

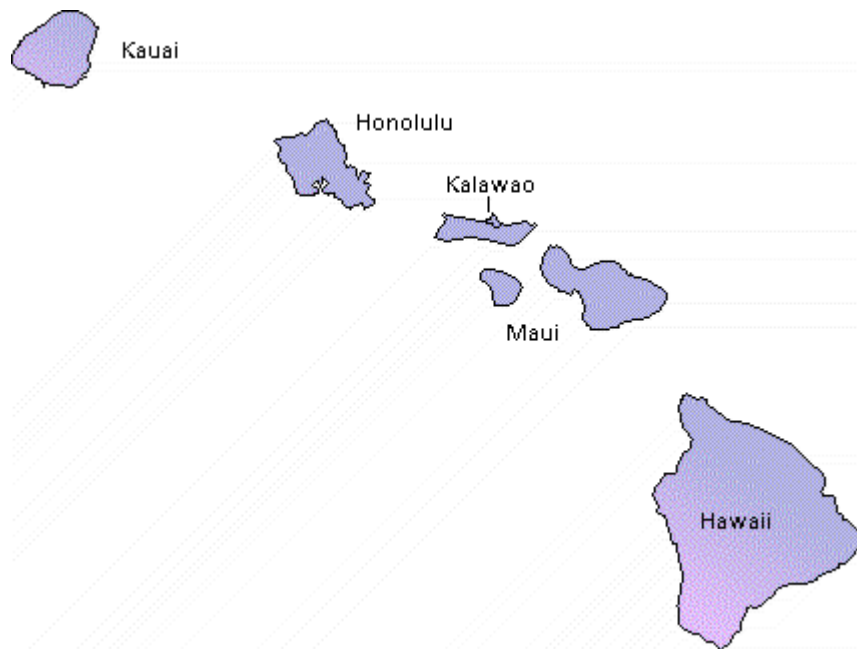
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City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii

Profile of Drug Indicators

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City and County of Honolulu

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 364,522 (City of Honolulu); 909,863 (Honolulu County)¹
- City of Honolulu Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 21.0% white; 1.6% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 55.9% Asian; 5.9% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.6% other race; 14.9% two or more races; 3.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- County of Honolulu Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 22.2% white; 2.8% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 44.2% Asian; 7.9% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.1% other race; 21.5% two or more races; 7.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)³

Politics

- Mayor (City and County of Honolulu): Mufi Hannemann⁴
- City Council (Districts 1-9, respectively): Todd Apo; Donovan M. Dela Cruz; Barbara Marshall; Charles K. Djou; Ann Kobayashi; Rod Tam; Romy Cachola; Gary Okino; Nestor Garcia⁵
- Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Boisse Correa⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
Designated in 1999, the Hawaii HIDTA is responsible for the following counties: Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai and Maui.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2006, there were 1,350 adult and 249 juvenile drug arrests in reported by the HPD.⁸

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, HPD, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder	3	19
Rape	16	67
Robbery	85	191
Aggravated assault	121	463
Burglary	62	191
Larceny-theft	761	1,561
Motor vehicle theft	102	390
Arson	11	12
Drug laws	249	1,350
DUI	44	3,726
Liquor laws	113	578

- During 2006, there were 660 methamphetamine-related cases reported by the HPD, a 31% decrease from the 962 such cases reported during 2005.⁹

Number of Drug-Related Cases, HPD, 2005-2006

Drug Type	2005	2006
Cocaine	144	305
Heroin	29	15
Detrimental drugs*	116	110
Methamphetamine	962	660

*This category includes marijuana

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁰
Recent indicators show that cocaine use has increased in Honolulu. According to the HPD, cocaine prices have remained relatively stable over the past several years. During 2006, powder cocaine prices in Honolulu were as follows: \$400-\$600/quarter ounce, \$900-\$1,200/ounce, \$13,500-\$25,000/pound and \$26,500-\$52,000/kilogram. Crack prices were as follows: \$20-\$40/quarter gram, \$300-\$450/quarter ounce and \$1,050-\$1,200/ounce.
- Heroin¹¹
The heroin market for Honolulu is dominated by black tar heroin. According to the HPD, black tar heroin prices have remained stable at \$20-\$50/quarter gram, \$500-\$800/quarter ounce and \$1,700-\$2,000/ounce.
- Marijuana¹²
In 2006, marijuana prices reported by the HPD were as follows: \$10-\$30/quarter gram, \$400-\$500/ounce and \$4,500-\$5,500/pound.
- Methamphetamine¹³
Recent indicators show that methamphetamine use has decreased in Honolulu. Crystal methamphetamine prices remained constant over the course of 2006. The drug is sold in the islands as "clear" (a clear, white form) or "wash" (a brownish, less processed form). Prices for ice varied widely in 2006. The HPD reports that a quarter of a gram of ice sells for \$50-\$150, depending on whether it is "wash" or "clear." Additional crystal methamphetamine prices reported by the HPD during 2006 were as follows: \$500-\$1,000/quarter ounce, \$2,500-\$3,500/ounce and \$20,000-\$45,000/pound.
- Club Drugs¹⁴
Prices for ecstasy in Honolulu during 2006 were \$15-\$50/paper (quarter gram). LSD sold for \$4-\$6/hit and PCP sold for \$10-\$20/paper.

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 2,532 full-time law enforcement employees in Honolulu (2,053 officers and 479 civilians).¹⁵
- Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT)¹⁶
Organized in 1996, this unit responds to calls regarding possible clandestine labs and gives community informational lectures about clandestine labs.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Honolulu is the primary transshipment point for drugs and drug proceeds to, through, and from the state.¹⁷
- The Honolulu International Airport continues to be the primary entry point for heroin transported into Hawaii.¹⁸
- In 2006, the HPD seized a total of 32,277 grams of crystal methamphetamine and did not report seizing any powdered methamphetamine. That is significantly less methamphetamine than was seized in 2005 (74,767 grams of crystal and 10,842 grams of powdered methamphetamine).¹⁹

Amount of Drugs Seized, HPD, 2005-2006

Drug Type	2005	2006
Powder cocaine	8,797.0 grams	9,993.5 grams
Crack cocaine	464.0 grams	472.0 grams
Black tar heroin	3,602.0 grams	1.6 grams
White powder heroin	18.5 grams	0.2 grams
Marijuana	6,814 plants/81,966.0 grams	4,842 plants/95,187.0 grams
Crystal methamphetamine	74,767.0 grams	32,277.0 grams
Powder methamphetamine	10,842.0 grams	0.0 grams

- During 2006, there were 3 methamphetamine laboratory seizures in Honolulu County.²⁰

Methamphetamine Laboratory Seizures, Honolulu County, 2002-2006

Year	Methamphetamine Laboratory Seizures
2002	4
2003	4
2004	3
2005	7
2006	3

Courts

- Drug Courts²¹
As of April 16, 2007, there were 3 drug courts had been operating for at least two years in Honolulu. No other drug courts were in operation or being planned at that time.

Consequences of Use

- The Honolulu City and County Medical Examiner (ME) reported 27 deaths with cocaine-positive toxicology screens in 2006. The ME data are based on toxicology screens performed on bodies brought to the ME office for examination, so they are not based on all deaths.²²

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Honolulu ME, 2006

Drug Type	Number of Deaths
Cocaine	27
Heroin	44
Methamphetamine	66
Oxycodone	25
Hydrocodone	18
Fentanyl	0
Methadone	26

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