

The epidemiology of (meth)amphetamine

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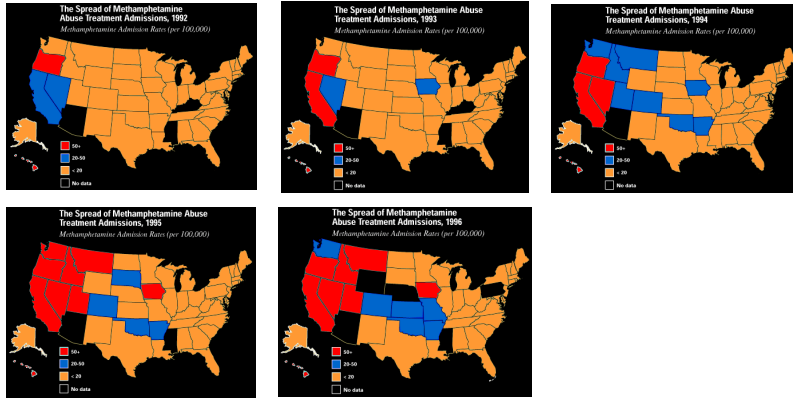
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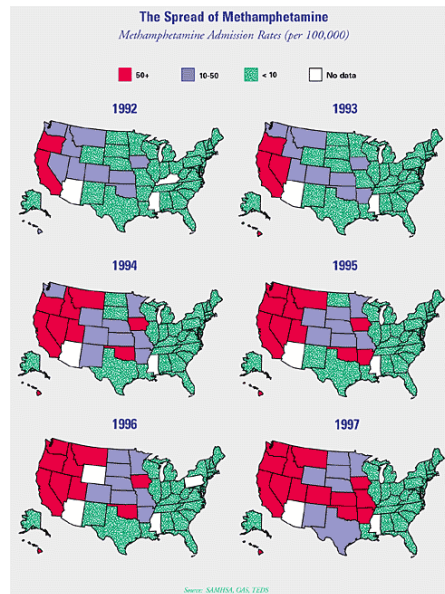
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Hvor ofte er metamfetamin hovedårsaken til en innleggelse i behandling i USA? (per 100 000)



