



Successes in the Fight Against Drugs

President's Goals: In 2002, the Bush Administration set ambitious goals to reduce drug use. The first was to lower drug use by 10 percent over 2 years. We exceeded that goal: youth drug use dropped by 11 percent over 2 years. The second was to lower drug use by 25 percent over 5 years. We nearly reached that in 2007 by achieving a 24 percent decline since 2001 for 8th, 10th, and 12th graders combined.

Impact on Demand:

Teen drug use: 860,000 fewer teenagers are using illicit drugs now (in 2007) than in 2001. This is a 24% decline.

Between 2001 and 2007:

Marijuana: Current marijuana use by teens has dropped by 25%.

Meth use: Current meth use by teens plummeted 64%.

Ecstasy: Current use of Ecstasy has been slashed by 54% among teens.

Cocaine: Between 1985 and 2007, past year cocaine use among high school seniors dropped by 60%.

Steroids: Since 2001, current use of steroids by teens has dropped a third.

LSD: Current LSD use has dropped by an astounding 60%.

Workplace drug use: Drug use among workers is at its lowest levels in 19 years. Since 1988, positive drug tests have fallen by 72%, from 13.6% in 1988 to 3.8% in 2007.

Workplace meth use: 2007 workplace drug tests show a 50% decline in meth use among employees nationwide since 2005.

Workplace marijuana use: Workplace drug tests for 2007 showed a 7% drop in marijuana use, compared to 2005.

Cocaine Use Among Workers: Cocaine use among America's workers declined an unprecedented 19% during 2007 compared to 2006.