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# Ohio Multijurisdictional Task Force Trend Analysis

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## *Introduction*

This report presents data from Ohio multijurisdictional task forces funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) through the JAG/Byrne grant program. As a requirement of the JAG grants, task forces submitted two semi-annual performance reports to OCJS highlighting their activities and accomplishments for calendar years 2010 – 2013. The data from these performance reports was analyzed in this multi-year report. To provide a clear account of the data while accounting for the different number of task forces funded each year, data are typically presented as both averages<sup>1</sup> and totals.

This report contains 5 sections:

- I. Summary
- II. Overview
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- V. Other Data

**Disclaimer:** Data in this report are only as accurate as the data reported by task forces to OCJS. In some cases, data in this report may differ from the yearly reports compiled by OCJS due to updated figures provided by task forces.

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<sup>1</sup> To obtain averages in this report, variables of interest were divided by 50% of the total number of reports submitted in a given year. This was done to correct for the odd number of reports submitted by task forces in 2013.

## *Summary*

- The total number of task forces funded by the JAG/Byrne grant program increased from 32 in 2010 to 38 in 2013.
- Task forces increased their average number of felony indictments while decreasing the average number of new cases worked. This indicates that task forces became more efficient from 2010 to 2013.
- Task forces obtained more indictments for street drugs between 2010 and 2013, primarily due to large increases in indictments for heroin trafficking and possession. They also recorded more seizures for nearly every type of street drug collected in this study during the same time period.
- Indictments for pharmaceutical drugs increased during the reporting period. Oxycodone, hydrocodone, and alprazolam were the most frequently seized/diverted drugs by the task forces.

## Overview

<b>Task Force Report Submissions</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Number of Task Forces Funded	32	37	36	38
Number of Reports Submitted	58	60	64	71
Reporting Rate	91%	81%	89%	93%

- The total number of task forces funded by the JAG/Byrne grant program increased from 32 in 2010 to 38 in 2013.
- The overall task force report submission rate peaked at 93% in 2013.

<b>Trainings</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Presentations and Trainings	500	578	563	723	<b>2,364</b>
Participants in Trainings	15,411	26,248	21,196	30,943	<b>93,798</b>

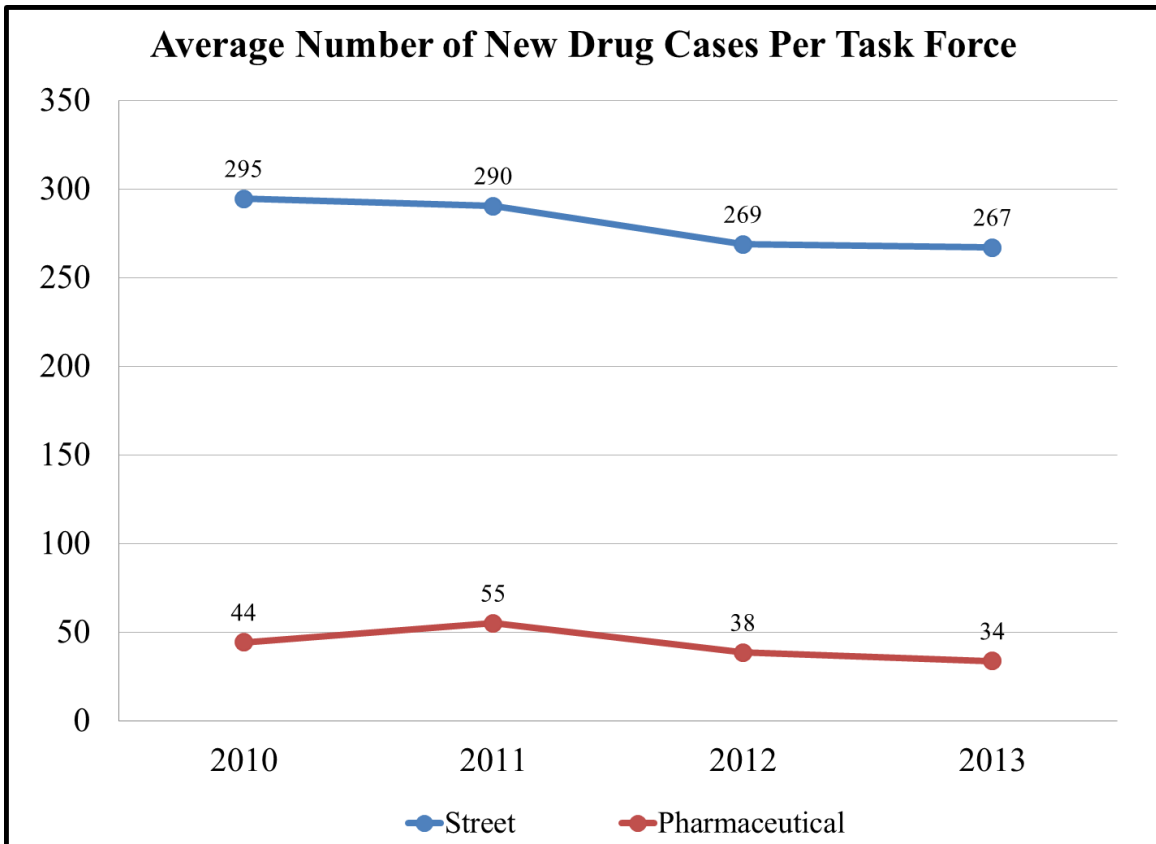
- Task forces increased the total number of presentations/trainings from 2010 to 2013.
- The number of people participating in presentations and trainings increased from 2010 to 2013.

