

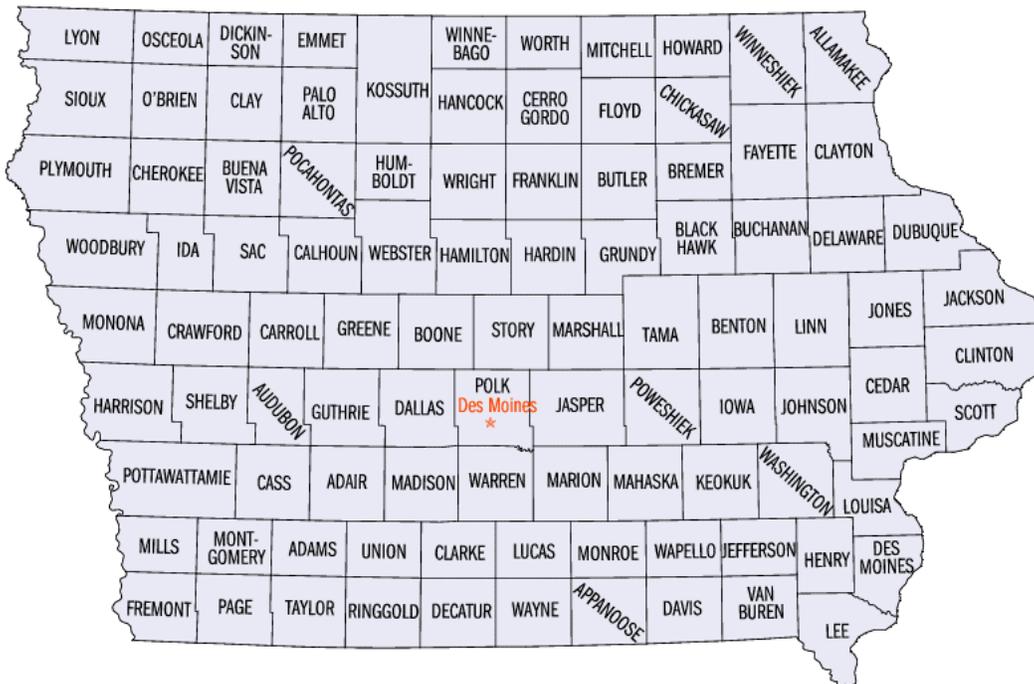
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Des Moines, Iowa

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 198,682
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 79.6% white; 8.0% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Native Alaskan; 3.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.8% two or more races; 6.6% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
- The city of Des Moines is located in Polk County.

Politics

- Mayor: Preston Daniels²
- City Council (Wards 1-4, respectively): Tom Vlassis, Mike McPherson, Christine Hensley, Archie Brooks (Members At Large: Chris Coleman and Frank Cownie)³
- City Manager: Eric A. Anderson⁴
- Des Moines Chief of Police: William McCarthy⁵
- Polk County Sheriff: Dennis Anderson⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
The Midwest HIDTA was designated in 1996 and includes counties from the States of Iowa (included in 1997), Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The counties in Iowa that are part of the HIDTA include Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Marshall, Black Hawk, Appanoose, Woodbury, and Linn counties.
- Rock In Prevention (RIP)⁸
RIP works to educate Des Moines youth from kindergarten to 12th grade to make drug-free choices and improve their resilience. During FY 2001-2002, the program recruited 568 high school students to train and assist in presentations, preformed for 12,817 elementary school students, and presented to 1,476 teachers, parents, and visitors. A youth survey of program participants revealed that 96% felt that the RIP program helped them learn refusal skills, 97% said the program increased their resolve to make healthy decisions, and 93% reported that they were now inclined to accept personal responsibility.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁹
Since FY 1998 when Drug-Free Communities funding was first available, only one coalition in Des Moines received funding. During FY 2000, an undisclosed amount was awarded to the Employee & Family Resources, Inc.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Discretionary funds awarded to Des Moines in FY 2002:¹⁰

- Center for Mental Health Services
 - \$60,000 to Iowa State Department of Human Services. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
 - \$2,931,184 to Office of the Governor. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
 - \$139,433 to Employee and Family Resources, Inc. Project period 8/15/02-8/14/03
 - \$119,987 to Iowa Department of Public Health. Project period 9/30/99-2/28/03
 - \$100,000 to Iowa State Department of Public Health. Project period 9/30/02-9/29/05
 - \$299,514 to the Iowa Department of Public Health. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$442,185 to Children and Families of Iowa. Project period 9/30/02-9/29/05
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹¹
Des Moines has been officially recognized and received Federal funds as a Weed and Seed site.
- Des Moines did not receive funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹²
- Des Moines did not receive funding for the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹³
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipient in Des Moines:¹⁴
 - \$200,000 to Homes of Oakridge, Inc.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000, there were 1,729 burglary offenses known to police in Des Moines.¹⁵ This number decreased to 1,301 during 2001.¹⁶ Preliminary data for 2002 show that there were 1,676 burglary offenses in Des Moines.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Des Moines, 2000-2002

