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### State of Michigan

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Michigan

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 10,095,643<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 79.5% white; 14.1% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.3% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.7% other; 1.8% two or more races, 3.9% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)<sup>2</sup>

### **Politics**

- Governor: Jennifer Granholm<sup>3</sup>
- Lt. Governor: John D. Cherry, Jr.<sup>4</sup>
- Attorney General: Mike Cox<sup>5</sup>
- Secretary of State: Terri Lynn Land<sup>6</sup>
- U.S. Senate: Carl Levin (D); Debbie Stabenow (D)<sup>7</sup>
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-15, respectively): Bart Stupak (D); Peter Hoekstra (R); Vernon Ehlers (R); Dave Camp (D); Dale Kildee (D); Fred Upton (R); Tim Walberg (R); Mike Rogers (R); Joseph Knollenberg (R); Candice Miller (R); Thaddeus McCotter (R); Sander Levin (D); Carolyn Kilpatrick (D); John Conyers, Jr. (D); John Dingell (D)<sup>8</sup>
- Capital: Lansing<sup>9</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>10</sup>  
Designated in 1997, the Michigan HIDTA is responsible for the following Michigan Counties: Allegan, Genesee, Kalamazoo, Kent, Macomb, Oakland, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne.
- Michigan Meth Watch<sup>11</sup>  
Since its inception in 1997, this program has grown into a broad membership of businesses linked together to prevent theft, fraud and abuse of legal products as well as the prevention of the manufacture of methamphetamine.
- Partnership for a Drug-Free Michigan<sup>12</sup>  
The Partnership works to help kids and teens reject substance abuse by influencing basic knowledge and attitudes through persuasive information.

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

- During 2006, there were 47,227 drug offenses known to police in Michigan.<sup>13</sup>

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Select Offenses, Michigan, 2006

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-neg. manslaughter	713
Rape (includes attempts)	5,344
Robbery	14,142

Aggravated assault	36,363
Burglary	75,389
Larceny	195,109
Motor vehicle theft	49,709
Arson	3,223
Narcotic laws	47,227
DUI alcohol/narcotics	49,546
Liquor laws	19,233

- There were 32,409 drug arrests in Michigan during 2006.<sup>14</sup>

#### Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Michigan, 2006

Offense	# of Arrests
Murder/non-neg. manslaughter	252
Rape (includes attempts)	943
Robbery	2,935
Aggravated assault	11,003
Burglary	7,019
Larceny	27,128
Motor vehicle theft	4,525
Arson	378
Narcotic laws	32,409
DUI alcohol/narcotics	47,461
Liquor laws	21,873

- The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 697 arrests for drug violations in Michigan during 2007.<sup>15</sup>

#### Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Michigan, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	423
2004	531
2005	595
2006	672
2007	697

#### Drugs

- Cocaine<sup>16</sup>  
Cocaine and crack cocaine trafficking and abuse remain at high levels within the state of Michigan. Cocaine purity levels range between 40% to 90% and quantities can be purchased in amounts ranging from grams to several kilograms.
- Heroin<sup>17</sup>  
Heroin is widely available throughout the Detroit area and the more densely populated areas of Michigan. Heroin destined for Michigan continues to originate from different parts of the world such as South America, Mexico and Africa.

- Marijuana<sup>18</sup>  
Michigan's northern border with Canada is increasingly utilized to transport Canadian indoor-grown marijuana, known as B.C. Bud, which has a higher tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content than domestically grown or Mexican produced marijuana. As a result, the demand for B.C. Bud in Michigan is significantly increasing.
- Club Drugs<sup>19</sup>  
Much of the MDMA available in Michigan is obtained through sources of supply based around Toronto, Ontario.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals<sup>20</sup>  
OxyContin® demand is increasing throughout the state and the abuse and diversion of hydrocodone and methadone are also increasing throughout the state.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 734,000 (9%) of Michigan citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.<sup>21</sup>

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Michigan, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	734	8.76%
Past year marijuana use	999	11.92
Past month marijuana use	539	6.43
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	350	4.18
Past year cocaine use	183	2.19
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	469	5.59

\* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 3 million (35.23%) Michigan citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a "great risk".<sup>22</sup>
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 242,000 (2.88%) Michigan citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 172,000 (2.06%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.<sup>23</sup>

**Juveniles**

- Approximately 35% of Michigan high school students surveyed in 2007 reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetimes.<sup>24</sup>

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Michigan, 2007

Drug Type and Use	Females	Males	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	32.9%	37.7%	35.4%
Current marijuana use	16.5	19.4	18.0
Lifetime cocaine use	6.2	7.0	6.8
Current cocaine use	2.7	2.1	2.5
Lifetime inhalant use	13.3	10.8	12.0
Lifetime heroin use	1.9	2.4	2.2
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.5	4.4	4.0
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.2	3.3	2.8
Lifetime injected illegal drug use	2.1	2.7	2.6
Tried marijuana before age 13	7.4	10.4	9.0

- Approximately 43% of Michigan 12th graders surveyed in 2007 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetime.<sup>25</sup>

#### Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Michigan, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	26.5%	37.3%	37.6%	42.5%
Current marijuana use	13.3	20.4	20.1	19.0
Lifetime cocaine use	6.0	6.3	6.7	7.6
Current cocaine use	2.7	1.8	2.9	2.1
Lifetime inhalant use	12.3	14.0	12.5	8.7
Lifetime heroin use	1.8	2.8	2.0	2.0
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.5	4.1	3.6	4.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.0	3.7	1.2	2.7
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	2.5	3.5	1.8	1.5
Tried marijuana before age 13	11.4	11.3	6.7	4.8

