

# Controlling Methamphetamine Precursors: from Policy to Practice – An Overview

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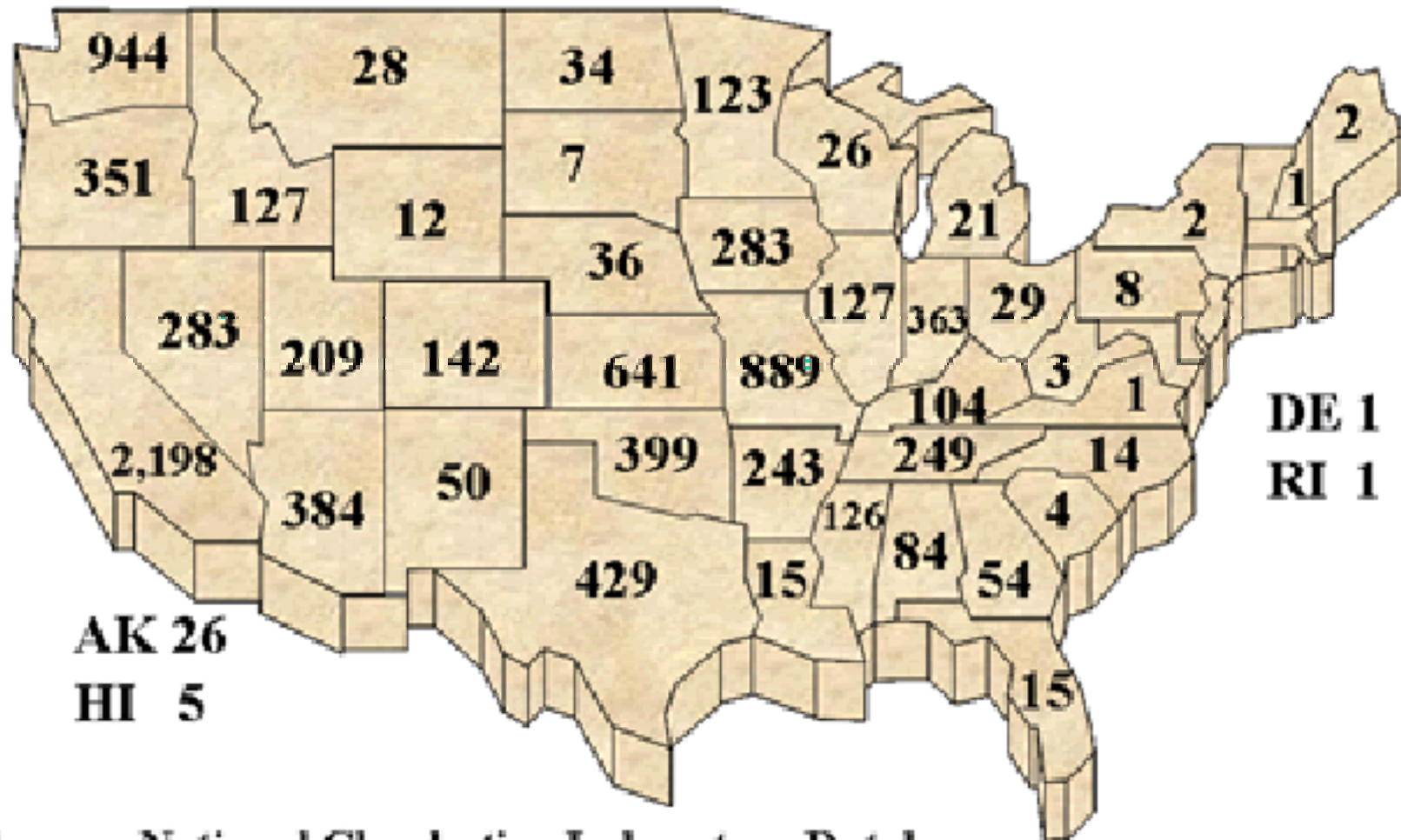
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# Impetus for the Project

