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Salem, Oregon

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

Demographics

- Population: 142,914 (July 2003 Census estimate);¹ 136,924 (2000 Census)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 77.7% white; 1.2% black/African American; 1.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.4% Asian; 0.5% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 2.4% two or more races; 14.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)³
- Salem is located in Marion County.⁴

Politics

- Mayor: Janet Taylor⁵
- City Council (Wards 1-8, respectively): Kasia Quillinan; Jim Randall; Brad Nanke; Ward 4 is vacant; Rick Stucky; Bruce Rogers; Brent DeHart; Dan Clem⁶
- City Manager: Robert Wells⁷
- Chief of Police: Walter Myers⁸
- Marion County Sheriff: Raul Ramirez⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1999, the Oregon HIDTA serves Clackamus, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington counties.
- Salem-Keizer Together (SKT) Community Drug Prevention Network¹¹
In 1989, the city of Salem joined with other governments, agencies and businesses to form the SKT Community Drug Prevention Network to reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the area.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Salem (the dollar amount is the total amount received by the coalition since the original award year):¹²
 - Original award year FY 2004: no grantees
 - Original award year FY 2003: no grantees
 - Original award year FY 2002: no grantees
 - Original award year FY 2001: no grantees
 - Original award year FY 2000: no grantees
 - Original award year FY 1999: \$424,347 to Salem-Keizer Together
- Community Capacity Development Office¹³
There are no Weed and Seed sites in Salem.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Grant funds received in Salem:¹⁴
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$256,542
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$750,000

- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$408,999
- FY 2004 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant recipient in Marion County:¹⁵
 - \$145,121 to Marion County Health Department
- There were no Salem recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁶
- FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Salem:¹⁷
 - Communities (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 3 awards valued at \$37,183,108
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$74,885
 - formula: 5 awards valued at \$3,493,410
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: 9 awards valued at \$2,144,127
 - formula: 9 awards valued at \$10,874,452
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: 0 awards
 - formula: 1 award valued at \$666,632
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$92,296
 - formula: 2 awards valued at \$5,175,000
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Salem:¹⁸
 - \$188,817 to the Housing Authority of Salem/Southfair Apartments

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In August 2004, a Salem couple pled guilty in U.S. District Court for selling heroin to a man who later died of an overdose. The individuals are the first people in Oregon to be sentenced under the 1986 Federal law that holds dealers responsible for a drug death.¹⁹
- Preliminary data indicate that there were 5 murders known to police in Salem during 2003.²⁰

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Salem, 2003

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder	5
Forcible rape	75
Robbery	180
Aggravated assault	254
Burglary	1,575
Larceny-theft	8,417
Motor vehicle theft	1,571
Arson	42

- During 2002, the Salem Police Department reported 1,079 drug law offenses to the Oregon Law Enforcement Data System. The Salem Police Department made 933 arrests for drug law violations during 2002.²¹

Number of Offenses and Arrests, Selected Offenses, Salem, 2002

Offense	Offenses	Arrests
Willful murder	6	0
Forcible rape	74	13
Robbery	156	72
Aggravated assault	102	63
Burglary	1,423	171
Larceny	9,397	1,414
Motor vehicle theft	1,393	244
Arson	23	22
Drug law violations	1,079	933
DUI	582	538
Liquor laws	600	256

- The Marion Area Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET) made 201 arrests for methamphetamine possession/distribution in 2002.²²

Number of MAGET Arrests, Marion County, 2002

Type of Offense	Number of Arrests
Possession/distribution –methamphetamine	201
Possession/distribution – cocaine	98
Possession/distribution – heroin	26
Possession/distribution – LSD	0
Possession/distribution – MDMA	1
Possession/distribution – marijuana	44
Possession/distribution – OxyContin	4
Manufacturing – marijuana	9
Manufacturing – cocaine	4
Manufacturing – methamphetamine	20

- The MAGNET Task Force also reported 38 arrests for the delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and 89 arrests involving those who frequent/maintain a place where drugs are used.²³

Drugs

- Methamphetamine
Authorities report that methamphetamine is the dominant street drug in Marion County.²⁴
- Approximately 77.6% of Marion County residents surveyed in 1999 reported some use of alcohol or illicit drugs. Slightly over 15% reported abuse or dependence on alcohol or illicit drugs.²⁵

Adults Who Abuse/Depend on Drugs, Marion County, 1999

Drug type	Percent	Number
Alcohol and illicit drugs	15.3%	31,991
Alcohol	7.5	15,682
Any illicit drug	10.5	21,955
Marijuana	8.7	18,191
Cocaine	2.5	5,227
Methamphetamine	3.3	6,900
Heroin	0.5	1,045
Hallucinogens	2.7	5,645

