

National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS)

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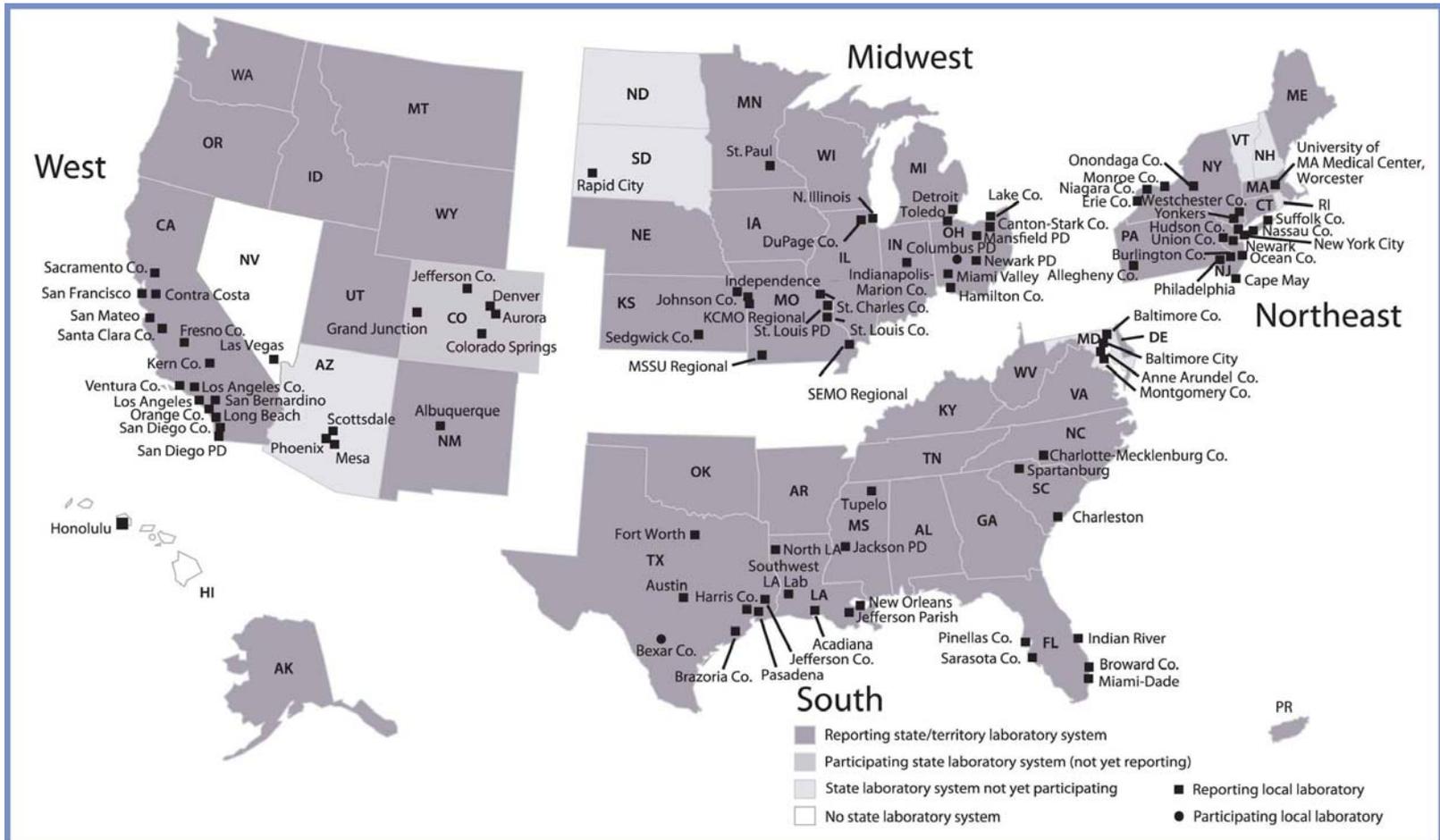
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Overview of National Forensic Laboratory Information System

- Accumulates drug analysis results from state and local crime labs.
- Database consists of over 8 million cases and drug items; case level data elements dating back to 1998.
- Currently, 276 of our Nation's approximately 320 state and local labs have joined NFLIS; 261 labs are reporting regularly.

Participating Laboratories by Census Region

- http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/nflis/2007_annual_rpt.pdf



National Annual Counts of Drug Cases and Current NFLIS Participation

Lab Type	Total Drug Cases	Cases from Participating Labs	Labs Being Recruited	% of Cases from Participating Labs
State Lab Systems	677,954	642,222	35,732	94.7
Municipal / Local Labs	540,182	466,565	73,617	86.4
All Labs	1,218,136	1,108,787	109,349	91.0

NFLIS Primary Purpose

- Provide accurate, chemically verified data in support of drug scheduling
 - Supplement/complement other databases (e.g. DAWN, NSDUH, etc.)
 - Compatible with DEA laboratory database System to Retrieve Information from Drug Evidence (STRIDE)
 - Support federal, state and international actions

Other NFLIS Data Uses

- Source of “supply-side” data for federal, state and local authorities
- Provide information on drug trafficking and abuse patterns; national regional, and local levels
- Identify changes in drug distribution *geographically and over time*
- Provide information about the diversion of drugs
- Identify emerging drugs of abuse and changes in drug availability
- Support national and local drug policy initiatives

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