<b>Search Warrants</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Number of Search Warrants	2,054	2,729	2,862	3,463	<b>11,108</b>
Average Number Per Task Force	71	91	89	98	

- The total number of search warrants executed by task forces increased every year.
- The average number of search warrants executed by task forces increased by 38% from 2010 to 2013.

<b>Total Number of New Drug Cases</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Street	8,541	8,714	8,600	9,481	<b>35,336</b>
Pharmaceutical (Rx)	1,282	1,651	1,231	1,201	<b>5,365</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,823</b>	<b>10,365</b>	<b>9,831</b>	<b>10,682</b>	<b>40,701</b>

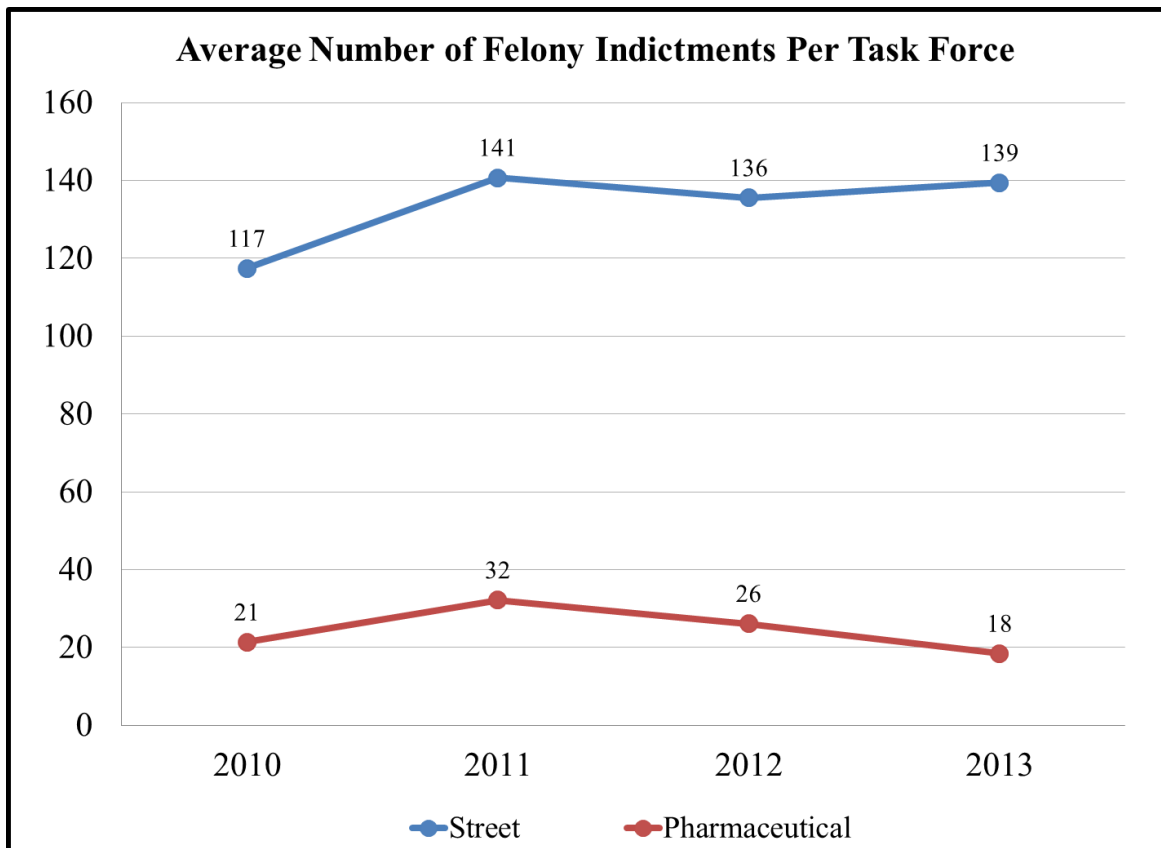
- The total number of new street drug cases increased between 2010 and 2013, while the total number of new pharmaceutical cases decreased during the same time period.



- The average number of both street and pharmaceutical drug cases decreased slightly during the reporting period.

