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

Demographics

- Population (2004 American Community Survey): 766,094¹
- Race/ethnicity (2004 American Community Survey): 66.7% white; 24.7% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.2% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 3.9% other race; 3.2% two or more races; 5.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Indianapolis is located in Marion County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Bart Peterson⁴
- City-County Council Members: Isaac Randolph; Angela Mansfield; James Bradford; Scott Schneider; Virginia Cain; Lynn McWhirter; Greg Bowes; Monroe Gray, Jr.; Jackie Nytes; William Oliver; Steve Talley; Sherron Franklin; Earl Salisbury; Marilyn Pfisterer; Patrice Abdullallah; Scott Keller; Mary Moriarty Adams; Vernon Brown; Dane Mahern; N. Susie Day; Lance Langsford; Bob Cockrum; Dr. Phillip Borst; Mike Speedy; Lincoln Plowman; Rozelle Boyd (at-large); Lonnell Conley; Ron Gibson; Joanne Sanders⁵
- Chief of Police: Michael Spears⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- Healthy Reasons to Say No to Drugs⁷
The Indianapolis Police Department's Healthy Reasons to Say No To Drugs program is a drug resistance/education program. As part of the program, children receive counseling and education designed to increase their awareness of the dangers of drug use and to strengthen their ability to resist drugs.
- Drug-Free Marion County⁸
The mission of Drug-Free Marion County is to plan, promote, implement and coordinate community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Marion County.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Of the 93 homicides investigated by the Indianapolis Police Department Homicide Branch during 2004, 29% were motivated by drugs.⁹
- From January through August 2005, there were 56 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses reported by the Indianapolis Police Department. During full year 2004, 87 such offenses were reported.¹⁰

Number of Index Offenses Reported by Police, Indianapolis, 2002-August 2005

Offense	Full Year 2002	Full Year 2003	Full Year 2004	Jan.-August 2005
Murder/non negl. mansl.	81	79	87	56
Rape	260	28	323	224
Robbery	2,071	1,956	1,954	1,333
Aggravated assault	3,895	3,472	3,388	2,503
Burglary	5,739	6,104	6,762	4,016
Larceny	11,492	12,658	13,371	9,382
Motor vehicle theft	3,788	3,821	3,802	2,605
Total index	27,326	28,344	29,687	20,119

- From January through August 2005, the Indianapolis Police Department made 39 arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter. During full year 2004, there were 78 such arrests.¹¹

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Indianapolis, 2002-August 2005

Offense	Full Year 2002	Full Year 2003	Full Year 2004	Jan.-August 2005
Murder/non negl. mansl.	79	74	78	39
Rape	79	62	69	52
Robbery	626	585	591	379
Aggravated assault	2,341	1,878	1,794	1,206
Burglary	508	548	541	285
Larceny	2,224	2,085	2,334	1,575
Motor vehicle theft	723	705	731	501
Total index	6,580	5,937	6,138	4,037

- The Indianapolis Police Department made 3,646 adult and 334 juvenile drug arrests during 2004.¹²

Number of Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Indianapolis, 2002-2004

	2002		2003		2004	
	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult
Drug	315	3,012	361	3,098	334	3,646
DUI	6	1,593	15	2,013	5	2,200
Liquor laws	40	102	40	126	53	225
Drunkenness	56	3,494	79	2,526	78	3,320

- Data from 2003 indicate that 44.8% of Indianapolis adult male arrestees tested positive for marijuana at arrest.¹³

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Indianapolis, 2003

	Males	Females
Cocaine	35.3%	55.7%
Opiates	5.1	5.7
Marijuana	44.8	42.0
Methamphetamine	1.9	2.3
Any drug	64.6	75.3
Multiple drugs	22.4	29.9

- Additional Indianapolis arrestee drug use data for 2003 indicate that 51.4% of the adult male arrestees used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the drug was used an average of 11.5 days within the past month.¹⁴

Past Drug Use, Adult Male Arrestees, Indianapolis, 2003

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth.	Heroin
Past 7 days	14.7%	5.1%	39.3%	1.5%	2.3%
Past 30 days	16.7	8.6	44.3	2.0	2.3
Past year	18.6	13.3	51.4	2.6	2.7
Average # of days in month	8.8 days	3.6 days	11.5 days	4.7 days	11.7 days

- During 2003, 55.6% of adult female arrestees in Indianapolis reported past year use of marijuana. Among the female arrestees who reported past year use of marijuana, the average number of days the substance was used in the past month was 10.2 days¹⁵

Past Drug Use, Adult Female Arrestees, Indianapolis, 2003

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth.	Heroin
Past 7 days	36.9%	5.2%	42.6%	0.6%	1.2%
Past 30 days	39.5	7.6	49.2	0.6	2.3
Past year	44.1	11.8	55.6	2.8	3.4
Average # of days in month	11.9 days	2.2 days	10.2 days	1.2 days	8.6 days

Drugs

- Cocaine
Crack cocaine is primarily available in the urban areas of Indiana, particularly Indianapolis. Powdered cocaine sells for \$24,000-\$26,000/kilogram, \$900-\$1,000/ounce, and \$85-\$100/gram in the area.¹⁶
- Heroin
Heroin is available primarily in the four most populated urban areas of Indiana – Gary, Evansville, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis. Heroin in Indianapolis sells for \$2,500-\$3,500/ounce and \$200-\$300/gram.¹⁷
- Marijuana

Marijuana sells for \$35-\$60/ounce and \$6-\$9/gram in the Indianapolis area.¹⁸

➤ **Methamphetamine**

Methamphetamine produced in Mexico and southwestern states is dominant in the Indianapolis area. Methamphetamine sells for \$16,000-\$23,000/pound, \$1,400-\$2,000/ounce, and \$90-\$100/gram in Indianapolis.¹⁹

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2004, there were 2,829 full-time law enforcement employees in Indianapolis (1,638 officers and 1,191 civilians).²⁰

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2004, the Indianapolis Police Department Narcotics Branch seized more than 5,807 pounds of marijuana.²¹

Seizures Made by Narcotics Branch, Indianapolis, 2004

Item Seized	Amount Seized
Cocaine	107.9 pounds
Methamphetamine	13.9 pounds
Heroin	1,106.9 grams
Marijuana	5,807.7 pounds
Firearms	281
Money	\$2,616,824

Courts

- **Drug Courts**²²

As of September 29, 2005, there were 3 drug courts in existence in Indianapolis. One drug court had been operating for more than 2 years and 2 had recently been implemented. There were no drug courts being planned in Indianapolis at that time.

Consequences of Use

- During 2003, there were 72 drug-misuse deaths reported by Marion County medical examiners to the Drug Abuse Warning Network. This does not include the 8 drug-related suicides reported during that year.²³

Treatment

- Approximately 24% of Indianapolis adult male arrestees interviewed during 2003 reported receiving inpatient/residential treatment at some point in their lives.²⁴

Percent of Adult Arrestees Reporting Past Drug Treatment, Indianapolis, 2003

Type of Treatment	Male		Female	
	Ever	Past Year	Ever	Past Year
Outpatient	27.3%	6.3%	32.6%	9.6%
Inpatient/Residential	23.8	2.1	34.8	6.8

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