

Methamphetamine-related Patient Visits

Billings Area Indian Health
Service

2002-2005

Counting Meth-related Visits

- Patients don't say they are using meth
- Drug-testing not done on every patient
- Reason for visit (diagnosis) is usually medical, trauma, or mental health
- People using meth also use other drugs and alcohol
- Diagnosis of “drug abuse” is common

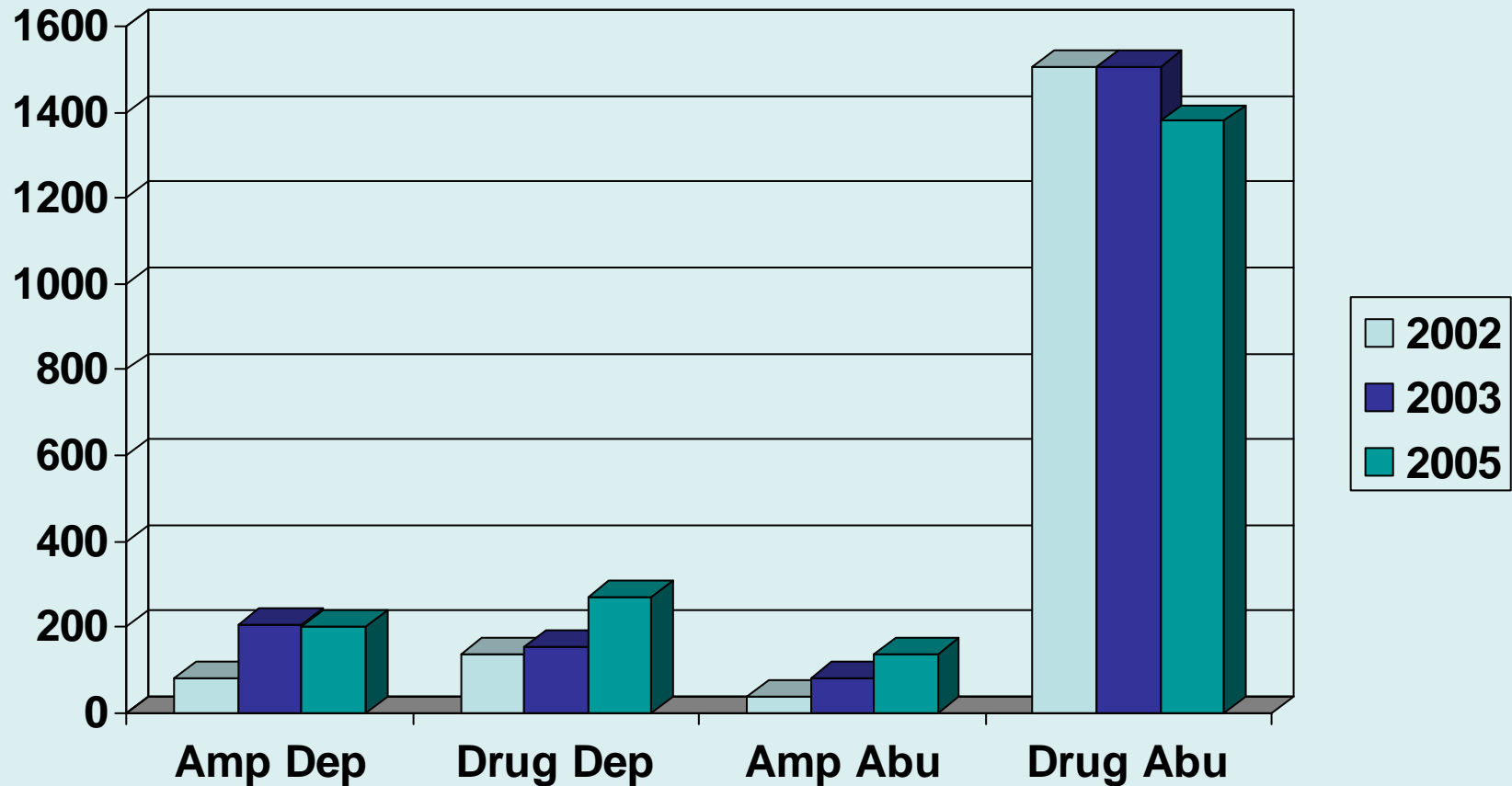
“Methamphetamine abuse or dependence” is not a billable diagnosis or ICD code.

