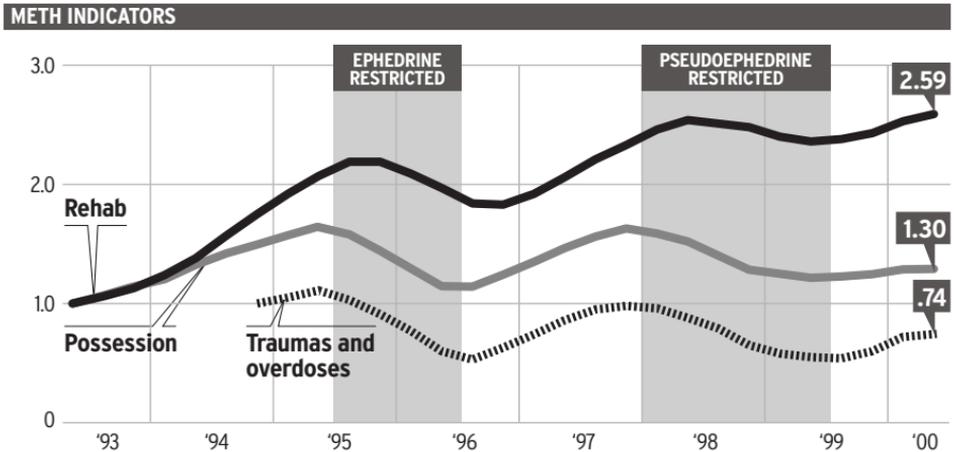


METH ABUSE DROPS AFTER RESTRICTIONS ON CHEMICAL INGREDIENTS

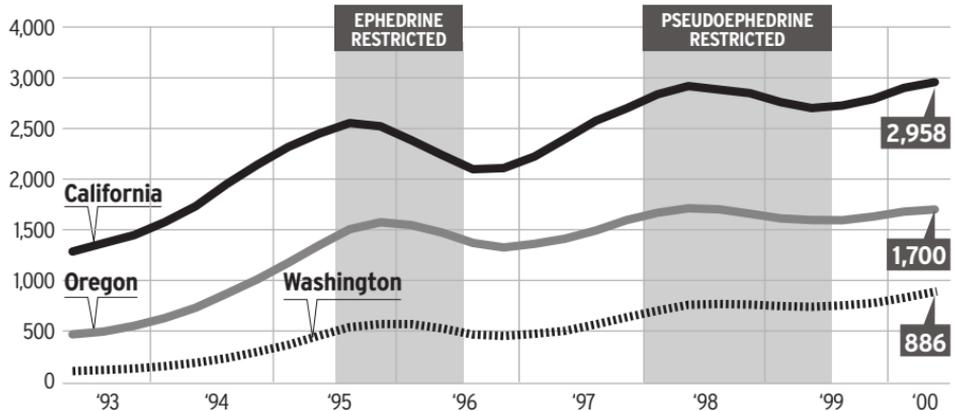
The two major declines in meth purity were matched by falling meth abuse. The chart below shows three indicators: meth possession arrests in California; meth rehab patients in Oregon, Washington and California; and meth-related traumas and overdoses nationally. In this chart, the number "1" denotes the starting value for each statistic. A "2" represents a doubling and "3" a tripling.



Sources: California Department of Justice; Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN); California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs; Washington Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Oregon Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services

REHAB PATIENTS

One indicator with data available across multiple states was the number of meth addicts admitted to rehabilitation programs. In Oregon, Washington and California, the pattern was identical, despite local differences in financing treatment. The chart shows the number of patients in each quarter. California figures were divided by 3 to fit on the same scale as the smaller states of Oregon and Washington.



Sources: California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs; Washington Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Oregon Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services