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Sacramento, California

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): 445,287¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 45.7% white; 16.3% black/African American; 1.3% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 18.4% Asian; 0.9% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 13.3% some other race; 4.2% two or more races; 25.1% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- The city of Sacramento is located in Sacramento County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Heather Fargo⁴
- City Council (Districts 1-8, respectively): Ray Tretheway, Sandy Sheedy, Steve Cohn, Robert King Fong, Lauren Hammond, Kevin McCarty, Robbie Waters, Bonnie Pannell⁵
- City Manager: Ray Kerridge⁶
- Chief of Police: Albert Nájera⁷
- Sacramento County Sheriff: John McGinness⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1999, the Central Valley HIDTA is responsible for the following California counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
- Demand Treatment!¹⁰
In 2002, Sacramento County became a Join Together Demand Treatment! partner. As such, Join Together provides Sacramento County with technical assistance, funding and leadership development to help meet the treatment goals of the community.
- Project Help¹¹
As Sacramento's first community-wide anti-drug coalition, Project Help is dedicated to creating a drug-free and alcohol-safe community. Some of the coalition's goals include the following: unite the community in its prevention, treatment and enforcement efforts; educate the community about substance abuse and its dangers; increase the safety of citizens by reducing alcohol and other drug abuse and related crime and violence; and improve coordination among public and private entities to address substance abuse in Sacramento County.¹²
- Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)
As part of the Sacramento G.R.E.A.T. program, officers work with Kops-N-Kids to host a camp during the summer. The camp focuses on educating youths about the realities of drug use, gang involvement, and the consequences of their choices.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Preliminary data from January through June 2006 indicate that there were 34 murders known to police in Sacramento.¹³ There were 55 murders known to police in Sacramento during full year 2005.¹⁴

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Sacramento, 2004-June 2006

Offenses	Full Year 2004	Full Year 2005	Jan.-June 2006
Murder	50	52	34
Forcible rape	195	170	98
Robbery	1,914	2,018	1,076
Aggravated assault	2,571	3,025	1,647
Burglary	5,362	5,842	2,859
Larceny/theft	15,455	13,321	6,424
Motor vehicle theft	7,290	6,922	3,584

- There were 349 juvenile and 805 adult misdemeanor drug arrests for marijuana in Sacramento County during 2005.¹⁵

Number of Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, Sacramento County, 2003-2005

Offense	2003		2004		2005	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Marijuana	331	847	315	673	349	805
Other drugs	47	2,438	63	2,885	41	2,899
Glue sniffing	--	3	--	6	--	5

- During 2005, there were 246 juvenile and 6,351 adult felony drug arrests in Sacramento County.¹⁶

Number of Felony Drug Arrests, Sacramento County, 2003-2005

Offense	2003		2004		2005	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Narcotics	59	1,350	73	2,037	81	2,181
Marijuana	72	384	78	409	80	479
Dangerous drugs	56	3,016	66	3,280	83	3,626
Other	1	56	2	117	2	65
Total	188	4,806	219	5,843	246	6,351

Drugs

- Methamphetamine¹⁷
Methamphetamine availability continues in and around Sacramento.

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 1,013 law enforcement employees in Sacramento (668 officers and 345 civilians).¹⁸
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Canine Detail¹⁹

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has had a full time, continuously operating, canine detail since 1979. The department has 11 specialty canines trained in the areas of explosive and narcotics detection.

➤ **Sacramento Police Department: Office of Investigations²⁰**

The Office of Investigations is responsible for developing information leading to the arrest of criminal offenders, preparing cases, processing warrants, recovering stolen property and investigating crime scenes, involving a number of crimes including drug crime.

Trafficking and Seizures

- The Property Section of the Sacramento Police Department destroyed 520 pounds of seized narcotics during 2005.²¹

Courts

- **Drug Courts²²**

As of November 22, 2006, there were 3 drug courts in existence in Sacramento, which had all been operating for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned at that time.

Corrections

- As of January 31, 2007, there were 3,191 offenders within California State Prison – Sacramento.²³

Consequences of Use

- From 2002-2004, there was an average of 182 drug-induced deaths in Sacramento County.²⁴

Treatment

- According to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, methamphetamine was the primary drug of abuse at the time of treatment admission in Sacramento County during SFY 2004-2005.²⁵

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