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Profile of Drug Indicators

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 477,251¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 53.6% white; 8.3% black/African American; 1.0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 12.3% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 22.1% other race; 2.5% two or more races; 43.9% Hispanic origin²
- The city of Fresno is located in Fresno County.

Politics

- Mayor: Alan Autry³
- City Council (Districts 1-7, respectively): Tom Boyajian; Brian Calhoun; Cynthia Sterling; Larry Westerlund; Mike Dages; Jerry Duncan; Henry T. Perea⁴
- City Manager: Andrew Souza⁵
- Chief of Police: Jerry Dyer⁶
- Fresno County Sheriff: Richard Pierce⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁸
Designated in 1999, the Central Valley HIDTA is responsible for the following counties in California: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
- Police Activities League (PAL)⁹
The Fresno Police Department's PAL is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting mentor relationships between youth and law enforcement personnel. At-risk youth and police officers work together on activities designed to develop discipline, self-esteem, mutual trust and respect.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to June 2006, the crime index total for Fresno was 14,236. During full year 2005, there were 29,691 index offenses reported in Fresno.¹⁰

Number of Index Offenses Reported by Police, 2004-June 2006

Offense	Full Year 2004	Full Year 2005	January-June 2006
Willful homicide	53	48	20
Forcible rape	181	149	65
Robbery	1,232	1,275	690
Aggravated assault	2,030	2,425	1,093
Burglary	3,994	4,170	2,346
Larceny	17,119	16,088	7,274
Motor vehicle theft	5,245	5,288	2,620

Arson	416	248	128
Crime Index total	30,270	29,691	14,236

- During 2005, the Fresno Police Department's Major Narcotics Unit made 122 arrests and the Fresno Meth Task Force made 41 arrests.¹¹

Enforcement

- Fresno Meth Task Force¹²
This task force works to reduce large-scale manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine and precursor chemicals from the HIDTA's area of responsibility.
- Special Operations Task Force¹³
This task force identifies and removes mid-level drug traffickers who are active in, or connected with, criminal groups and/or street gangs.
- As of October 31, 2004, there were 1,140 full-time law enforcement employees in Fresno (769 officers and 371 civilians).¹⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2005, the Fresno Police Department's Major Narcotics Bureau seized 66.1 pounds of methamphetamine valued at \$1,938,200.¹⁵

Major Narcotics Bureau Seizures, Fresno, 2005

Drugs Seized	Amount	Value
Heroin	1.4 pounds	\$47,550
Marijuana	1,860 pounds	\$2,659,000
Cocaine	80.12 pounds	\$1,149,960
Methamphetamine	66.1 pounds	\$1,938,200
OxyContin	150 pills	\$11,000
Ecstasy	2,050 pills	\$61,000
Opium	6 pounds	\$180,000
Guns	42	n/a
Vehicles	4	\$86,000
Money	n/a	\$843,959

- The Fresno Meth Task Force dismantled 16 clandestine methamphetamine labs during 2005.¹⁶

Fresno Meth Task Force Seizures, Fresno, 2005

Item Seized	Amount Seized and/or Value
Meth labs dismantled	16
Marijuana	\$12,000,000
Vehicles	3
Cash	\$90,000
Firearms	25
Real property (pending)	11/\$3,000,000

- The Fresno Special Operations Task Force seized 4 pounds of marijuana and \$200,000 in currency during 2005.¹⁷

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁸
As of August 2006, there were 3 drug courts in Fresno that had been operating for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Fresno at that time.

Corrections

- As of December 31, 2005, approximately 3.1% (5,221 offenders) of the California Department of Corrections inmate population had Fresno County as their county of commitment.¹⁹
- The county of commitment for 4.1% (4,681 offenders) of the California parole population on December 31, 2005 was Fresno County.²⁰

Treatment

- In FY 2004-2005, there were 2,481 Fresno County treatment admissions in which methamphetamine was the primary substance of abuse.²¹

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