

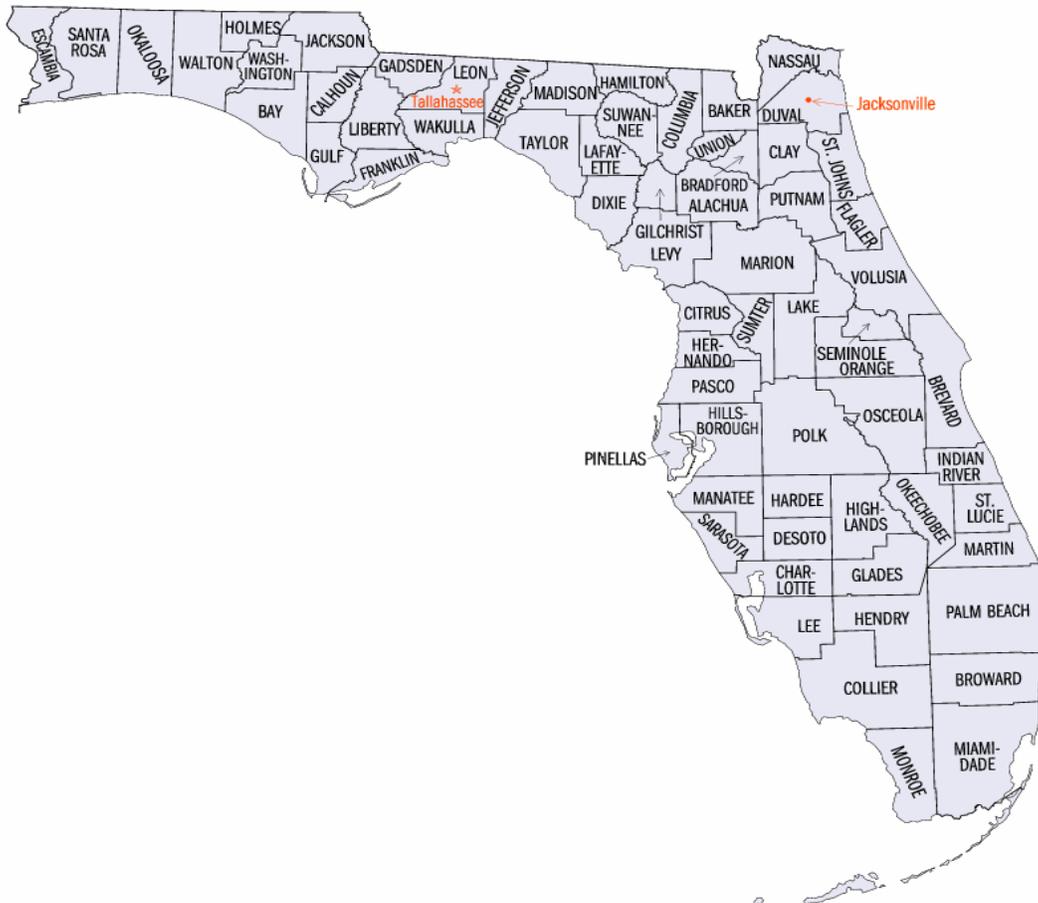
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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Orlando, Florida

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Orlando, Florida

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 221,299<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 53.3% white; 34.1% black/African American; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 7.3% other race; 2.1% two or more races; 19.9% Hispanic/Latino (any race)<sup>2</sup>
- Orlando is located in Orange County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Buddy Dyer<sup>3</sup>
- City Council (Districts 1-6, respectively): Phil Diamond; Betty T. Wyman; Robert Stuart; Patty Sheehan; Daisy W. Lynum; Samuel B. Ings<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Michael McCoy<sup>5</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>6</sup>  
Designated in 1998, the Central Florida HIDTA is responsible for Hillsborough, Orange, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia counties.
- Orange County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community<sup>7</sup>  
The mission of this program is to use all resources within Orange County to effectively provide for the prevention of substance abuse. This group also strives to provide effective intervention and/or treatment programs when necessary.
- Orange County Methamphetamine Task Force<sup>8</sup>  
The mission of the Orange County Methamphetamine Task Force is to eliminate the growing methamphetamine problem in Orange County.

