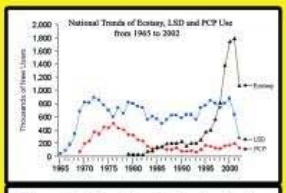
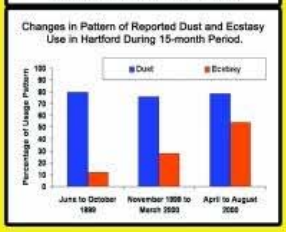
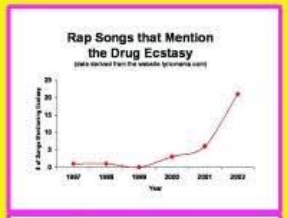
Ecstasy

Ecstasy has been used in the club scene since 1985. It became very popular among club-going American teens in the 1990s. By 1997 it began to spread to urban areas like Hartford. More youth living in and around Hartford began experimenting with Ecstasy and it could be bought at parties, clubs, and on city streets. Those who tried Ecstasy were usually introduced to it by their friends, who described it as a "happy" drug, and were either unaware or unconcerned about its potential health risks. The media hype around Ecstasy also increased at this time, mostly in TV programs, movies and popular music.







Song Lyrics

Eminem-Drug Ballad- 5/23/2000- "...I'm on one so lets enjoy/ let the X destroy your spinal chord/ so its not a straight line no more"

Missy Elliot-4 My People-5/15/2001- "Here's a glass of orange juice, lets go X it out/ This is for my people, my party people/ This is for my people, my ecstasy people"

D12- That's How...-6/19/2001- "Mixin weed with the brew, ecstasy and Kahlua Gasoline fumes, nitrous balloons Acid tab-lets and the magic mushrooms"

Fat Joe and R. Kelly- We Thuggin- 12/4/2001-"I'm on E feeling ready and hot/ I give 'em 20 a pop, leave the panties and tops"

Ecstasy's Potential Side Effects

Many E users, at the time of their initiation, are unaware of the various side effects that Ecstasy (like many other drugs) produces. These side effects have been categorized into short-term and long-term; the most common (not in any specific order) are:

Short-Term

- **Nausea**
- **Hallucinations**
- **Chills & Sweating**
- **Increased Body Temperature**
- **Tremors**

Long-Term

- **Depression**
- **Erectile Dysfunction**
- **Memory Loss**
- **Stroke**
- **Brain Damage**

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Ecstasy's Paraphernalia

Many people bring various items to rave events to enhance the effects of MDMA...Chemical glow sticks, bracelets, and necklaces are commonly worn...Ravers that use MDMA often wear painter's masks with menthol vapor rub applied to the inside of the mask. MDMA users believe that by inhaling the menthol fumes, they are enhancing the effects of the drug. They may be adding to their risk of hyperthermia, however, because the fumes cause eyes and nasal passages to dry out.

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