Provider/coder have to use other purpose of visit.

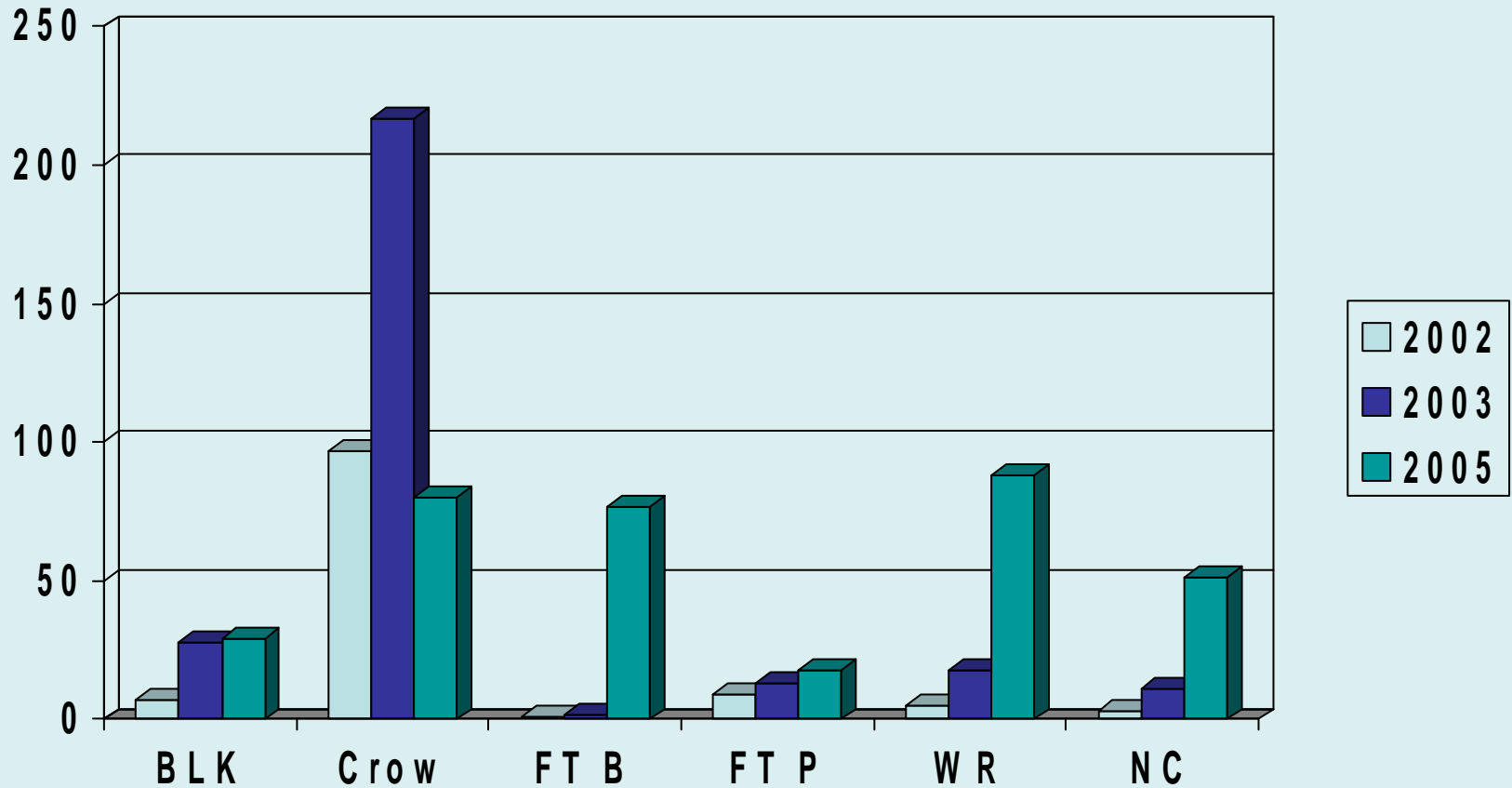
Counting Drug Abuse Visits: 6 possible “codes” on PCC

