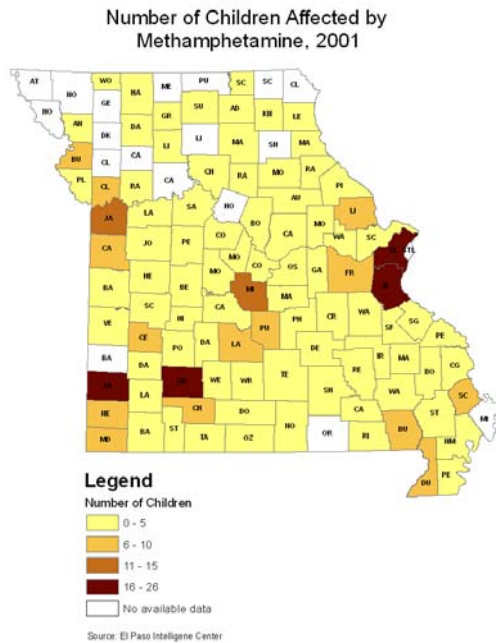


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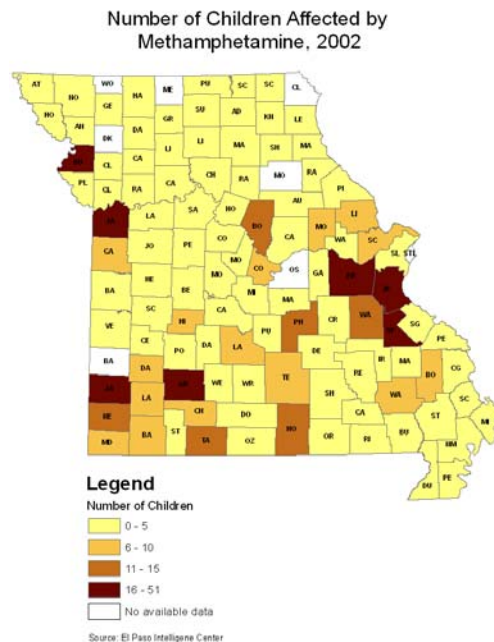
The past five years have witnessed significant changes in the distribution of children affected by methamphetamine. According to the El Paso Information Center, the government agency responsible for collecting justice statistics, a child is considered to be “affected” if he/she is present or thought to be present at an active methamphetamine lab. Data from this agency highlights the changing nature of the problem within Missouri.

Like the number of the lab seizures, the number of children affected by methamphetamine has increased over time in Missouri. In 2001, 284 children were classified as affected; in 2002 that number increased dramatically to 507. The total statewide declined slightly the next two years- to 444 in 2003 and 353 in 2004.

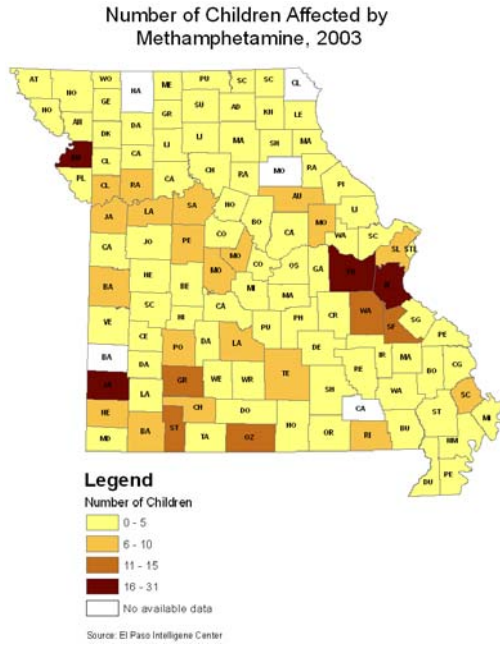


The geographic location of such children has also varied over time. In 2001 the largest numbers affected were near or outside of the two major metropolitan areas and border counties. Only four counties had more than sixteen children affected, namely St. Louis County, Jefferson, Greene and Jasper counties.

By 2002 seven counties has reached this threshold, including Buchanan, Jackson, Jasper and three



counties in the St. Louis area (Franklin, Jefferson and St. Francois).



By 2003, fewer counties had large numbers of children affected, although the statewide total was still substantially higher than in 2001. Additionally, the problem continued to spread throughout the St. Louis and Kansas City metro areas.

For 2004 the problem was concentrated in St. Charles, Jefferson, Greene and Jasper counties. Interestingly, these were 3 of the highest ranking counties in 2001 as well.

