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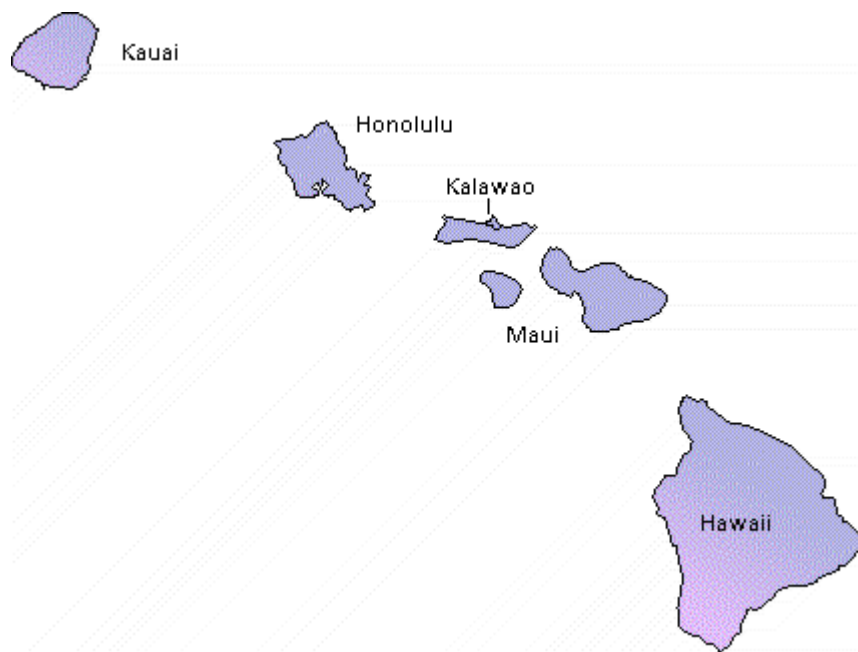
## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### State of Hawaii

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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# Hawaii

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking and enforcement.

## **Demographics**

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 1,285,498<sup>1</sup>
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 26.3% white; 2.2% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 39.9% Asian; 8.7% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.1% other race; 21.5% two or more races; 7.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)<sup>2</sup>

## **Politics**

- Governor: Linda Lingle<sup>3</sup>
- Lt. Governor: James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.<sup>4</sup>
- Attorney General: Mark J. Bennett<sup>5</sup>
- Senate Members: Daniel Akaka (D), Daniel Inouye (D)<sup>6</sup>
- House Members: Neil Abercrombie (D), Mazie K. Hirono (D)<sup>7</sup>
- Capital: Honolulu<sup>8</sup>

## **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>9</sup>  
Designated in 1999, the Hawaii HIDTA is responsible for City and County of Honolulu, as well as Kauai and Maui Counties.
- Hawaii Drug Control Plan<sup>10</sup>  
An initiative of the Hawaii Lt. Governor’s Office, the mission of the Hawaii Drug Control Plan is to reduce harm to the community by responding to the prevention, treatment and law enforcement needs associated with illicit drug use, underage drinking and drug distribution.
- Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii  
The mission of this organization is to reduce and prevent drug abuse in Hawaii through awareness, education and action.

## **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 92 arrests for drug violations in Hawaii.<sup>11</sup>

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Hawaii, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	153
2004	76
2005	116
2006	120
2007	92

- During 2006, there were 3 juvenile and 28 adult homicide arrests in Hawaii.<sup>12</sup>

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Hawaii, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-neg. homicide	3	28
Rape	16	89
Robbery	89	303
Aggravated assault	137	725
Burglary	142	421
Larceny-theft	935	2,893
Motor vehicle theft	133	613
Arson	17	31

- During 2005, there were 47 adult arrests for the sale or manufacture on synthetic narcotics in Hawaii.<sup>13</sup>

Number of Drug Arrests, Hawaii, 2005

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Sale/manufacturing opium/cocaine	0	67
Sale/manufacturing marijuana	27	133
Sale/manufacturing synthetic narcotics	2	47
Sale/manufacturing non-narcotics	7	247
Possession opium/cocaine	7	214
Possession marijuana	442	561
Possession synthetic narcotics	7	28
Possession non-narcotics	31	1,411

