

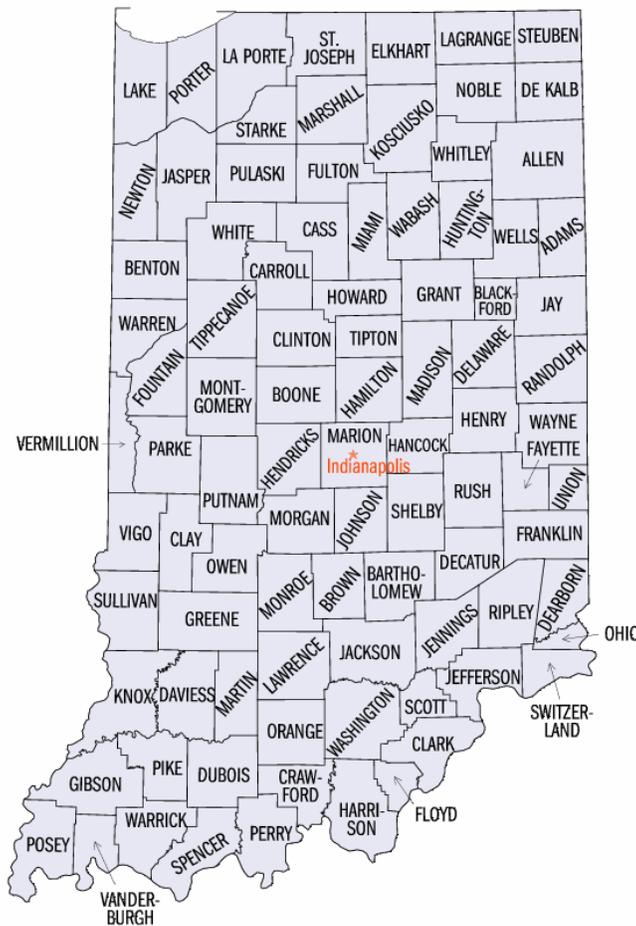
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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South Bend, Indiana

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2002 American Community Survey): 253,706
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 79.81% white; 12.82% black/African American; 0.25% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.19% Asian; 0.65% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.0% some other race; 1.20% two or more races; 5.08% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of South Bend is located in St. Joseph County.

Politics

- Mayor: Stephen Luecke²
- City Council: Karen L. White (President); Derek D. Dieter (District 1); Charlotte Pfeifer (District 2); Roland Kelly (District 3); Ann Puzzello (District 4); Dr. David Varner (District 5); Ervin Kuspa (District 6); Sean Coleman (At-Large); Al “Buddy” Kirsits (At-Large)³
- Chief of Police: Thomas H. Fautz⁴
- St. Joseph County Sheriff: Frank Canarecci⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- South Bend Area Crime Stoppers⁶
This program began in 1983 and was chosen to be located in South Bend because it is the media center for Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan. This program allows informants to report felony crimes with the possibility of receiving a reward for the information they provide.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since FY 1999, only one coalition in South Bend has received funding as part of the Drug Free Communities Support Program. In FY 2001, \$99,636 was awarded to the Healthy Communities Initiative Drug Free Community Council.
- During FY 2002, South Bend did not receive any funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary funds.⁸
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
South Bend has received funding and been officially recognized as a Federal Weed and Seed site.
- There were no South Bend recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁰
- There were no FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court grants awarded in South Bend.¹¹
- There were no South Bend recipients for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court grant program funds.¹²

- There were no South Bend recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹³
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in South Bend:¹⁴
 - Communities (discretionary): 2 awards valued at \$437,512
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - formula: 0 awards
 - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$99,636
 - Law Enforcement:
 - formula: 3 awards valued at \$245,762
 - discretionary: 6 awards valued at \$879,670
 - Substance Abuse: 0 awards
 - Victims: 0 awards

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, there were 5,603 burglary offenses in South Bend.¹⁵ This number decreased to 4,983 during 2002.¹⁶ Preliminary data show that there were 2,095 burglary offenses in South Bend from January to June 2003.¹⁷

Number of Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, South Bend, 2001-June 2003

Offense Type	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan-June 2003
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	21	20	8
Forcible rape	78	93	37
Robbery	487	354	164
Aggravated assault	302	353	185
Burglary	1,932	1,826	787
Larceny-theft	5,603	4,983	2,095
Motor vehicle theft	699	574	242
Arson	57	69	37
Crime index total	9,122	8,203	--