- Amphetamine or sympathomimetic abuse
- Amphetamine and other psychostimulant dependence
- Unspecified drug dependence
- Combinations of drug dependence, excluding opioids
- Combinations of opioid drug with any other
- Other, mixed, or unspecified drug abuse

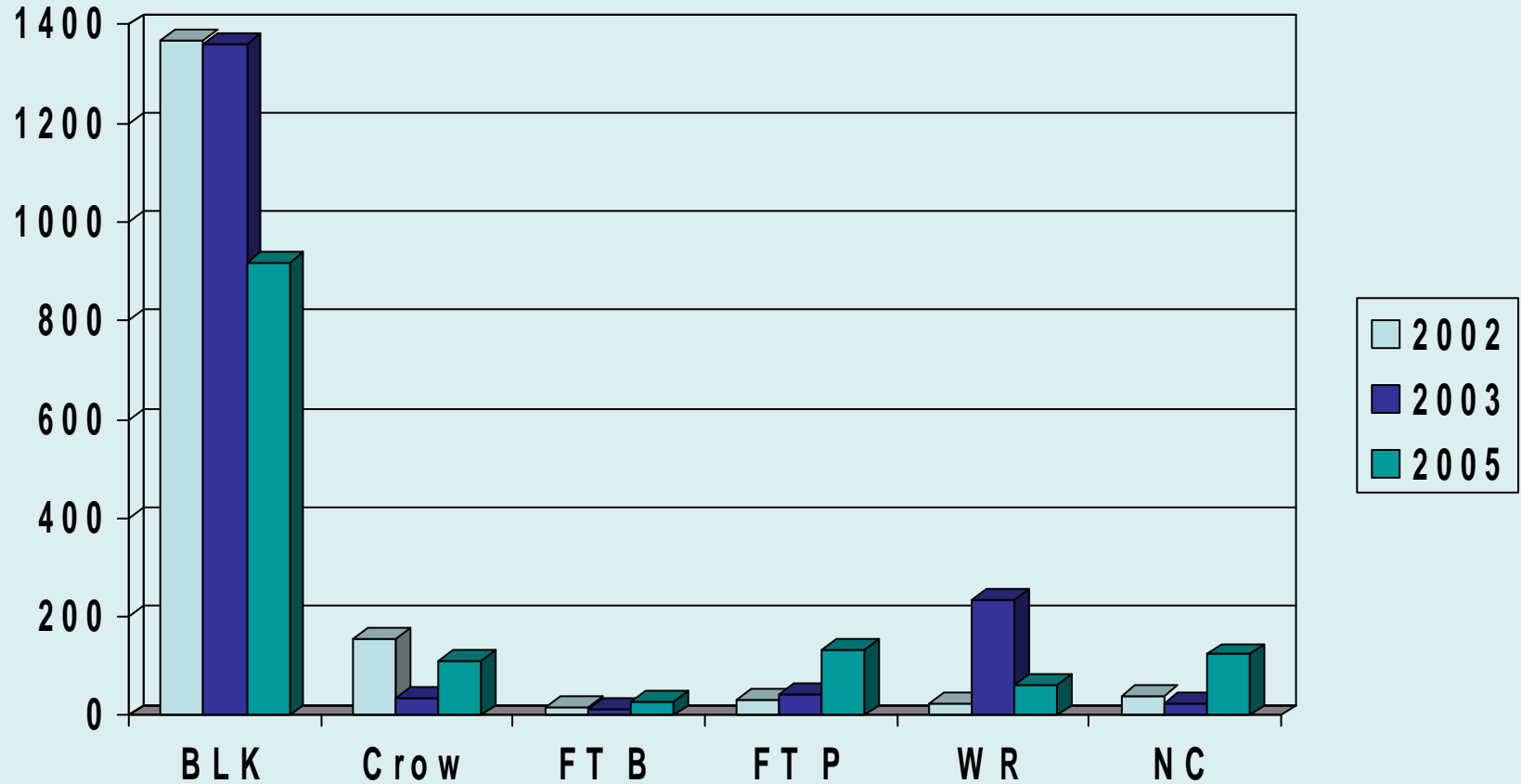
Billings Area 2002-2005 Amphetamine-related, and unspecified drug abuse



