

Methamphetamine Lab Activity in Allen County



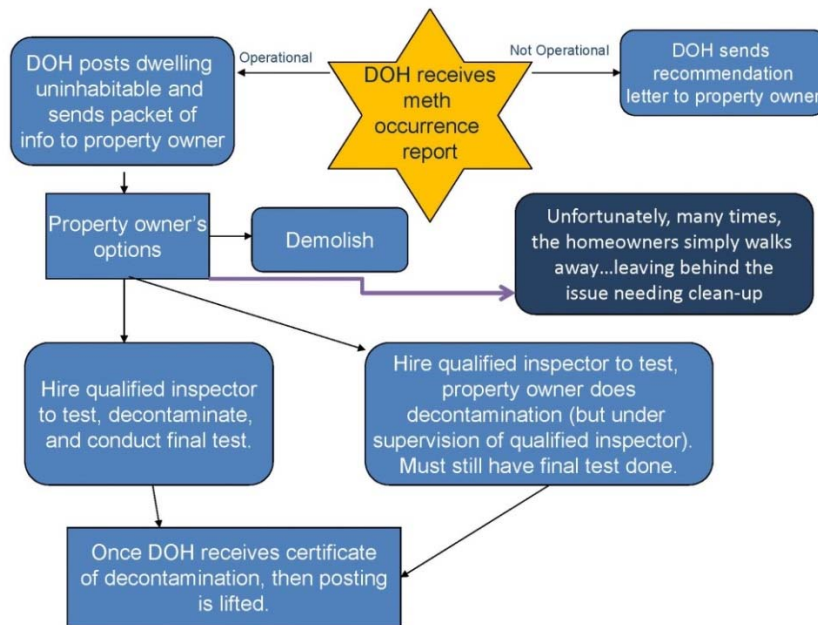
2008 - 2016



Background

Methamphetamine (Meth) is a dangerous drug that can unfortunately be easily created in a dwelling (apartments, houses, duplexes, and hotel/motel rooms) using pseudoephedrine, lithium from batteries, drain cleaner, and other household chemicals. Meth can also be made in outbuildings and vehicles. One of the problems with meth is that the "cooking" of the drug causes environmental contamination that can affect our health. Therefore, dwellings where meth is manufactured are considered uninhabitable until they are properly decontaminated per state law. The process to test and clean can be expensive.

In 2007, Title 318 IAC 1 was enacted to provide the cleanup and notification rules. The law enforcement agency that closes the meth lab is to notify the local health and fire departments about the location. The local health departments then work with the property owners to have the affected structures decontaminated prior to re-inhabiting them. Since 2008, the Fort Wayne - Allen County Department of Health (FWACDOH) has ensured that dwellings where operational meth labs were identified are decontaminated before they are re-inhabited. The flow chart below describes the steps that the FWACDOH and property owner follow to allow someone to live in a contaminated dwelling again.



In August 2013, Fort Wayne Neighborhood Code Enforcement (FWNCE) began assisting the FWACDOH with ensuring dwellings and commercial structures located in the city limits of Fort Wayne were decontaminated in a timely fashion. Title 318 IAC 1 does not provide the property owners with a completion time frame, so properties could sit empty and be contaminated forever. Seventy-two hours after FWACDOH posts the dwelling or commercial structure uninhabitable, FWNCE condemns it. The property owner then has to provide FWNCE a work plan to remediate the property. FWNCE assigns a deadline and if it is not met, the property owner can be fined or the structure can be demolished.

Data

As of December 31, 2016	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Total Number of Reports Received	13	10	24	35	32	64	56	61	49	344
# of Reports with Children Involved	1	0	2	4	3	7	2	9	2	30
# of Reports with Vehicles (Operational Lab Involved)	2	2	3	3	0	5	1	5	7	28
# of Reports with Chemical/Glassware/Equipment Only	5	2	4	5	9	7	13	7	9	61
# of Reports with Dumpsites	1	1	3	8	9	17	19	24	23	105
# of Reports with Outbuildings (Garage, shed, etc.)	1	0	3	1	1	4	3	2	0	15
# of Reports with Operational Labs in Dwellings/Structures	4	5	11	18	13	31	20	23	10	135
# Houses – Rental	1	2	3	4	5	5	11	6	3	40
# Houses – Owner Occupied	0	1	1	6	3	6	1	8	2	28
# Mobile Homes – Rental	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
# Mobile Homes – Owner Occupied	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	0	1	10
# Apartments/Duplexes	1	0	3	4	2	11	3	1	0	25
# Hotels/Motels	1	1	3	4	2	1	2	7	3	24
# Commercial Structures	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
# Dwellings/Structures Posted Uninhabitable	4	5	11	18	13	31	20	23	10	135
# Follow-up Inspections to Ensure Posting Present	0	1	10	26	146	213	71	123	90	680
# Dwellings/Structures Decontaminated	4	5	11	16	13	31	19	22	9	130
# Dwellings/Structures Not Decontaminated	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	5