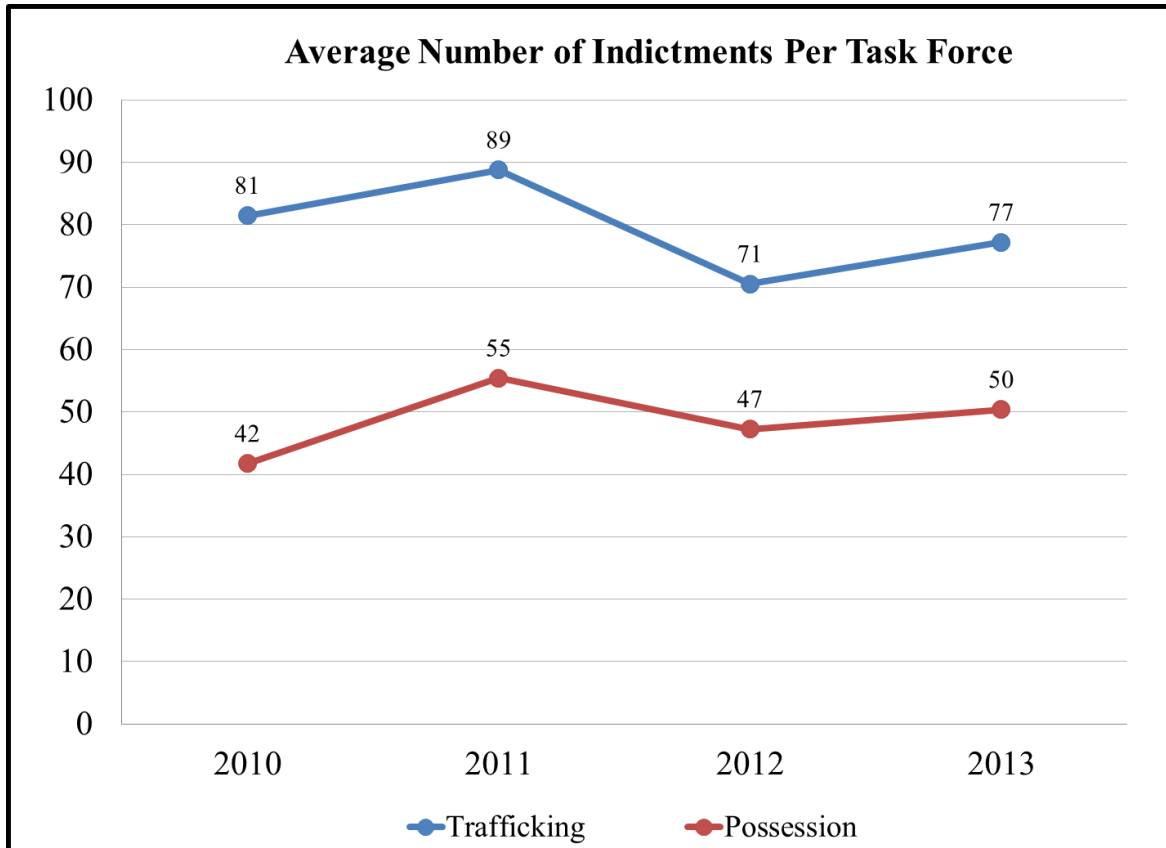
<b>Felony Level Drug Indictments</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Felony 1	448	654	1,004	763	<b>2,869</b>
Felony 2	486	539	613	634	<b>2,272</b>
Felony 3	899	1,099	930	1,204	<b>4,132</b>
Felony 4	1,067	1,321	1,065	1,133	<b>4,586</b>
Felony 5	1,124	1,574	1,561	1,870	<b>6,129</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>5,187</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>5,604</b>	<b>19,988</b>

- Task forces reported increases in indictments across all five felony categories in 2013 compared to 2010.



- The average number of felony indictments for street drug crimes increased by approximately 19% between 2010 and 2013, while the average number of felony indictments for pharmaceutical drug crimes decreased slightly.

## Street Drug Activity



- The average number of trafficking indictments per task force remained mostly the same between 2010 and 2013.
- The average number of possession indictments increased from 42 in 2010 to 50 in 2013.

<b>Drug Trafficking Indictments</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Heroin	470	725	712	1,217	<b>3,124</b>
Marijuana	846	647	531	557	<b>2,581</b>
Cocaine	397	360	420	490	<b>1,667</b>
Crack	427	468	330	190	<b>1,415</b>
Methamphetamine	64	56	76	95	<b>291</b>
Ecstasy	49	63	37	36	<b>185</b>
Bath Salts	*	*	27	44	<b>71</b>
LSD	20	15	11	14	<b>60</b>
Psilocybin Mushrooms	12	24	16	6	<b>58</b>
Other	78	305	97	92	<b>572</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>10,024</b>

- Heroin, marijuana, and cocaine were the most commonly trafficked drugs based on task force reports.
- Heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine trafficking indictments increased between 2010 and 2013, while trafficking indictments for all other drugs decreased<sup>2</sup>.
- The increase in the total number of drug trafficking indictments was driven by a nearly 160% increase in indictments for heroin trafficking.

