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Street Names

XTC, E, X, STP, Clarity, Beans, Adams, Hug Drug, Eve, Lover’s Speed, Disco Biscuit, and Go.

EFFECTS

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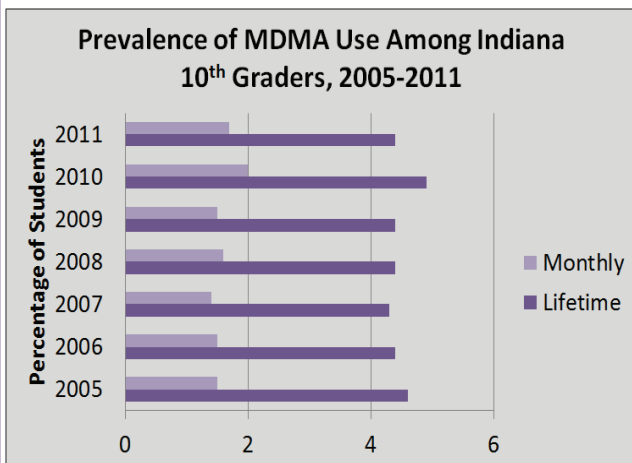
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INCIDENCE & PREVALENCE

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Source: IPRC 2011 ATOD Use By Children & Adolescents Survey*

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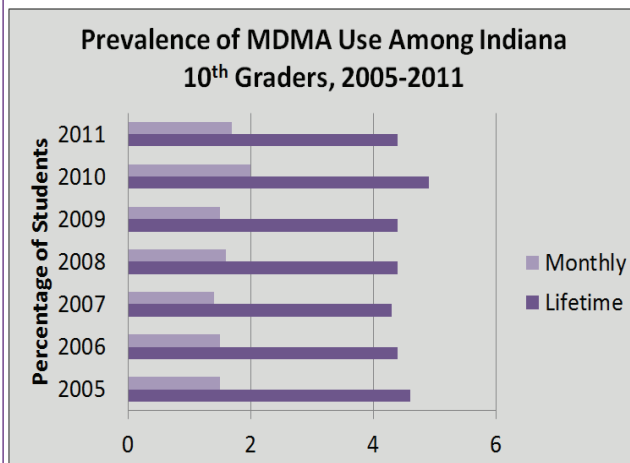
In 1988, the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration classified MDMA as a Schedule I substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970. This means that MDMA currently has a high potential for abuse, no accepted medical use in treatment, and a lack of accepted safety for the use under medical supervision.

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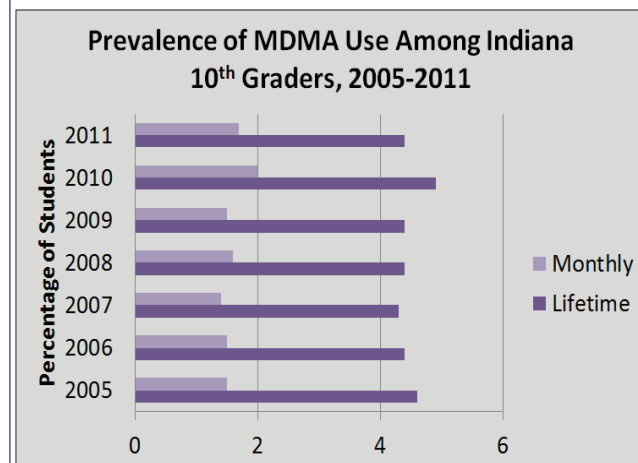
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