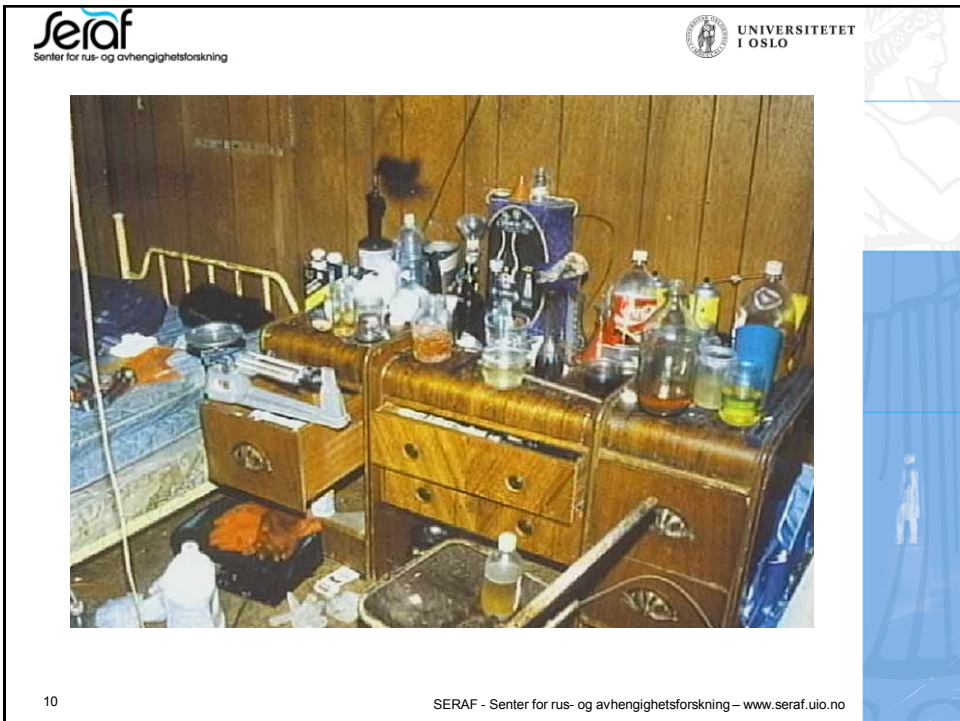
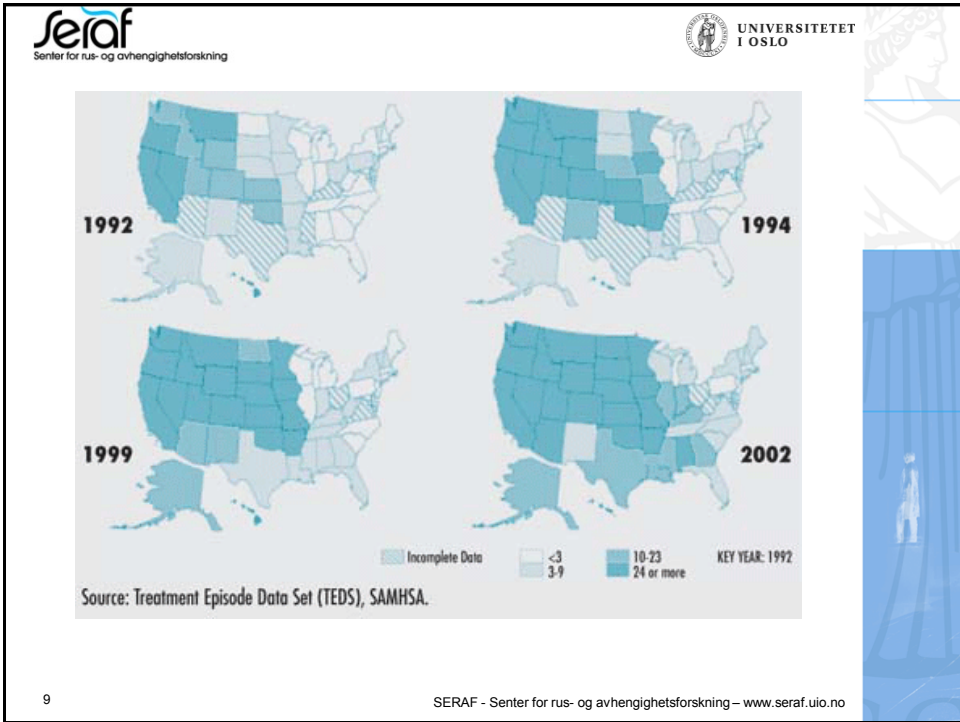
