

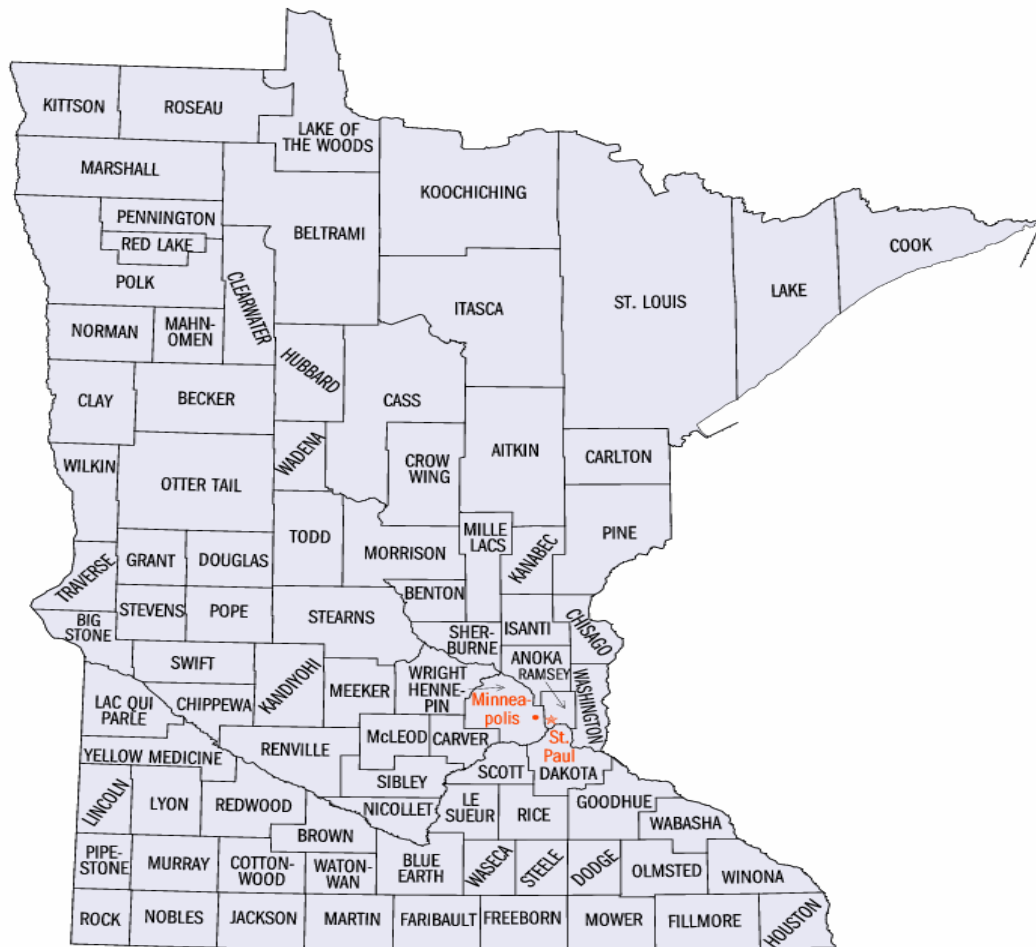
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St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 261,559¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 66.1% white; 13.7% black/African American; 0.7% American Indian/Alaska Native; 13.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 3.5% other race; 2.5% two or more races; 8.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- St. Paul is located in Ramsey County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Chris Coleman⁴
- City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Debbie Montgomery, Dave Thune, Pat Harris, Jay Benanay, Lee Helgen, Dan Bostrom, Kathy Lantry⁵
- Police Chief: John M. Harrington⁶
- Ramsey County Sheriff: Bob Fletcher⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- Crime Free Multi-Housing Program⁸
Sponsored by the St. Paul Police Department's FORCE (Focusing Our Resources on Community Empowerment) Unit, the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a partnership between law enforcement and rental property owners, managers, and tenants to keep drugs and illegal activity out of rental property.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 10 homicides known to police in St. Paul from January through June 2006.⁹ There were 24 homicides known to the St. Paul Police Department during full year 2005.¹⁰

