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Drug Theft Database
Both Law Enforcement and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines have developed a term "STANDARD DOSAGE UNIT" as a tool for comparison purposes. The Drug Enforcement Administration's Agents Manual (Appendix E) lists a "standard dosage unit" of Methadone as 10 milligrams (mg). All calculations contained in this report have been subjected to the uniformity of equating a dosage unit to 10mg.

Deviations which may look as “spikes “ in the data have been explored and have been explained with a singular theft event of large amounts of drug rather than an increased number of thefts.
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Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, E-Commerce Section, Targeting and Analysis Unit
Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(All Business and Theft Categories Included)

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Comparison of Theft-Type Categories for Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(All Business Types Included)

- **Night Break-Ins**: 212,511 Dosage Units (37.7%)
- **Employee Pilferage**: 129,997 Dosage Units (23.1%)
- **Customer Theft**: 1,820 Dosage Units (0.3%)
- **Armed Robbery**: 35,852 Dosage Units (6.4%)
- **Lost-In-Transit**: 80,549 Dosage Units (14.3%)
- **Other**: 102,950 Dosage Units (18.3%)

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts Nationwide, by Form from January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001 (All Business and Theft Categories Included)

- Tablets: 90,247 Dosage Units, 80%
- Liquids: 4,495 Dosage Units, 4%
- Diskettes: 17,588 Dosage Units, 16%

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts Nationwide, by Form from January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002
(All Business and Theft Categories Included)

- Tablets: 202,581 Dosage Units, 80.3%
- Diskettes: 9,964 Dosage Units, 3.9%
- Capsules: 240 Dosage Units, 0.1%
- Liquids: 39,568 Dosage Units, 15.7%

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts Nationwide, by Form from January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003
(All Business and Theft Categories Included)

- Liquids: 33,799 Dosage Units, 17.0%
- Tablets: 113,571 Dosage Units, 57.1%
- Diskettes: 51,524 Dosage Units, 25.9%
- Powder: 100 Dosage Units, 0.1%
Reported Thefts of Methadone Tablets
Nationwide, 2001 – 2003

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Methadone Tablet Thefts from Pharmacies vs. Tablets Thefts from Other Business Activities
2001 – 2003

Pharmacies
333,519 Dosage Units
82%

All Other Business Activities
72,880 Dosage Units
18%

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Liquids
Nationwide, 2001 – 2003

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Methadone Liquid Thefts from NTP’s vs. Liquid Thefts from Other Business Activities 2001 – 2003

NTP’s: 58,733 Dosage Units 75%

All Other Business Activities: 19,129 Dosage Units 25%

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Diskettes
Nationwide, 2001 – 2003

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Reported **Thefts** of Methadone Products
Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
*(Pharmacies Only - All Theft Categories Included)*

![Graph showing the reported thefts of methadone products](image)

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(Pharmacies Only - All Theft Categories Included)

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for Pharmacies by Form, 2001 – 2003

- **Tablets**: 333,519 Dosage Units (82.72%)
- **Diskettes**: 56,572 Dosage Units (14.03%)
- **Liquids**: 13,059 Dosage Units (3.24%)
- **Capsules**: 60 Dosage Units (0.01%)

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(Hospitals/Clinics Only - All Theft Categories Included)

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for Hospitals by Form, 2001 – 2003

- Tablets: 2,392 Dosage Units (30%)
- Diskettes: 3,128 Dosage Units (40%)
- Liquids: 2,370 Dosage Units (30%)
Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(Practitioners Only - All Theft Categories Included)

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for Practitioners by Form, 2001 – 2003

Tablets
60 Dosage Units
100%
Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(NTP’s Only - All Theft Categories Included)
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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for NTP’s by Form, 2001 – 2003

- **Liquids**: 58,733 Dosage Units (59.9%)
- **Tablets**: 23,895 Dosage Units (24.4%)
- **Diskettes**: 15,316 Dosage Units (15.6%)
- **All Other Forms**: 100 Dosage Units (0.1%)

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Products
Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(Distributors Only - All Theft Categories Included)

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
(Distributors Only - All Theft Categories Included)

- 2001: 6,268
- 2002: 8,386
- 2003: 11,158

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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for Distributors by Form, 2001 – 2003

- Tablets: 20,788 Dosage Units (80.5%)
- Liquids: 831 Dosage Units (3.2%)
- Diskettes: 4,012 Dosage Units (15.5%)
- Capsules: 180 Dosage Units (0.7%)

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Reported Thefts of Methadone Products Nationwide, 2001 – 2003
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Comparison of Methadone Thefts for Manufacturers by Form, 2001 – 2003

- Tablets: 25,746 Dosage Units, 89.8%
- Diskettes: 48 Dosage Units, 0.2%
- Liquids: 2,871 Dosage Units, 10.0%

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- Lost-In-Transit
- Night Breaks-Ins
- Employee Pilferage
2001 Methadone Lost-In-Transit
(All Business Types Included)

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2003 Methadone Lost-In-Transit
(All Business Types Included)

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2002 Methadone Night Break-Ins
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2002 Methadone Employee Pilferage
(All Business Types Included)

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2003 Methadone **Employee Pilferage**
*(All Business Types Included)*

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