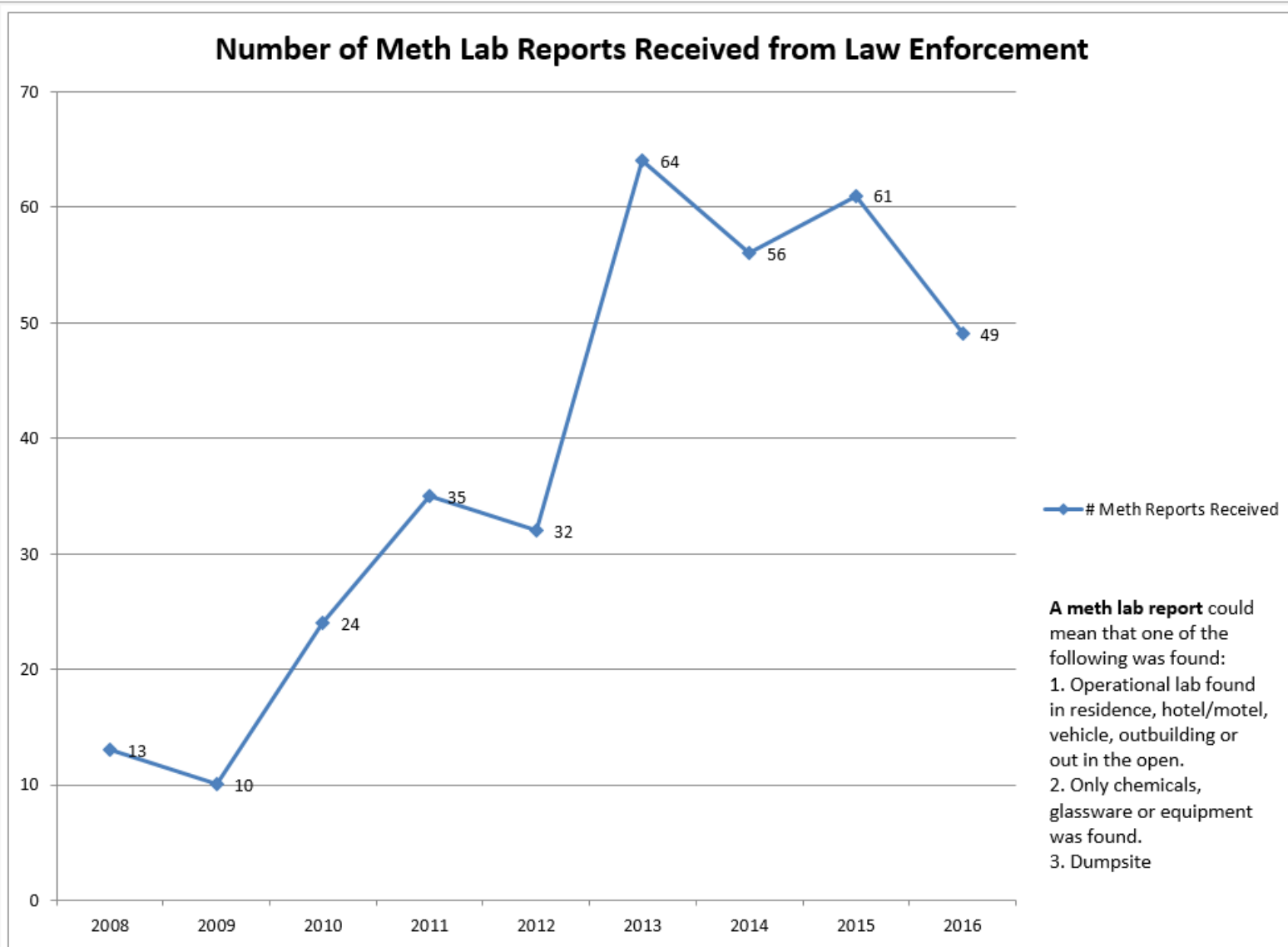
Zip Codes of Meth Lab Locations

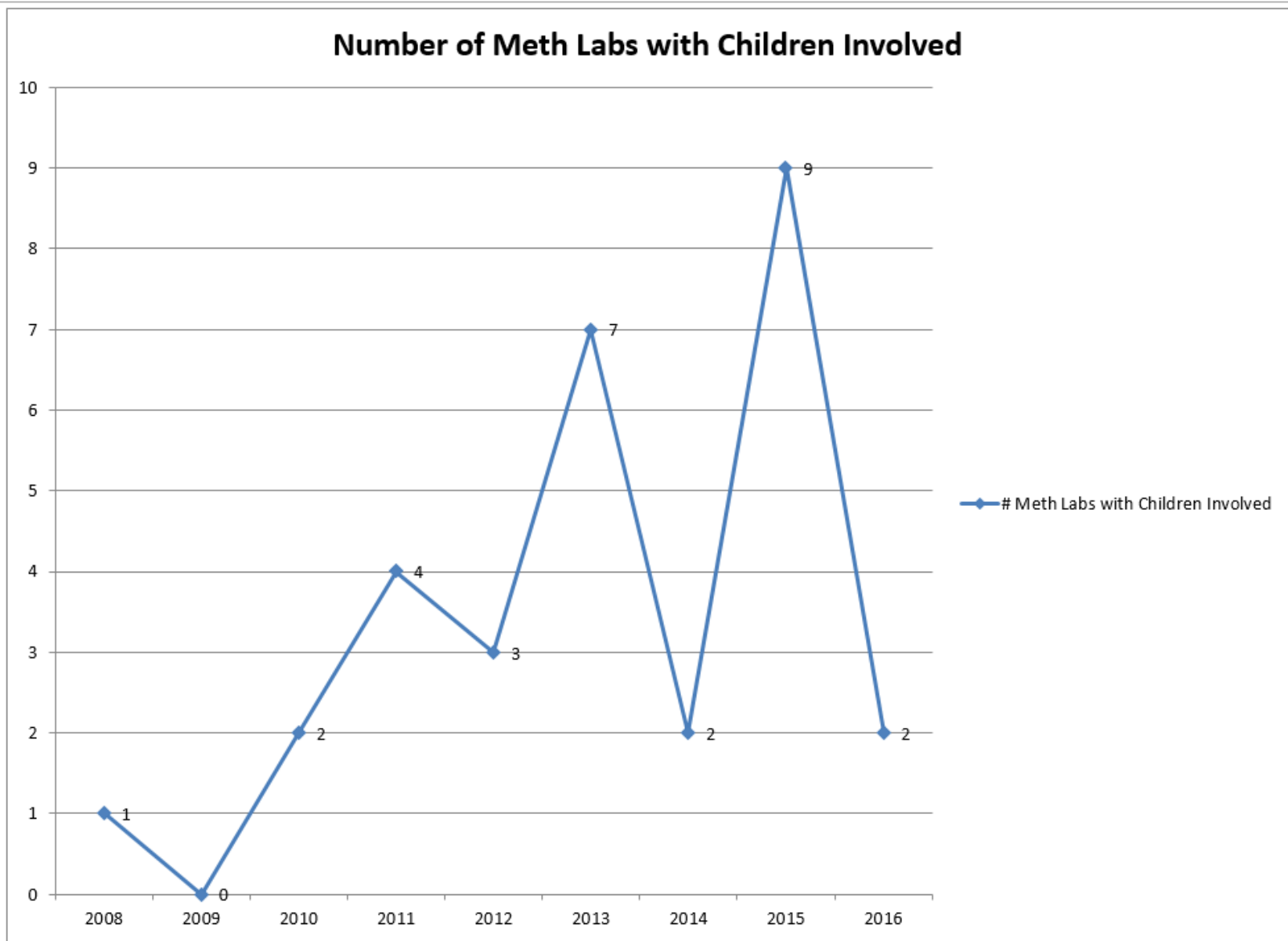
Zip Code	Number of Dwellings/Structures Posted	Percentage Posted (%)	Zip Code	Number of Dwellings/Structures Posted	Percentage Posted (%)
46808	45	33.3	46815	3	2.2
46825	13	9.6	46845	3	2.2
46818	11	8.1	46765 (Leo)	2	1.5
46807	10	7.4	46816	1	0.7
46802	9	6.7	46819	1	0.7
46803	8	5.9	46835	1	0.7
46806	7	5.2	46745 (Hoagland)	1	0.7
46805	6	4.4	46748 (Huntertown)	1	0.7
46774 (New Haven)	5	3.7	46797 (Woodburn)	1	0.7
46804	3	2.2	46799 (Zanesville)	1	0.7
46809	3	2.2			

