

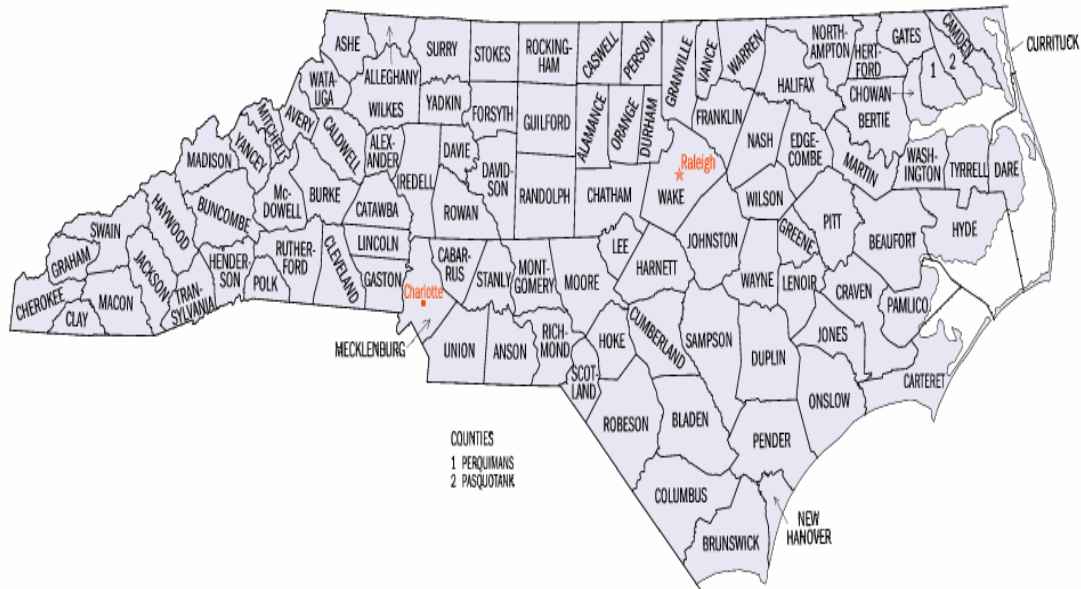
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Charlotte, North Carolina

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Charlotte, North Carolina

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

### Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 601,598<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 57.0% white; 34.3% black/African American; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.9% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.7% other race; 1.7% two or more races; 9.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)<sup>2</sup>
- Charlotte is located in Mecklenburg County.<sup>3</sup>

### Politics

- Mayor: Patrick McCrory<sup>4</sup>
- City Council (District): Patsy Kinsey (1); James Mitchell, Jr. (2); Warren Turner (3); Michael Barnes (4); Nancy Carter (5); Andy Dulin (6); Don Lochman (7); Patrick Mumford (at-large); Susan Burgess (at-large); John Lassiter (at-large); Anthony Foxx (at-large)<sup>5</sup>
- Chief of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department: Darrel Stephens<sup>6</sup>
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff: Jim Pendergraph<sup>7</sup>

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- There were 16 homicide arrests made by police in Charlotte-Mecklenburg from January through April 2007.<sup>8</sup> There were 4 juvenile and 40 adult homicide arrests made by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department during full year 2006.<sup>9</sup>

Arrests for Index Offenses, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, 2006-April 2007

Offense	Full Year 2006		Jan.-April 2007	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Homicide	4	40	0	16
Rape	8	37	2	6
Robbery	168	400	47	112
Aggravated assault	271	1,743	94	477
Burglary	242	749	85	208
Theft	519	1,408	173	468
Motor vehicle theft	88	93	42	18
Arson	27	13	3	6

- From January through April 2007, there were 1,057 adult drug arrests made by police in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.<sup>10</sup> Additionally, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department made 2,962 adult drug arrests during full year 2006.<sup>11</sup>

Substance-Related Arrests, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, 2006-April 2007

Type of Offense	Full Year 2006		Jan.-April 2007	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Drug violation	348	2,962	152	1,057
DUI	18	1,926	3	628
Liquor violation	10	229	10	62

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department received 1,434 drug-related complaints from January through April 2007.<sup>12</sup> During full year 2006, there were 4,192 drug-related complaints reported by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.<sup>13</sup>

**Drugs**

- Marijuana<sup>14</sup>  
In the Charlotte metropolitan area, there is a local preference for Canadian, sinsemilla and exotic hydroponic strains of marijuana over Mexican and domestic outdoor varieties because of the purported higher levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

**Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2005, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department consisted of 1,946 full-time law enforcement employees (1,513 officers and 433 civilians).<sup>15</sup>

**Trafficking & Seizures**

- A recent DEA Boston Division investigation involving a seizure of 150,000 dosage units of MDMA resulted in the dismantling of an Asian organization with ties to Canadian laboratories supplying a source in Charlotte, North Carolina. The DEA District Office in Charlotte is also targeting the rise of local Asian gangs trafficking MDMA and conducting money laundering for other trafficking groups.<sup>16</sup>
- Asian drug trafficking organizations, primarily Vietnamese groups, have emerged as the primary transporters and distributors of MDMA and Canadian high potency marijuana in Charlotte.<sup>17</sup>

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>18</sup>  
As of April 16, 2007, there were 6 drug courts in Charlotte, all of which had been operating for at least two years. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Charlotte at that time.

**Corrections**

- On May 31, 2007, there were 277 drug offenders in North Carolina prisons who were convicted in Mecklenburg County.<sup>19</sup>

Drug Offender Population, Mecklenburg County Convictions, May 31, 2007

Offense	Prison	Probation	Parole
Drugs – trafficking	153	29	4
Drugs – non-trafficking	124	1,501	3

Total drug offenders	277	1,530	7
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- Jail-Central  
 Located in Charlotte, the Mecklenburg County Jail-Central is a pre-trial detention and intake center that opened in 1997. The capacity of Jail-Central is 1,904.<sup>20</sup> An intensive substance abuse program is offered by professional counselors from the Mecklenburg Area Mental Health Authority at this facility.<sup>21</sup>
- Jail-North<sup>22</sup>  
 Mecklenburg County Jail-North, also located in Charlotte, opened in 1994. Jail-North is designed to house 614 sentenced inmates.

### Consequences of Use

- During 2005, there were 36 accidental and 2 intentional deaths in Mecklenburg County from exposure to narcotics or psychoactive substances. Fourteen Mecklenburg County deaths during 2005 were attributed to mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of psychoactive substances.<sup>23</sup>

### Treatment

- The Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health Authority provides the following adult substance abuse services:<sup>24</sup>
  - day treatment, residential treatment and aftercare
  - case management
  - gender-specific services
  - services for homeless individuals
- From FY 2005 through 2006, there were 195 drug and alcohol abuse treatment clients served by the North Carolina Division of Mental Health in Mecklenburg County.<sup>25</sup>

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