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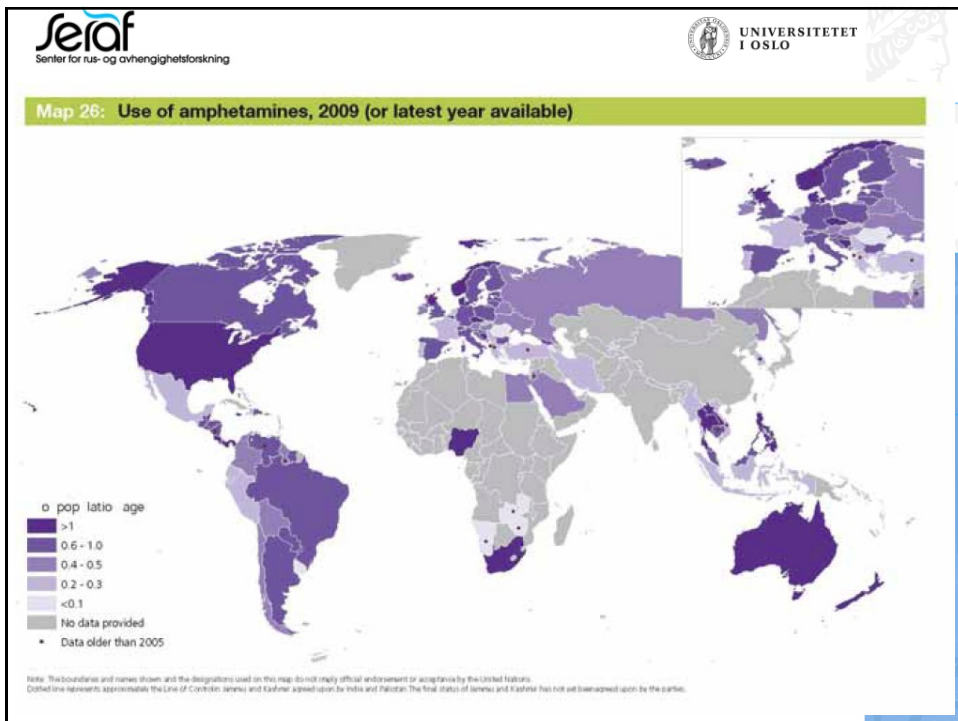
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