

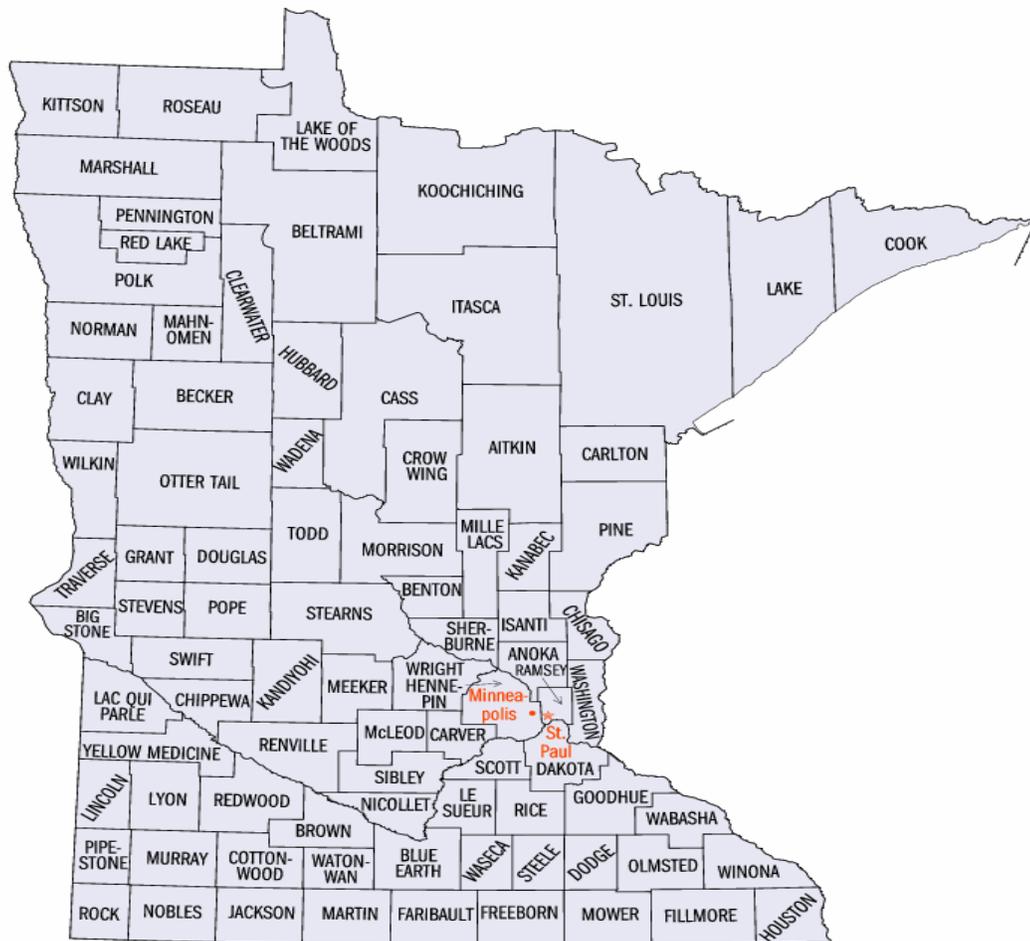
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### State of Minnesota

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Minnesota

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

### **Demographics**

- Population: 5,059,375 (July 2003 Census estimate)<sup>1</sup>; 4,882,303 (2002 American Community Survey)<sup>2</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 87.4% white, 3.6% black/African American, 0.8% American Indian/Alaska Native, 3.5% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other, 1.3% two or more races, 3.2% Hispanic/Latino origin<sup>3</sup>