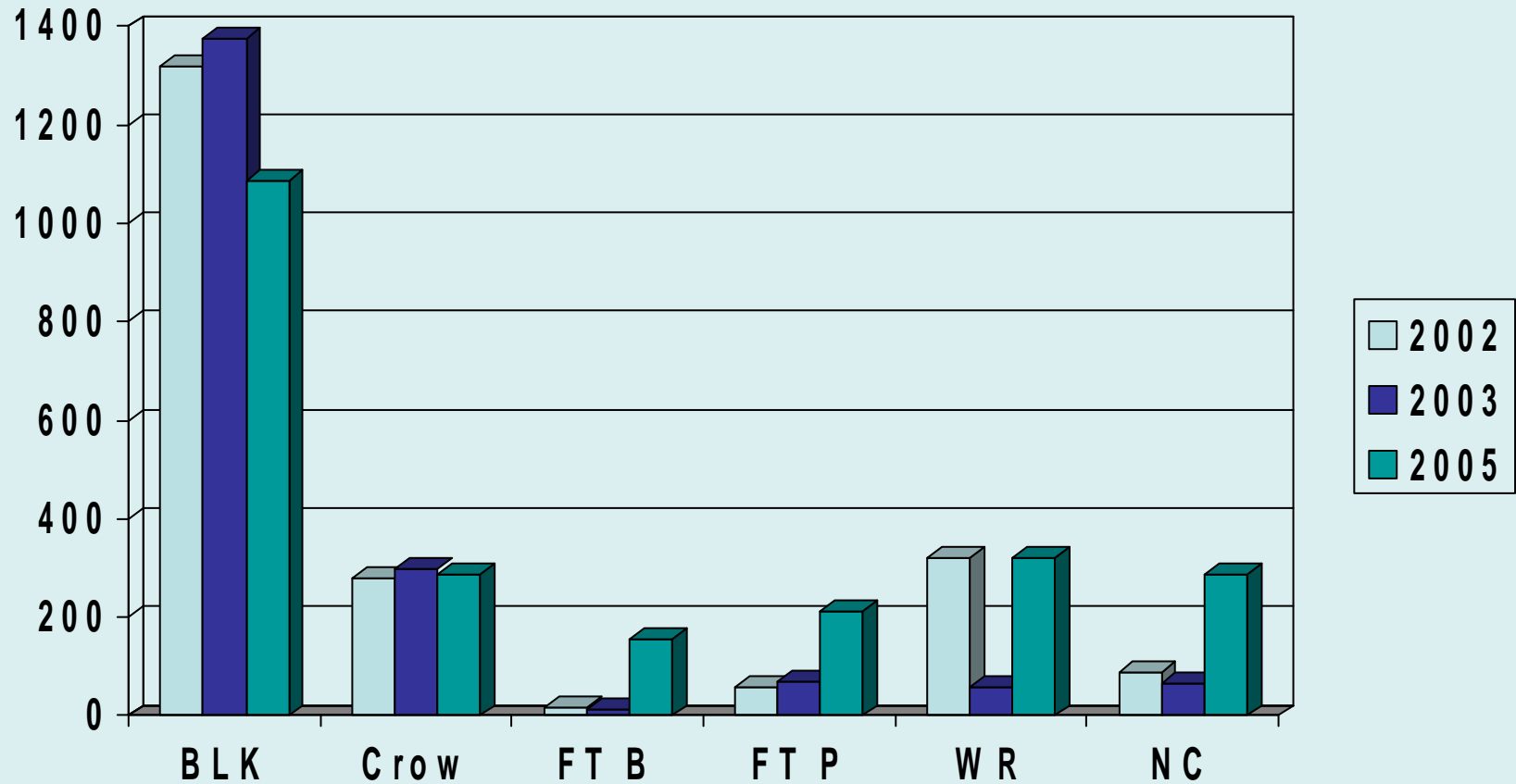
Amphetamine abuse and dependence patient visits