Owner-Occupied vs. Rental

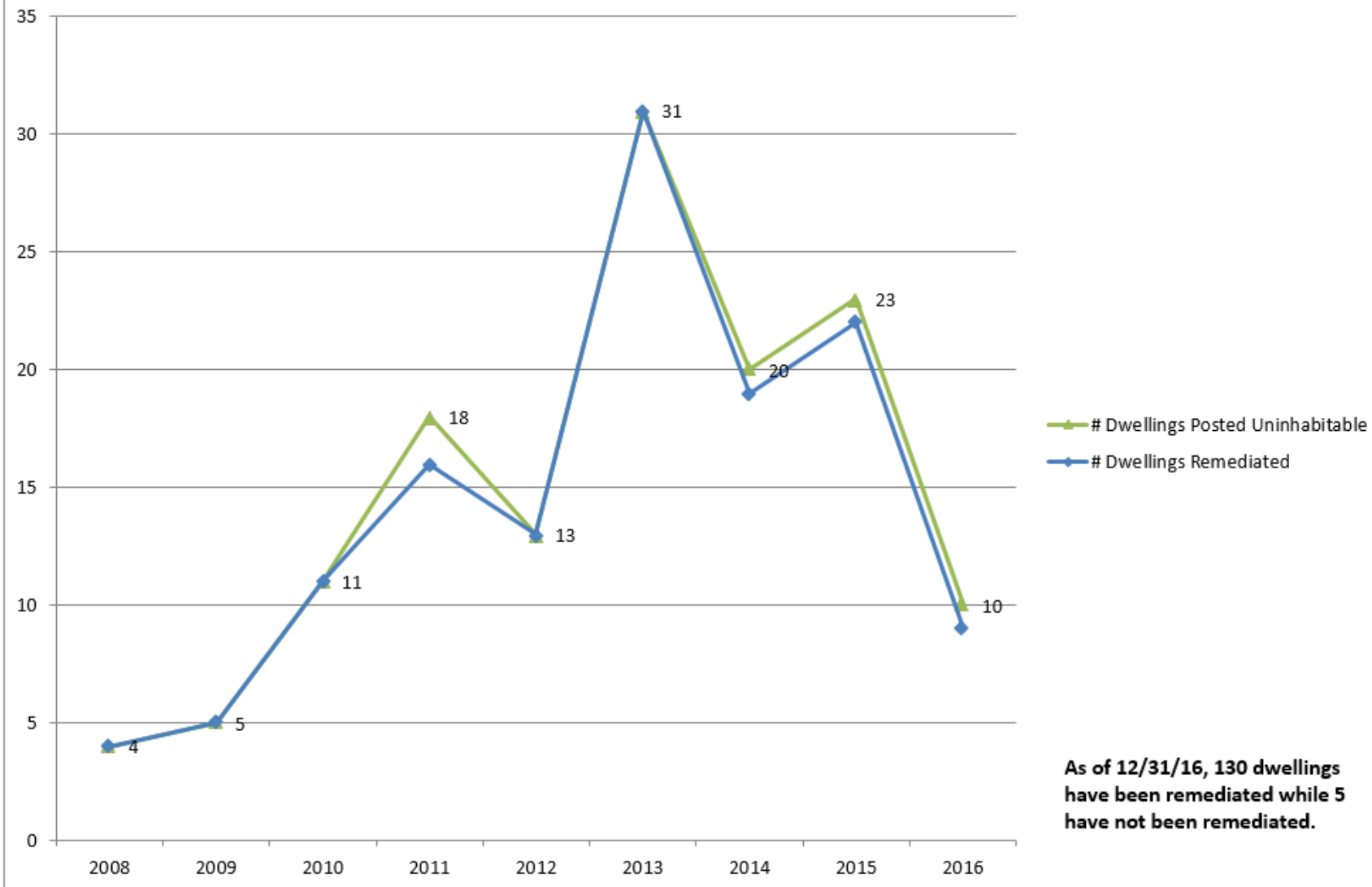
Type of Property	Total Number	Percentage (%)
Rental House*	42	31.1
Owner-Occupied House**	26	19.3
Apartment/Duplex*	25	18.5
Hotel/Motel*	24	17.8
Owner-Occupied Mobile Home**	8	5.9
Rental Mobile Home*	6	3.7
Commercial	4	3.0
*Rental Dwellings	97	74.0
**Owner-Occupied Dwellings	34	26.0

