

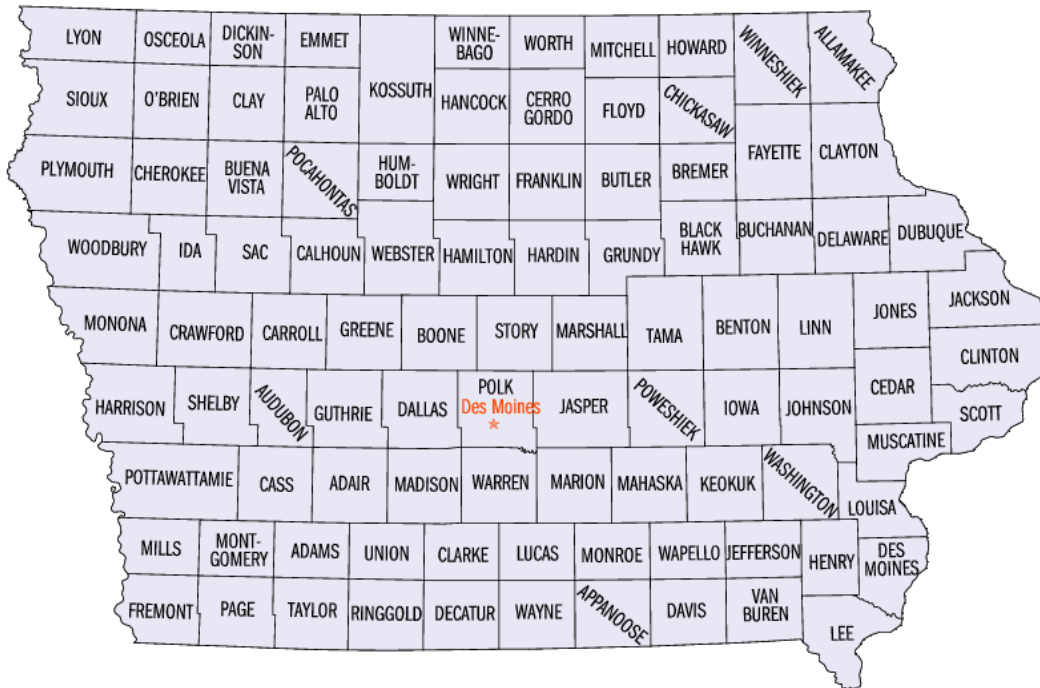
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Iowa

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2007 American Community Survey): 2,988,047
- Race/ethnicity (2007 American Community Survey): 93.9% white; 2.4% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.8% other race; 1.4% two or more races; 4.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

Politics

- Governor: Chet Culver²
- Lt. Governor: Patty Judge³
- Attorney General: Tom Miller⁴
- Secretary of State: Michael Mauro⁵
- U.S. Senate Members: Charles Grassley (R); Tom Harkin (D)⁶
- U.S. House of Representatives: Bruce L. Braley (D); David Loebsack (D); Leonard Boswell (D); Tom Latham (R); Steve King (R),⁷
- Capital: Des Moines⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA includes counties in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Iowa counties involved in Midwest HIDTA efforts are Black Hawk, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott and Woodbury.
- Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)¹⁰
The mission of ODCP is to serve as a leader and a catalyst for improving the health and safety of all Iowans by promoting strategic approaches and collaboration to reduce drug use and related crime.
- Drug Endangered Children¹¹
Iowa's drug endangered children program was established in 2004 as a coordinated response to the impact of parental substance abuse on Iowa children who are often found to be living in deplorable conditions, neglected beyond imagination and suffering at the hands of drug-using parents.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 272 drug arrests in Iowa.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Iowa, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	352
2004	353

2005	288
2006	279
2007	272

- During 2008, there were 56 homicide arrests in Iowa.¹³

Number of Arrests for Select Offenses, Iowa, 2008

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder	6	50
Forcible rape	29	108
Robbery	94	404
Aggravated assault	614	3,668
Burglary	724	1,907
Larceny	4,239	11,349
Motor vehicle theft	228	553
Arson	85	141
Drug abuse violations	1,165	8,497
DUI	226	14,147
Liquor laws	2,055	8,846

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁴
Powder cocaine is readily available throughout Iowa.
- Heroin¹⁵
Most of the heroin in Iowa can be found in the eastern part of Iowa.
- Methamphetamine¹⁶
A decrease in the purity of the Mexican-produced “ice” has led many users in the state of Iowa to return to using higher-purity methamphetamine produced locally in small toxic laboratories.
- Marijuana¹⁷
Marijuana continues to be the most prevalently abused illegal drug in Iowa. Law enforcement officials have also reported that the potency of marijuana has increased in recent years.
- Club Drugs¹⁸
The state of Iowa continues to see the abuse of MDMA (ecstasy).
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals¹⁹
Multiple sources of information indicate that diversion of hydrocodone products such as Vicodin® and oxycodone products such as OxyContin® continues to be a problem in Iowa. Benzodiazepines, alprazolam and codeine were also identified as being among the most commonly abused and diverted pharmaceuticals in Iowa.
- According to 2006-2007 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 129,000 (5%) of Iowa citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁰