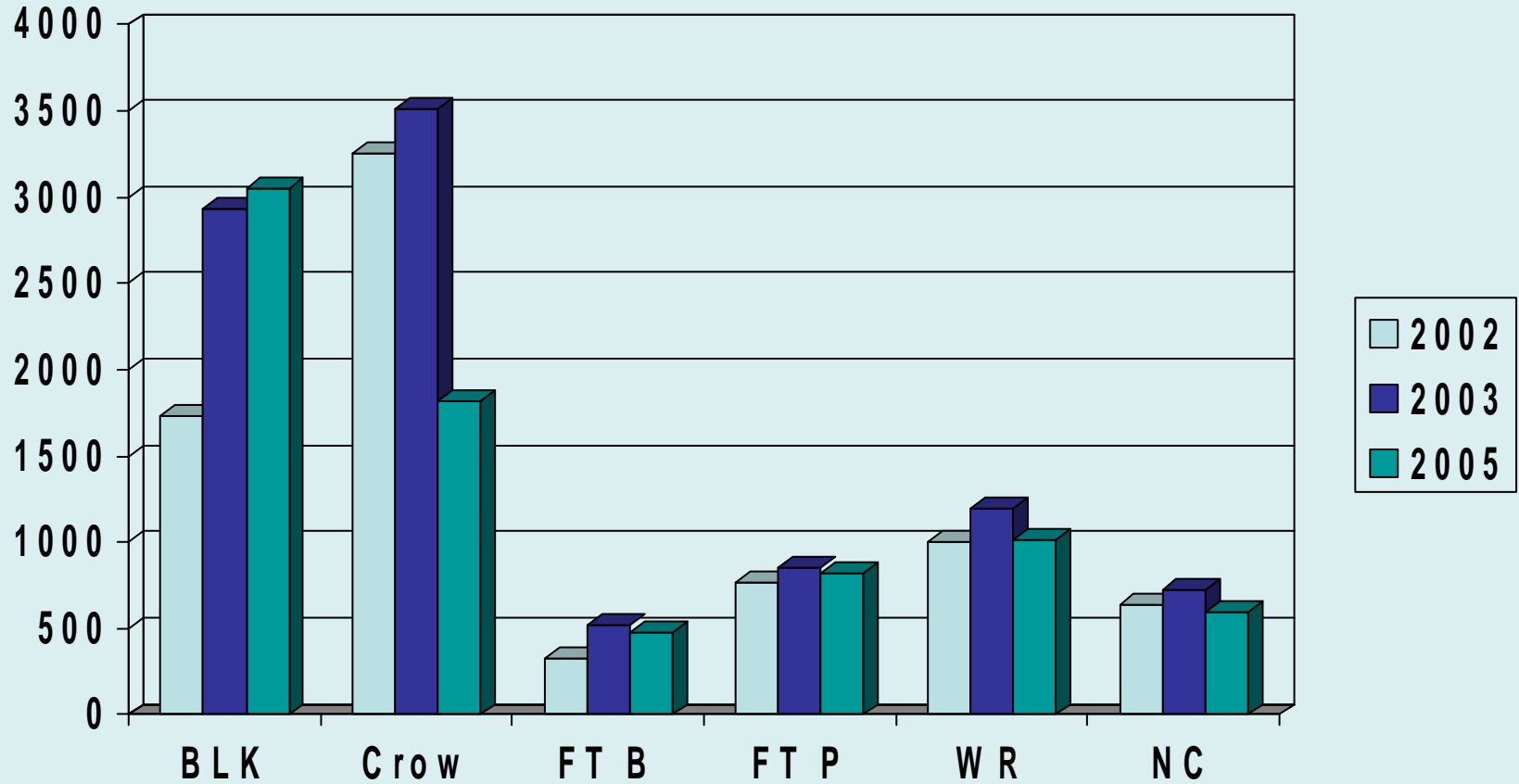
“Unspecified drug abuse” patient visits (305.90)



Drug-related visits (excluding opioids, sedatives, cocaine, cannabis, hallucinogens)