Index Offenses Known to Police, St. Paul, 2005-June 2006

Offense	Full Year 2005	Jan.-June 2006
Homicide	10	24
Rape	108	220
Robbery	410	778
Aggravated assault	647	1,421
Burglary	1,710	3,484
Theft	3,280	7,761
Motor vehicle theft	1,063	2,448

- During 2004, there were 1,230 adult narcotic law arrests in St. Paul.¹¹

Adult Arrests, Substance Abuse-Related Offenses, St. Paul, 2004

Offense	# of Arrests
Narcotics	1,230
Driving under the influence	529
Liquor laws	49

Drugs

- Cocaine¹²
According to recent intelligence, powder cocaine prices in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area were as follows: \$100/gram, \$800/ounce and up to \$22,000/kilogram. The price of a rock of crack was unchanged at \$10–\$20.
- Heroin
Recent reports indicate there has been an increase in heroin use in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.¹³ Retail heroin prices in the area remained at \$20–\$40/dosage unit or “paper,” \$300–\$400/gram and \$2,500/ounce.¹⁴
- Marijuana¹⁵
According to recent intelligence, marijuana prices in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area were as follows: \$5/joint. Commercial grade marijuana sold for \$50/quarter ounce, \$150–\$175/ounce and \$600–\$900/pound. Higher potency “BC Bud” from British Columbia sold for up to \$100/quarter ounce, \$600/ounce and \$3,200/pound.
- Methamphetamine¹⁶
Numerous indicators of methamphetamine abuse decreased in 2006, possibly reversing previous upward trends in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.
- Other Drugs¹⁷
Khat is used within the Somali immigrant community in St. Paul.

Juveniles

- Seven percent of Ramsey County male high school seniors surveyed in 2004 reported using methamphetamine at least once in the past year. Four percent of Ramsey County female high school seniors surveyed in 2004 reported past year methamphetamine use.¹⁸

Percent of Students Reporting Past Year Use of Illicit Drugs, Ramsey County, 2004

Drug Type	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Amphetamines	5%	6%	8%	7%
Methamphetamine	5	4	7	4
Crack	4	3	7	4
MDMA	4	3	6	2
LSD, PCP, other psychedelics	4	3	8	3
Heroin, other narcotics	4	2	5	2
Barbiturates, tranquilizers	3	4	7	4

- Thirty-three percent of Ramsey County male high school seniors surveyed in 2004 reported using marijuana in the past year.¹⁹

Percent of Students Reporting Use of Marijuana and Inhalants, Ramsey County, 2004

Drug Used	6th Grade		9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Past year marijuana use	3%	2%	19%	18%	33%	23%
Past month marijuana use	2	2	14	12	26	14
Past year inhalant use	4	3	4	6	5	2

- Among Ramsey County female high school seniors surveyed in 2004 who bought drugs in the past month, more than 80% obtained the drugs from friends.²⁰

Means of Obtaining Drugs/Alcohol, Ramsey County, 2004

Means of Obtaining Drugs/Alcohol	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Bought them from people I know	62%	54%	69%	52%
Bought them from people I don't know	21	14	18	10
Bought them on the Internet	6	1	5	1
Got them from friends	69	82	71	87
Got them from family members	19	19	9	10
Got someone else to buy for me	17	20	14	12
Got them at parties	31	44	34	36
Took them from home	11	33	6	4
Took them from a friend's home	20	21	11	6

- Twenty percent of Ramsey County male seniors surveyed in 2004 reported using alcohol/other drugs right after school.²¹

Time of Student Drug/Alcohol Use, Ramsey County, 2004

Time of Use	6th Grade		9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Before school	2%	1%	12%	8%	20%	9%
During school	1	1	7	5	12	4
Right after school	3	3	14	14	24	13

- More than 70% of Ramsey County seniors who use alcohol/drugs reported using them to have fun at parties.²²

