

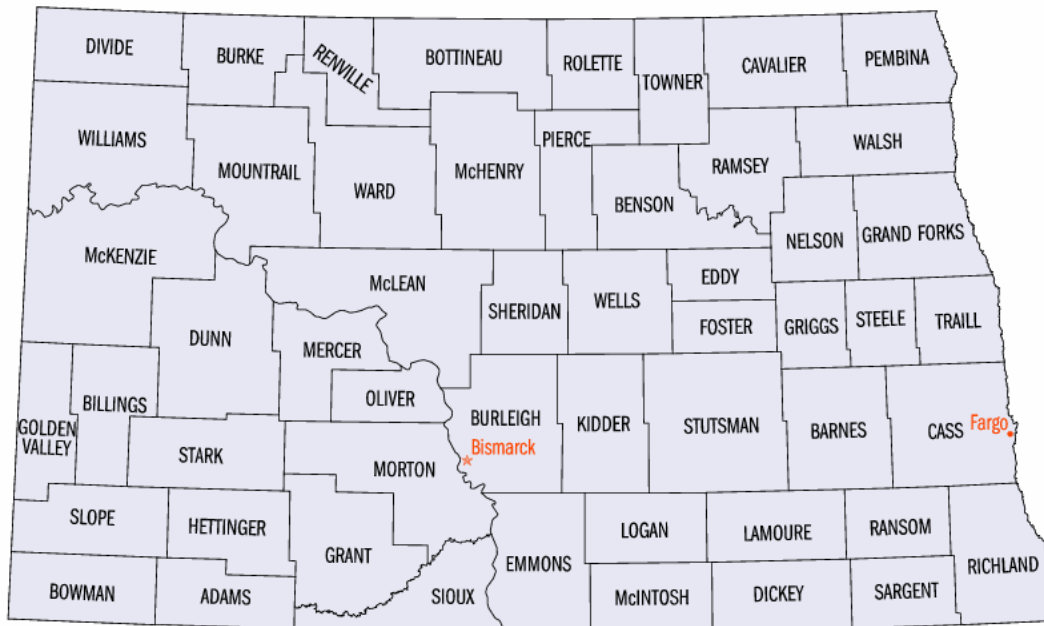
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Bismarck, North Dakota

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Bismarck, North Dakota**

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (July 2003 Census estimate): 56,344<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 94.8% white; 0.3% black/African American; 3.4% American/Alaska Native; 0.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 0.9% two or more races; 0.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)<sup>2</sup>
- The city of Bismarck is located in Burleigh County.<sup>3</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: John Warford<sup>4</sup>
- City Commission: Steve Schwab; David Jensen; Connie Sprynczynatyk; Sandi Tabor<sup>5</sup>
- Bismarck Chief of Police: Deborah Ness<sup>6</sup>
- Burleigh County Sheriff: Pat Heinert<sup>7</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>8</sup>  
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA includes sections of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. In North Dakota, this HIDTA is responsible for the following counties: Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, Morton, Ramsey, Richland, Walsh and Ward. The North Dakota counties did not join the Midwest HIDTA until February 1999.
- Bismarck Police Youth Bureau<sup>9</sup>  
The Police Youth Bureau provides early intervention during crisis situations in order to promote positive change. Youth workers make decisions regarding attendant care, juvenile detox and home bound type placements and juvenile detention.
- Methandfreindsofmine Web site<sup>10</sup>  
This Web site provides information about the impact methamphetamine has had on Bismarck and North Dakota. This site also provides information on prevention as well as how to obtain treatment.

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

- The Bismarck Police Department reported 1 homicide arrest during 2005.<sup>11</sup>

Arrests for Index Offenses, Bismarck P.D. & Burleigh County Sheriff, 2005

| <b>Offense</b>                    | <b>Bismarck P.D.</b> | <b>Burleigh Co. Sheriff</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter | 1                    | 0                           |
| Forcible rape                     | 3                    | 0                           |
| Robbery                           | 4                    | 0                           |
| Aggravated assault                | 44                   | 6                           |
| Burglary                          | 23                   | 6                           |

|                     |     |   |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| Larceny/theft       | 362 | 2 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 22  | 3 |
| Arson               | 1   | 0 |

- During 2005 the Bismarck Police Department reported 243 arrests for drug abuse violations. Additionally, the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department reported 94 arrests for drug abuse violations during 2005.<sup>12</sup>

Arrests for Substance-Related Offenses, Bismarck P.D. & Burleigh County Sheriff, 2005

| Offense               | Bismarck P.D. | Burleigh Co. Sheriff |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Drug abuse violations | 243           | 94                   |
| DUI                   | 485           | 180                  |
| Liquor law violations | 646           | 122                  |

- The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department was involved in 91 drug abuse violation investigations during 2006.<sup>13</sup>
- During 2006, the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department received 86 warrants for possession of a controlled substance, 104 for delivery of controlled substance and 81 for the possession of drug paraphernalia.<sup>14</sup>

**Drugs**

- Marijuana<sup>15</sup>  
Community leaders in Bismarck have identified marijuana as the main drug problem in the community.
- Methamphetamine<sup>16</sup>  
Methamphetamine is a growing problem in Bismarck according to community leaders. As a result, Bismarck has formed a task force to develop education strategies on methamphetamine abuse.

**Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 111 full-time law enforcement employees in Bismarck (87 officers and 24 civilians).<sup>17</sup>
- Bismarck Police Department drug-related initiatives:<sup>18</sup>
  - Drug Education – This program is designed to help children and adults recognize illegal substances and equip them with the information they need to make good decisions regarding the temptation to use drugs.
  - Marijuana Education Program – This program educates youth on the legal consequences of marijuana and other drug use.

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>19</sup>  
As of November 2006, there were 2 drug courts in Bismarck that had been operating for over 2 years. No additional drug courts were in operation or being planned at that time in Bismarck.

## Corrections

- The Burleigh County Detention Center housed 3,545 adult males and 1,098 adult females in 2006.<sup>20</sup>

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