

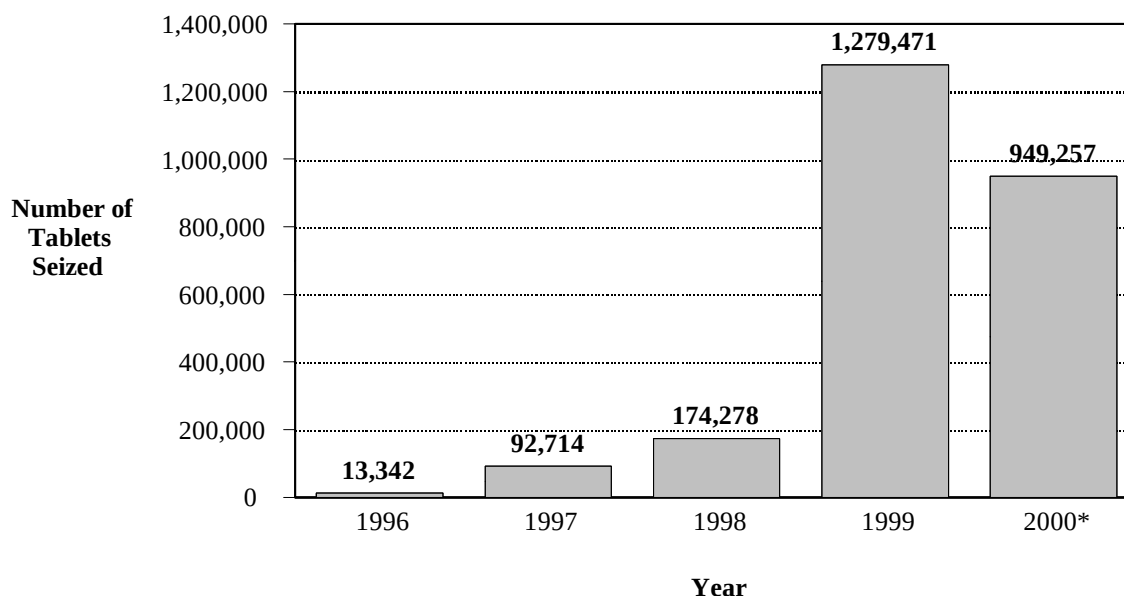
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DEA Seizes Nearly One Million Ecstasy Tablets in 2000

Nearly one million ecstasy tablets were seized by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2000, according to the *National Drug Control Strategy: 2001 Annual Report*. While this is a 26% decrease from the number seized in 1999, it is still substantially larger than the number seized in previous years. Other federal agencies have experienced similar increases in ecstasy seizures. For example, the United States Customs Service (USCS) reports that its ecstasy seizures increased from 750,000 in FY 1998 to approximately 9.3 million in FY2000. According to the report, “law enforcement agencies consider MDMA to be among the most immediate threats to youth and to law enforcement” (p. 24).

Number of Ecstasy (MDMA) Tablets Seized Domestically By the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 1996-2000



*2000 data is projected using data collected through March 2000.

NOTE: Seizures were reported in weight units (grams) or as tablet counts. Tablets are calculated at 0.125 grams per tablet.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), *The National Drug Control Strategy: 2001 Annual Report*, January 2001. Available online at www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/policy/ndcs01/strategy2001.pdf.