### **Politics**

- Governor: Tim Pawlenty<sup>4</sup>
- Lt. Governor: Carol Molnau<sup>5</sup>
- Attorney General: Mike Hatch<sup>6</sup>
- Secretary of State: Mary Kiffmeyer<sup>7</sup>
- U.S. Senators: Norm Coleman (R), Mark Dayton (D)<sup>8</sup>
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-8, respectively): Gil Gutknecht, John Kline, Jim Ramstad, Betty McCollum, Martin Olav Sabo, Mark Kennedy, Collin C. Peterson, James L. Oberstar<sup>9</sup>
- Capital: St. Paul<sup>10</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Minnesota:<sup>11</sup>
  - FY 2003:
    - \$99,750 to Mower County Chemical Health Coalition, Austin
    - \$97,740 to Carver County Health Partnership, Chaska
    - \$100,000 to Polk County Collaborative, Crookston
    - \$100,000 to Litchfield Area Rural Partners in Prevention, Hutchinson
    - \$100,000 to Community Partnership with Youth and Families, North Branch
  - FY 2002:
    - \$100,000 to Partners in Hope, St. Cloud
    - \$100,000 to Tri-City Partners for Healthy Youth and Communities, Bloomington
    - \$88,365 to Northfield City Hospital Coalition, Northfield
  - FY 2001: \$53,961 to Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm
  - FY 2000: \$99,350 to Reduce the Use Coalition, Hopkins
  - FY 1999:
    - \$100,000 to Hennepin County Community Health Department, Minneapolis
- Office of Weed and Seed<sup>12</sup>

There are 11 sites in Minnesota that have been officially recognized as Federal Weed and Seed sites: Burnsville, Cass Lake, Cottage Grove, Mahnomon County, Minneapolis (3 sites), Moorhead, and St. Paul (3 sites).

- FY 2003/2004 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Grant Summary for Minnesota:<sup>13</sup>
  - Formula Funding - \$29,445,681
    - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$22,418,943
    - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$5,983,957
    - Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$610,000
    - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$432,781
  - Discretionary Funding - \$5,311,849
    - Mental Health - \$4,364,062
    - Substance Prevention - \$947,787
    - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$0
  - Total Mental Health Funds: \$11,390,800
  - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$23,366,730
  - Total Funds for Minnesota: \$34,757,530
- FY 2004 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Minnesota: \$8,215,505<sup>14</sup>
- FY 2003 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Minnesota: \$489,818<sup>15</sup>
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant:
  - FY 2003:<sup>16</sup>
    - \$500,000 to Second Judicial Circuit, St. Paul
    - \$300,000 to Department of Community Corrections, Minneapolis
  - FY 2002: no Minnesota recipients<sup>17</sup>
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
  - FY 2003: no Minnesota recipients<sup>18</sup>
  - FY 2002:<sup>19</sup>
    - \$222,222 awarded to the Blaine Police Department
    - \$266,860 to the Minneapolis Police Department
- Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services total grant amounts received in Minnesota (by funding category):<sup>20</sup>
  - Communities (discretionary): \$2.2 million
  - Counter-terrorism (discretionary): \$8.2 million
  - Juvenile Justice:
    - discretionary: \$3.1 million
    - formula: \$5.6 million
  - Law Enforcement:
    - discretionary: \$24.4 million
    - formula: \$7.3 million
  - Substance Abuse:
    - discretionary: \$0
    - formula: \$9.0 million
  - Victims:
    - discretionary: \$1.1 million
    - formula: \$7.4 million
  - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Minnesota in FY 2002: \$68.2 million

- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Minnesota:<sup>21</sup>
  - \$125,000 to Little Earth Housing, Minneapolis
  - \$93,784 to St. Phillips Gardens, St. Paul
  - \$124,836 to Redeemer's Arms, Inc., St. Paul

**Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- There were 12,946 total arrests for drug possession in Minnesota during 2002.<sup>22</sup>

Arrests for Drug Possession, Minnesota, 2001-2002

Drug Type	2001	2002
Opium/cocaine	3,098	2,335
Marijuana	7,269	7,877
Synthetic	267	484
Other	1,829	2,250
Total	12,463	12,946

- There were 6,032 arrests for drug sales in Minnesota during 2002.<sup>23</sup>

Arrests for Drug Sales, Minnesota, 2001-2002

Drug Type	2001	2002
Opium/cocaine	863	838
Marijuana	3,462	3,576
Synthetic	26	30
Other	1,180	1,588
Total	5,531	6,032