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2005, there were 31 arrests for murder in Orlando.<sup>9</sup> This is an increase from 2004, when there were 23 murder arrests.<sup>10</sup>

Number of Arrests, Index Offenses, Orlando, 2004-2005

Offense	2004	2005
Murder	23	31
Forcible sex offenses	63	39
Robbery	187	260
Aggravated assault	548	507
Burglary	421	401
Larceny/theft	1,675	1,780
Motor vehicle theft	267	258

- The Orlando Police Department made 2,366 arrests for drugs/narcotics offenses in 2005.<sup>11</sup> During 2004, they reported 2,281 such arrests.<sup>12</sup>

Number of Substance-Related Arrests, Orlando, 2004-2005

Offense	2004	2005
Drugs/narcotics	2,281	2,366
DUI	385	387
Liquor laws	325	290

**Drugs**

- Methamphetamine<sup>13</sup>  
Methamphetamine abuse continues to rise in the Orlando area, and has been commensurate with an increase in the number of clandestine laboratories seized in the area.

**Juveniles**

- Approximately 8.3% of Orange County 6th-12th grade students surveyed in 2004 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.<sup>14</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Past 30 Day Drug Use, Orange County, 2004

Drug Type	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	15.9%	35.2%	26.3%
Marijuana or hashish	3.6	12.4	8.3
Inhalants	4.0	1.8	2.8
Ecstasy	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rohypnol	0.5	0.6	0.6
GHB	0.9	0.3	0.6
Ketamine	0.2	0.1	0.3
LSD or PCP	0.1	0.5	0.3
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	0.4	1.0	0.8
Cocaine	0.3	1.1	0.7
Crack cocaine	0.7	0.3	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.6	0.1	0.3
Depressants	0.6	2.5	1.7
Heroin	0.2	0.1	0.2
OxyContin	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other prescription pain relievers	1.7	3.1	2.4
Steroids w/o doctor's order	0.2	0.2	0.2
Amphetamines	1.1	1.9	1.6
Any illicit drug	7.3	13.6	10.7

- Approximately 28% of Orange County high school students and 7% of middle school students surveyed in 2004 reported using marijuana at some point in their lifetime.<sup>15</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Orange County, 2004

Drug Type	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	35.1%	60.6%	48.7%
Marijuana or hashish	7.0	28.1	18.4
Inhalants	10.9	9.2	9.9
Ecstasy	1.4	3.1	2.3
Rohypnol	0.9	1.0	0.9
GHB	1.4	1.2	1.3
Ketamine	0.6	0.9	0.7
LSD or PCP	0.4	2.1	1.3
Hallucinogenic mushrooms	0.9	3.9	2.5
Cocaine	1.5	3.0	2.3
Crack cocaine	1.4	1.4	1.4
Methamphetamine	1.0	1.7	1.4
Depressants	1.5	5.9	3.9
Heroin	0.5	0.9	0.7
OxyContin	0.7	2.9	1.9
Other prescription pain relievers	2.8	7.7	5.4
Steroids w/o doctor's order	1.1	1.1	1.1
Amphetamines	1.1	4.8	3.1
Any illicit drug	16.7	33.5	25.7

- Approximately 14% of Orange County high school students surveyed in 2004 reported being drunk or high at school within the past 12 months.<sup>16</sup>

Percent of Students Engaging in Past Year Delinquent Behavior, Orange County, 2004

Behavior	Middle School	High School	Total
Carrying a handgun	2.6%	4.3%	3.5%
Selling drugs	1.5	5.7	3.8
Attempting to steal vehicle	2.1	3.9	3.1
Being arrested	4.1	8.3	6.3
Taking handgun to school	0.6	1.5	1.1
Getting suspended	15.5	12.5	13.8
Attacking w/intent to harm	11.1	12.2	11.6
Being drunk/high at school	4.2	14.0	9.4

- According to the 2004 student survey, the average age when Orange County middle and high school students first used marijuana was 11.8 years and 13.9 years old, respectively.<sup>17</sup>

**Enforcement**

- Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI)<sup>18</sup>  
 MBI is a multi-agency task force empowered to conduct narcotics, vice, and organized crime investigations throughout Orange and Osceola Counties. In 1999,

MBI was designated as a HIDTA task force, allowing MBI to receive Federal overtime funding for narcotics agents.

