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Idaho

The following is a profile of Idaho and includes information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime statistics, drug use, drug trafficking and enforcement.

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 1,466,465¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 92.5% white; 0.5% black/African American; 1.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.0% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.6% other race; 2.1% two or more races; 9.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: C.L. “Butch” Otter³
- Lt. Governor: James E. Risch⁴
- Attorney General: Lawrence Wasden⁵
- Secretary of State: Ben Ysursa⁶
- U.S. Senators: Michael Crapo (R), Larry Craig (R)⁷
- U.S. Representatives: Bill Sali (R), Mike Simpson (R)⁸
- Capital: Boise⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY)¹⁰
IDFY is a statewide program developed to help middle and high school students resist tobacco, drug and alcohol use. Joining students sign a pledge promising to be drug free and submit to random drug testing.
- Idaho Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program¹¹
The Idaho DEC serves to coordinate and document the work of a multi-disciplinary team comprised of law enforcement, emergency room physicians, emergency medical services, fire departments and Children and Family Services to respond effectively to illicit drug laboratories and other drug environments where children are present and declared in imminent danger.
- Idaho Meth Project¹²
By using consumer marketing and advertising strategies as the basis for its outreach, the goal of the Idaho Meth Project is to significantly reduce the prevalence of first-time methamphetamine use in Idaho.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 143 arrests for drug violations in Idaho.¹³

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Idaho, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	56
2004	124
2005	134

2006	65
2007	143

- During 2006, there were 5,063 adult and 834 juvenile drug/narcotics violation arrests in Idaho.¹⁴

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Idaho, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder	3	24
Forcible rape	29	116
Robbery	33	103
Aggravated assault	174	1,030
Burglary	453	720
Larceny-theft	2,533	2,938
Motor vehicle theft	133	193
Arson	87	25
Drug/narcotic violations	834	5,063
Drug equipment violations	376	2,383
DUI	291	11,090
Liquor Laws	2,063	4,001

- The majority of the drug/narcotic and drug equipment violation offenses reported in Idaho during 2006 involved possession/concealing.¹⁵

Drug-Related Offenses, by Type of Criminal Activity, Idaho, 2006

Type of Criminal Activity	Drug/Narcotics	Drug Equipment
Possession/concealing	75.5%	92.6%
Using/consuming	13.1	12.6
Distribution/selling	8.1	1.1
Cultivating/Manufacturing	1.0	0.4
Buying/receiving	1.0	0.3
Transporting/importing	1.0	0.8
Operating/promoting	0.1	0.2
Exploiting children	0.03	--

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁶
Cocaine is becoming more popular in Idaho, although crack cocaine is not considered a significant threat.
- Heroin¹⁷
Mexican black tar is the predominate form of heroin available in Idaho, with brown heroin encountered sporadically.
- Marijuana¹⁸
Marijuana is one of the most highly abused drugs in Idaho.

- **Methamphetamine¹⁹**
Crystal Methamphetamine (ice) is a widely abused drug in Idaho, and continues to impact all elements of society. Idaho has experienced a dramatic decrease in methamphetamine labs as Mexican organizations turn to methamphetamine produced in Mexico.
- **Club Drugs²⁰**
Club drugs, particularly MDMA, continue to be popular among young adults in the state. These drugs are most often found at rave venues.
- **Pharmaceutical Diversion²¹**
The abuse and trafficking of oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet and Percodan), hydrocodone (Vicodin and Lortab), methadone and anabolic steroids continues to be a concern.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 84,000 (7%) of Idaho citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²²

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	84	7.19%
Past year marijuana use	108	9.24
Past month marijuana use	62	5.31
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	41	3.49
Past year cocaine use	23	2.00
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	68	5.85

* The number of users is in thousands

- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 35,000 (3.00%) Idaho citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 22,000 (1.87%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²³
- Approximately 443,000 (37.85%) Idaho citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk,” according to 2005-2006 NSDUH data.²⁴
- According to 2007 data from a survey of Idaho 12-24 year olds, 87% of respondents reported that regular methamphetamine use was a “great risk,” 85% reported regular heroin use was a “great risk” and 84% reported regular cocaine use was a “great risk”.²⁵

Juveniles

- Approximately one-third (33.1%) of Idaho high school students surveyed in 2007 reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.²⁶

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Idaho, 2007

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	32.3%	33.7%	33.1%
Past month marijuana use	15.3	20.2	17.9
Lifetime cocaine use	6.4	10.1	8.5

Past month cocaine use	2.1	5.4	3.8
Lifetime inhalant use	18.2	17.7	18.1
Lifetime heroin use	3.1	5.1	4.3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	6.2	6.4	6.4
Lifetime illegal use of steroids	2.4	4.4	3.6
Lifetime injection of illegal drug	1.4	4.1	2.9
Lifetime ecstasy use	4.8	9.2	7.2
Tried marijuana before age 13	5.5	10.7	8.2

- Approximately one-fourth (25.6%) of Idaho high school seniors surveyed in 2007 reported using marijuana within the past month.²⁷