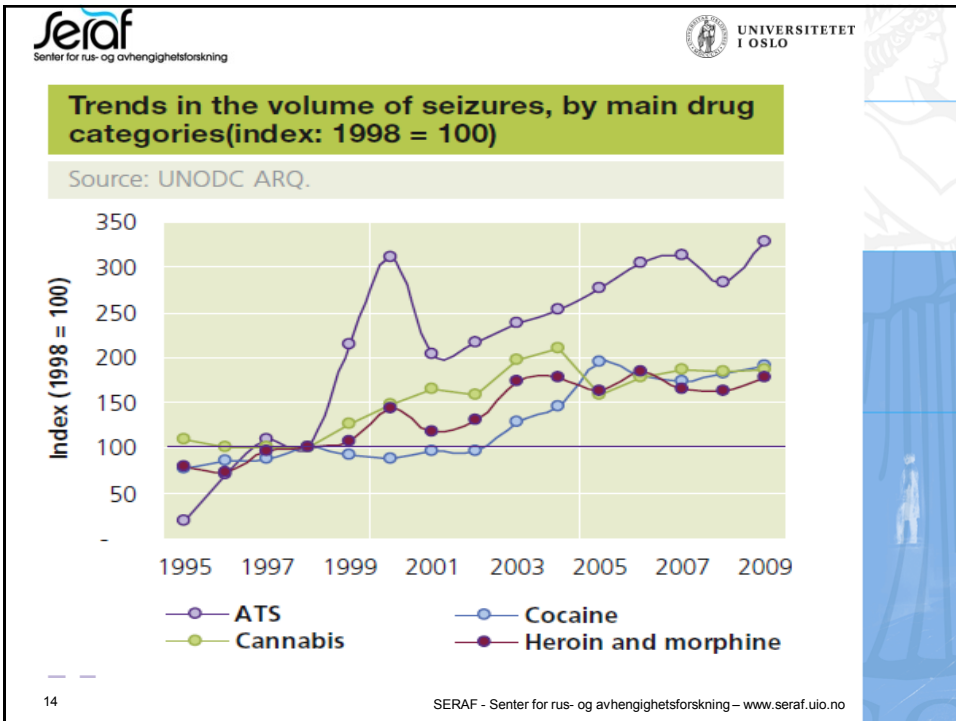
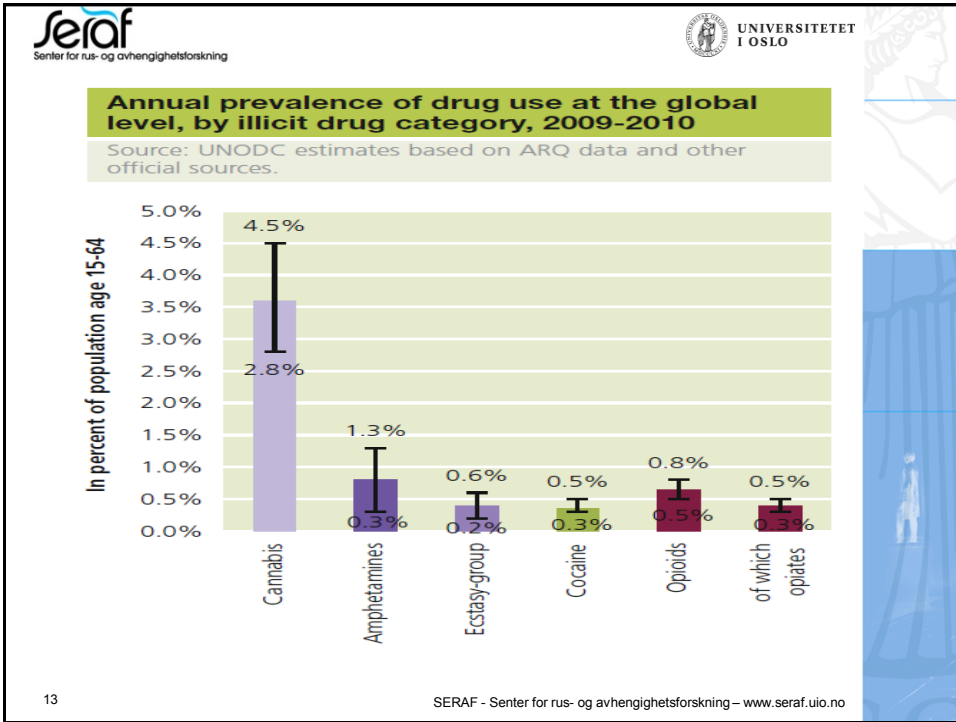


