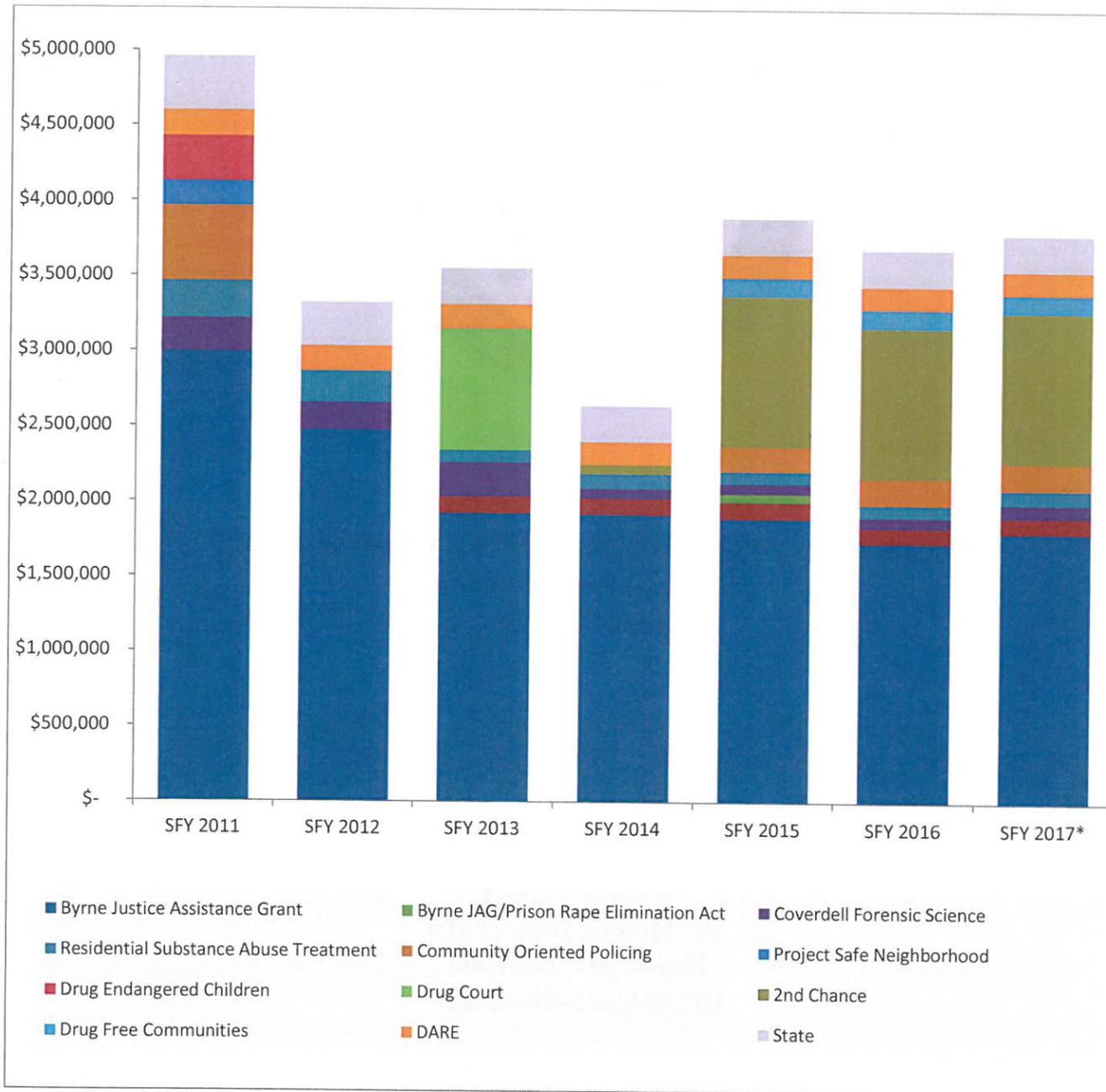


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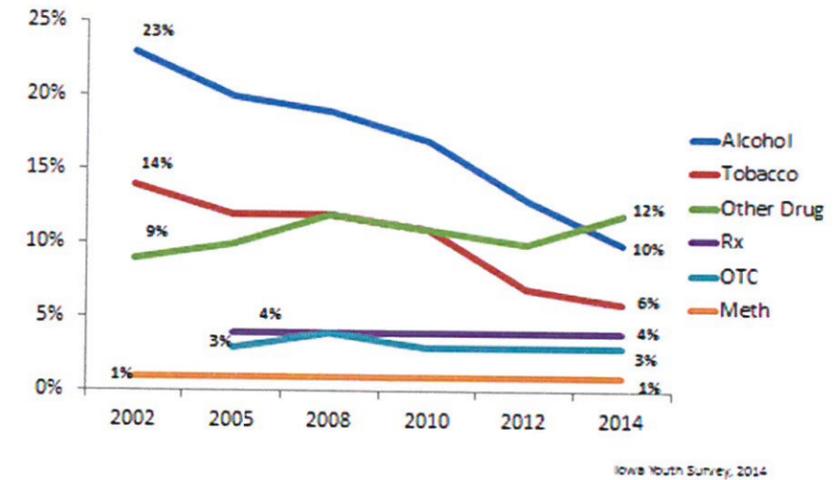
- **CBD UPDATE:** In roughly the first 12 months of Iowa's Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program (CBD oil for intractable epilepsy patients), 53 applications were approved for 115 CBD cards (patients + caregivers). Recent preliminary study results showed one specific CBD oil pharmaceutical product—*Epidiolex*—appeared to help some patients. FDA-authorized clinical trials of *Epidiolex* are due to conclude in the summer of 2016. If results are positive, application will be made to make the product available for prescription use within a year.