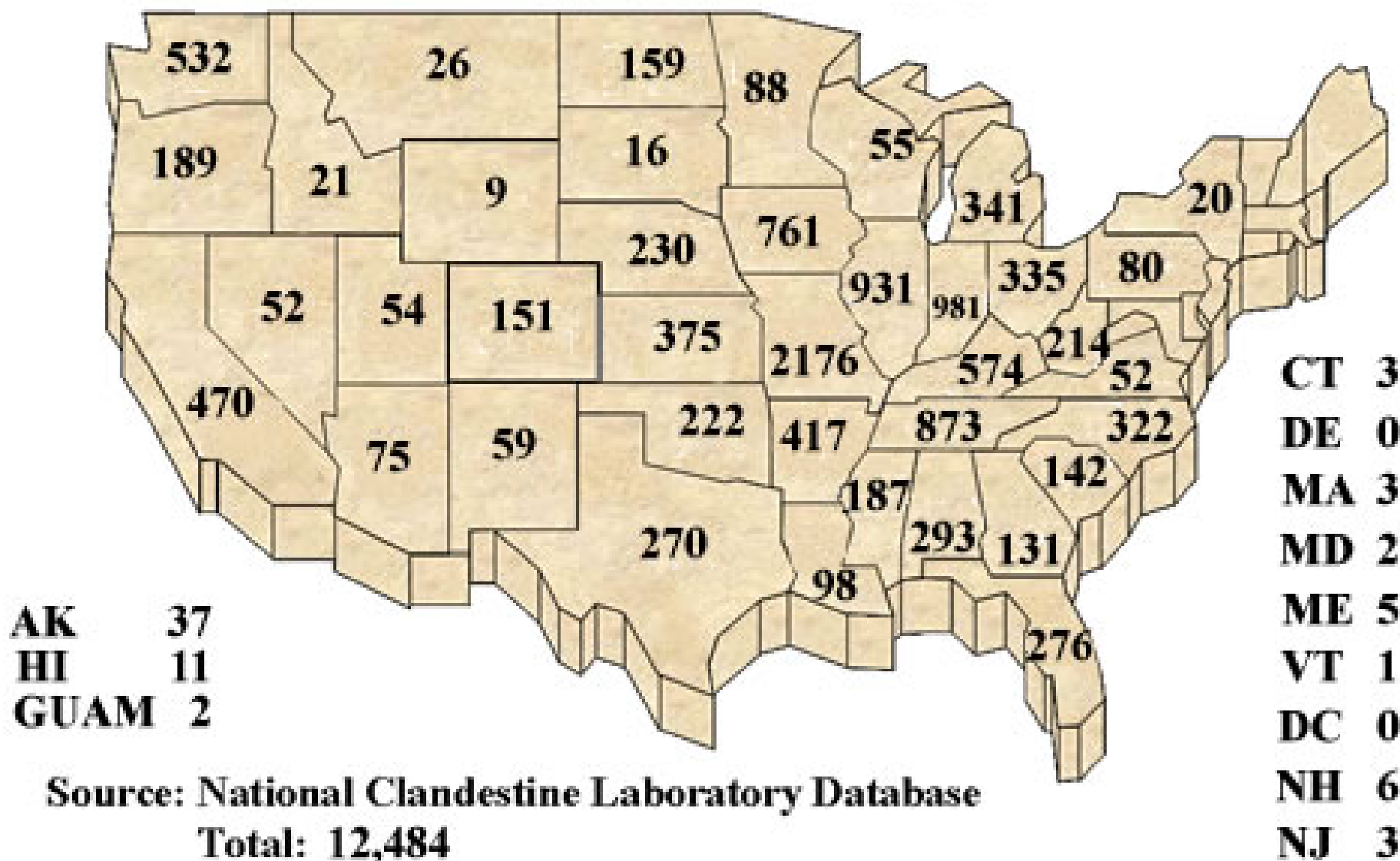
1. Increasing Trends in the Production of Methamphetamine in Small Toxic Labs (STLs) -- Documented in Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System (as well as other) reports.
2. Ease of Methamphetamine Production -- Methamphetamine is one of the few drugs that can be “manufactured” from common over-the-counter products.
3. Consequences of Methamphetamine STL Production -- Surveys of counties (and general research literature) indicating methamphetamine production through STLs related to major local public safety and health problems including HIV risk.
4. Experienced Research Team -- Worked together for seven years on drug policy research project supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Committed to and experienced in policy research.

# Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment Calendar Year 2000



Source: National Clandestine Laboratory Database  
 Total: 9,092 / 44 States Reporting  
 Dates: 01/01/00 to 12/31/00

# Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment Calendar Year 2005



Source: National Clandestine Laboratory Database

Total: 12,484

Dates: 01/01/2005 - 12/31/2005

map last updated October 2006

# Overarching Purpose

1. Document state methamphetamine precursor laws/regulations (policies) effective as of October 1, 2005.
2. Examine precursor policy effectiveness through the perceptions of law enforcement personnel and other professional Key Informants in five selected states representing a range of precursor control policies: Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, & Oregon.
3. Examine the relationship between state policies and trends in small toxic lab (STL) seizures in a before-after and between-state design.

# Policy Implications

1. State Methamphetamine Precursor Policies Consistently Related to STL Reductions
2. State and Federal Policies Both Needed
3. A Comprehensive Multi-Faceted Approach Needed