Fig. 133: Amphetamine seizures in Europe, 2000-2009

* Data for 2009 for the Netherlands were unavailable; the value used is that corresponding to the year 2008, and is only included to estimate the regional total.

** Data for the United Kingdom for 2007, 2008 and 2009 are based on incomplete data for some jurisdictions for the financial years 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 respectively, and adjusted for the missing jurisdictions using the distribution in 2006/07.

Source: UNODC DELTA.

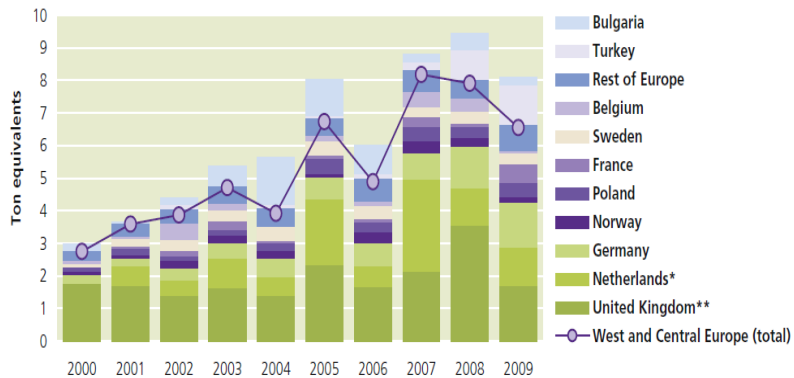


Fig. 135: Methamphetamine seizures in West and Central Europe, 2000-2009

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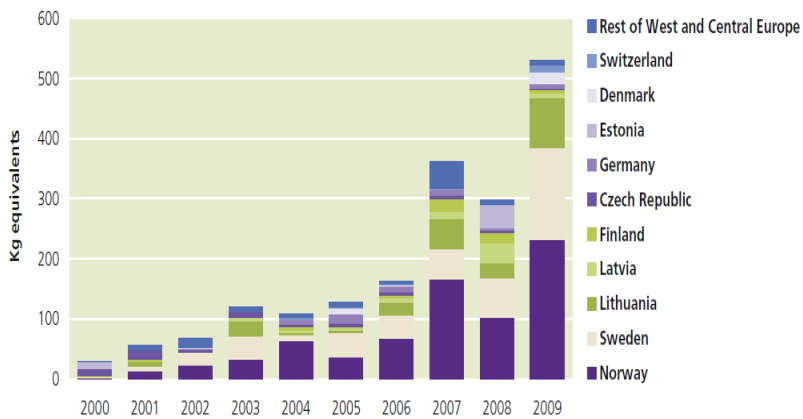
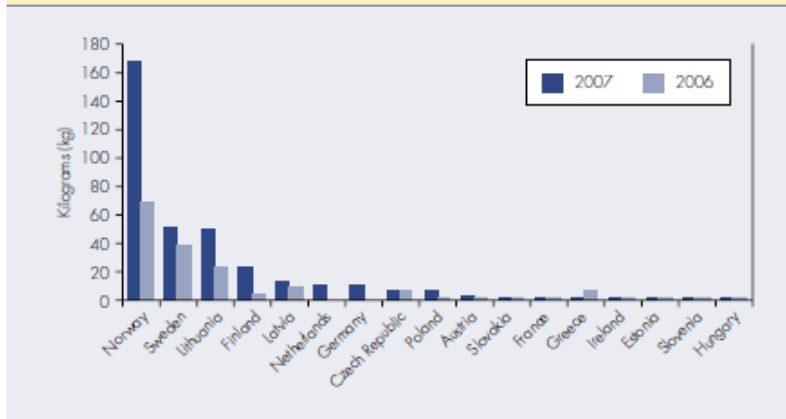


Figure 6. Quantities of methamphetamine seized (kg) reported to the EMCDDA 2006–07



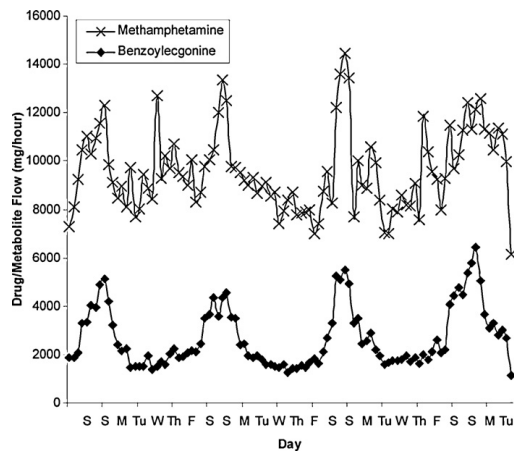
Source: Reitax national focal points.

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Fig. 2. Measured mass-flow (mg/h) of methamphetamine and benzoylecgonine through the Oslo sewage system during the period of 4–30 September 2009. Six-hour composite samples (time proportional, total volume 1000 mL) were continuously collected and analysed throughout each day (2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm).

From Reid MJ, Langford KH, Mørland J, Thomas KV. Quantitative assessment of time dependent drug-use trends by the analysis of drugs and related metabolites in raw sewage Drug Alcohol Dep 2011



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Amphetamine vs. methamphetamine


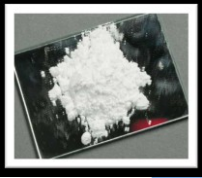
- Very similar
 - Abuser don't know what they buy!
 - Evidence in criminal courts
 - Interview with injecting drug users
- In US: methamphetamine = "ice"
 - Higher purity
 - Most often smoked
 - Can be injected
- In Scandinavia: methamphetamine – in powder form like amphetamine
 - Did this increase the accessibility to the market?
- Clinical knowledge: meth is more potent!
 - True?
 - Increased lipid solubility:
 - Quicker passing the blood brain barrier (quicker and higher high)
 - More difficult to metabolize
 - Longer duration of action?
- Methamphetamine is not less dangerous!
 - Why more potent
 - How much more potent
 - More potent in generating psychosis?