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of Michigan 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.<sup>26</sup>

#### Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Michigan, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	94	10.38%
Past year marijuana use	124	13.74
Past month marijuana use	66	7.32
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	46	5.14
Past year cocaine use	14	1.51
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	71	7.86

\* The number of users is in thousands

#### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 25,896 full-time law enforcement employees in Michigan (19,228 officers and 6,668 civilians).<sup>27</sup>

#### Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican drug trafficking organizations, with direct ties to the Southwest Border and links to major Colombian cocaine cartels, are responsible for the majority of the cocaine distributed in Michigan. Cocaine is either resold to local distributors or converted into crack cocaine for street distribution.<sup>28</sup>
- Canadian marijuana (B.C. Bud) and MDMA are trafficked by Asian organized crime groups via Michigan's Northern Border ports of entry and are encountered with increased frequency.<sup>29</sup>
- The Northern Border also serves as a transshipment point for multi-thousand dosage unit quantities of predatory and club drugs, such as MDMA and GHB. Middle Eastern and Caucasian criminal groups, Asian groups, independent inner-city groups, and area college students transport MDMA primarily from the Toronto area of Canada into the United States.<sup>30</sup>

- Marijuana transported into Michigan from the Southwest Border is primarily distributed by Mexican and inner-city trafficking organizations.<sup>31</sup>
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Michigan reported 164 methamphetamine laboratory incidents.<sup>32</sup>

Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Michigan, 2003-2007

Year	Number of Incidents
2003	275
2004	157
2005	341
2006	256
2007	164

- There were 53.3 kilograms and 719,139 dosage units of MDMA seized by Federal agencies in Michigan during 2007.<sup>33</sup>

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Michigan, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	295.9 kilograms/2 dosage units
Heroin	9.1 kilograms
Methamphetamine	0.4 kilograms/789 dosage units
Marijuana	2,649.8 kilograms
MDMA	53.3 kilograms/719,139 dosage units

- During 2007, more than 35,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Michigan as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.<sup>34</sup>

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Michigan, 2007

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
1,709	23,237	100	12,509	35,746

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>35</sup>  
As of August 11, 2008, there were 99 drug courts either being planned or in operation in Michigan. Seventy drug courts had been in existence for at least two years, 13 had recently been implemented and 16 were being planned at that time.
- During FY 2007, 38.2% of Federally-sentenced defendants in Michigan were charged with drug offenses.<sup>36</sup>

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, by Drug Type, Michigan, FY 2007

Drug Type	Number	Percent
Powder cocaine	103	22.4%

Crack cocaine	116	25.3
Heroin	21	4.6
Marijuana	130	28.3
Methamphetamine	36	7.8
Other	53	11.5

### Corrections

- On December 31, 2006, there were 51,577 prisoners under the jurisdiction of state or Federal correctional authorities in Michigan.<sup>37</sup>
- On December 31, 2006, there were 182,650 adults on probation and 18,486 adults on parole in Michigan.<sup>38</sup>

### Consequences of Use

- During 2007, authorities reported that there was 1 child killed and 50 additional children affected by methamphetamine laboratories in Michigan.<sup>39</sup>
- Injection drug users (IDUs) account for 17.2% of people living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan. An additional 4.5% of cases are the result of IDUs who also have male-to-male sex.<sup>40</sup>
- During 2007, there were 41 fatal crashes in Michigan caused by drivers under the influence of drugs. An additional 42 fatal crashes in the state were caused by drivers under the influence both of alcohol and drugs.<sup>41</sup>

### Number of Crashes, Driver Under the Influence of Drugs/Alcohol, Michigan, 2007

Substance	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	All Crashes
Drinking only	236	4,426	11,382
Drugs only	41	377	856
Both	42	295	677
Total	319	5,098	12,915

### Treatment

- During 2006, there were 65,588 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Michigan.<sup>42</sup> There were 57,295 such treatment admissions in 2005.<sup>43</sup> Additionally, there were 60,321 treatment admissions in 2004.<sup>44</sup>

### Admissions to Treatment, Primary Drug of Abuse, Michigan, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004		2005		2006	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	14,854	24.6%	14,349	25.0%	16,012	24.4%
Alc. w/ second. drug	12,555	20.8	10,802	18.9	12,285	18.7
Cocaine – smoked	8,538	14.2	8,248	14.4	9,383	14.3
Cocaine – other route	1,831	3.0	1,697	3.0	2,071	3.2
Marijuana	10,385	17.2	10,032	17.5	11,016	16.8
Heroin	7,718	12.8	7,476	13.0	9,176	14.0
Other opiates	3,053	5.1	3,408	5.9	4,506	6.9
PCP	1	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0
Hallucinogens	26	0.0	18	0.0	23	0.0

Amphetamines	754	1.2	796	1.4	598	0.9
Other stimulants	8	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0
Tranquilizers	154	0.3	153	0.3	187	0.3
Sedatives	107	0.2	74	0.1	122	0.2
Inhalants	36	0.1	32	0.1	22	0.0
Other/none specified	301	0.5	206	0.4	183	0.3
Total	60,321	100.0	57,295	100.0	65,588	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 217,000 (2.59%) Michigan citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.<sup>45</sup>

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