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<sup>2</sup> Though data on bath salts trafficking were not available in 2010 or 2011, indictments for both trafficking and possession of bath salts increased from 2012 to 2013.



<b>Drug Possession Indictments</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Heroin	237	551	566	777	<b>2,131</b>
Marijuana	372	296	272	301	<b>1,241</b>
Cocaine	224	259	265	335	<b>1,083</b>
Crack	189	202	141	111	<b>643</b>
Methamphetamine	107	100	161	167	<b>535</b>
Ecstasy	17	19	15	18	<b>69</b>
Bath Salts	*	*	19	39	<b>58</b>
Psilocybin Mushrooms	6	21	21	5	<b>53</b>
LSD	9	26	4	6	<b>45</b>
Other	49	189	48	30	<b>316</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>6,174</b>

- Heroin, marijuana, and cocaine were the drugs most frequently involved in possession indictments.
- The total number of indictments for heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and ecstasy possession increased from 2010 to 2013, while possession indictments for all other drugs decreased.
- The total increase in possession indictments from 2010 to 2013 was largely driven by the increase of heroin possession indictments by over 200%.

<b>Amount of Drugs Seized</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Marijuana (pounds)	351,277	49,793	118,552	20,648	<b>540,270 pounds</b>
Marijuana (plants)	57,005	12,494	18,002	13,079	<b>100,580 plants</b>
Cocaine (grams)	140,139	191,223	384,090	189,481	<b>904,934 grams</b>
Mushrooms (grams)	3,260	3,578	89,736	231,352	<b>327,924 grams</b>
Heroin (grams)	35,546	55,436	89,037	80,139	<b>260,158 grams</b>
Bath Salts (grams)	*	*	50,542	71,679	<b>122,221 grams</b>
Methamphetamine (grams)	9,732	24,549	6,280	38,233	<b>78,794 grams</b>
Crack (grams)	6,736	50,814	5,710	12,244	<b>75,505 grams</b>
Ecstasy (dosage units)	2,344	6,801	1,606	12,012	<b>22,762 DU's</b>
LSD (dosage units)	1,138	1,003	729	2,814	<b>5,684 DU's</b>

- Marijuana was the most commonly seized drug, followed by cocaine, mushrooms, and heroin<sup>3</sup>.
- There was an increase in the total amount of seizures for all drug types, with the exception of marijuana (both pounds and plants)<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> In a few rare cases, task forces reported seizures of ecstasy in grams and seizures of heroin in either hits or dosage units. Since there is no standard way to convert from dosage units to hits or grams, these seizures were omitted from the table above.

<sup>4</sup> The average number of drugs seized per year was omitted from this section, since it can be skewed by large seizures which tend to occur randomly.