Amphetamine

CC(N)Cc1ccccc1

Methamphetamine

CC(C)N(C)Cc1ccccc1

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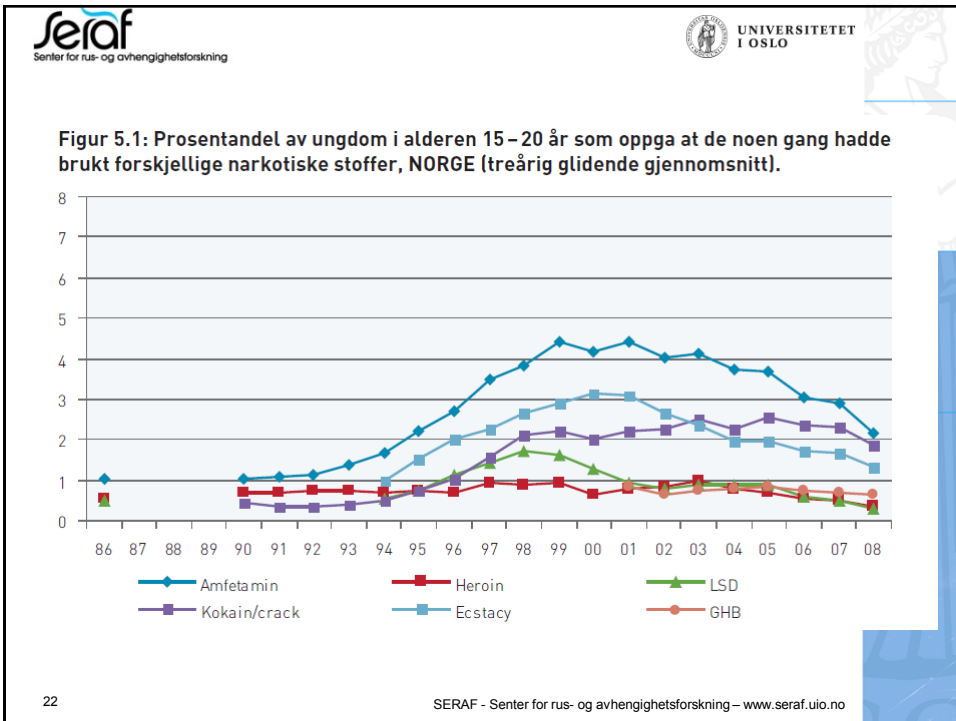
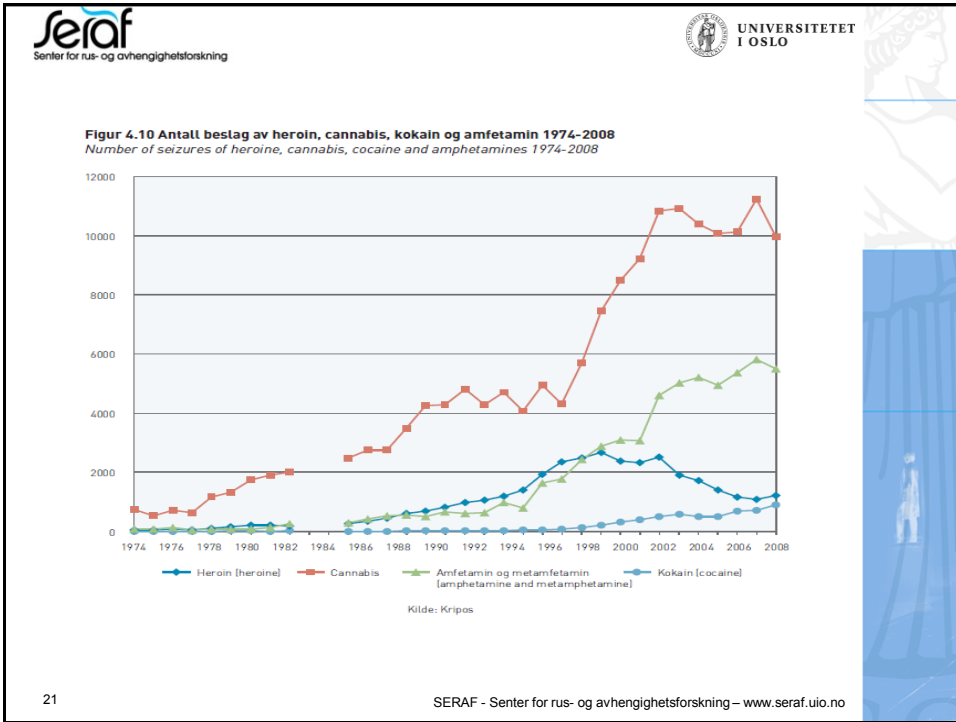




