

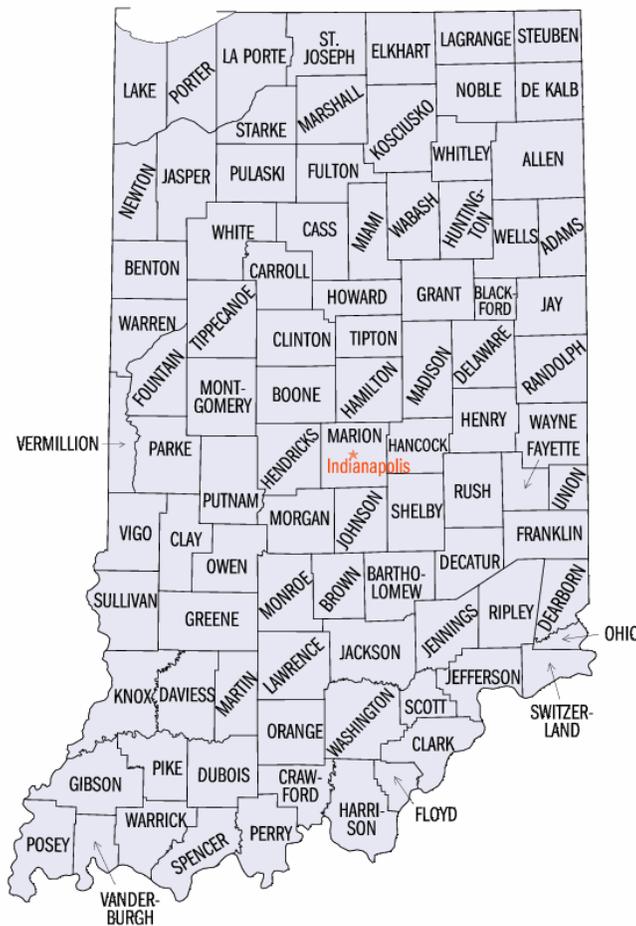
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Kokomo, Indiana

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 46,113
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 85.1% white; 10.3% black/African American; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 1.2% other race; 1.8% two or more races; 2.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Kokomo is located in Howard County.

Politics

- Mayor: Matt McKillip²
- Chief of Police: Russell Ricks³
- Howard County Sheriff: Marty Talbert⁴

Programs/Initiatives

- Some Kokomo area retailers participate in a cooperative program with the Howard County Drug Task Force which involves notifying authorities when certain activities take place, such as frequent or large purchases of substances known to be used to manufacture methamphetamine.⁵

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁶
There have been no Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Kokomo.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁷
Kokomo has not received Federal funding as a Weed and Seed site.
- There were no Kokomo recipients of FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration discretionary funds.⁸
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Kokomo grantees⁹
 - FY 2002: no Kokomo grantees¹⁰
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Kokomo grantees¹¹
 - FY 2002: no Kokomo grantees¹²
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Kokomo:¹³
 - Communities (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 0 awards
 - Law Enforcement:

- discretionary: 1 award valued at \$6,128
 - formula: 1 award valued at \$51,450
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 0 awards
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 0 awards
- There were no Kokomo recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁴

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2002, there were 3 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses known to police in Kokomo.¹⁵ This is down from the 5 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses known to police during 2001.¹⁶

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Kokomo, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	5	3
Forcible rape	18	18
Robbery	43	40
Aggravated assault	174	214
Burglary	458	559
Larceny-theft	2,224	2,171
Motor vehicle theft	106	141
Arson	4	7

- During 1998, there were 540 drug abuse violation arrests in Howard County.¹⁷

Number of Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Howard County, 1996-1998

Offense	1996	1997	1998
Drug abuse sale/manufacturing total	38	32	79
Opium/cocaine sale/manufacturing	25	24	51
Marijuana sale/manufacturing	5	1	18
Synthetic drug sale/manufacturing	0	0	0
Other dangerous drug sale/manufacturing	8	7	10
Drug possession total	296	325	461
Opium/cocaine possession	31	35	46
Marijuana possession	253	264	380
Synthetic narcotics possession	3	0	1
Other drug possession	9	26	34
Drug abuse violations total	334	357	540
Driving under the influence	351	444	458
Liquor law violations	168	228	223
Drunkenness	332	359	376

- Several homicides in Kokomo during 1999 were the result of drug-related gun battles.¹⁸

Drugs

- According to the Kokomo Police Department, GHB is gaining in popularity in Kokomo and Howard County.¹⁹

Juveniles

- During 1998, there were 74 juvenile drug abuse violation arrests in Howard County.²⁰

Number of Juvenile Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Howard County, 1996-1998

Offense	1996	1997	1998
Drug abuse sale/manufacturing total	3	3	2
Opium/cocaine sale/manufacturing	0	0	1
Marijuana sale/manufacturing	0	0	1
Synthetic drug sale/manufacturing	0	0	0
Other dangerous drug sale/manufacturing	3	3	0
Drug possession total	56	61	72
Opium/cocaine possession	4	4	1
Marijuana possession	43	43	65
Synthetic narcotics possession	3	0	1
Other drug possession	6	14	5
Drug abuse violations total	59	64	74
Driving under the influence	0	2	4
Liquor law violations	71	90	81
Drunkenness	8	8	2

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 137 full-time law enforcement employees in Kokomo (99 officers and 38 civilians).²¹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Small towns such as Kokomo attract street gangs because drug prices in small towns are generally higher than in urban areas.²²
- During 2003, the Indiana State Police seized 10 clandestine laboratories in Howard County. This is down from 11 labs seized in 2002, but up from 2 labs seized in 2001 and 1 lab seized in 2000. Prior to 2000, no clandestine laboratories were seized by the Indiana State Police in Howard County.²³
- On March 25, 2003, members of the Howard County Drug Task Force conducted a drug investigation of a Kokomo house. As a result of a search of the house, several methamphetamine precursors were located, including anhydrous ammonia, pseudoephedrine, and sulfuric acid.²⁴
- Police searched a Kokomo home on March 24, 2003 as a result of a Federal investigation involving Indianapolis police, Indiana State Police and the Howard

County Drug Task Force. Nearly a pound of powder cocaine was seized at the house valued at \$35,000.²⁵

- On January 31, 2003, the Kokomo Police Department and the Indiana State Police searched a residence in Kokomo. As a result of the search, officials located several grams of methamphetamine, paraphernalia, and the remnants of a methamphetamine laboratory. Also located in the search were chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, such as anhydrous ammonia.²⁶

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁷
As of November 2003, there were no drug courts in existence in Kokomo. However, 2 drug courts were being planned at that time.

Corrections

- As of December 31, 2003, there were 77 Indiana Department of Correction adult offenders from Howard County with cocaine dealing or possession as their most serious offense. Sixty of the cases involved dealing, while the remaining 17 involved possession.²⁸

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