Juveniles

- Seventy-nine percent of Marion County 8th graders surveyed in 2003 reported that they have never used marijuana.²⁶ Approximately 59% of Marion County 11th graders surveyed in 2003 reported never trying marijuana.²⁷
- Among Marion County 8th graders surveyed in 2002, 82% reported never using marijuana.²⁸ Sixty percent of 11th graders surveyed in 2002 reported never using marijuana.²⁹
- Approximately 17% of Marion County 11th graders surveyed in 2003 reported current marijuana use (use within the past 30 days).³⁰

Percent of Students Reporting Drug Use, Marion County, 2002-2003

	2002		2003	
	8th	11th	8th	11th
Current alcohol use	28%	33%	30%	38%
Drank alcohol before age 13	40	27	39	31
Current marijuana use	11	19	14	17
Used marijuana before age 13	10	8	12	9
Current inhalant use	10	3	7	2
Current MDMA use	3	3	2	2
Used marijuana on school property	4	4	5	5

- According to the Salem/Keizer 2002 Community Profile, 29% of Salem/Keizer 6th graders, 48% of 8th graders, and more than 85% of 12th graders reported “a lot” or “some” drug problems at their school.³¹
- Approximately 16% of Salem/Keizer 11th graders surveyed in 2002 reported using marijuana with the past 30 days. This is down from 20% in 2000.³²

Percent of Students Reporting Past Month Use, Salem/Keizer, 2000-2002

Substance	Grade	2000	2001	2002
Alcohol	6th	9%	9%	7%
	8th	25	21	18
	11th	35	33	30
Cigarettes	6th	2	1	1
	8th	7	5	4
	11th	16	13	10
Marijuana	6th	2	2	2
	8th	12	11	8
	11th	20	18	16

- Twelve percent of Salem/Keizer 6th graders, 37% of 8th graders, and 75% of 11th graders surveyed in 2002 reported that marijuana was easy to obtain. Twenty-six percent of 11th graders reported that methamphetamine was easy to obtain.³³

Enforcement

- Marion Area Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)³⁴ MAGNET is the largest narcotics task force in Oregon. The Salem Police Department is one of the agencies involved in MAGNET activities.
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 267 full-time law enforcement employees in Salem (175 officers and 92 civilians).³⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2002, MAGNET efforts resulted in the seizure of more than 4,600 grams of methamphetamine.³⁶

Amount of Drugs Seized by MAGNET Task Force, Marion County, 2002

Drug	Amount Seized
Crystal methamphetamine	189.59 grams
Methamphetamine	4,603.45 grams
Cocaine – powder	617.70 grams
Cocaine – rock	64 grams
MDMA	12 pills
Heroin	126.20 grams
LSD	0 grams
Hashish	6.80 grams
Marijuana	2,481.75 grams
Marijuana plants	128 plants
OxyContin	28 pills
Oxycodone	55 pills
Psilocybin mushrooms	3.5 grams

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁷
As of September 2004, there were 2 drug courts in Salem that had been in operation for more than 2 years and 1 drug court that was being planned.

Correction

- There are 4 Oregon Department of Corrections facilities located in Salem: Mill Creek Correctional Facility (MCCF), Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI), Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP), and Santiam Correctional Institution (SCI).³⁸
- In August 2004, 23 inmates at SCI were randomly chosen for drug testing. None of those tested were positive.³⁹

Results of Random Drug Tests, Salem Facilities, August 2004

Facility	# Tested	# Positive	% Positive
MCCF	17	0	0.0%
OSCI	42	0	0.0
OSP	86	5	5.8
SCI	23	0	0.0

- In August 2004, 54 inmates at OSP were drug tested based on suspicion of use. Four of the tests (7.4%) were positive.⁴⁰

Results of Suspicion Drug Tests, Salem Facilities, August 2004

Facility	# Tested	# Positive	% Positive
MCCF	8	0	0.0%
OSCI	42	1	2.4
OSP	54	4	7.4
SCI	11	1	9.1

- From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, 812 of those admitted to prison in Oregon had been convicted in Marion County.⁴¹

Consequences of Use

- During 2003, there were 83 births in Marion County in which illicit drugs were used by the mother, representing 1.8% of all births in the county that year.⁴²
- During 2001, there was 1 drug-related death in Marion County. The death was related to methamphetamine.⁴³

Treatment

- During 2002, 6,949 Marion County residents received alcohol and drug services from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).⁴⁴

Number of Residents Receiving DHS Drug/Alcohol Services, Marion County, 2002

Type of Drug/Alcohol Service	# of Residents
Detoxification	541
Education	324
Treatment (outpatient and residential)	5,902
Maintenance	481
Total	6,949

- The city of Salem funds alcohol and drug detoxification for low-income residents who experience problems with alcohol and drugs. The city provides this service through Cascadia Behavioral Health Care, Inc.⁴⁵
- Approximately 36,000 individuals were in need of drug/alcohol treatment in Marion County during 2001.⁴⁶
- Approximately 5,400 people were actively enrolled in treatment programs in Marion County during FY 2001-2002.⁴⁷

Number of Clients in Treatment, Marion County, FY 2001-2002

Age	Number of Clients
10-17	418
18 and older	5,001
Total	5,419

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