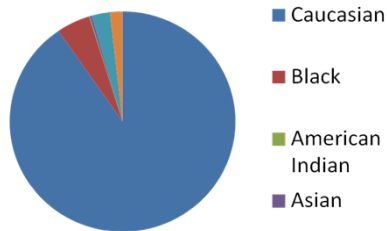


Franklin County is located in South Central Rural Tennessee. The county covers 555 square miles consisting of six independent cities. The county is situated in what some label as the "Bible Belt." The county has over eighty multiple denomination churches.

- Population: 40,772
- Median Age: 41.7 years
- Youth Population under age 18: 16.9%
- School Enrollment: 5,800
- Eligible for Free Lunch Program: 59%
- Average Household Income: \$41,823
- Unemployment Rate: 6.6%



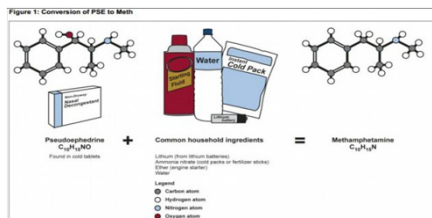
The Franklin County Prevention Coalition is a community coalition that brings people and organizations together to reduce youth substance abuse and violence through education and prevention strategies in Franklin County.

## Community Problem

### Manufacture, Sale and Use of Methamphetamine

**Pseudoephedrine** is the precursor for the manufacturing of methamphetamine. You can not make "Meth" without pseudoephedrine. Pseudoephedrine sales are a direct link to meth lab production which in return affects all aspects of our community especially our children.

- Pseudoephedrine sales from local pharmacies (SMURFING) has been continually increasing over the past three years.
- Over the past three years we have seen an increase in the number of children being taken into state custody who test positive for methamphetamine. 35% of all children removed from meth homes test positive for methamphetamine.
- The county has seen a significant increase in the number of Meth lab seizures.



# Community Snapshot

## Local Conditions are conducive to the manufacture of methamphetamine

- Citizens have easy access to pseudoephedrine through local pharmacies.
- Due to the nature of our rural community it is easy to make meth and dispose of the waste in the surrounding farmlands.
- The ingredients to make a batch of meth is cheap. A meth cook can cook a batch of meth for approx. \$25 and sell the product for over \$200.00 a \$175 profit!
- Due to the number of citizens in treatment and recovery from our community there is a high demand for meth. The shake and bake method is quick and easy to make.
- Meth is inexpensive to buy and there is a high profit margin.
- There is a high demand for methamphetamine.
- Pseudoephedrine is easily accessible.

Meth Lab Seizures		Pseudoephedrine Sales		Children Affected	
Year 2012	23	Year 2012	7173	Year 2012	6
Year 2013	31	Year 2013	2832	Year 2013	9
Year 2014	8	Year 2014	0	Year 2014	4

# Community Level Strategies/Change

In order to increase community awareness of the **METH** epidemic, the coalition partnered with local and state organizations to conduct a town hall meeting. Over 500 citizens attended the first meeting in 2010.

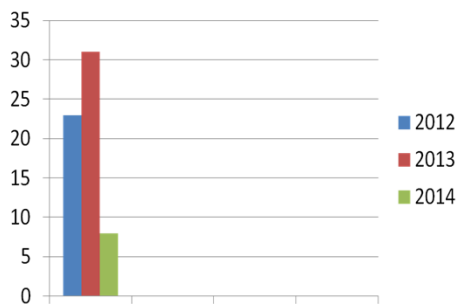
## Modify/change policy

Local city ordinances were passed to require pseudoephedrine products to be sold only by prescription only.



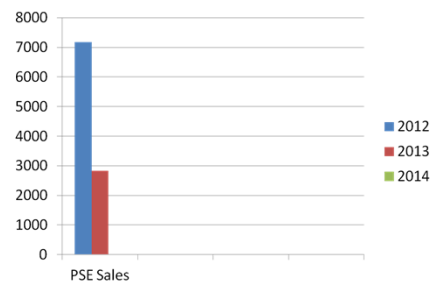
## Community-Level Outcomes

Franklin Co. Clandestine Meth  
Lab Seizures



**70%** reduction in  
Methamphetamine production.

Franklin Co. Pseudoephedrine Sales by  
Pharmacies



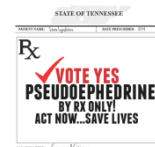
Through our efforts we have  
been able shut down an entire  
criminal enterprise known as  
**smurfing** in Franklin County.

## State Level -Outcomes

The coalition worked diligently with our local representative  
and state legislators for the following state bills to be passed.

### **Bills Passed during 2014 Legislative Session**

- SB1312 / HB1257 Clerk notification of meth conviction to the TBI.
- SB1503/HB1397** Failure to alert police when meth is manufactured on property.
- SB1596/HB1456** Methamphetamine criminal charge-indicate substance involved.
- SB1751/HB1574** Limits on the purchase of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine **from 108 grams to 28.8 grams**  
**Annually**
- SB2021/HB1661** Punishment for manufacturing and possessing methamphetamine.



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