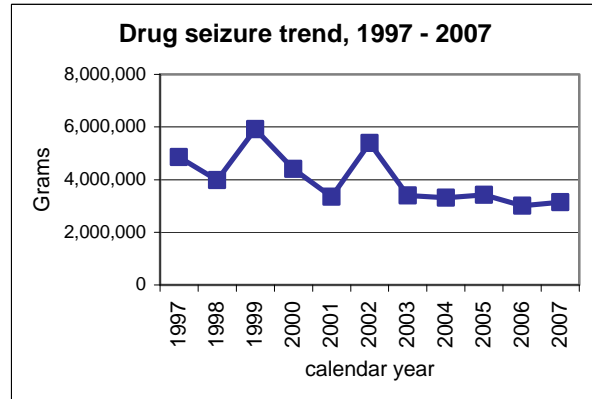
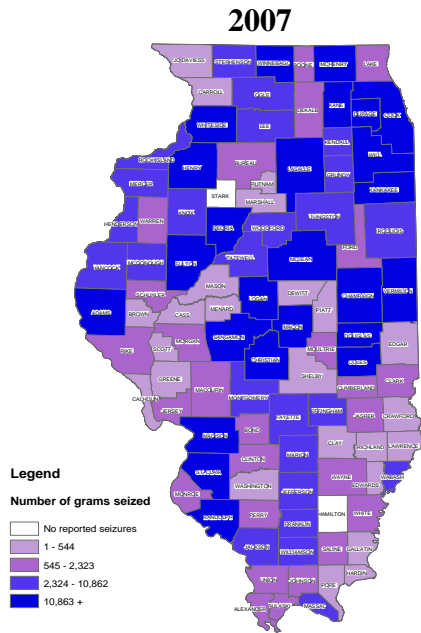


Drug Seizures



Source: Illinois State Police

- In Illinois, the Illinois State Police compile monthly statistics on the number and types of drugs seized and submitted to Illinois State Police drug analysis labs by the various law enforcement agencies in the state. Data from the DuPage and Northern Illinois (Lake County) labs are also included.
- In 2007, a wide range of drugs (measured in grams) were seized across the state. The map above shows the distribution of drug seizures for all drugs combined, by county, in terms of grams.
- From 1997 through 2007, drugs seized decreased 35 percent in Illinois, from 4,863,221 grams in 1997 to 3,144,204 grams in 2007. As can be seen by the chart above, there was a sharp drop between 2005 and 2007, due in part to a 69 percent decrease in methamphetamine seized during those three years (from 41,580 grams in 2005 to 12,799 grams in 2007).
- From 1997 through 2007, the number of crack/cocaine grams seized in Illinois decreased 48 percent. The peak year for crack/cocaine seizures was 2000, with 886,803 grams seized, compared to 237,078 grams in 2007.
- From 1997 through 2007, the number of cannabis grams seized in Illinois decreased 34 percent. The peak year for cannabis seizures was 1997, with 4,203,873 grams, compared to 2,198,783 grams in 2007.
- From 1997 through 2007, the number of heroin grams seized in Illinois decreased 38 percent. The peak year for heroin seizures was 1997, with 38,979 grams seized, compared to 27,565 grams seized in 2007.
- From 1997 through 2007, the Southern Cook region reported the largest decrease in drug seizures (73 percent) followed by the Northern region outside of Cook County (69 percent), and then Cook County (30 percent). In contrast, there was a 19 percent *increase* in the drug seizure rate for the Central region. (See the map below for these geographic regions.)