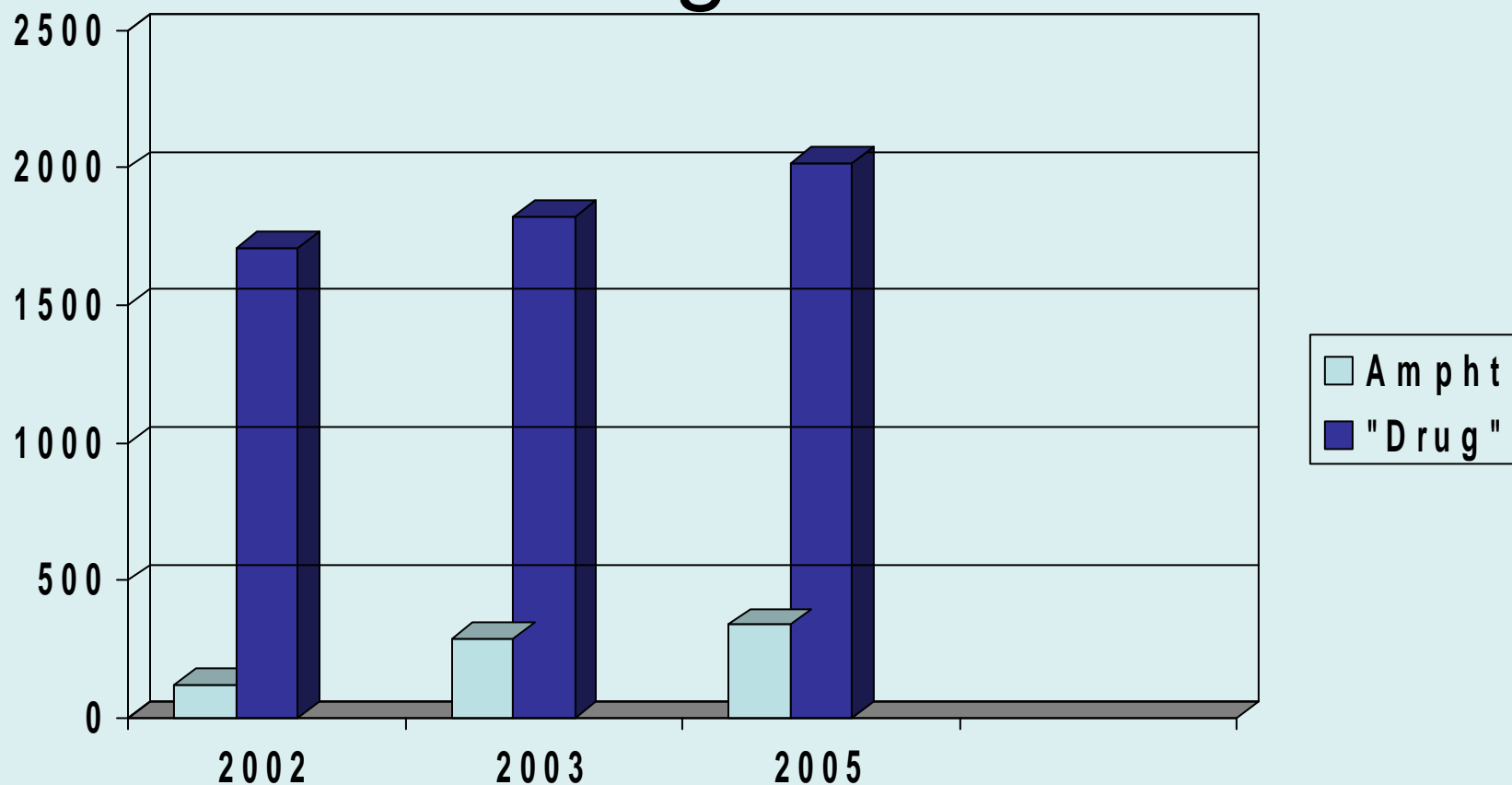


Alcohol-related visits 2002-2005



Amphetamine and unspecified drug related visits 2002-2005

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Alcohol vs drug-related visits 2002-2005 Billings Area

