



BOSTON: State of the City Profile

CENSUS / DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Boston Consolidated Metro Area (surrounding cities).....	5,819,100
Boston Primary Metro Area (surrounding counties).....	3,406,829
Suffolk County.....	689,807
City of Boston	589,141

Racial composition of Suffolk County: white (58%), black (22%), Asian (7%), Other (9%), two or more (4%)
ETHNICITY: Hispanic (of any race) 16%

DRUG SITUATION & PREVALENCE

- **YOUTH PREVALENCE:** The 2001 YRBS showed 21.7% currently using marijuana, higher than in 1999 at 20.5% and lower than the national rate (23.9%).
- **ARRESTEES:** Boston does not collect urinalysis data on arrestees.
- **DEATHS:** Drug-induced deaths in Suffolk County declined slightly from 67 in 1995 to 64 in 1998 (10.4 to 10.0 deaths per 100,000 population).
- **ER MENTIONS (1994-2001):** Heroin mentions increased by 70%; cocaine mentions are stable; marijuana mentions are stable; methamphetamine mentions increased by 250%.
- **DRUG TYPE:** Based on Pulse Check, besides marijuana, heroin and powder cocaine are considered the most commonly abused drugs. Crack is considered to be the drug problem resulting in the most serious consequences.

FEDERAL DOLLARS ('01 / '02)

- SAPT Block Grant: \$1.0M / \$9.8M
- CSAP Discretion: \$1.2M / \$1.3M
- CSAT Discretion: \$3.6M / \$4.9M

TREATMENT UTILIZATION & CAPACITY

- 29 treatment providers located in the Boston PMSA;
- 20 providers list outpatient departments as treatment modalities.
- Boston has 13 drug courts in operation.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- Advertising: \$3.1M total plus pro bono value match
 - \$2.3M share of national buy
 - \$83K multicultural advertising
 - \$722K local general market
- Non-Advertising:
 - Wake Up Rally (10/30/02)
 - MJ Press Conf (9/17/02)

PREVENTION Community Coalitions

- Cambridge Prevention Coalition
- Boston Coalition Against Drugs & Violence
- Revere CARES
- South Boston Community Coalition
- Framingham Coalition for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Watertown Youth Coalition
- Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition
- Somerville Cares About Prevention

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- From January to June 23, 2002, there were 255 offenses involving the possession of heroin or opiates in Boston. During 2001, there were 449 such offenses.
- Drug arrests in the city of Boston for 2001 continues along a four-year decline, down 47% from 1997. Drug distribution for drug arrests are unchanged between 2000 and 2001; cocaine/crack arrests accounting for the highest proportion (42%).
- As of 10/31/00, there were 2,850 full-time LE employees in Boston.
- HIDTA: New England