Graphs

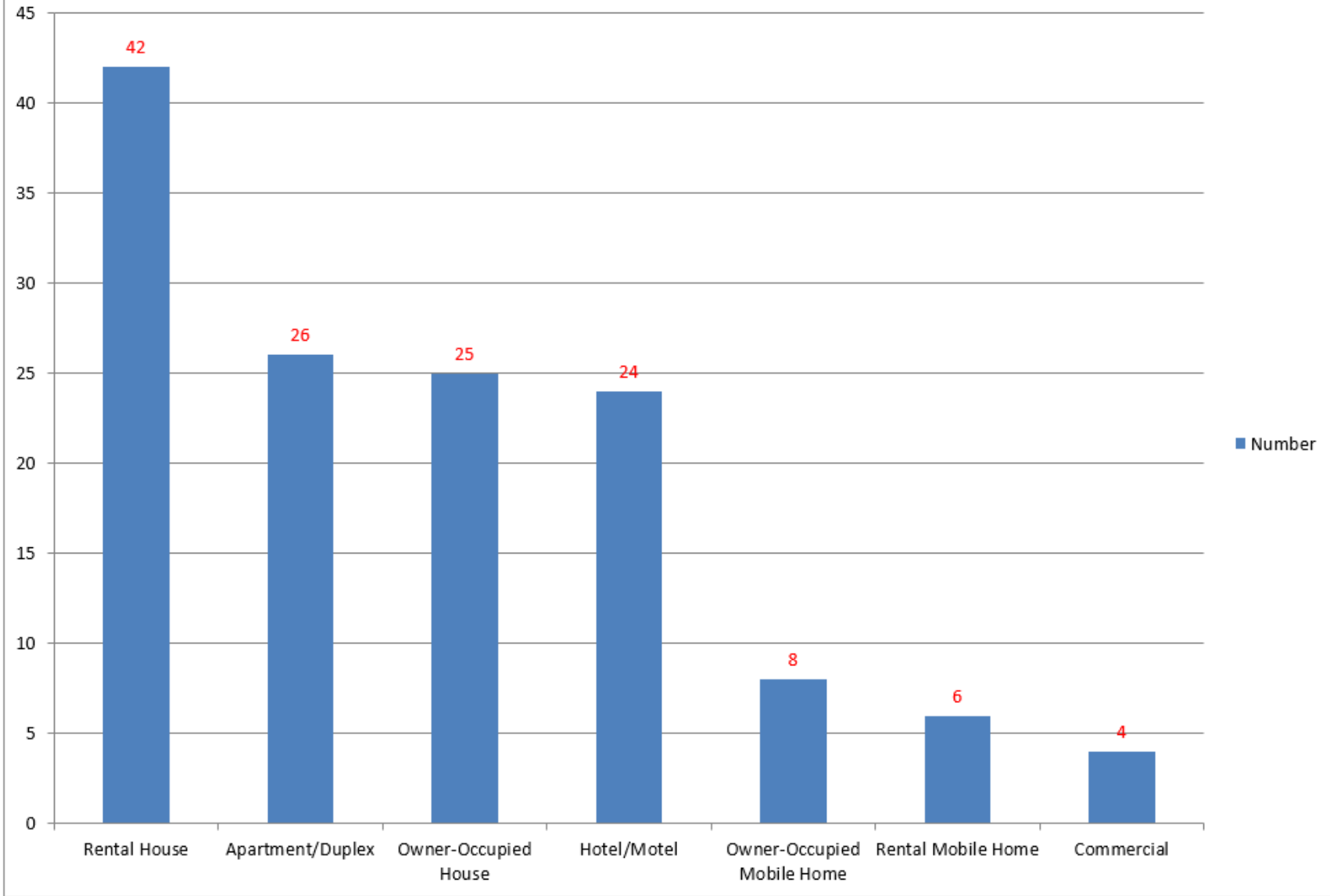




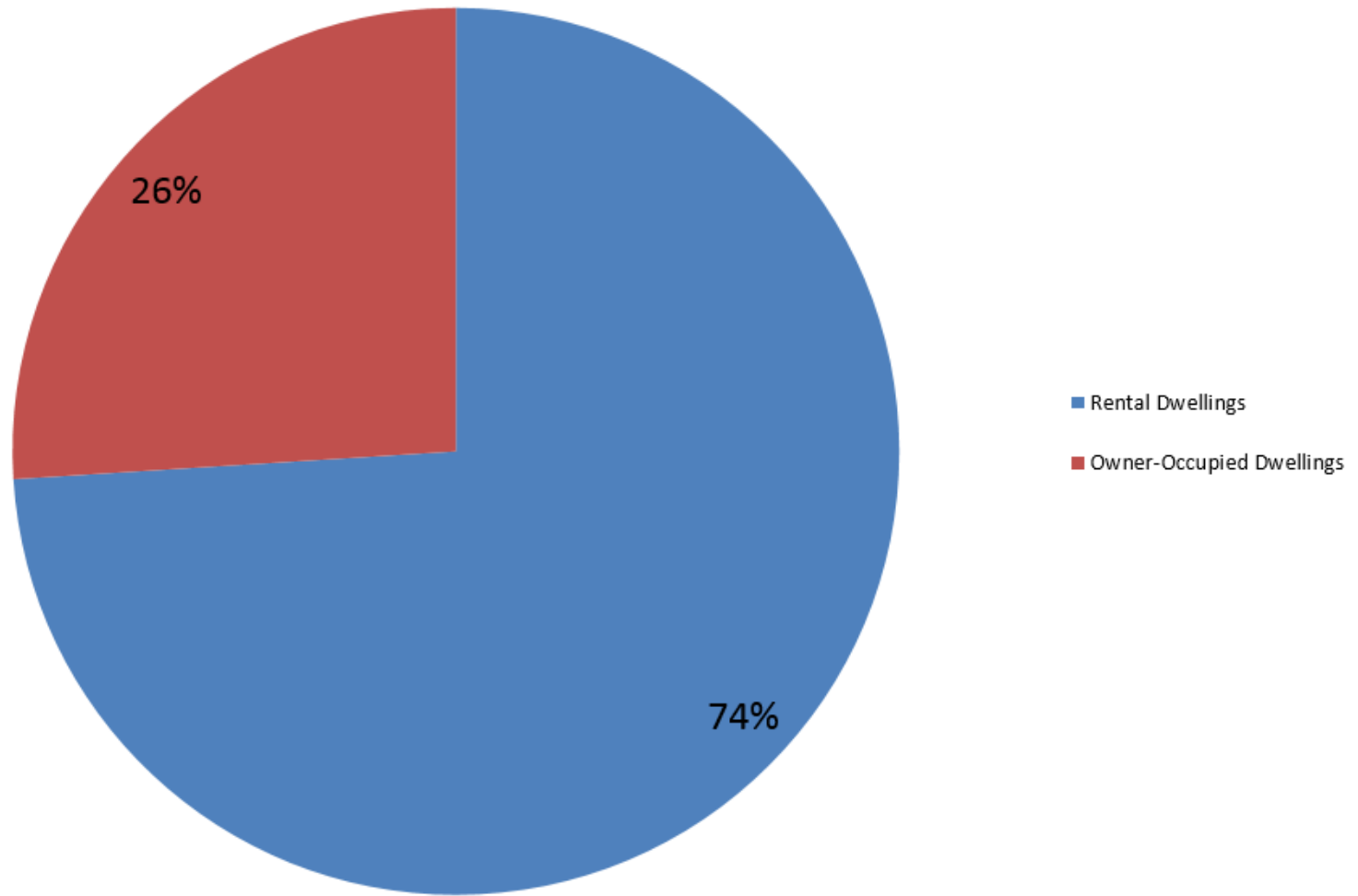
Meth Labs: Number of Dwellings Posted Uninhabitable vs. Number of Dwellings Remediated, 2008 - 2016