**Drugs**

- Cocaine<sup>14</sup>  
Powder cocaine remains popular and readily available throughout Hawaii and is often used in conjunction with other drugs including heroin and marijuana. The demand for cocaine is perpetuated by the tourist industry. Seized cocaine is usually concealed in vacuumed sealed food bags, Ziploc bags and fibrous paper type bags heavily taped with either clear tape or other nonmetallic tapes.
- Heroin<sup>15</sup>  
Most of the heroin seized in Hawaii is black tar heroin.
- Marijuana  
Marijuana is widely available and abused in Hawaii.<sup>16</sup> At the end of FY 2007, there were 3,240 registered patients who were able to utilize marijuana for medical purposes under the Medical Use of Marijuana Program.<sup>17</sup>
- Methamphetamine<sup>18</sup>  
Crystal methamphetamine is the drug of choice in Hawaii and is considered to be the most significant drug threat to the state. The widespread use of crystal methamphetamine has had a devastating impact on the Hawaiian economy and family structure. In addition, the drug's presence has increased street violence and property

crimes. Intelligence indicates that the majority of the crystal methamphetamine available in Hawaii is produced in Mexico and California.

- Club Drugs<sup>19</sup>  
Abuse of predatory drugs, including MDMA, GHB and LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), is increasing among Hawaii’s youth and the large military population stationed in Hawaii. These drugs are readily available and typically consumed among military personnel, teenagers and young adults attracted to dance clubs, raves and bars.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals<sup>20</sup>  
Hydrocodone is one of the most abused pharmaceutical drugs in Hawaii. The drug is readily available in the counties of Honolulu and Hawaii.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 83,000 (8%) of Hawaii citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.<sup>21</sup>

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Hawaii, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	83	8.03%
Past year marijuana use	105	10.19
Past month marijuana use	57	5.54
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	34	3.29
Past year cocaine use	19	1.81
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	40	3.85

\* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 390,000 (37.8%) Hawaii citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.<sup>22</sup>
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 24,000 (2.37%) Hawaii citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 15,000 (1.48%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.<sup>23</sup>

### Juveniles

- Results of a 2007 survey of Hawaii high school students indicate that nearly 30% reported trying marijuana at least once in their lifetime.<sup>24</sup>

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Hawaii, 2007

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	30.8%	29.1%	29.9%
Current marijuana use	16.9	14.6	15.7
Lifetime cocaine use	6.5	4.7	5.6
Current cocaine use	1.6	2.5	2.0
Lifetime inhalant use	11.0	11.7	11.4
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.7	4.3	4.5
Lifetime ecstasy use	5.0	4.2	4.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.7	5.7	4.3
Tried marijuana before age 13	11.7	11.6	11.7

- Approximately 6% of Hawaii 12th graders surveyed in 2007 reported using cocaine at least once during their lifetime.<sup>25</sup>

#### Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Hawaii, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	19.6%	29.4%	32.0%	41.4%
Current marijuana use	11.5	15.8	15.5	21.0
Lifetime cocaine use	4.4	8.3	2.7	6.3
Current cocaine use	2.0	2.4	0.7	2.6
Lifetime inhalant use	12.3	13.7	10.7	6.8
Lifetime methamphetamine use	5.2	7.3	1.1	3.2
Lifetime ecstasy use	2.4	9.3	1.5	4.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	5.2	6.3	1.7	2.6
Tried marijuana before age 13	12.1	14.4	8.6	10.4

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 11% of Hawaii 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.<sup>26</sup>

#### Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Hawaii, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	11	10.59%
Past year marijuana use	14	14.32
Past month marijuana use	7	7.04
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	5	4.79
Past year cocaine use	1	1.38
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	6	5.76

\* The number of users is in thousands

#### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 3,654 full-time law enforcement employees in Hawaii (2,896 officers and 758 civilian employees).<sup>27</sup>

#### Trafficking and Seizures

- Intelligence indicates an increase in cocaine trafficking, including crack cocaine, due to the current shortage of crystal methamphetamine available statewide. In addition, some methamphetamine dealers are reportedly reverting to cocaine distribution due to the perception of there being “less heat” than with meth. The vast amount of media attention given to meth has convinced some dealers that there is less focus on cocaine, therefore making it easier to distribute the drug without detection.<sup>28</sup>
- The organizations trafficking cocaine in Hawaii are usually Mexican, Samoan and African American. Cocaine is smuggled to the islands via local airports, postal and mail delivery services and inter-island shipping lanes.<sup>29</sup>
- The Honolulu International Airport (HIA) continues to be the primary entry point for heroin transported into Hawaii. The majority of the seized heroin is body carried into the islands from Los Angeles by Mexican organizations and distributed throughout

the state by a close-knit cell of distributors. In addition, black tar heroin is smuggled from Mexico via body couriers on commercial aircraft and via mailed parcels.<sup>30</sup>

