

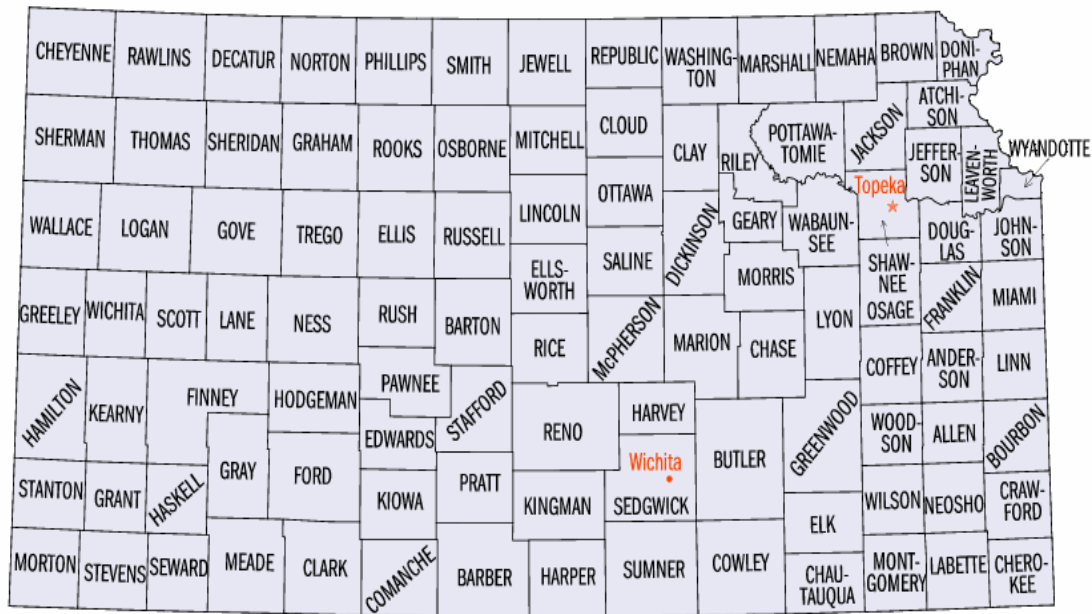
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Topeka, Kansas

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 117,326¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 76.5% white; 11.0% black/African American; 1.7% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 6.2% other race; 3.1% two or more races; 9.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Topeka is located in Shawnee County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Bill Buntin⁴
- City Council (Districts 1-9, respectively): Lana Kennedy, John Alcala, Sylvia Ortiz, Jack Woelfel, Bill Haynes, Deborah Swank, Brett Blackburn, Jeff Preisner, Richard Harmon⁵
- Topeka Chief of Police: Ron Miller⁶
- Shawnee County Sheriff: Richard Barta⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁸
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for areas in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas. Topeka's Shawnee County is involved in Midwest HIDTA efforts.
- Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services (SRPRS)⁹
SRPRS is a network of concerned citizens who share the responsibility for nurturing, educating and creating an environment for all people to be free from the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 3 homicides known to police in Topeka from January through June 2006.¹⁰ During full year 2005, there were 7 homicides known to police in Topeka.¹¹

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Topeka, 2005-June 2006

Offense	Full Year 2005	Jan.-June 2006
Murder	7	3
Forcible rape	50	18
Robbery	275	149
Aggravated assault	350	152
Burglary	1,719	699
Larceny-theft	7,244	3,218
Motor vehicle theft	699	303
Arson	10	8

Drugs

- Methamphetamine
Imported Mexican methamphetamine is available in Topeka.¹²

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 340 full-time law enforcement employees in Topeka (285 officers and 55 civilians).¹³
- Topeka Police Department: Narcotic Unit¹⁴
The officers in this unit investigate mid-level and major violators of drug laws. This unit also provides community relations aimed at educating the public on the dangers of drug abuse through meetings with community leaders, businesses and schools.

Trafficking and Seizures

- From January 1 through March 31, 2007, 34 marijuana plants were seized in Shawnee County. During full year 2006, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation seized 76 cultivated marijuana plants at indoor and outdoor locations in Shawnee County.¹⁵
- From January 1 through March 31, 2007, there were 2 methamphetamine laboratory-related seizures in Shawnee County. During full year 2006, there were 9 such seizures.¹⁶

Number of Meth-Related Seizures, Shawnee County, 2005-March 2007

Type of Seizure	Full Year 2005	Full Year 2006	Jan.-March 2007
Chemical/glass/equipment	0	5	2
Dumpsite	1	1	0
Laboratory	3	3	0
Total	4	9	2

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁷
As of November 22, 2006, there was 1 drug court that had recently been implemented in Topeka. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Topeka at that time.

Corrections

- In March 2001, the Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF) became an all-female facility. On December 31, 2005, the TCF population was 680.¹⁸
- The therapeutic community at TCF has a capacity of 24. Additionally, the substance abuse treatment program at TCF has a capacity of 16.¹⁹

Treatment

- During FY 2004, there were 280 treatment admissions where cocaine was the primary drug of abuse in Shawnee County.²⁰

Treatment Admissions, by Primary Drug of Abuse, Shawnee County, FY 2004

Primary Drug	Clients 18 Years and Younger		Total All Ages	
	#	%	#	%
Alcohol	20	14.39%	416	37.89%
Cocaine	5	3.60	280	25.50
Marijuana	100	71.94	210	19.13
Heroin	3	2.16	7	0.64
Methamphetamine	9	6.47	153	13.93
Other drugs	2	1.44	32	2.91
Total	139	100.00	1,098	100.00

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