

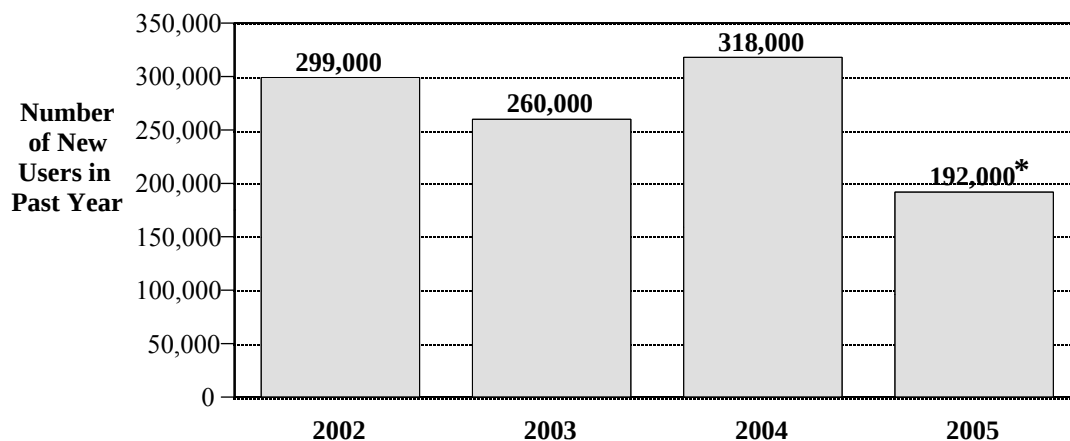
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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## *Number of New Methamphetamine Users Drops*

The number of U.S. household residents age 12 or older who used methamphetamine for the first time in the past year decreased significantly from 2004 to 2005, according to data from the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The number of recent methamphetamine initiates remained relatively stable from 2002 and 2004, but decreased from 318,000 to 192,000 from 2004 to 2005. At the same time, the percentage of persons using methamphetamine in the past year has also decreased, from 0.7% in 2002 to 0.5% in 2005 (data not shown). Since “measures of initiation are often leading indicators of emerging patterns of substance use” (p. 45), it is possible that there will be a further decline in the prevalence of methamphetamine use when 2006 survey data are released later this year.

### **Number of New Methamphetamine Users Age 12 or Older in Past Year, 2005**



\*The difference between the 2004 and 2005 estimates is statistically significant at the  $p \leq 0.01$  level.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), “Methamphetamine Use,” *The NSDUH Report*, January 26, 2007. Available online at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k6/meth/meth.cfm>.

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