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Concord, New Hampshire

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

Demographics

- Population (2000 Census): 40,687¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 95.5% white; 1.0% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.3% other race; 1.3% two or more races; 1.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Concord is located in Merrimack County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Michael Donovan⁴
- City Council (Wards 1-10, respectively): Elizabeth Blanchard, William Stetson, Jan McClure, Dick Lemieux, Marjory Swope, J. Allen Bennett, Keith Nyhan, F. James Rowe, Katherine Rogers, James Bouley; members at-large: Leonard Brochu, Dan St. Hilaire, Dr. Douglas Black⁵
- City Manager: Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.⁶
- Chief of Police: Jerome Madden⁷
- Merrimack County High Sheriff: Chester Jordon⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- City of Concord D.A.R.E. Program⁹
The D.A.R.E. program offers preventive strategies to enhance those protective factors, especially bonding to the family, school, and community, which appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors.
- City of Concord G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program¹⁰
G.R.E.A.T. is a school-based, life-skills competency program that is taught by specially trained, uniformed police officers. Included in this program is instruction on drugs in the neighborhood which examines the negative effects drugs have on the community.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During the first quarter of FY 2007, there were 366 Part I Crimes known to police in Concord. There were 1,142 such crimes known to police in FY 2006.¹¹

Number of Select Offenses Known to Police, Concord, FY 2005-1st Quarter FY 07

Offenses	FY 2005	FY 2006	1st Quarter FY 07
Part I Crimes	1,016	1,142	366
Homicides	1	0	0
Part II Crimes	4,681	4,475	1,124
Sexual Assaults	105	101	13

Offenses	FY 2005	FY 2006	1st Quarter FY 07
Crimes Against Persons	979	905	180
Property Crimes	2,517	2,392	646
Crimes Against Society	1,302	1,432	399

- The Concord Police Department reported 72 arrests for drug offenses during the first quarter of FY 2007. During FY 2006, there were 320 arrests for drug offenses.¹²

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Concord, Fiscal Years 2005-2006

Offenses	FY 2005	FY 2006	1st Quarter FY 07
Drug/Narc. Offenses	338	320	72
DWI Arrests	229	170	59

- There were 21 drug trafficking charges filed during the first quarter of FY 2007 in concord. During FY 2006, there were 121 drug trafficking charges filed.¹³

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 96 full-time law enforcement employees in Concord, New Hampshire (74 officers and 22 civilians).¹⁴
- Concord Police Department, Drug Enforcement Unit¹⁵
The Drug Enforcement Unit is tasked with investigating reports of drug activity.
- Concord Police Department, School Resource Officer (SRO) Program¹⁶
The SRO Program provides a uniformed police officer to select Concord high schools. This program provides a proactive approach against the pressures that today's youth finds itself having to confront. These pressures include the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁷
As of September 21, 2006, there was one drug court had been operating for more than 2 years in Concord. There were no drug courts in existence or being planned at that time. Additionally, one drug court that was being planned had been inactivated.

Corrections

- The New Hampshire State Prison for Men is located in Concord. The population of this facility at the end of FY 2005 was 1,284 multi-custody level males.¹⁸
- New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Academy Program¹⁹
The Academy Program is a court-ordered Diversion Program to provide offenders an opportunity to avoid prison and obtain additional skills for successful behavior in the community. During FY 2005, 35 inmates from Merrimack County participated in the program, 14 of which successfully completed the program by June 30, 2005.

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