

# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Montgomery, Alabama

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Montgomery, Alabama

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 193,042<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 44.2% white; 53.0% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.3% other race; 1.0% two or more races; 1.5% Hispanic/Latino (any race)<sup>2</sup>
- Montgomery is located in Montgomery County.<sup>3</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Bobby N. Bright<sup>4</sup>
- City Council Members (Districts 1-9, respectively): Jim Spear; Tim Head; Janet May; Dr. James A. Nuckles; Cornelius Calhoun; Willie Cook; Martha Roby; Glen Pruitt, Jr.; Charles W. Jinright<sup>5</sup>
- Chief of Police: A.D. Baylor<sup>6</sup>
- Montgomery County Sheriff: D.T. Marshall<sup>7</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>8</sup>  
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for Baldwin, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery and Morgan counties in Alabama. In addition to Alabama, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is also responsible for areas of Louisiana and Mississippi.

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

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 14 homicides known to police in Montgomery from January through June 2006.<sup>9</sup> There were 29 homicides known to the Montgomery Police Department during full year 2005.<sup>10</sup>

Index Offenses Known to Police, Montgomery, 2005-June 2006

Offense	Full Year 2005	Jan.-June 2006
Homicide	29	14
Rape	109	40
Robbery	847	309
Aggravated assault	656	196
Burglary	3,528	1,576
Theft	8,449	4,247
Motor vehicle theft	1,020	552
Arson	41	33

- During 2005, there were more than 200 founded incidents for the possession of opium/cocaine or their derivatives reported by the Montgomery Police Department.<sup>11</sup>

Number of Drug-Related Founded Incident Offense Reports, Montgomery P.D., 2005

Drug Type	Number of Founded Reports
Possession of cocaine/opium/derivatives	228
Sale of cocaine/opium/derivatives	87
Trafficking of cocaine/opium/derivatives	19
Possession of marijuana w/ intent	5
Trafficking of marijuana	13
Sale/distribute marijuana	22
Felony possession of marijuana	105
Misdemeanor possession of marijuana	323
Possession of synthetic drugs	4
Trafficking synthetic drugs	1
Possession of other dangerous drugs	3
Other drugs	38
Possession of paraphernalia	3
Obtaining drugs by fraud	2
Attempt to obtain drugs by fraud	6
Misc. drug offense	5

**Drugs**

- Cocaine<sup>12</sup>  
According to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, crack cocaine is one of the primary drug threats in Montgomery County.
- Heroin<sup>13</sup>  
Limited quantities of heroin are available in the city of Montgomery.
- Methamphetamine<sup>14</sup>  
Methamphetamine is rapidly becoming a problem in Montgomery County.
- Marijuana<sup>15</sup>  
The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office considers marijuana one of the primary drug threats in the County.

**Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 618 full-time law enforcement employees in Montgomery (463 officers and 155 civilians).<sup>16</sup>
- Vice/Narcotics Bureau<sup>17</sup>  
The Montgomery Police Department Vice/Narcotics Bureau is responsible for all adult drug cases, both misdemeanor and felony. Investigators within this Bureau are assigned to multi-agency drug task forces consisting of Federal, state and local agencies.

## Courts

### ➤ Drug Courts<sup>18</sup>

As of November 22, 2006, there was 1 drug court in Montgomery that had been operating for more than two years and 1 drug court that was being planned. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Montgomery at that time.

## Corrections

### ➤ In March 2007, approximately 8% of the Alabama Department of Corrections inmate population was from Montgomery County.<sup>19</sup>

### ➤ The Montgomery County Detention Facility admits approximately 5,500 inmates yearly and has an average daily population of 550 inmates.<sup>20</sup>

## Treatment

### ➤ During FY 2004-2005, there were more than 600 criminal justice-related referrals to drug/alcohol treatment programs in Montgomery County. Criminal justice-related referrals to treatment programs accounted for nearly half of all referrals to treatment in Montgomery County during FY 2004-2005.<sup>21</sup>

#### Treatment Clients by Referral Source, Montgomery County, FY 2004-2005

Referral Type	Number	Percentage
Criminal justice-related	639	49.00%
Community	63	4.83
Doctor/hospital	27	2.07
Mental health/psychiatric service	20	1.53
Other/school/employee asst. prog.	79	6.06
Relative/friend	105	8.05
Substance abuse treatment	21	1.61
Self	350	26.84
Total	1,304	100.00

### ➤ Approximately one-third of the clients admitted to drug/alcohol treatment in Montgomery County reported crack cocaine/cocaine as their primary substance problem during FY 2004-2005.<sup>22</sup>

#### Treatment Clients, by Primary Substance Problem, Montgomery County, FY 2004-2005

Primary Substance	Number	Percent
Alcohol	337	25.84%
Marijuana/hashish	452	34.66
Crack/cocaine	423	32.44
Amphetamine/methamphetamine	42	3.22
Opioid/heroin	34	2.61
Tranquilizers	10	0.77
Other non-prescription	0	0.00
Hallucinogen/PCP	1	0.08

None	5	0.38
Total	1,304	100.00

- During FY 2004-2005, there were 625 black, male drug/alcohol treatment clients in Montgomery County.<sup>23</sup>

Treatment Clients, by Race and Gender, Montgomery County, FY 2004-2005

Primary Substance	Female	Male
Alaskan	0	0
Asian	4	5
Bi-racial	2	1
Black	224	625
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0
Native American	6	1
White	0	1
Total	171	264

- There were 1,063 families served by the Division of Substance Abuse Services in Montgomery County during FY 2004.<sup>24</sup>

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