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Idaho, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	21.0%	28.9%	36.8%	46.9%
Past month marijuana use	12.1	18.5	15.5	25.6
Lifetime cocaine use	5.7	7.6	8.6	10.8
Past month cocaine use	2.7	3.7	2.8	5.3
Lifetime inhalant use	17.8	24.0	13.4	15.2
Lifetime heroin use	5.0	3.3	2.7	4.5
Lifetime methamphetamine use	4.2	6.5	5.3	8.1
Lifetime illegal use of steroids	2.8	4.3	1.6	3.7
Lifetime injection of illegal drug	2.4	2.6	2.1	3.3
Lifetime ecstasy use	6.4	7.1	4.0	9.8
Tried marijuana before age 13	7.2	9.1	8.0	7.9

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 9% of Idaho 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁸

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

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	11	8.65%
Past year marijuana use	16	11.97
Past month marijuana use	8	5.91
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	6	4.92
Past year cocaine use	2	1.64
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	10	7.88

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 3,896 full-time law enforcement employees in Idaho (2,594 officers and 1,302 civilians).²⁹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican drug trafficking organizations involved in the trafficking of methamphetamine, marijuana and cocaine are the greatest threat to the state.³⁰

- The northern portion of the Idaho panhandle shares a border with Canada and this area has been the subject of seizures of BC Bud marijuana being smuggled from Canada to the United States.³¹
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Idaho reported 11 methamphetamine lab incidents.³²

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Idaho, 2003-2007

Year	# of Laboratory Incidents
2003	90
2004	27
2005	21
2006	16
2007	11

- Approximately 1,323.5 kilograms of marijuana were seized by Federal agencies in Idaho during 2007.³³

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Idaho, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	0.6 kilograms
Heroin	0.0 kilograms
Methamphetamine	7.0 kilograms
Marijuana	1,323.5 kilograms
MDMA	192 dosage units

- During 2007, more than 36,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Idaho under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁴

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated/Seized, Idaho, 2007

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
13	36,164	10	267	36,431

- During 2006, law enforcement agencies in Idaho seized 42.5 pounds, 10.1 gallons and 285 dosage units of amphetamines/methamphetamine.³⁵

Drugs Seized by Law Enforcement Agencies in Idaho, 2006

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Crack	134.3 grams
Cocaine	6,028.6 grams
Hashish	128.6 grams
Heroin	76.9 grams
Marijuana	380.4 pounds/4,335 plants
LSD	1.5 grams/421 dosage units

Amphetamines/methamphetamine	42.5 pounds/10.1 gallons/ 285 dosage units
Morphine	159 milliliters
Opium	124 dosage units/6 plants
PCP	0.0 grams
Barbiturates	36 dosage units
Other hallucinogens	1.9 pounds/3,522 dosage units
Other narcotics	175.3 grams/3,530 dosage units
Other stimulants	10.9 grams/49 dosage units
Other depressants	174.7 grams/140 dosage units
Other drugs	505.2 grams/600 milliliters/2,472 dosage units
Unknown drug type	5.6 pounds/418 dosage units

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁶
As of April 16, 2007, there were 42 drug courts in existence or being planned in Idaho. Thirty-five drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 1 had recently been implemented and 6 were being planned at that time.
- During FY 2007, approximately 28% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Idaho had committed drug offenses. More than 70% of the drug cases involved methamphetamine.³⁷

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Idaho, FY 2007

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	8	11.4%
Marijuana	7	10.0
Methamphetamine	50	71.4
Other	5	7.1

Corrections

- As of December 2007, there were 7,355 incarcerated offenders within the Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC).³⁸
- There were 12,959 IDOC offenders being supervised in the community as of December 2007 (10,567 on probation and 2,392 on parole).³⁹
- As of December 2007, approximately 25% of the prisoners and 36% of those under community supervision had drug offenses as their most serious type of crime.⁴⁰

Most Serious Crime Type, IDOC Offenders, Idaho, December 2007

Crime	Prison	Probation & Parole
Property	22.9%	30.7%
Drugs	24.5	35.7
Assault	21.6	16.2
Sex	19.5	7.6
Alcohol	6.0	8.2
Murder/manslaughter	5.5	0.8
No crime group	0.0	0.9

- Therapeutic community (TC) treatment programs are offered at 4 IDOC facilities: Idaho Correctional Institution Orofino (ICIO), South Idaho Correctional Institution (SICI), Pocatello Women’s Correctional Center (PWCC) and Idaho Correctional Center (ICC).⁴¹
- During FY 2007, more than 676 offenders participated in TC programs at IDOC facilities. Seventy percent of TC participants completed the programs.⁴²

TC Participation and Completion, IDOC Facilities, FY 2007

Facility	Participants		Completions	
	#	#	%	
ICIO	79	60	76%	
PWCC	97	74	76	
SICI	256	133	52	
ICC	244	203	83	
Total	676	470	70	

Consequences of Use

- During 2007, authorities reported that there were 4 children affected by methamphetamine laboratories in Idaho.⁴³

Treatment

- During 2007, more than 7,500 clients received outpatient substance abuse treatment services in Idaho.⁴⁴

Number of Clients by Type of Service*, Idaho, 2004-2007

Type of Service	2004	2005	2006	2007
Outpatient	6,336	5,259	8,197	7,677
Adult residential	609	352	773	712
Detox	255	136	313	282
Juvenile residential	181	116	281	136

*Some clients received services in more than one service setting.

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 33,000 (2.78%) Idaho citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁵

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