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- Synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and other “synthetic drugs” (a.k.a., K2, bath salts, etc.) continue to be a threat to young Iowans, even though the prevalence of these products appears to have decreased in the wake of stepped up enforcement and regulation.
- According to the most recent 2013-2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Iowa had the second lowest rate of 12+ illicit drug use (6.27%) and the lowest rate of 12-17 year old drug use (6.31%) in the U.S.
- The Iowa Youth Survey shows more than a decade of steady decline in substance abuse by Iowa Youth.

Iowa Youth Substance Abuse

6th, 8th and 11th Grade Users, Last 30-Days



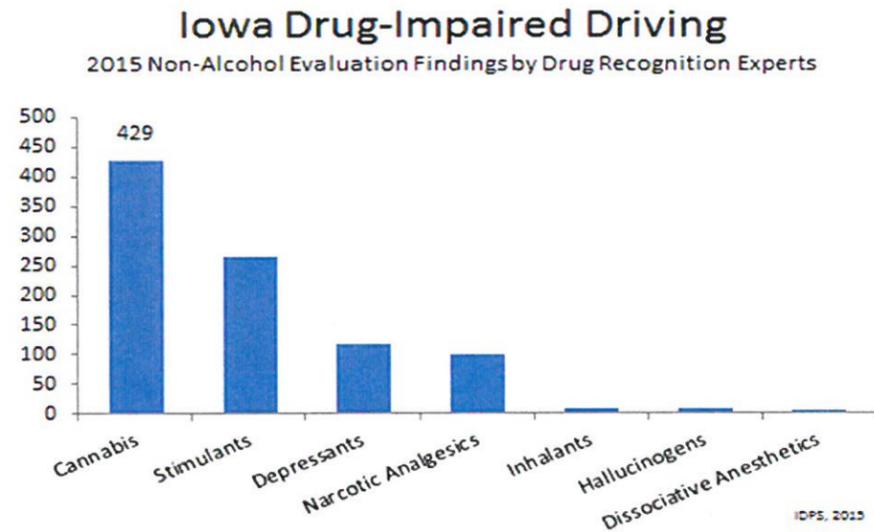


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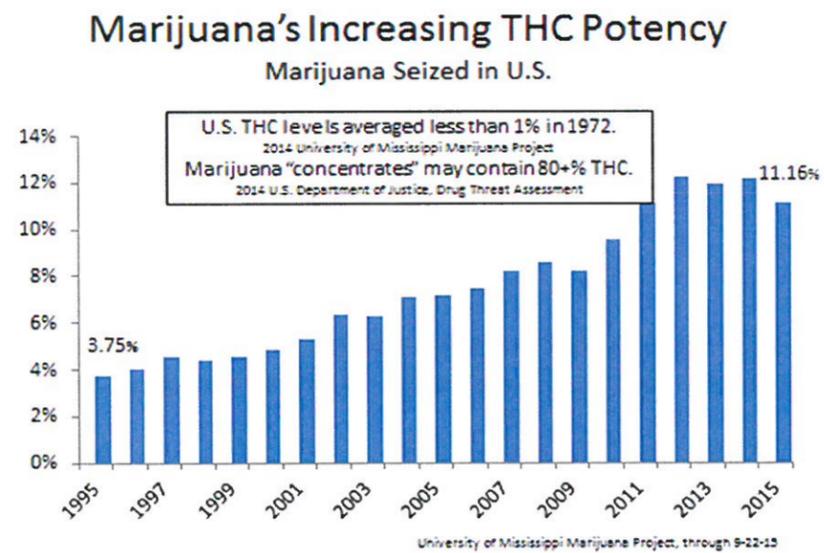
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- Marijuana-related hospital emergency room admissions tripled over the last 8 years (1,633 in 2014 vs. 455 in 2006), and about one-fourth of lowans in substance abuse treatment cite marijuana as their drug of choice (25.6% in 2014).
- Cannabis was detected in 50.8% of 2015 Drug Recognition Expert impaired driving evaluations.



- New forms of more potent marijuana are increasingly being discovered in Iowa. "Weed" THC levels in the U.S. now average 11.16% vs. <1% in 1972. Iowa's crime lab says 7.6% of 2015 marijuana submissions were "concentrates" (high potency oils, waxes and edibles) from western states, which reportedly can consist of THC levels of 80+%.



Iowa Byrne JAG Program - Summary Performance July 2014 - June 2015

No. of projects funded	24
\$ Expended	\$1,799,000
No. of counties involved	67
No. of positions funded	57
Task Force Projects	
New investigations	3,574
Federal search warrants	255
State Search Warrants	1,650
Felony arrests	1,797
Misd. arrests	1,290
Heroin seizures(kg)	5.9
Cocaine seizures(kg)	63.1
Crack cocaine seizures(kg)	1.7
Marijuana commercial grade (kg)	1,214.1
Methamphetamine (kg)	53.3
Methamphetamine ice (kg)	206.8
Ecstasy (MDMA)(kg)	23.1
Synthetic Cannabinoids (kg)	14.8
Mephedrone/Methylmethcathinone (Bath Salts)(kg)	-
# Cannabis grows seized	53
Number of cultivated marijuana plants	5,068
Number of firearms seized	915
Number of forfeiture cases filed	542
Number accepted for Federal felony charges	422
Number accepted for State felony charges	1,767
Number accepted for State misdemeanor charges	1,647
Number of trafficking organizations disrupted/dismantled	356
Number of youth referred to DHS	321
Treatment, Prevention, and Correctional Programming	
Number of new program participants receiving services	181
Number of program participants who successfully completed service	140

*Due to the multi-jurisdictional nature of drug enforcement task forces there is some duplication in reporting.