## Pharmaceutical (Rx) Drug Activity<sup>5</sup>

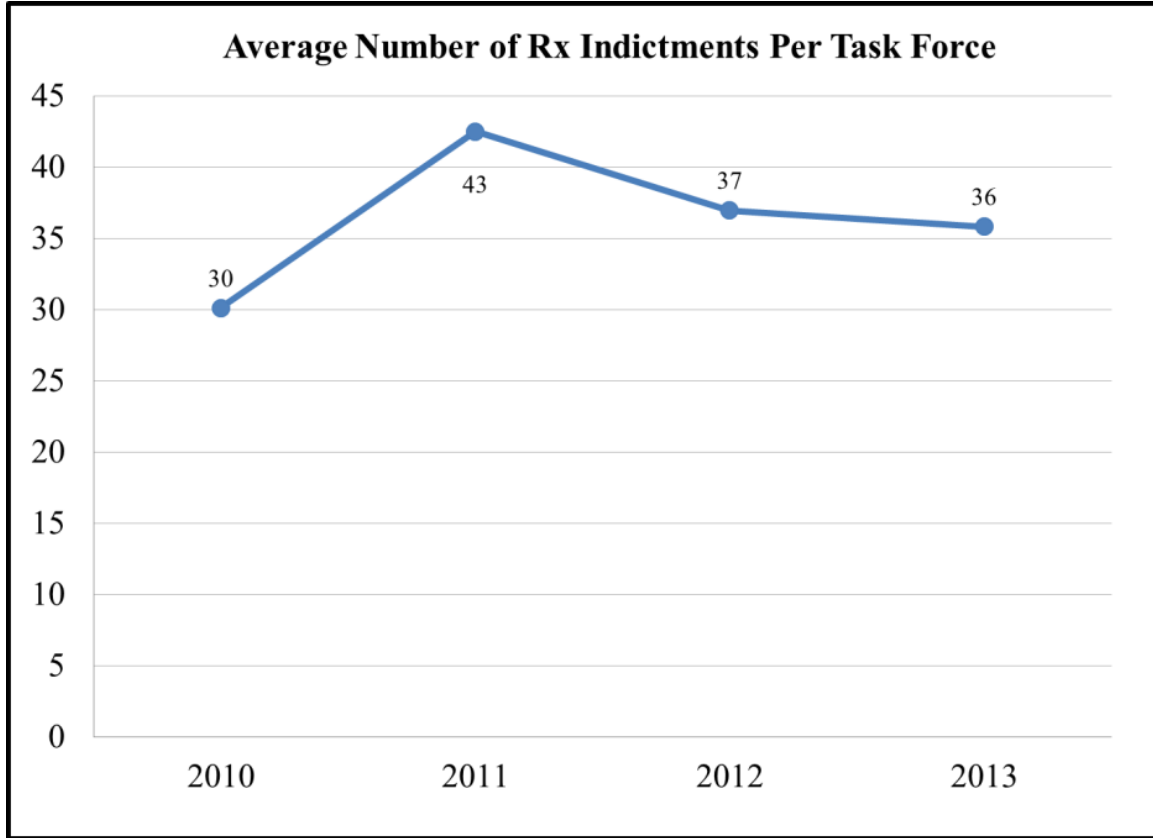
Rx Drug Seizures					
Drug	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Alprazolam (Xanax®)	5,252	11,060	4,254	2,488	<b>23,054</b>
Amphetamine mixture (Adderall®)	1,654	614	532	800	<b>3,600</b>
Buprenorphine (Subutex®, Suboxone®)	*	541	421	953	<b>1,915</b>
Carisoprodol (Soma®)	423	4,214	301	130	<b>5,068</b>
Clonazepam (Klonopin®)	*	437	752	335	<b>1,524</b>
Codeine (Tylenol® #3/4, cough syrup)	299	179	183	191	<b>852</b>
Diazepam (Valium®)	512	904	1,073	847	<b>3,336</b>
Fentanyl, fentanyl citrate (Duragesic® patches)	5	217	114	116	<b>452</b>
Hydrocodone (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Lorcet®)	14,125	23,449	6,245	13,710	<b>57,528</b>
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)	219	602	680	389	<b>1,889</b>
Lorazepam (Ativan®)	112	1,351	610	176	<b>2,249</b>
Methadone (liquid/wafers/pills)	3,343	1,458	809	185	<b>5,795</b>
Methylphenidate (Ritalin®)	685	2,174	414	57	<b>3,330</b>
Morphine (MS Contin®, EMBEDA®, Kadian®)	1,209	2,441	835	305	<b>4,790</b>
Oxycodone—Extended Release (ER) (OxyContin®)	8,652	21,053	4,421	2,909	<b>37,035</b>
Oxycodone—Immediate Release (IR) (Percocet®)	12,722	68,197	8,041	11,824	<b>100,784</b>
Oxymorphone (Opana®)	*	871	1,402	258	<b>2,531</b>
Phentermine (Adipex-P®, Fastin®, Ionamin®)	1	674	167	109	<b>951</b>
Tramadol (Ultram®, Ultracet®)	2,467	1,392	615	314	<b>4,788</b>
Zolpidem Tartrate (Ambien®)	878	46	699	36	<b>1,659</b>

- The most commonly seized pharmaceutical drugs were oxycodone (both ER and IR), hydrocodone, and alprazolam.
- Seizures for diazepam, fentanyl, hydromorphone, lorazepam, and phentermine increased between 2010 and 2013. Seizures for all other pharmaceutical drugs decreased.

<sup>5</sup> All Rx seizures are reported as dosage units. Buprenorphine, clonazepam, and oxymorphone were not reported by task forces in 2010.

<b>Rx Drug Diversions</b>					
<b>Drug</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alprazolam (Xanax®)	93,284	119,568	30,065	26,961	<b>269,878</b>
Amphetamine mixture (Adderall®)	16,853	2,310	14,673	8,291	<b>42,127</b>
Buprenorphine (Subutex®, Suboxone®)	*	7,787	1,539	4,445	<b>13,771</b>
Carisoprodol (Soma®)	19,238	7,628	2,387	2,680	<b>31,933</b>
Clonazepam (Klonopin®)	*	15,825	5,501	2,052	<b>23,378</b>
Codeine (Tylenol® #3/4, cough syrup)	2,928	7,281	2,003	10,616	<b>22,828</b>
Diazepam (Valium®)	34,582	15,735	6,825	6,956	<b>64,098</b>
Fentanyl, fentanyl citrate (Duragesic® patches)	5,770	1,883	778	457	<b>8,888</b>
Hydrocodone (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Lorcet®)	230,125	218,153	188,735	182,433	<b>819,446</b>
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)	27,064	5,845	70	3,721	<b>36,700</b>
Lorazepam (Ativan®)	4,970	6,789	3,251	5,486	<b>20,496</b>
Methadone (liquid/wafers/pills)	140,801	36,005	6,685	3,150	<b>186,641</b>
Methylphenidate (Ritalin®)	2,060	15,261	2,924	2,422	<b>22,667</b>
Morphine (MS Contin®, EMBEDA®, Kadian®)	42,184	20,359	1,481	1,713	<b>65,737</b>
Oxycodone—Extended Release (ER) (OxyContin®)	77,974	75,857	59,644	9,895	<b>223,370</b>
Oxycodone—Immediate Release (IR) (Percocet®)	417,615	279,522	134,607	424,710	<b>1,256,454</b>
Oxymorphone (Opana®)	*	2,559	1,260	1,961	<b>5,780</b>
Phentermine (Adipex-P®, Fastin®, Ionamin®)	0	330	1,676	225	<b>2,231</b>
Tramadol (Ultram®, Ultracet®)	47,177	33,280	16,570	36,588	<b>133,615</b>
Zolpidem Tartrate (Ambien®)	11,010	3,210	6,323	7,092	<b>27,635</b>