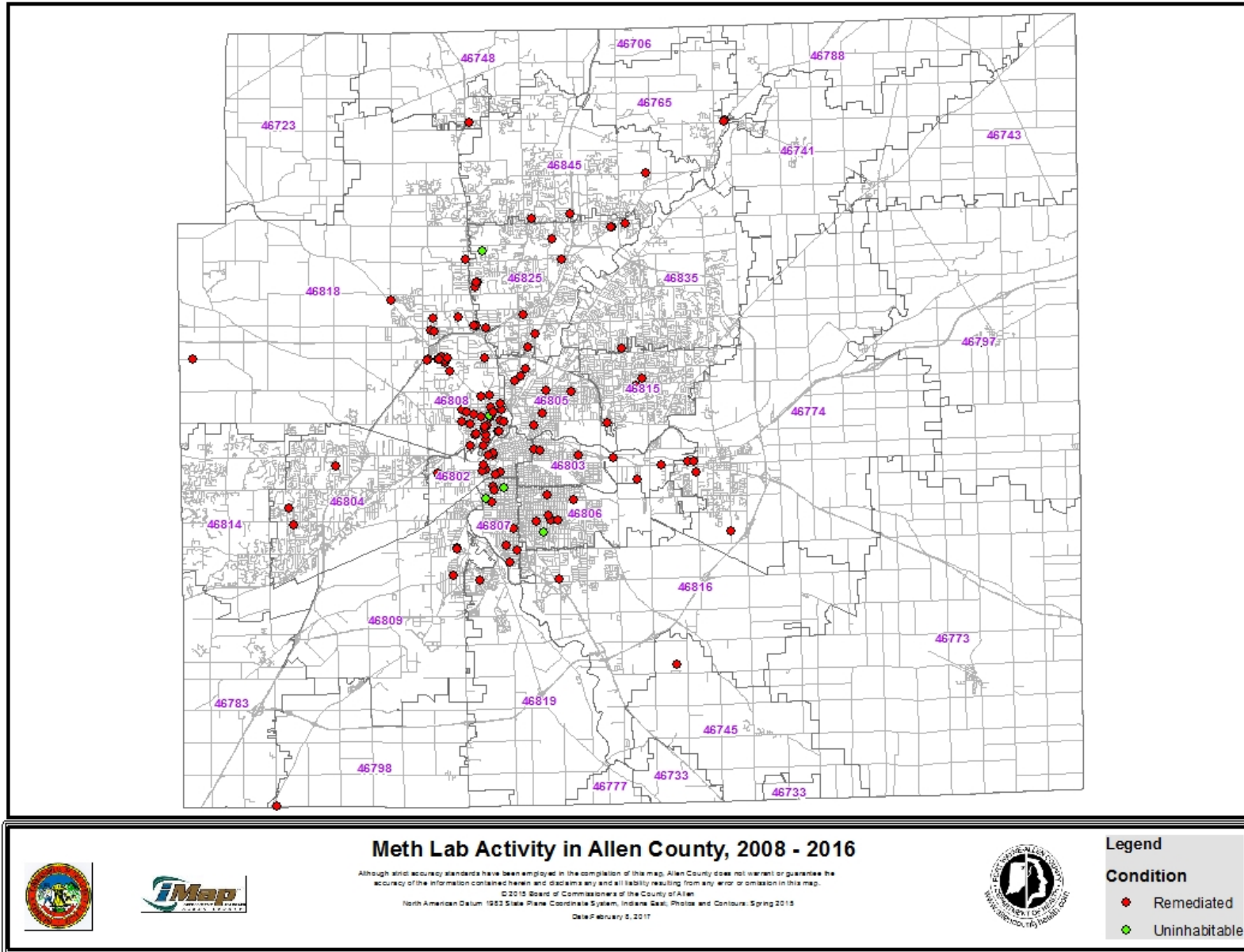
Owner-Occupied vs. Rental Properties with Meth Labs