Reasons for Drug/Alcohol Use, Ramsey County, 2004

Reasons for Use	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
To relax	46%	42%	57%	45%
To get high or smashed	44	40	55	42
To have fun at parties	52	60	71	76
To escape from school, family, or problems	25	42	26	29
Because my parents aren't around	11	16	14	11
Because my friends do	19	24	26	27

Because my parents do	5	5	5	3
Because I like the taste	29	33	36	35
Because I'm sad, lonely, or angry	15	28	11	14
Because it's illegal	11	10	12	8
Because of peer pressure	13	16	9	8

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 746 full-time law enforcement employees in St. Paul (572 officers and 174 civilians).²³
- St. Paul Police Department: Narcotics Unit²⁴
The Narcotics unit processed over 1,000 hold books, conducted over 60 search warrants and made over 150 arrests during 2004.

Trafficking and Seizures

- In the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, crack cocaine distribution is controlled by independent African American traffickers and African American street gangs.²⁵
- During 2005, there were 4,600 methamphetamine samples seized in St. Paul, according to National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) data.²⁶

Drug Seizures, by Number and Percent of Items Seized, St. Paul, 2005

Drug	# of Items Seized	Percent
Methamphetamine	4,600	51.0%
Cocaine	2,264	25.1
Cannabis	950	10.5
MDMA	156	1.7
Heroin	144	1.6
Oxycodone	93	1.0
All other	814	9.1
Total	9,021	100.0

- The Narcotics unit of the St. Paul Police Department seized approximately 25 pounds of methamphetamine during 2004.²⁷

Drug Seizures Made by the Narcotics Unit, St. Paul, 2004

Drug	Amount Seized*
Cocaine	16 pounds
Crack cocaine	8 ounces
Ecstasy	1,000 dosage units
GHB/GLB	18 gallons
Marijuana	213 pounds
Methamphetamine	25 pounds
Opium	52 ounces

*Seizure numbers approximated

Courts

➤ Drug Courts²⁸

As of November 22, 2006, there were 2 drug courts in St. Paul that had been operating for at least two years, 1 drug court that had recently been implemented within the past two years and 1 drug court that was being planned. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in St. Paul at that time.²⁹

Corrections

- On July 1, 2006, 15.9% of the adult offenders in Minnesota Department of Corrections facilities were committed from Ramsey County.³⁰

Consequences of Use

- From January through June 2006, there were 1,311 hospital emergency department (ED) visits in the Minneapolis/St. Paul involving cocaine.³¹ During full year 2005, there were 3,552 such visits.³²

Number of ED Drug Incidents, Minneapolis/St. Paul, 2005-June 2006

Drug	Full Year 2005	Jan.-June 2006
Cocaine	3,552	1,311
Marijuana	3,102	1,265
Methamphetamine	1,402	251
Underage drinking	958	344
Prescription opiates	918	936
Heroin	895	401
Oxycodone	300	n/a
Amphetamines	231	53
MDMA	163	63
Inhalants	30	24
LSD	20	28
GHB	12	3
PCP	43	19

- During 2005, there were 42 related deaths in Ramsey County related to the abuse of opiates. There were 25 such deaths during 2004.³³

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Ramsey County, 2003-2005

Drug	2003	2004	2005
Cocaine	10	10	12
Opiates	19	25	42
Methamphetamine	10	9	7

- There were 4 oxycodone-related deaths in Ramsey County during 2005. There was also 1 death in Ramsey County in 2005 involving fentanyl, another narcotic analgesic.³⁴

Treatment

- From January through June 2006, there were there were 1,388 treatment admissions in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area in which cocaine was the primary substance of abuse.³⁵ During 2005, there were nearly 3,000 such admissions.³⁶

Clients in Treatment by Primary Drug of Abuse, Minneapolis/St. Paul, 2005-June 2006

Drug	Full Year 2005		Jan.-June 2006	
	#	%	#	%
Alcohol	9,410	45.8%	4,649	47.5%
Marijuana	3,631	17.7	1,836	18.8
Cocaine	2,953	14.4	1,388	14.2
Methamphetamine	2,465	12.0	806	8.2
Heroin	1,091	5.3	560	5.7
Total admissions	20,562	100.0	9,781	100.0

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