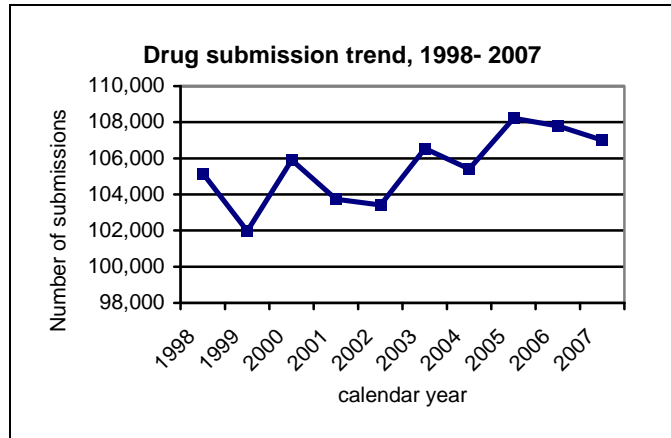
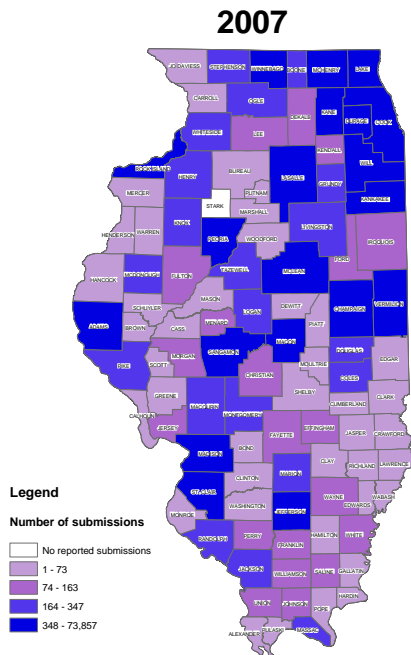


Drug crime lab submissions



Source: Illinois State Police

- These data are the number of submissions made by Illinois law enforcement agencies to Illinois crime labs for identification and analysis of illegal drugs seized. Most agencies submit to Illinois State Police crime labs, while the Chicago Police Department submits drugs to the Chicago Crime Lab. Only a small amount of a suspected illegal substance need to be submitted for analysis. Information on amounts of drugs seized can be found in the *Drug Seizures CJ DataNet Fact Sheet*.
- In 2007, a total of 107,008 drug submissions were made to crime labs in Illinois. The map above shows the distribution of these submissions by county, in terms of number of submissions made.
- From 1998 through 2007, the number of drug submissions fluctuated yearly, with a net increase of 2 percent over the ten-year period (from 105,162 in 1998 to 107,008 in 2007).
- From 1998 through 2007, the number of drug submissions to state crime labs increased 7 percent in both the Northern region outside Cook County and the Central region. In contrast, the number of drug submissions decreased 10 percent in Cook County, and 4 percent in the Southern region. (See map below for geographic regions.)
- From 1998 through 2007, cannabis was the primary drug submitted to labs for testing, increasing 33 percent during the 10-year period. However, methamphetamine submissions increased 108 percent during that time.
- From 1998 through 2007, cocaine submission decreased 29 percent and heroin submissions decreased 14 percent.