- Units of the Orlando Police Department Drug Enforcement Division:<sup>19</sup>
  - Uniform Drug Enforcement Unit – consists of 1 sergeant and 10 officers; works problem drug areas in uniform and provides uniformed assistance to undercover drug detectives
  - Undercover Drug Unit – consists of 1 sergeant and 9 detectives; responsible for street-level, and mid to upper-level drug investigations; addresses all narcotics complaints and assists other local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies
  - Parcel Interdiction Unit – responsible for the investigation of illegal contraband through package delivery services; assists other agencies in the interception of narcotics packages in their respective jurisdictions
  - Prescription Fraud Unit – consists of 1 detective; responsible for the enforcement of laws relating to the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs; objective is to educate medical professionals about the various scams, prescription fraud, and wide-range abuse
- Rx Fraud Web site<sup>20</sup>

The Prescription Fraud Unit has developed the “Rx Fraud” Web site to show photos of individuals who have recently been arrested on prescription fraud charges. This site is designed to be useful for pharmacies and other agencies to identify possible suspects.
- As of October 31, 2004, there were 931 full-time law enforcement employees in Orlando (667 officers and 264 civilians).<sup>21</sup>

### **Trafficking and Seizures**

- Mexican methamphetamine traffickers have become entrenched in Central Florida.<sup>22</sup>
- Bulk quantities of MDMA in the Orlando area are shipped, mailed, or smuggled via courier from Western Europe countries such as Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom.<sup>23</sup>
- During 2005, there were 3 indoor and 4 outdoor marijuana grow sites detected in Orange County. Authorities eradicated 106 marijuana plants in Orange County during 2005.<sup>24</sup>
- During FY 2005, there were 13 clandestine drug laboratory seizures in Orange County. This is an increase from FY 2004 when 7 drug laboratories were seized.<sup>25</sup>

### **Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>26</sup>

As of August 2006, there were 3 drug courts in Orlando that had been operating for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Orlando at that time.
- During FY 2005, 51.6% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in the middle district of Florida committed a drug offense. Approximately 48% of the drug cases involved powder cocaine.<sup>27</sup>

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, by Drug Type, Middle Florida, FY 2005

Drug Type	Number	Percent
Powder cocaine	416	47.8%
Crack cocaine	156	17.9
Heroin	66	7.6
Marijuana	139	16.0
Methamphetamine	43	4.9
Other	51	5.9

**Corrections**

- Of the inmates in Florida Department of Corrections facilities on June 30, 2005, approximately 6.1% (5,160 inmates) had been sentenced in Orange County.<sup>28</sup>
- Approximately 5.9% (8,551 offenders) of the Florida offenders under community supervision on June 30, 2005 were being supervised in Orange County.<sup>29</sup>
- **Canine Unit<sup>30</sup>**  
The Orange County Corrections Department Canine Unit maintains 2 drug-detecting dogs that are used in jail shakedowns and security and provide assistance to law enforcement operations when requested.

**Consequences of Use**

- During 2005, there were 165 deaths in Orlando in which cocaine was found in the body of the deceased.<sup>31</sup> In 2004, there were 136 Orlando deaths involving cocaine.<sup>32</sup>

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Orlando, 2004-2005

Drug Involved	2004	2005
Alprazolam only	7	1
Alprazolam with other drug	44	58
Cocaine only	47	33
Cocaine with other drug	89	132
Diazepam only	0	0
Diazepam with other drug	21	31
Heroin only	5	1
Heroin with other drug	17	14
Oxycodone only	3	11
Oxycodone with other drug	29	30
Hydrocodone only	5	2
Hydrocodone with other drug	31	36
Methadone only	4	8
Methadone with other drug	36	48
Morphine only	12	5
Morphine with other drug	30	44
Propoxyphene only	2	17
Propoxyphene with other drug	19	28

- During 2005, lethal amounts of cocaine were found in 38 Orlando deaths.<sup>33</sup>

## Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, Orlando, 2005

Drugs	Lethal Levels	Non-Lethal Levels
Heroin	15	0
Cocaine	38	127
Methadone	37	19
Oxycodone	10	31
Hydrocodone	14	24

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