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Iowa, 2006-2007 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	129	5.20%
Past year marijuana use	182	7.32
Past month marijuana use	95	3.84
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	64	2.57
Past year cocaine use	44	1.78
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	96	3.88

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 963,000 (38.92%) Iowa citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²¹
- Additional 2006-2007 NSDUH results indicate that 51,000 (2.08%) Iowa citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 38,000 (1.51%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²²

Juveniles

- Results of a 2007 survey of Iowa high school students indicate that 24% reported trying marijuana at least once in their lifetime.²³

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Iowa, 2007

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	23.1%	24.8%	24.0%
Current marijuana use	10.5	12.5	11.5
Lifetime cocaine use	4.7	5.8	5.2
Current cocaine use	1.2	2.1	1.7
Lifetime inhalant use	8.4	11.3	9.8
Lifetime heroin use	1.4	1.3	1.4
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.9	3.3	3.6
Lifetime ecstasy use	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lifetime illegal steroid use	1.3	2.4	1.8
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	0.9	1.3	1.1
Tried marijuana before age 13	3.4	5.3	4.4

- Approximately 5% of Iowa 12th graders surveyed in 2007 reported using methamphetamine at least once during their lifetime.²⁴

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Iowa, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	18.7%	24.6%	24.1%	28.3%
Current marijuana use	10.0	10.4	10.8	14.5
Lifetime cocaine use	4.5	3.0	5.9	7.5
Current cocaine use	2.0	0.9	1.3	2.5
Lifetime inhalant use	12.6	7.9	10.5	8.5
Lifetime heroin use	1.8	0.5	0.5	2.6

Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.3	2.0	4.4	4.8
Lifetime ecstasy use	2.8	1.5	4.1	3.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.7	1.2	1.6	1.9
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.8	0.4	1.0	1.2
Tried marijuana before age 13	5.1	4.4	3.8	4.2

- According to 2006-2007 NSDUH data, approximately 8% of Iowa 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁵

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Iowa, 2006-2007 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	20	7.96%
Past year marijuana use	27	10.73
Past month marijuana use	14	5.57
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	9	3.80
Past year cocaine use	4	1.43
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	14	5.74

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2008, there were 8,031 full-time law enforcement employees in Iowa (5,168 officers and 2,863 civilian employees).²⁶
- Clandestine Laboratory Emergency Response Team (CLERT)²⁷
The Iowa Department of Public Safety CLERT is comprised of specially trained law enforcement officers from the Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the Iowa State Patrol and the Fire Marshal's Office, as well as chemists from the Division of Criminal Investigation. CLERT provides assistance to city and county law enforcement agencies throughout the state. All CLERT members are certified in the investigating, dismantling, and removing of clandestine laboratories.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Interstates 80 and 35 cross Iowa, providing a ready smuggling route for many drug trafficking organizations. Commercial and private motor vehicles are the primary method that drug traffickers use to transport drug shipments into the state, as well as to send bulk currency proceeds back to Mexico.²⁸
- Hispanic organizations transport most of the methamphetamine into the state via motor vehicles and mail delivery services. Large Mexican communities in Iowa provide an infrastructure to import and distribute the methamphetamine.²⁹
- There is intelligence indicating the trafficking of MDMA by Asian organizations in the state.³⁰
- The majority of the marijuana throughout Iowa is imported from the southwest border in motor vehicles and mail delivery services.³¹
- From January through September 1, 2009, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) was involved in the seizure of 64 clandestine laboratories. During full year 2008, DPS was involved in 72 clandestine laboratory seizures.³²

Seizures of Clandestine Labs Involving DPS, Iowa, 2004-Sept. 1, 2009

Year	Labs Seized
Full year 2004	630
Full year 2005	345
Full year 2006	116
Full year 2007	42
Full year 2008	72
January-September 1, 2009	64

- From January through September 1, 2009, local and county agencies in Iowa seized 110 clandestine laboratories. During full year 2008, 129 clandestine laboratory seizures were seized by local and county agencies.³³

Clandestine Labs Seized by Local/County Agencies, Iowa, 2004-Sept. 1, 2009

Year	Labs Seized
Full year 2004	842
Full year 2005	415
Full year 2006	229
Full year 2007	132
Full year 2008	129
January-September 1, 2009	110

- Approximately 29 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in Iowa during 2008.³⁴

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Iowa, 2008

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	29.4 kilograms
Heroin	0.0 kilograms
Methamphetamine	21.0 kilograms
Marijuana	646.0 kilograms
MDMA	1,920 dosage units

- During 2008, 676 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Iowa as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁵

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Iowa, 2008

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
3	424	2	252	676

Courts

➤ Drug Courts³⁶

As of July 14, 2009, there were 8 drug courts in Iowa which had been operating for at least two years and 5 that had recently been implemented. No additional drug courts were being planned at that time.

