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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): 78,402¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 60.0% white; 32.8% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.9% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.9% other race; 3.1% two or more races; 4.1% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Albany is located in Albany County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Gerald Jennings⁴
- Common Council (Ward): Shawn Morris (President); Dominick Calsolaroe (1); Carolyn McLaughlin (2); Corey Ellis (3); Barbara Smith (4); Richard Conti (6); Catherine Fahey (7); John Rosenzweig (8); James Sano (9); James Scalzo, Jr. (10); Glen Casey (11); Michael O'Brien (12); Daniel Herring (13); Joseph Igoe (14); Sandra Fox (15)⁵
- Chief of Police: James Tuffey⁶
- Albany County Sheriff: James Campbell⁷

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 857 adult felony drug arrests in Albany County during 2006⁸

Number of Adult Arrests, Albany County, 2004-2006

Offense	2004	2005	2006
Felony	3,195	3,260	3,485
Violent	659	705	708
Drug	763	722	857
DWI	111	155	148
Other	1,662	1,628	1,772
Misdemeanor	6,351	7,087	7,913
Drug	567	789	1,315
DWI	1,177	1,416	1,504
Property	1,830	2,005	1,930
Other	2,777	2,877	3,164
Total	9,546	10,347	11,398

- During 2005, there were 8 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses known to police in Albany.⁹

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Albany, 2005

Type of Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	8
Forcible rape	68
Robbery	439
Aggravated assault	760
Burglary	1,328
Larceny-theft	3,186
Auto theft	369

Drugs

- Cocaine
Cocaine is a significant problem in Albany.¹⁰

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 456 full-time law enforcement employees in Albany (334 officers and 122 civilians).¹¹
- Albany County Sheriff's Department: Drug Interdiction Unit¹²
The Drug Interdiction Unit is charged with the duties of investigating illegal drug activity within Albany County.
- Albany County Sheriff's Department: K-9 Unit¹³
The Albany County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit is comprised of two canine teams, which support various law enforcement as well as correctional facility functions. The teams are utilized for routine patrol, tracking, building searches, crowd control, protection and drug detection.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Most cocaine distributors in the Albany area have connections to sources in New York City, but some Albany distributors have direct links with organizations in Florida and Puerto Rico.¹⁴

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁵
As of November 22, 2006, there were three drug courts in Albany that had been operating for at least two years and 1 drug court that had recently been implemented. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Albany at that time.

Corrections

- Albany County Correctional Facility¹⁶
The Albany County Correctional Facility has a maximum of 1,029 beds, providing custody for local, State and Federal prisoners. During the past year, over 7,000 prisoners were admitted to this facility. The average daily population has exceeded 800 inmates over the past year.
- Albany County Correctional Facility: Inmate Service Unit¹⁷

A Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor is on staff at the Albany County Correctional Facility to conduct alcohol and other drug assessments, to assist with inmate diversions to community treatment programs, to facilitate community reintegration and to assist in coordination of self-help meetings and the Intensive Corrections Addictions Residential Education Program.

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