

# Voice of the Victims

## **Ecstasy Statistics**

**Drug Seizures:** Domestically, the DEA seized 196 MDMA tablets in 1993, and more than three million tablets in 2000. Source: DEA

**Emergency Room:** Emergency room visits involving MDMA have increased nearly 2,000 percent in the U.S., from 253 visits in 1994 to 4,023 in 2002. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Gateway Drug:** Prior research has shown that youths and young adults who are current Ecstasy users are more likely than nonusers to use other illicit drugs. Source: NIDA Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse: Advanced Report, June 2001

**Parents:** More than nine out of ten parents (92 percent) say they've heard about Ecstasy, and nine out of ten (90 percent) see great risk in regular Ecstasy use. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Parents:** Only one in four parents (24 percent) say they've talked with their children a lot about Ecstasy in the past year; just three percent believe their teenager may have used Ecstasy already. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Parents:** 41 percent of parents have never talked with their kids about Ecstasy. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Parents:** Among drugs parents talk with their kids about, Ecstasy was less likely to be discussed than any other drug – illicit or licit. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Parents:** More than half of parents (52 percent) say they need additional information on the dangers of Ecstasy. Source: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 2003 (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

**Teen Overall Drug Use Declining:** From 2001 to 2003, rates of past-year and past-month drug use declined 11 percent among 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. That's over 400,000 fewer teen drug users. Source: NIDA Monitoring the Future Survey, December 2003

**Tried Ecstasy at Least Once:** In 2001, over eight million persons age 12 or older reported using Ecstasy at least once in their lifetime. Source: NHSDA Report, March 2003

**Used Ecstasy in Past Year:** Over two million young adults age 18 to 25 tried Ecstasy at least once in the past year. Source: NHSDA Report, March 2003