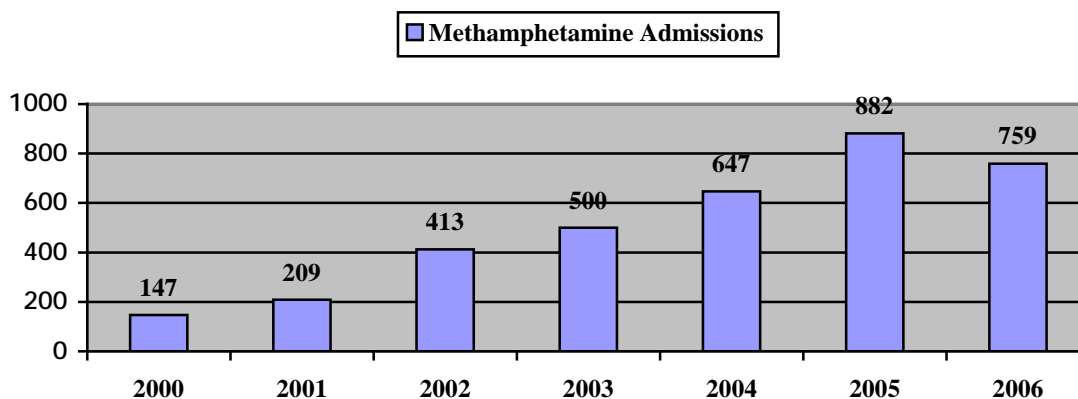


**North Carolina**  
2007 NASADAD State Snapshot on Methamphetamine



North Carolina providers first detected a rising number of methamphetamine admissions in 2001.

**2006 Demographics on Methamphetamine Admissions**

- 95.78% White
- 2.0% Black
- 50.7% Female / 49.3% Male
- 43.74% Between ages 25-34

**Other State Activities to Note**

North Carolina has a special methamphetamine treatment initiative focused on some of the State's western counties hardest hit by methamphetamine use. The State also passed tougher laws related to methamphetamine production, sales and distribution. The North Carolina Legislature signed into law a measure that restricts the sale of Sudafed and other cold medicines in an effort to stop the cooking of the illegal drug methamphetamine. Under the new law, buyers have to go to a pharmacy counter, show identification and sign a log in order to buy any tablets containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine. Buyers also must be at least 18 years old. They cannot purchase more than two packages at a time, and no more than three within 30 days without a prescription. Stores without pharmacies, such as convenience stores and some groceries, are not able to sell the medications at all. Legislation also included more aggressive prosecution for those exposing methamphetamine to children. Finally, standards have been put into place for removing toxic residue from residences that house methamphetamine labs.

If **additional resources** were made available to improve services, the areas in most need of assistance would be:

- Wrap-around services
- Residential capacity
- Staff training

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