- Diversions reflect the amount of prescription drugs that have been identified as diverted dosage units during an investigation, but never seized.
- The most commonly diverted pharmaceutical drugs were oxycodone-IR, hydrocodone, and alprazolam.
- Diversions for codeine, lorazepam, methylphenidate, oxycodone-IR and phentermine increased between 2010 and 2013. Diversions for all other pharmaceutical drugs decreased during the same time period.

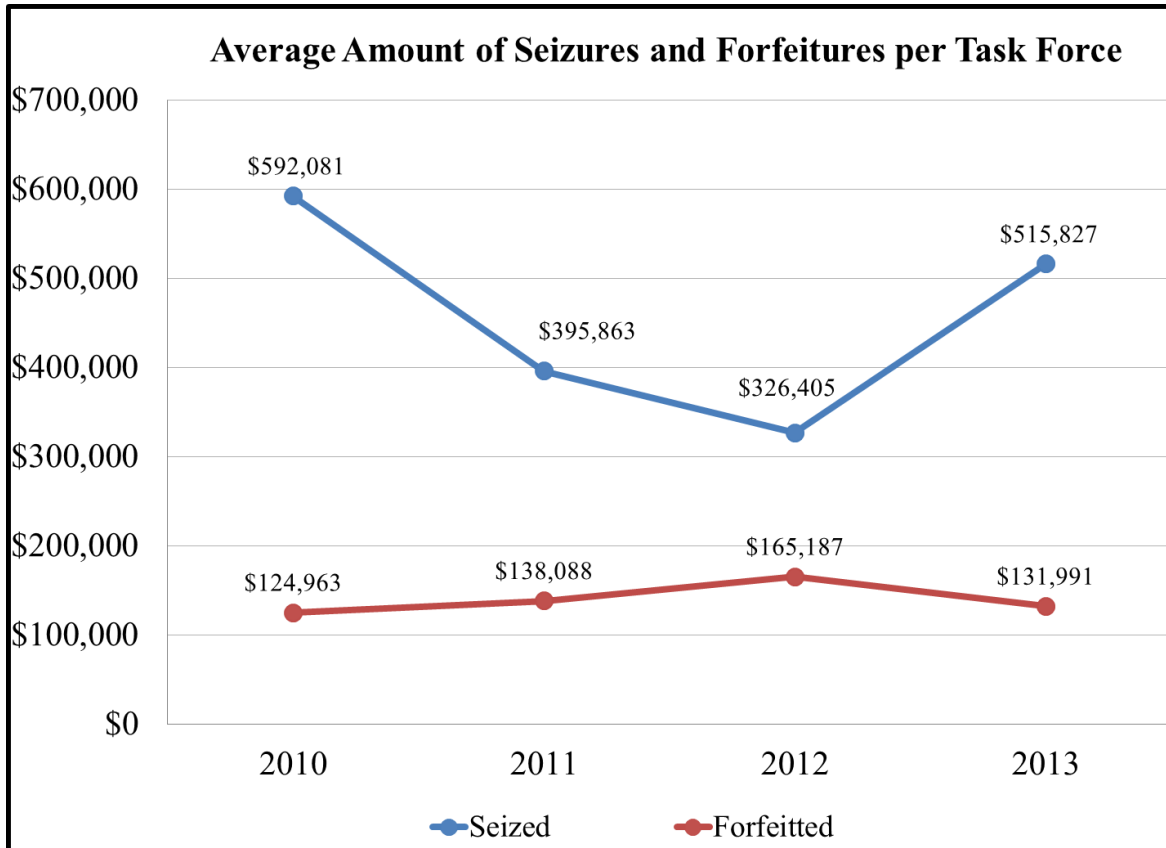


- The average number of pharmaceutical indictments per task force increased by 20% between 2010 and 2013.