- During FY 2008, 33.2% of the Federally sentenced defendants in Iowa had committed a drug offense. Approximately 50% of these drug offenses involved methamphetamine.³⁷

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Iowa, FY 2008

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	13	3.7%
Crack cocaine	98	27.8
Heroin	3	0.9
Marijuana	45	12.8
Methamphetamine	179	50.9
Other	14	4.0

- During 2007, there was an 11.6% decrease from 2006 to 2007 in the number of indictable misdemeanor and felony drug charges disposed by the Iowa District Court.³⁸

Drug Charges Disposed, Iowa, 2004-2007

Year	Drug Charges Disclosed
2004	29,341
2005	25,100
2006	26,407
2007	23,338

- There were 12,975 drug-related convictions in Iowa during 2007.³⁹

Number of Drug Convictions, Iowa, 2004-2007

Year	Drug Convictions
2004	14,927
2005	13,367
2006	14,496
2007	12,975

Corrections

- As of September 23, 2009, there were 9,083 inmates within Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions.⁴⁰
- While there were 1,101 new admissions in FY 2004 whose most serious crime was a drug offense, in FY 2008 that figure had dropped to 795.⁴¹

New Prison Admissions by Offense Type, Iowa, FY 2004-2008

Offense	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Property	1,064	1,042	1,096	1,043	991
Drug	1,101	1,048	986	879	795
Violent	505	604	612	584	584
Drunk driving/traffic	373	364	436	366	367
Other	169	198	216	253	203
Total	3,425	3,518	3,610	3,358	3,145

- New methamphetamine-related prison admissions have dropped from an estimated 794 in FY 2004 to 342 in FY 2008.⁴²
- In 2008, the Department of Corrections provided substance abuse treatment to 58.9% of the addicted custodial inmates.⁴³

Substance Abuse Treatment, Iowa DOC, Institutional Inmates, FY 2004-2008

Treatment	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Inmates needing treatment	4,074	4,369	4,713	4,374	4,441
Inmates receiving treatment	2,646	2,669	2,936	2,618	2,615
Percent receiving treatment	64.9%	61.1%	62.3%	59.9%	58.9%

- In 2008, the Department of Corrections provided substance abuse treatment 48.4% of the addicted offenders in community corrections.⁴⁴

Substance Abuse Treatment, Iowa DOC, Community Corrections, FY 2004-2008

Treatment	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Inmates needing treatment	10,299	11,920	12,650	12,921	13,047
Inmates receiving treatment	5,413	5,855	6,201	6,367	6,315
Percent receiving treatment	52.6%	49.1%	49.0%	49.3%	48.4%

- At the yearend 2007, there were 22,776 adults on probation and 3,546 adults on parole in Iowa.⁴⁵

Consequences of Use

- According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, there were 7 children in Iowa affected by methamphetamine laboratories during 2008.⁴⁶
- During 2007, there were 1,173 confirmed child abuse cases in Iowa involving the presence of illegal drugs in a child's body.⁴⁷

Child Abuse Cases, Presence of Illegal Drugs in a Child's Body, 2004-2007

Year	Number of Cases
2004	1,713
2005	1,354
2006	1,481
2007	1,173

- There were 56 reported child abuse cases in Iowa involving the manufacture of illegal drugs by a child's caretaker during 2007.⁴⁸

Child Abuse Cases, Drug Manufacture by Child's Caretaker, 2004-2007

Year	Number of Cases
2004	299
2005	128
2006	107
2007	56

- Public calls to the Statewide Poison Control Center in Iowa to identify unknown pain pills have increased 729% from 2002 (303 calls) to 2007 (2,513).⁴⁹

Treatment

- During 2008, there were 23,225 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Iowa.⁵⁰ There were 25,499 treatment admissions during 2007.⁵¹ In 2006, there were 28,509 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in the state.⁵²

Admissions to Treatment, Iowa, 2006-2008

Drug Type	2006		2007		2008	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	7,955	27.9%	7,353	28.8%	7,320	31.5%
Alcohol with secondary drug	5,707	20.0	5,745	22.5	5,437	23.4
Cocaine (smoked)	1,657	5.8	1,359	5.3	1,035	4.5
Cocaine (other route)	540	1.9	419	1.6	374	1.6
Marijuana	7,133	25.0	6,429	25.2	5,735	24.7
Heroin	186	0.7	170	0.7	168	0.7
Other opiates	500	1.8	473	1.9	572	2.5
PCP	11	0.0	3	0.0	10	0.0
Hallucinogens	19	0.1	22	0.1	18	0.1
Amphetamines	4,514	15.8	3,269	12.8	2,323	10.0
Other stimulants	19	0.1	5	0.0	5	0.0
Tranquilizers	55	0.2	67	0.3	59	0.3
Sedatives	32	0.1	27	0.1	22	0.1
Inhalants	25	0.1	23	0.1	11	0.0
Other unknown	156	0.5	135	0.5	136	0.6
Total	28,509	100.0	25,499	100.0	23,225	100.0

- According to 2006-2007 NSDUH data, approximately 47,000 (1.90%) Iowa citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁵³

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