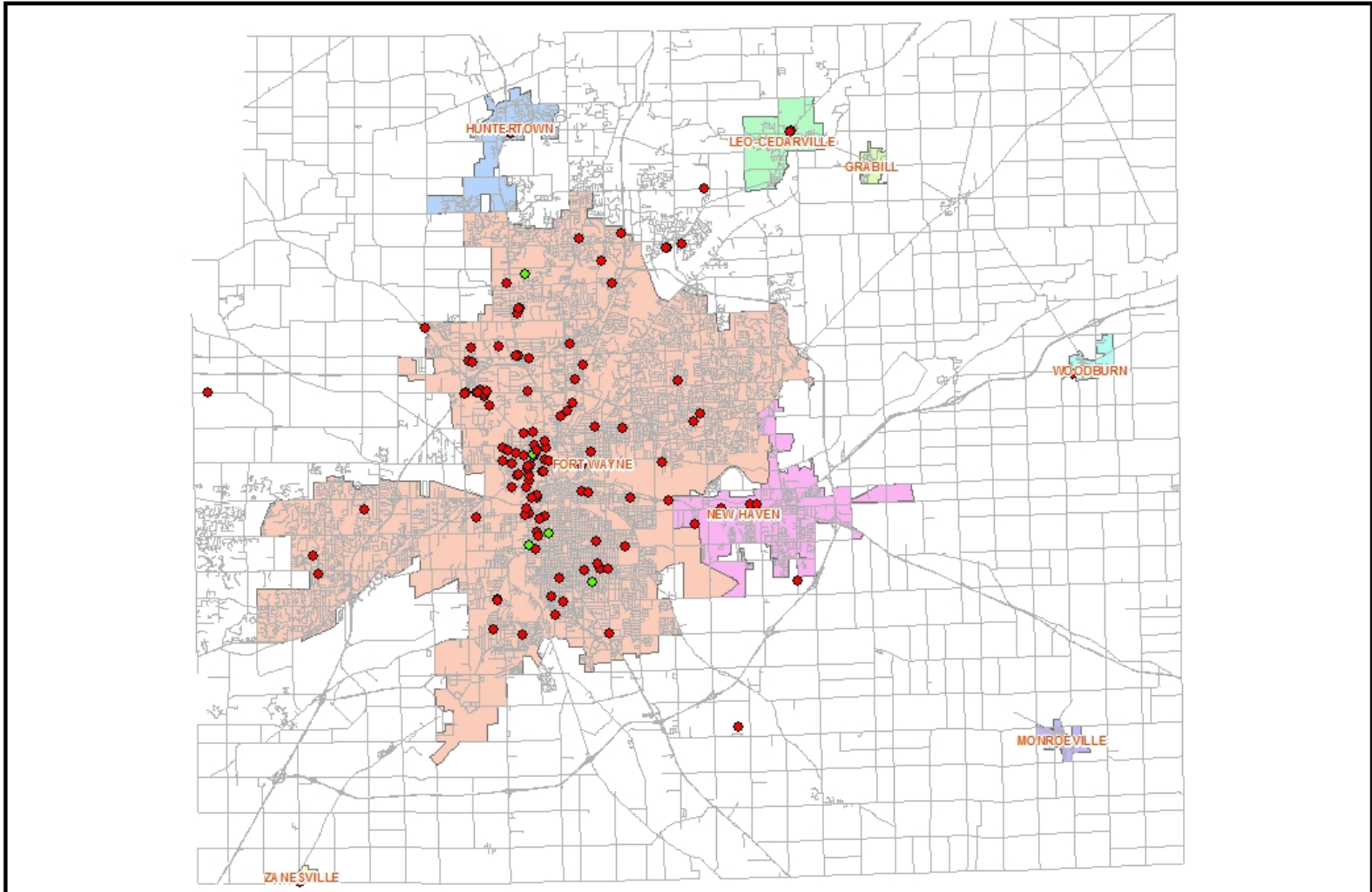


Percentage of Rental vs. Owner-Occupied Dwellings with Meth Labs



Maps





Meth Lab Activity in Allen County, 2008 - 2016

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Legend

Condition

- Remediated
- Uninhabitable

Indiana Data

Meth Lab Activity in Indiana
(Number of Reports)

Ranking	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	Noble (80)	Elkhart (109)	Vanderburgh (95)	Vanderburgh (116)	Madison (96)	Vanderburgh (115)	Delaware (148)	Delaware (234)	Delaware (145)
2	Elkhart (65)	Marshall (83)	Kosciusko (85)	Elkhart (71)	Vanderburgh (90)	Delaware (109)	Kosciusko (58)	Noble (70)	Vigo (64)
3	Decatur (54)	Jennings (81)	Noble (74)	Kosciusko (58)	Delaware (62)	Noble (66)	Noble (57)	Allen (59)	Allen (49)
4	Miami (51)	Decatur (78)	Elkhart (71)	Bartholomew (57)	Monroe (60)	Allen (64)	Vanderburgh (57)	Kosciusko (58)	Noble (43)
5	Vanderburgh (47)	Noble (74)	Decatur (68)	Decatur (55)	Decatur (59)	Elkhart (63)	Allen (56)	Vigo (53)	Kosciusko (40)
6	LaGrange (45)	Kosciusko (65)	Bartholomew (63)	Monroe (54)	Bartholomew (53)	Monroe (62)	Elkhart (53)	Miami (52)	Starke (36)
7	Perry (44)	Bartholomew (59)	Jennings (55)	Madison (49)	Knox (53)	Madison (61)	Dekalb (49)	Tiptecanoe (45)	Madison (34)
8	Knox (42)	Vigo (42)	Marshall (53)	Jennings (42)	Kosciusko (47)	Miami (49)	Monroe (43)	Vanderburgh (45)	Miami (25)
9	Posey (42)	Dekalb (41)	Posey (46)	Howard (41)	Noble (47)	Bartholomew (43)	Decatur (41)	St Joseph (42)	Huntington (25)
10	Marshall (41)	Howard (36)	Howard (34)	Marshall (41)	Elkhart (46)	Decatur (41)	Miami (40)	Starke (42)	Vanderburgh (23)

Allen (13)	Allen (12)	Allen (21)	Allen (37)	Allen (32)
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Discussion

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health's Meth Lab Response program has been active since 2008. Over the past 4 years, Allen County has been in the top five of counties with meth labs reported.

The majority of the properties affected in Allen County have been rentals (74% rental properties versus 26% owner-occupied properties). Thirty-three percent (33%) of the properties posted uninhabitable for meth have been in the 46808 zip code. Meth is known to be a rural drug, but the majority of the lab locations have been in the city limits of Fort Wayne.

Overall since 2008, ninety-six percent (96%) of the properties have been remediated through continued efforts of this division and other partnering entities (130 of 135 properties remediated – 102 decontaminated, 12 cleared by an initial test, 11 demolished, and 5 removed).