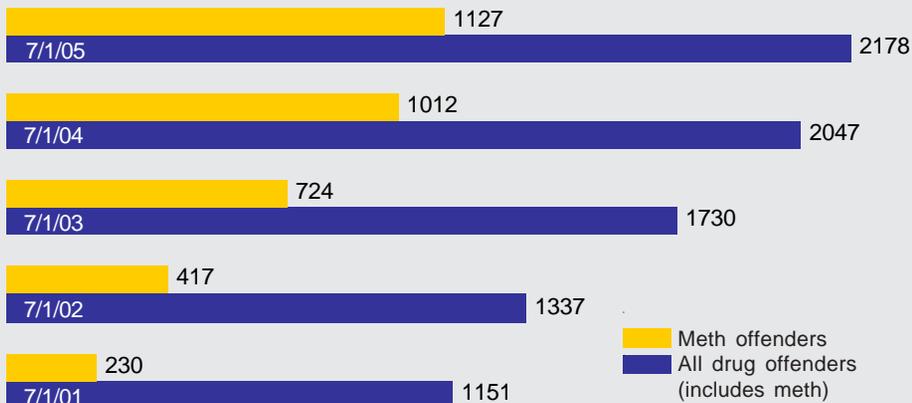
The Methamphetamine Epidemic

Impact on the Minnesota Department of Corrections

Capacity - Minnesota state prisons are currently at capacity. A sharp increase in meth offenders is a significant factor in this trend.



Drug Offenders in State Prisons
 (89% increase over 4 years for all drug offenders;
 390% increase over 4 years for meth offenders)

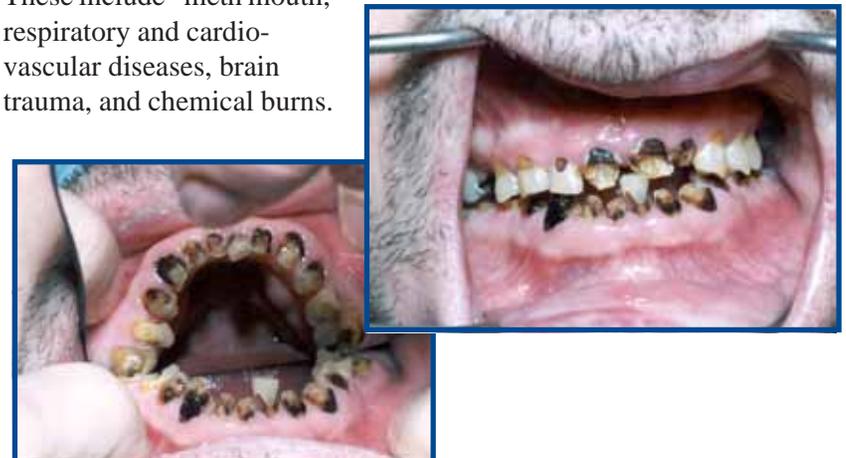


Treatment - While the number of drug offenders sentenced to prison increases, funding for treatment funding has decreased. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) funding through the U.S. Department of Justice is shown below.

No grant 1/05-present \$0.00



Cost - Meth users have expensive health care needs that become the responsibility of the state when the offender is incarcerated. These include “meth mouth,” respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, brain trauma, and chemical burns.



How is the Minnesota Department of Corrections Working to Reduce Meth-Related Recidivism?

Challenge Incarceration Program ■ Innovative boot camp uses military drill training, physical labor, treatment, and cognitive skills programming to prepare drug offenders for a successful transition back to the community. The reconviction rate for CIP graduates is two percent. CIP saved the department 219 beds from 1998 to 2001, resulting in a cost savings of \$8.4 million.

Thistledeew ■ Pioneering juvenile meth and chemical dependency program at Thistledeew Camp admitted its first participants in February 2005. This unique treatment program is cognitive behavioral skills-focused and addresses a range of risk factors including psychological needs and criminal thinking.

Partnerships ■ To best address the enormous impact of the meth epidemic, the department has partnered with:

- State Human Services and Public Safety Departments to develop treatment programs that utilize best practices and reduce the risk to public safety
- Hazelden Publishing on a jointly-published chemical dependency treatment curriculum called *A New Direction*.
- The department's Shakopee facility for female offenders obtained federal funds to contract for treatment and aftercare services as offenders re-enter the community.

Treatment ■ About 90 percent of Minnesota's inmates abuse or are dependent on drugs and/or alcohol.

Research indicates that meth users need about a year to start to recover from the cognitive damage to their brain. For that reason, much more time-intensive treatment is needed than a traditional 30-day program.



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