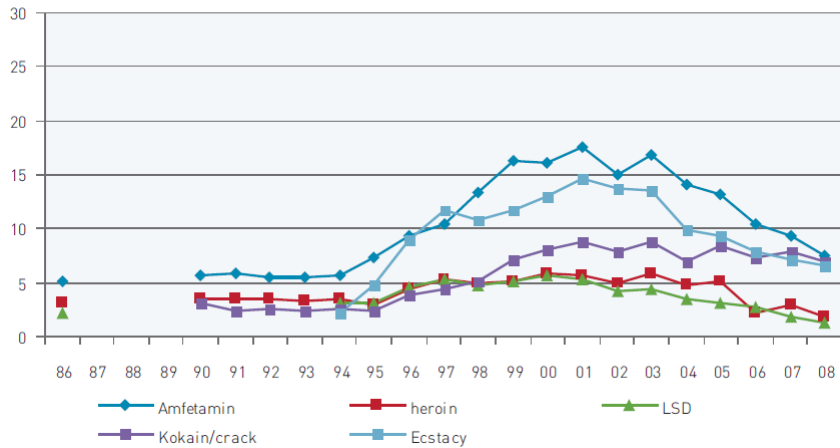
Area	Smoking (%)	Sniffing (%)	Injecting (%)	Other (%)
San Diego	60	22	18	0
Minneapolis-St. Paul	28	45	25	0
Texas	20	12	58	10

Note: Calendar year 2000 in Minneapolis/St. Paul; July-December 2000 in San Diego, and January-June 2001 in Texas.
Source: Community Epidemiology Work Group.

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Figur 5.3: Prosentandel av ungdom i alderen 15–20 år som oppga å ha blitt tilbudt ulike typer stoff, NORGE (treårig glidende gjennomsnitt).