- There were 34,401 total arrests for Index Offenses in Minnesota during 2002.<sup>24</sup>

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Minnesota, 2002

Offense	Arrests
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	118
Negligent manslaughter	1
Forcible rape	814
Robbery	1,146
Assault	4,040
Burglary	3,211
Larceny	22,295
Motor vehicle theft	2,552
Arson	224
Total	34,401

- During 2002, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 310 arrests for drug violations in Minnesota.<sup>25</sup>

## Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Minnesota, 1997-2002

Year	Arrests
1997	264
1998	317
1999	403
2000	350
2001	359
2002	310

### Drugs

#### ➤ Cocaine

Cocaine poses the most serious illicit drug threat to Minnesota. In the first quarter of FY 2002, powder cocaine sold for \$70-\$150/gram, \$700-\$2,000/ounce, and \$18,000-\$28,000/kilogram. While crack sold for \$15-\$25/rock in Minneapolis, it sold for as much as \$100/rock in other areas of the state.<sup>26</sup>

#### ➤ Heroin

Heroin distribution and use are not significant problems in Minnesota. However, recent reports indicate that there has been an increase in heroin use, especially in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.<sup>27</sup> Southeast Asian and Mexican brown powdered heroin are the most prevalent types of heroin found in Minnesota. Heroin prices range from \$50 to \$300/gram and \$2,000 to \$5,000/ounce throughout the state.<sup>28</sup>

#### ➤ Marijuana

Marijuana remains the most commonly used and readily available drug in the state.<sup>29</sup> In the first quarter of FY 2002, marijuana sold for \$5-\$10/gram, \$100-\$300/ounce, and \$600-\$800/pound in Minnesota.<sup>30</sup>

#### ➤ Methamphetamine

As the second greatest drug threat in the state (after cocaine), methamphetamine is increasingly available and its production is expanding throughout Minnesota. In the first quarter of FY 2002, methamphetamine sold for \$80-\$150/gram, \$600-\$1,500/ounce, and \$6,000-\$14,000/pound. Higher purity crystal methamphetamine, which is increasingly available in the state, sells for \$800/quarter-ounce in areas of Minnesota.<sup>31</sup>

#### ➤ Club Drugs

Club drug use in Minnesota is most common among young people at raves and nightclubs in suburban areas.<sup>32</sup> The availability and abuse of MDMA are increasing in Minnesota. MDMA typically sells for \$15-\$30/tablet. GHB sells for \$10/dose. In the first quarter of FY 2002, LSD sold for \$2-\$5.<sup>33</sup>

#### ➤ Other Drugs

The abuse of diverted controlled substances continues to be a problem in Minnesota. The substances most commonly diverted from the licit market are nubain, dilaudid, Ritalin, Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine products, benzodiazepines, and the anorectic drugs Phentermine and Phendimetrazie.<sup>34</sup>

#### ➤ According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 1.27% of Minnesota citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.<sup>35</sup>

Percent of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, Minnesota, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.27%	4.06%	0.62%	1.27%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	4.99	6.61	1.18	2.34
Alcohol dependence	2.21	6.95	1.74	2.49
Alcohol dependence or abuse	6.37	16.83	4.24	6.18
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	8.99	19.21	4.97	7.34

- According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 39.72% of Minnesota citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.<sup>36</sup>

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Minnesota, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	11.70%	18.41%	3.69%	6.57%
Past month use of marijuana	8.77	16.44	2.84	5.33
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.79	6.84	1.62	2.68
Past year cocaine use	1.93	6.16	1.23	1.97
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	37.50	23.99	42.86	39.72

**Juveniles**

- During 2002, there were 3,760 juvenile arrests in Minnesota for drug violations.<sup>37</sup>

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, by Age and Drug Type, Minnesota, 2002

Drug Type	< 10	10-12	13-14	15	16	17	Total
Opium/cocaine	9	0	27	31	79	102	248
Marijuana	11	60	449	544	951	1,153	3,168
Synthetic	0	0	2	3	12	8	25
Other	6	4	47	50	93	119	319
Total	26	64	525	628	1,135	1,382	3,760