Offense Type	2000	2001	2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	14	11	9
Forcible rape	98	89	113
Robbery	291	298	290
Aggravated assault	312	352	364
Burglary	1,729	1,301	1,676
Larceny theft	10,250	9,549	10,313
Motor vehicle theft	958	1,010	1,011
Arson	73	66	72
Crime index total	13,652	12,610	13,776

- According to preliminary data for 2002, 55.2% of adult male arrestees and 52% of adult female arrestees in Des Moines used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the average number of days the drug was used in the past month was 9.5 days for adult male arrestees and 6.8 days for adult female arrestees.¹⁸

Adult Arrestee Past Drug Use, Des Moines, 2002

Drug Type	Past 7 Days		Past 30 Days		Past Year		Average # Days	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Crack cocaine	4.6%	5.0%	5.7%	5.9%	7.5%	11.8%	6.9	5.9
Powder cocaine	2.0%	2.0%	4.1%	3.0%	8.0%	8.8%	3.5	2.8
Marijuana	39.2%	36.0%	47.7%	43.6%	55.2%	52.0%	9.5	6.8
Meth.	18.6%	21.0%	22.7%	24.8%	28.7%	30.4%	8.6	6.7
Heroin	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	2.9%	15.8	2.9

- Preliminary data for 2002 indicate that 41.8% of adult male arrestees and 32.3% of adult female arrestees in Des Moines tested positive for marijuana at arrest.¹⁹

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive, Des Moines, 2002

Drug Type	Male	Female
Cocaine	10.2%	12.5%
Opiates	2.3	2.1
Methamphetamine	20.2	24.0
Marijuana	41.8	32.3
Any drug	56.0	55.2
Multiple drugs	18.5	13.5

- During 1999, there were 2,463 narcotic arrests in Polk County. This number decreased to 1,586 during 2001.²⁰

Number of Arrests, Polk County, 1999-2001

Arrest Type	1999	2000	2001
Narcotics	2,463	1,855	1,586
Drunkenness	1,353	1,020	1,116
DUI	1,687	1,450	1,343
Violent Crime	N/A	378	267

Juveniles

- During 2001, there were 2,071 total juvenile arrests in Polk County.²¹

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Polk County, 1999-2001

Arrests Type	1999	2000	2001
Violent	N/A	73	46
Vandalism	229	172	134
Total juvenile arrests	2,987	2,761	2,071

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 497 law enforcement employees in Des Moines (361 officers and 136 civilians).²²
- Vice and Narcotics Control Section (NCS), Des Moines Police Department²³
NCS is the largest and most productive narcotics control organizations in the state of Iowa. The section includes the following units: Narcotics Control Units, Vice Control Unit, Vice Coordinator, Neighborhood Area Resource Coordinating (NARC) Team, and the Strategic Anti-Felony Team (SAF-T). The section is comprised of officers who are experts in drug identification, apprehension, and surveillance.

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁴
As of May 2003, there was one drug court in existence for over 2 years in Des Moines. No other drug courts were in existence or being planned in Des Moines.
- According to a report on the Polk County adult drug court, of the 124 drug court clients in the study population, 44% graduated.²⁵
- Drug court graduates who entered the program on felonies had lower recidivism rates when compared to program failures, referrals (did not enter the program), and the pilot group (did not enter the program) in the study.²⁶
- The total corrections system costs for drug court clients was less than the comparison groups. This difference was even more pronounced with felony drug court clients due to reduced imprisonment costs.²⁷

Corrections

- Polk County Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP)²⁸
The alternative to incarceration inmate work program targets offenders who received sentences of 30 days or more in the county jail for non-violent offenses. These inmates are given the opportunity to either serve their sentence at Polk County Jail or work in the program at a rate of one ten hour work day for each 24-hour period they were sentenced to jail. This program has already begun to reduce the overcrowded county jail and during FY 2001-2002, the program saved \$29,580 by not boarding out those inmates to other jails. During this same period, there were 55 drug urine analysis and breath tests completed that resulted in only 4 failures.

Consequences of Use

- During 2001, there were 4 alcohol-related motor vehicle accident mortalities reported in Polk County.²⁹

Treatment

- Approximately 39.2% of adult male arrestees and 31.4% of adult female arrestees in Des Moines interviewed during 2002 reported that they received outpatient treatment at some point in their lives.³⁰

Arrestee Drug or Alcohol Treatment Status, Des Moines, 2002

Treatment	Male	Female
<i>Outpatient</i>		
Ever	39.2%	31.4%
Past year	10.7	6.9
<i>Inpatient/Residential</i>		
Ever	37.5	39.2
Past year	6.4	11.9

➤ During 2001, there were 3,859 drug/alcohol treatment admissions in Polk County.³¹

Number of Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions, Polk County, 1999-2001

1999	2000	2001
3,665	3,599	3,859

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