- As of December 31, 2003, the South Bend Crimestoppers had solved 6,441 cases since its inception. The South Bend Crimestoppers had also confiscated \$12,032,817 worth of narcotics and stolen property.¹⁸
- During 1998, there were 802 drug abuse violation arrests in St. Joseph County.¹⁹

Number of Drug/Alcohol Arrests, St. Joseph County, 1996-1998

Offense	1996	1997	1998
Drug abuse sale/manufacturing total	111	82	51
Opium/cocaine sale/manufacturing	69	46	32
Marijuana sale/manufacturing	36	29	16
Synthetic drug sale/manufacturing	1	2	3
Other dangerous drug sale/manufacturing	5	6	0
Drug possession total	629	869	751
Opium/cocaine possession	148	218	189
Marijuana possession	436	558	453
Synthetic narcotics possession	9	5	13
Other drug possession	37	88	96
Drug abuse violations total	743	956	802
Driving under the influence	1,221	1,071	813
Liquor law violations	496	456	376
Drunkenness	983	913	570

Drugs

- Cocaine²⁰
Powder cocaine is prevalent in South Bend.
- Heroin²¹
Although heroin has not been reported as a significant drug problem in Indiana, recent reports indicate there has been an increase in heroin use, especially in urban areas such as South Bend. The South Bend Police Department reports that Mexican white heroin is occasionally available.
- Club Drugs²²
MDMA, ketamine, and GHB are becoming increasingly popular among young people in urban areas and in college towns such as South Bend.

Juveniles

- During 1998, there were 67 juvenile drug abuse violation arrests in St. Joseph County.²³

Number of Juvenile Drug/Alcohol Arrests, St. Joseph County, 1996-1998

Offense	1996	1997	1998
Drug abuse sale/manufacturing total	5	5	9
Opium/cocaine sale/manufacturing	0	0	1
Marijuana sale/manufacturing	3	4	7
Synthetic drug sale/manufacturing	0	0	1
Other dangerous drug sale/manufacturing	0	1	0
Drug possession total	37	39	58
Opium/cocaine possession	2	4	5
Marijuana possession	31	31	45
Synthetic narcotics possession	1	1	7
Other drug possession	3	4	2
Drug abuse violations total	43	46	67
Driving under the influence	5	6	1
Liquor law violations	198	172	172
Drunkenness	5	10	7

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 326 law enforcement employees in South Bend (256 officers and 70 civilians).²⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2003, there were 2 clandestine laboratory responses in St. Joseph County.²⁵

Number of Clandestine Labs Responses, St. Joseph County

Year	# of Clandestine Lab Responses
1999	1
2000	0
2001	0
2002	1
2003	2
Total	4

- Local independent dealers are the primary cannabis cultivators in South Bend, although Mexican criminal groups also cultivate cannabis in the area. Outdoor and indoor grows as well as hydroponic operations have been seized in the South Bend area.²⁶
- The South Bend Police Department reports that local independent dealers are the primary methamphetamine transporters in their area. Independent dealers, primarily Caucasian males, are the main methamphetamine retailers in the area.²⁷
- Crack cocaine investigations, arrests, and seizures increased during 1999 in the South Bend area.²⁸

- Crack cocaine retail distributors and abusers are committing an increasing number of robberies, homicides, larcenies, and burglaries.²⁹

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁰
As of November 2003, there was one drug court that had been recently implemented in South Bend. No other drug courts were operating or being planned in South Bend.

Corrections

- As of December 31, 2003, there were 57 St. Joseph County adult offenders incarcerated for dealing cocaine and 53 adult offenders incarcerated for cocaine possession.³¹

Consequences of Use

- During 1998, there were 240 alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in St. Joseph County.³²

Total Motor Vehicle Alcohol-Related Crashes, St. Joseph County, 1998

Alcohol-Related Crashes	1998
Number of alcohol-related fatal crashes	3
Personal injury in alcohol-related crashes	81
Property damage in alcohol-related crashes	156
Total number of alcohol-related crashes	240

- From 1993 to 1997, there were 174 new HIV/AIDS cases in St. Joseph County. Of those cases, 16.7% were injection drug-related.³³

Treatment

- During 1998, there were 4,393 people in St. Joseph County that were in need of substance abuse treatment.³⁴

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