- There were 21 juvenile arrests in Minnesota during 2002 for murder/non-negligent manslaughter.<sup>38</sup>

Number of Juvenile Arrests for Index Offenses, Minnesota, 2002

Offense	Arrests
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	21
Forcible rape	181
Robbery	368
Assault	918
Burglary	1,258
Larceny	10,056
Motor vehicle theft	1,104
Arson	153
Total	14,059

- Thirty-five percent of male 12th graders and 28% of female 12th graders surveyed in Minnesota during 2001 reported that they have used marijuana in the past year.<sup>39</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Use of Marijuana and Inhalants, Minnesota, 2001

	<u>6th Grade</u>		<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Past year marijuana use	3%	2%	28%	18%	35%	28%
Past month marijuana use	2	1	16	13	25	18
Past year inhalant use	4	3	5	5	5	2

- Nine percent of male 12th graders and 8% of female 12th graders reporting that they have taken amphetamines in the past year.<sup>40</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Past Year Use of Drugs, Minnesota, 2001

<u>Drug Type</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Amphetamines	7%	8%	9%	8%
Methamphetamine	5	4	8	5
Crack	5	4	7	5
MDMA	5	4	8	6
LSD, PCP, other psychedelics	5	4	10	5
Heroin, other narcotics	4	2	4	2
Barbiturates, tranquilizers	4	4	5	4

- More than 40% of male and female 12th grade drug users reported that their reason to use drugs was to have fun at parties.<sup>41</sup>

Reasons for Substance Use, Minnesota, 2001

<u>Reasons for Using Drugs</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
To relax	16%	15%	37%	28%
To get high or smashed	17	15	32	23
To have fun at parties	20	25	45	47
To escape from school, family, or problems	9	14	16	19
Because my parents aren't around	5	7	7	6
Because my friends do	9	11	16	14
Because my parents do	2	2	2	1
Because I like the taste	13	15	24	23
Because I'm sad, lonely, or angry	4	8	6	8
Because it's illegal	6	5	9	5
Because of peer pressure	5	6	7	5

- Twenty-eight percent of male 12th graders reported using alcohol or other drugs right after school.<sup>42</sup>

Time of Student Drug Use, Minnesota, 2001

Time of Drug Use	6th Grade		9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Before school	2%	1%	12%	8%	20%	9%
During school	1	1	8	5	17	7
Right after school	3	2	17	15	28	16

- Among Minnesota female 12th graders who bought drugs in the past month, 86% obtained the drugs from friends.<sup>43</sup>

Means of Obtaining Drugs, Minnesota, 2001

Means of Obtaining Drugs	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Bought them from people I know	65%	53%	70%	55%
Bought them from people I don't know	19	13	20	13
Bought them on the internet	4	1	3	0
Got them from friends	78	88	78	86
Got them from family members	16	16	9	9
Got someone else to buy for me	20	23	15	14
Got them at parties	40	52	43	50
Took them from home	12	10	6	3
Took them from a friend's home	18	14	9	5

**Enforcement**

- Multi-Agency Drug Lab Task Force<sup>44</sup>  
The purpose of the Minnesota Multi-Agency Drug Lab Task Force is to share resources, raise awareness, protect endangered children, and provide training and equipment for first responders and other at-risk staff.
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 12,583 full-time law enforcement employees in Minnesota (8,104 officers and 4,479 civilians).<sup>45</sup>

**Trafficking and Seizures**

- While most of the illicit drugs found in Minnesota are transported from Mexico and southwestern states, there is also the threat of drugs (especially marijuana and MDMA) being smuggled across the U.S.-Canada border.<sup>46</sup>
- Minnesota officials reported 475 meth labs and meth-related events (dumps of meth chemicals, ammonia thefts, precursor chemical stashes and purchases) to the Minnesota Department of Health during 2003.<sup>47</sup>
- During 2002, Federal agencies seized more than 20 kilograms of methamphetamine in Minnesota.<sup>48</sup>

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Minnesota, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	16.6
Heroin	1.2
Methamphetamine	20.1
Marijuana	9.5