- Mexican organizations have become more involved in the production and distribution of crystal methamphetamine in Hawaii.<sup>31</sup>
- MDMA is not manufactured in Hawaii, but is shipped from the mainland via parcels and/or smuggled on incoming flights through HIA. Small quantities of MDMA are sold and used in bars, nightclubs and rave parties.<sup>32</sup>
- Hawaii continues to maintain its status as a national leader in the production of high-grade marijuana. Hawaii's tropical climate is ideal for year-round marijuana cultivation. Outdoor grows are typically located in tropical valleys adjacent to year-round sources of water, such as rivers and streams. The vast majority of the grow sites are located on public lands, in rural areas and on private property with open fields. On average, the typical yield per marijuana plant is one pound.<sup>33</sup>
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Hawaii did not report any methamphetamine lab incidents.<sup>34</sup>

**Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Hawaii, 2003-2007**

<b>Year</b>	<b># of Incidents</b>
2003	5
2004	13
2005	11
2006	4
2007	0

- Approximately 28.8 kilograms of methamphetamine were seized by Federal agencies in Hawaii during 2007.<sup>35</sup>

**Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Hawaii, 2007**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Amount Seized</b>
Cocaine	11.5 kilograms
Heroin	0.3 kilograms
Methamphetamine	28.8 kilograms
Marijuana	6.1 kilograms
MDMA	2,868 dosage units

- During 2007, nearly 140,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Hawaii under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.<sup>36</sup>

**Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated/Seized, Hawaii, 2007**

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		<b>Total Plants Eradicated</b>
<b>Eradicated Plots</b>	<b>Cultivated Plants Eradicated</b>	<b>Grows Seized</b>	<b>Plants Eradicated</b>	
2,010	131,355	55	7,734	139,089

## Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>37</sup>  
As of April 16, 2007, there were 9 drug courts in existence or being planned in Hawaii. Seven drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 2 had recently been implemented and 1 was being planned at that time.
- During FY 2007, approximately 54.1% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Hawaii had committed drug offenses. 80% the drug cases involved methamphetamine.<sup>38</sup>

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Hawaii, FY 2007

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	15	7.9%
Crack cocaine	2	1.1
Heroin	1	0.5
Marijuana	10	5.3
Methamphetamine	152	80.0
Other	10	5.3

## Corrections

- On December 31, 2006, there were 5,967 inmates under the jurisdiction state or Federal correctional authorities in Hawaii.<sup>39</sup>
- In FY 2007, the Hawaii Department of Public Safety completed 995 substance abuse assessments of inmates with substance abuse problems. Results indicated that 56 needed Level II treatment (primary outpatient treatment) and 825 needed Level III treatment (intensive, residential treatment).<sup>40</sup>
- At the end of 2006, there were 18,598 adults on probation and 2,316 adults on parole in Hawaii.<sup>41</sup>

## Consequences of Use

- During 2007, authorities did not report any children affected by methamphetamine laboratories in Hawaii.<sup>42</sup>
- Approximately 7% of Aids cases in Hawaii from 1983-2006 were related to injection drug use. An additional 7% of cases were related to injection drug use and men who have sex with men.<sup>43</sup>

## Treatment

- During 2007, there were 6,990 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Hawaii.<sup>44</sup> There were 6,518 admissions to treatment during 2006.<sup>45</sup> In 2005, there were 6,809 treatment admissions reported in the state.<sup>46</sup>

Admissions to Drug/Alcohol Treatment, Hawaii, 2005-2007

Drug Type	2005		2006		2007	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	835	12.3%	928	14.2%	1,155	16.5%
Alc. w/ second. drug	1,141	16.8	1,093	16.8	1,198	17.1
Cocaine – smoked	158	2.3	214	3.3	175	2.5

Cocaine – other route	64	0.9	88	1.4	70	1.0
Marijuana	1,577	23.2	1,621	24.9	1,783	25.5
Heroin	163	2.4	160	2.5	147	2.1
Other opiates	156	2.3	135	2.1	173	2.5
PCP	1	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hallucinogens	3	0.0	4	0.1	2	0.0
Amphetamines	2,625	38.6	2,181	33.5	2,183	31.2
Other stimulants	4	0.1	13	0.2	9	0.1
Tranquilizers	11	0.2	4	0.1	4	0.1
Sedatives	5	0.1	7	0.1	11	0.2
Inhalants	4	0.1	n/a	n/a	4	0.1
Other/none specified	62	0.9	70	1.1	76	1.1
Total	6,809	100.0	6,518	100.0	6,990	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 25,000 (2.39%) Hawaii citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.<sup>47</sup>

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