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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 427,652
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 37.3% white; 8.0% black/African American; 0.8% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 11.0% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 2.7% two or more races; 39.9% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- The city of Fresno is located in Fresno County.

Politics

- Mayor: Alan Autry²
- City Manager: Daniel G. Hobbs³
- City Council (Districts 1-7, respectively): Tom Boyajian; Brian Calhoun; Cynthia Sterling; Brad Castillo; Mike Dages; Jerry Duncan; Henry T. Perea⁴
- Chief of Police: Jerry Dyer⁵
- Fresno County Sheriff: Richard Pierce⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
The Central Valley HIDTA is responsible for the following counties in California: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties.
- Police Activities League (PAL), Fresno Police Department⁸
The Fresno 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.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁹
Since 1998, only one community coalition in Fresno has received funding from the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. During FY 2003, \$100,000 was awarded to Comprehensive Youth Services.
- During FY 2002, Fresno did not receive Discretionary Funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).¹⁰
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹¹
Southwest and Southeast Fresno have both been officially recognized and received Federal funds as Weed and Seed sites.
- Fresno did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹²
- Fresno did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹³

- No funds were received in Fresno during FY 2001 from the Housing and Urban Development Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁴
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received by Fresno recipients:¹⁵
 - \$1,976,772 in formula funds
 - \$9,132,210 in discretionary funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to August 2003, the crime index total for Fresno was 21,146.¹⁶

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Fresno, January-August 2003

| Offense | January to August 2003 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Willful homicide | 25 |
| Forcible rape | 112 |
| Robbery | 832 |
| Aggravated assault | 1,389 |
| Burglary | 2,657 |
| Larceny | 11,876 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 3,836 |
| Arson | 419 |
| Crime index total | 21,146 |

- During 2000, the crime index total for Fresno was 32,868.¹⁷ This number increased to 34,681 during 2001.¹⁸ Preliminary data for 2002 showed that the crime index total for Fresno was 33,909.¹⁹

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Fresno, 2000-2002

| Offense | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | 24 | 40 | 42 |
| Forcible rape | 161 | 202 | 158 |
| Robbery | 1,304 | 1,362 | 1,479 |
| Aggravated assault | 2,354 | 2,492 | 2,101 |
| Burglary | 4,514 | 5,203 | 4,476 |
| Larceny-theft | 18,732 | 18,398 | 18,478 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 5,779 | 6,984 | 7,175 |
| Arson | 464 | 548 | 707 |
| Crime index total | 32,868 | 34,681 | 33,909 |

- During 1999, there were 5,894 adults arrested for drug violations in Fresno. This was a decrease from the 6,107 adults arrested during 1994 for drug violations.²⁰

Adult Arrests for Drug Violations, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of Drug Arrests |
|------|------------------------|
| 1994 | 6,107 |
| 1995 | 5,825 |
| 1996 | 5,127 |
| 1997 | 6,247 |
| 1998 | 6,174 |
| 1999 | 5,894 |

- During 1999, there were 6,520 adults arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) in Fresno.²¹

Adult Arrests for DUI, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of DUI Arrests |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1994 | 6,792 |
| 1995 | 6,516 |
| 1996 | 6,374 |
| 1997 | 6,370 |
| 1998 | 6,521 |
| 1999 | 6,520 |

Drugs

- Cocaine²²
During FY 2000, cocaine prices per kilogram ranged from \$14,000-\$20,000 with purity levels ranging from 80-95%.
- Heroin²³
Heroin prices ranged from \$20,000-\$48,000 per kilogram during FY 2000 with purity levels ranging from 25-50%.
- Methamphetamine²⁴
Methamphetamine prices per pound ranged from \$3,500-\$5,500 during FY 2000. Purity levels for methamphetamine ranged from 1-15%.

Juveniles

- Juvenile arrests for alcohol/drug offenses in Fresno increased from 1,340 during 1994 to 1,664 during 1997. During 1999, there were 1,483 juvenile alcohol/drug arrests in Fresno.²⁵

Juvenile Arrests for Alcohol/Drug Offenses, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of Arrests |
|------|-------------------|
| 1994 | 1,340 |
| 1995 | 1,711 |
| 1996 | 1,565 |
| 1997 | 1,664 |
| 1998 | 1,621 |
| 1999 | 1,483 |

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 1,034 law enforcement employees in Fresno (693 officers and 341 civilians).²⁶

Trafficking and Seizures

- African American distributors dominate retail sales of crack cocaine in Fresno.²⁷
- There is little gang involvement associated with heroin sales in Fresno.²⁸
- Mexican nationals who produce methamphetamine sell it to Hispanic and Caucasian retailers in pound quantities. Retail sellers then cut the methamphetamine and sell it in gram sizes to houses (similar to “crack houses”) for consumption.²⁹
- From January to June 2003, the Fresno Major Narcotics Bureau seized 35 pounds of methamphetamine.³⁰

Drug Seizures, by Amount and Value, Fresno, January-June 2003

| Drugs Seized | Amount | Value |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Heroin | 1 ounce | \$1,000.00 |
| Marijuana | 35.3 pounds | \$92,500.00 |
| Cocaine | 30.2 pounds | \$860,400.00 |
| Methamphetamine | 35 pounds | \$1,152,600.00 |

Courts

- Drug Courts³¹
As of September 2003, there were three drug courts in existence for over two years and one being planned in Fresno.

Consequences of Use

- During 1999, there were 591 total alcohol involved motor vehicle fatal/injury accidents in Fresno.³²

Alcohol Involved Motor Vehicle Fatal/Injury Accidents, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of Motor Vehicle Accidents |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1994 | 745 |
| 1995 | 721 |
| 1996 | 682 |
| 1997 | 638 |
| 1998 | 602 |
| 1999 | 591 |

- During 1998, there were 356 deaths in Fresno related to alcohol/drug use. This was a decrease when compared to the 470 drug and alcohol related deaths in Fresno in 1994.³³

Deaths Due to Alcohol/Drug Use, Fresno, 1994-1998

| Year | Number of Deaths |
|------|------------------|
| 1994 | 470 |
| 1995 | 431 |
| 1996 | 384 |
| 1997 | 361 |
| 1998 | 356 |

Treatment

- Adult substance abuse treatment admissions in Fresno decreased from 9,687 during 1994 to 5,154 during 1999.³⁴

Number of Adult Alcohol/Drug Treatment Admissions, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of Treatment Admissions |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1994 | 9,687 |
| 1995 | 10,483 |
| 1996 | 8,766 |
| 1997 | 7,343 |
| 1998 | 5,358 |
| 1999 | 5,154 |

- During 1999, there were 138 adolescent substance abuse treatment admissions in Fresno.³⁵

Number of Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Treatment Admissions, Fresno, 1994-1999

| Year | Number of Treatment Admissions |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1994 | 101 |
| 1995 | 108 |
| 1996 | 134 |
| 1997 | 160 |
| 1998 | 137 |
| 1999 | 138 |

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