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Georgia Meth Cost Billions

Authorities said the drug meth is becoming a big issue in the state of Georgia and is costing the state billions of dollars.

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According to the Georgia Meth Project 1.3 billion dollars is the cost Georgia spends annually.

Reports show that expenses include law enforcement, family and social services, treatment and lost productivity.

According to the Georgia Meth Project 43 percent of federal convictions in Georgia are meth related.

"When people are addicted to meth their main thing is 24 hours, 7 days a week they're trying to get more meth," said Thomas County Narcotics Commander Kevin Lee.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration over the past five years, methamphetamine has become the fastest growing drug problem in Georgia.