- In 2002, a total of 6,929 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Minnesota under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.<sup>49</sup>

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Minnesota, 2002

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
19	1,400	20	5,529	6,929

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>50</sup>  
As of November 2003, there were 4 drug courts in Minnesota that had been in operation for more than 2 years, 3 that were recently implemented, and 2 that were being planned.
- During FY 2001, approximately 42% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Minnesota had committed drug offenses. Approximately 32% of the drug offenses involved methamphetamine.<sup>51</sup>

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Minnesota, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Methamphetamine	53	32.3%
Powder cocaine	46	28.0
Crack cocaine	37	22.6
Marijuana	18	11.0
Heroin	1	0.6
Other	9	5.5

**Corrections**

- On July 1, 2003, the juvenile offender population within the Minnesota Department of Corrections was 124.<sup>52</sup>
- On July 1, 2003, the Minnesota Department of Corrections adult inmate population was 7,568. Approximately 23% of the inmates committed drug offenses.<sup>53</sup>

Adult Inmates, by Type of Offense, Minnesota, July 1, 2003

Type of Offense	# of Offenders	% of Total
Person	3,804	50.3%
Drug	1,730	22.9
Property	1,210	16.0
Other/not reported	764	10.0
DWI	60	0.8

- During 2002, the Minnesota Department of Corrections evaluated 2,646 male and 362 female inmates for substance use disorders. Over half (54%) of the inmates reported symptoms indicating dependence on at least one substance and an additional 20% reported indications of substance abuse.<sup>54</sup>
- Approximately 17% of the inmates evaluated met the diagnostic criteria for marijuana dependence.<sup>55</sup>

Prevalence of Substance Abuse Diagnosis, by Drug Type, Minnesota, 2002

Drug	No Diagnosis	Abuse	Dependence
Alcohol	55%	16%	29%
Marijuana	70	13	17
Cocaine	85	4	11
Stimulants	82	4	14
Heroin/opiates	97	<1	3
Other/mixed	92	2	6
Any substance	26	20	54

- At the end of 2002, there were 120,638 adults on probation and 3,403 adults on parole in Minnesota.<sup>56</sup>

**Consequences of Use**

- From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there were 27 Minnesota methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.<sup>57</sup>

Characteristics of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Minnesota, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	56
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	31
Sites with a child injured	7
Sites with a child killed	2
Sites with a child present	27
Sites with a child residing at the site	43
Number of children placed in protective custody	27

- During 2001, Minnesota officers cited drinking and driving or drug-impaired driving as a factor in almost 2,700 non-fatal crashes in which more than 4,000 people sustained injuries.<sup>58</sup>

### Treatment

- There were 41,064 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota during 2002.<sup>59</sup> In 2001, there were 42,684 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota.<sup>60</sup> This is up from 40,150 admissions in 2000.<sup>61</sup>

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Minnesota, 2000-2002

Drug Type	2000		2001		2002	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	14,176	35.3	15,299	35.8	14,286	34.8%
Alc. w/ second. drug	9,042	22.5	8,931	20.9	8,242	20.1
Cocaine – smoked	2	0.0	--	0.0	8	0.0
Cocaine – other route	4,192	10.4	4,055	9.5	3,891	9.5
Marijuana	8,050	20.0	8,251	19.3	8,366	20.4
Heroin	985	2.5	979	2.3	945	2.3
Other opiates	571	1.4	700	1.6	759	1.8
PCP	18	0.0	25	0.1	22	0.1
Hallucinogens	153	0.4	135	0.3	94	0.2
Amphetamines	1,698	4.2	2,707	6.3	3,252	7.9
Other stimulants	26	0.1	35	0.1	25	0.1
Tranquilizers	176	0.4	169	0.4	136	0.3
Sedatives	59	0.1	53	0.1	53	0.1
Inhalants	31	0.1	45	0.1	35	0.1
Other/none specified	971	2.4	1,300	3.0	950	2.3
Total	40,150	100.0	42,684	100.0	41,064	100.0

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