<b>Rx Indictments</b>					
<b>Drug</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Trafficking/Sale	477	505	480	584	<b>2,046</b>
Doctor Shopping	178	246	276	176	<b>876</b>
Possession	42	235	246	273	<b>796</b>
Forged/Altered prescriptions	140	250	153	201	<b>744</b>
Rx Theft	36	39	28	38	<b>141</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>4,603</b>

- With the exception of a small decrease in indictments for doctor shopping, the total number of indictments for pharmaceutical drugs increased across all categories between 2010 and 2013.

## Other Data<sup>6</sup>



- Asset *seizures* generally refer to the seizure of drug-related assets that have been used to facilitate drug trafficking or are derived from drug trafficking. Asset *forfeitures* refer to those seized assets proven in court to have been used to facilitate drug trafficking or derived from drug trafficking (and are thus forfeited to government entities).
- The average amount seized by task forces decreased from 2010 to 2013, though it rebounded in 2013 after decreasing in 2011 and 2012.
- The average amount of forfeitures increased by about 6% from 2010 to 2013, despite the decrease in overall seizures.

<sup>6</sup> "Other Data" refers to all non-drug data recorded by task forces.

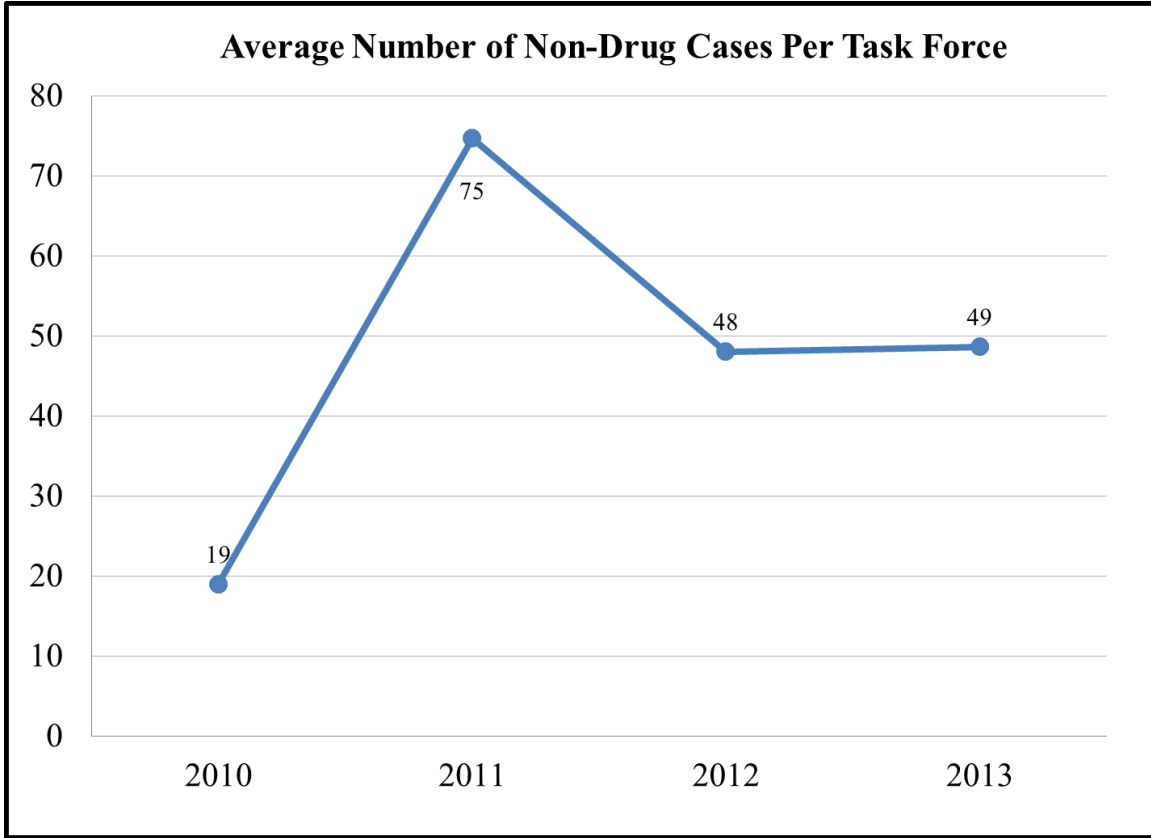
<b>Task Force Seizures</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Currency	\$12,407,026	\$8,517,863	\$7,869,211	\$14,971,626	<b>\$43,765,726</b>
Motor Vehicles	\$3,052,668	\$2,142,709	\$1,849,909	\$2,510,171	<b>\$9,555,457</b>
Real Estate	\$1,353,860	\$884,945	\$266,300	\$504,134	<b>\$3,009,239</b>
Other	\$169,415	\$199,776	\$347,625	\$221,296	<b>\$938,112</b>
Electronics	\$187,390	\$130,585	\$111,927	\$104,642	<b>\$534,544</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,170,359</b>	<b>\$11,875,878</b>	<b>\$10,444,972</b>	<b>\$18,311,869</b>	<b>\$57,803,077</b>

- Currency accounted for the majority of task force seizures between 2010 and 2013.
- The only categories of seizures to increase from 2010 to 2013 were currency and other<sup>7</sup>.
- Total seizures increased from 2010 to 2013; this was mostly driven by the increase in currency seizures during this time period.

