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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 176,924¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 52.0% white; 43.6% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.2% other race; 1.6% two or more races; 2.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Little Rock is located in Pulaski County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Mark Stodola⁴
- City Manager: Bruce T. Moore⁵
- Board of Directors: Erma Hendrix, Ken Richardson, Stacy Hurst, Brad Cazort, Michael Keck, Doris Wright, B.J. Wyrick, Dr. Jean Kumpuris, Gene Fortson, Joan Adcock⁶
- Little Rock Chief of Police: Stuart Thomas⁷
- Pulaski County Sheriff: Randy Johnson⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD)⁹
Little Rock's ATOD initiative is aimed at reducing the use of and demand for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the community.
- Neighborhood Support Centers¹⁰
Little Rock has two Neighborhood Support Centers designed to assist residents who want to enter drug or alcohol treatment. In addition to assessment services and relapse prevention, the Centers also offer assistance with shelter, food, transportation, education, and job placement. Alcohol and drug abuse support groups, detoxification acupuncture programs, and support groups for those leaving correctional facilities are also offered.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January through July 2006, there were 34 homicides in Little Rock known to law enforcement.¹¹ During full year 2005, there were 41 homicides in Little Rock known to law enforcement.¹²

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Little Rock, 2005-July 2006

Offense	Full Year 2005	Jan.-July 2006
Homicide	41	34
Rape	116	87
Robbery	860	364
Ag. assault	2,276	1,105

Burglary	3,803	1,828
Vehicle theft	11,409	4,870
Larceny	1,110	556
Arson	134	74

- During 2005, the Little Rock Police Department reported 837 arrests for drug law violations. Additionally, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department reported 389 drug arrests in 2005.¹³

Number of Drug Arrests, Little Rock P.D. and Pulaski County Sheriff's Dept., 2005

Offense	Little Rock P.D.	Pulaski County Sheriff
Sale/manufacturing	25	66
Juvenile	0	2
Adult	25	64
Possession	812	323
Juvenile	69	17
Adult	743	305
Total drug arrests	837	389

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 622 full-time law enforcement employees in Little Rock (505 officers and 114 civilians).¹⁴
- Little Rock Police Department Investigation Division drug units:¹⁵
 - The Narcotics Unit is involved in long-term undercover drug transactions that require extended and detailed investigations.
 - The Street Narcotics Unit targets outside drug dealers who pose immediate threats to the safety and welfare of individual neighborhoods.
 - The Special Narcotics Operations Unit conducts financial and conspiracy investigations related to narcotics trafficking.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Little Rock acts as a distribution point for crack cocaine in Arkansas.¹⁶
- What little tar heroin is encountered in central Arkansas appears to be imported into the state by Mexican trafficking organizations. Recently, a small amount (one-gram) of tar heroin originating in the Los Angeles area was seized by the DEA Little Rock District Office. This heroin had been shipped to Little Rock through a parcel service. Furthermore, the city of Baltimore, Maryland has been identified as a source city of gram quantities of Colombian heroin encountered in Little Rock.¹⁷
- Sources in California transport LSD to the Little Rock area for redistribution. LSD is sold in several different forms including blotter paper and small vials of liquid. Shipments are also mailed through the U.S. Postal Service and commercial shipping companies.¹⁸

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁹

As of November 22, 2006, there was one drug court in Little Rock that had been operating for more than two years. No additional drug courts were in existence or being planned at that time in Little Rock.

Corrections

- There were 138 females and 867 males admitted to Arkansas State prisons during FY 2006.²⁰
- Arkansas Department of Correction, Boot Camp²¹
The Arkansas Department of Correction Boot Camp is located in Pulaski County. This facility is a military-style behavior modification program based on discipline, academic education and substance abuse education. Eligible inmates must volunteer to participate in the program.
- The capacity of the Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Facility is 48. Narcotics Anonymous is one of this facility's rehabilitation and treatment programs.²²

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