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– Metamfetaminen florerer

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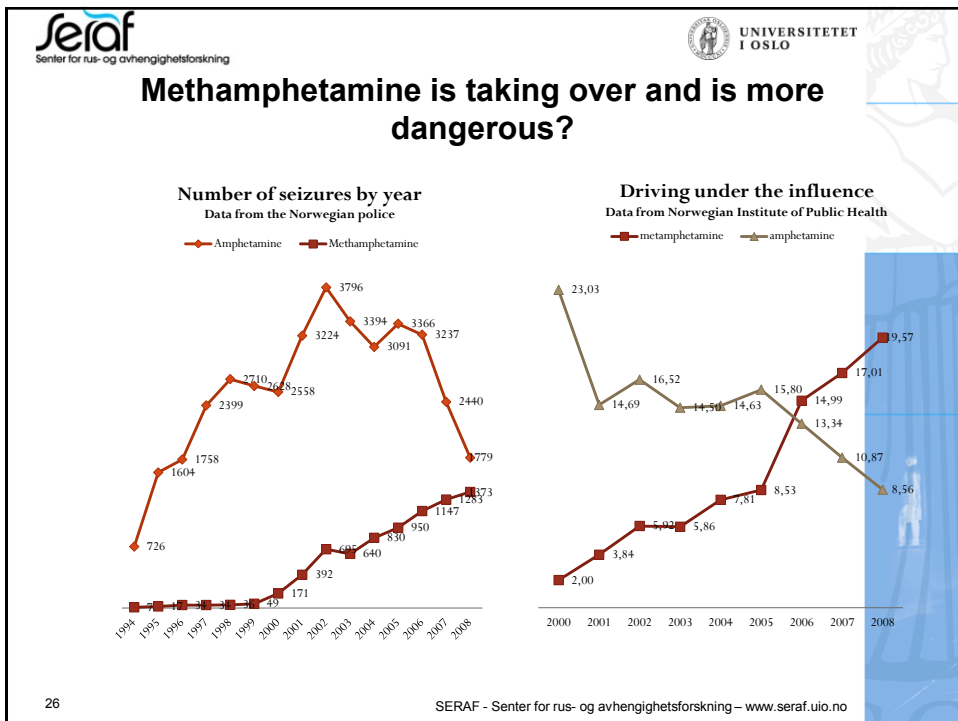
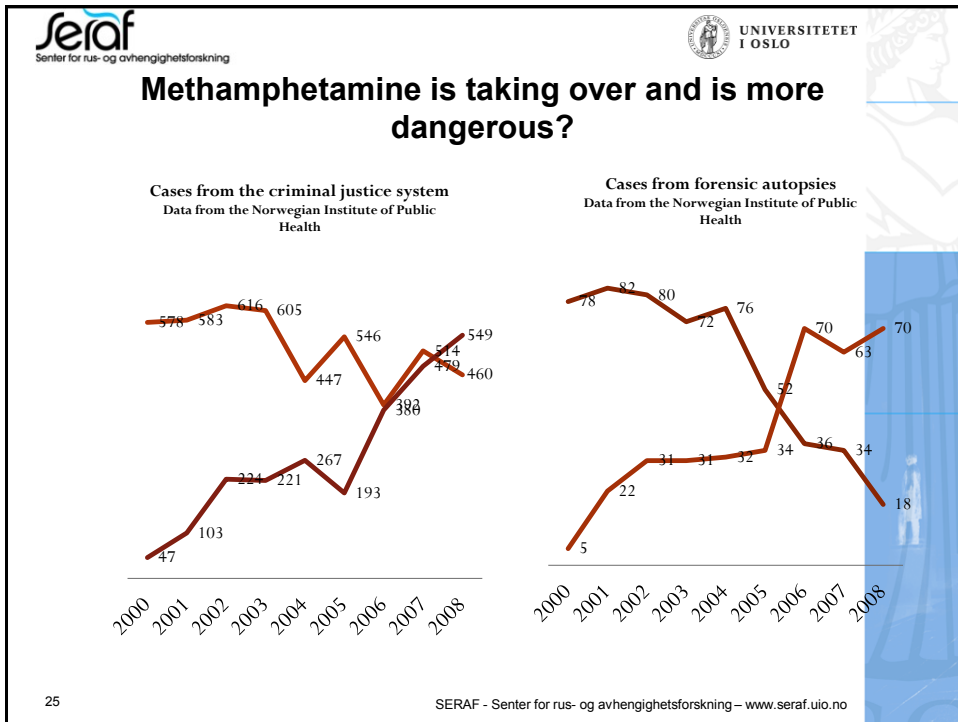
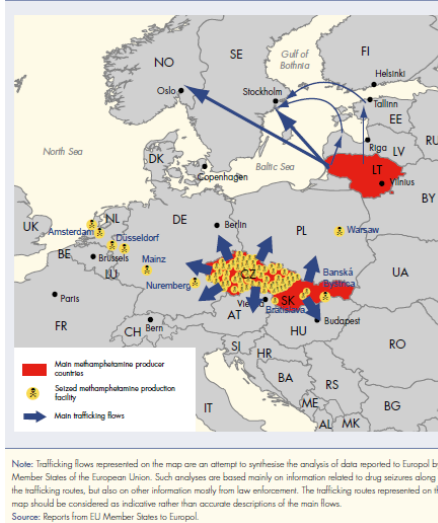


Figure 4. Seized methamphetamine production facilities in 2008 and main trafficking flows



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Patients in acute psychiatry

- 100 patients in emergency psychiatry the fall of 2003
- 22 had amphetamines in either blood and/or urine
- 14 (63 %) were methamphetamine positive
- In a later survey methamphetamine had increased further

Mordal et al 2010

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Syringe exchange buss in Oslo

- Users don't discriminate between amphetamine and methamphetamine
- Many declare that they have used amphetamines during the last month
 - Average 14.5 days last month
- Increase in share who have used amphetamines over the years 1999-2008
- Increase in the number of days used
- Price has gone down

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