<b>Task Force Forfeitures</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Currency	\$2,988,103	\$3,217,389	\$4,173,217	\$3,953,910	<b>\$14,332,619</b>
Motor Vehicles	\$436,052	\$754,028	\$492,248	\$533,382	<b>\$2,215,711</b>
Real Estate	\$154,412	\$128,747	\$443,827	\$103,079	<b>\$830,065</b>
Other	\$19,283	\$21,575	\$158,293	\$29,283	<b>\$228,433</b>
Electronics	\$26,066	\$20,912	\$18,400	\$66,011	<b>\$131,389</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,623,916</b>	<b>\$4,142,651</b>	<b>\$5,285,985</b>	<b>\$4,685,665</b>	<b>\$17,738,217</b>

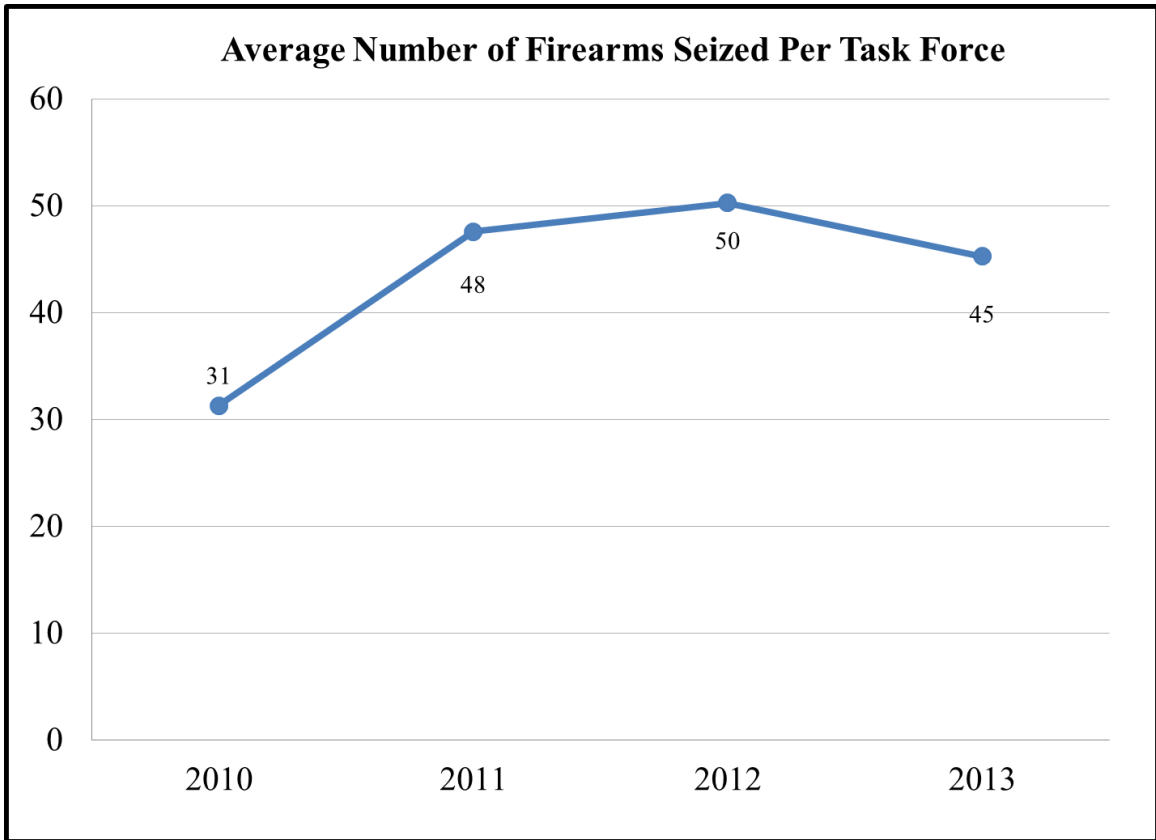
- Currency accounted for the majority of task force forfeitures between 2010 and 2013.
- Real estate was the only forfeiture category to show a decrease from 2010 to 2013.
- The increase in forfeitures from 2010 to 2013 was mostly driven by the increase in currency seizures.

<sup>7</sup> The "Other" category includes items such as jewelry and firearms that were not a part of the other collected categories.



- The average number of non-drug cases per task force increased from 2010 to 2013, though it declined from a high of 75 in 2011.





- The average number of firearms seized by task forces increased 52% from 2010 to 2013.