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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 191,667¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 92.8% white; 1.0% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.0% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.1% two or more races; 2.5% some other race; 5.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- The city of Boise is located in Ada County.³

Politics

- Mayor: David H. Bieter⁴
- City Council: Elaine Clegg (President); David Eberle (Pro Tem); Vernon Bisterfeldt; Maryanne Jordan; Alan Shealy; Jim Tibbs⁵
- Chief of Police: Michael Masterson⁶
- Ada County Sheriff: Gary Raney⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse (PAYADA)⁸
PAYADA is committed to increasing the number of drug-free youth by sponsoring alcohol and other drug education, sharing information, providing positive activities and building partnerships to create a stronger community.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- There were 6 homicides reported by the Boise Police Department during 2006. There were 5 homicides known to the Boise Police Department during 2005.⁹

Index Offenses Known to Police, Boise, 2005-2006

Offense	2005	2006
Murder	5	6
Rape	120	128
Robbery	87	110
Aggravated assault	531	531
Burglary	1,320	1,166
Theft	5,683	5,119
Motor vehicle theft	507	381
Arson	73	52

- During 2006, there were 2,438 total drug violations in Boise.¹⁰

Number of Total Drug Violations, Boise, 2002-2006

Year	# of violations
2002	1,761
2003	1,894
2004	2,105
2005	2,144
2006	2,438

- During 2006, there were more than 1,000 drug paraphernalia possession violations in Boise known to the Boise Police Department.¹¹

Number of Drug Possession Violations, Boise, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004	2005	2006
Hallucinogen	14	14	8
Heroin	10	5	6
Opium	0	0	0
Cocaine	22	21	23
Marijuana	599	591	705
Amphetamine	294	329	323
Barbiturates	0	0	0
Other	81	63	77
Paraphernalia	910	928	1,098

- During 2006, there were 68 drug-selling violations for amphetamine in Boise known to law enforcement.¹²

Number of Drug Selling Violations, Boise, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004	2005	2006
Hallucinogen	4	2	4
Heroin	4	13	3
Cocaine	7	27	17
Marijuana	43	41	44
Amphetamine	81	69	68
Barbiturates	0	0	0
Other	12	17	17

- During 2006, there were 8 drug producing violations for marijuana in Boise known to the Boise Police Department.¹³

Number of Drug Producing/Manufacturing Violations, Boise, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004	2005	2006
Hallucinogen	1	0	1
Marijuana	5	7	8
Amphetamine	7	4	4

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁴

Cocaine investigations are continuing to increase in the Boise area.
- Methamphetamine
The use of methamphetamine is a primary concern of law enforcement in Ada County. This drug has been available in the area for more than a decade and it continues to gain popularity because it is easy and inexpensive to produce.¹⁵ Intelligence indicates that crystal methamphetamine remains the prevalent drug of choice in the Boise area.¹⁶

Enforcement

- As of October 2005, there were 337 law enforcement employees in Boise (267 officers and 70 civilians).¹⁷
- Boise Area Narcotics and Drug Interdiction Task Force (BANDIT)¹⁸

BANDIT is a multi-jurisdictional task force that investigates gambling, prostitution and illegal drug use. During 2005, BANDIT handled more than 150 cases, with a 75% clearance rate by arrest. BANDIT detectives arrested 171 people for drug trafficking and filed 413 related charges.¹⁹
- Ada Metro Narcotics Task Force²⁰

The mission of the Ada Metro Narcotics Task Force is to identify, investigate and arrest those individuals, groups or organizations that are responsible for the use, possession, sale, manufacture and distribution of illegal narcotics in Ada County.

Trafficking and Seizures

- The Boise Police Narcotics Unit arrested a major methamphetamine dealer during FY 2007, who was believed to be responsible for dealing 100 pounds of methamphetamine over the last several years. According to the Boise Police Department, this arrest put a major dent in the local meth trade.²¹

Courts

- Drug Courts²²

As of November 22, 2006, there were 2 drug courts that had been in existence for more than two years in Boise. There were no other drugs courts in existence or being planned in Boise at that time.

Corrections

- The Ada County Jail has a total inmate capacity of 1,144.²³
- Ada County Jail Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP)²⁴

SATP helps inmates explore and understand motivations and factors behind their substance use and introduces them to future treatment alternatives. This program utilizes a combination of instruction, cognitive-behavioral based problem solving techniques and group processing.

Consequences of Use

- The three major subgroups of the Boise City/Ada County homeless population are: substance abusers (alcohol and drugs), persons with serious mental illness and/or dual

diagnoses of mental illness complicated by substance abuse and families with children.²⁵

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