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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 440,885¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 61.5% white; 30.0% black/African American; 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.5% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 3.0% other race; 2.3% two or more races; 8.2% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Kansas City is located in Jackson County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Mark Funkhouser⁴
- City Council Members (District): Deb Hermann (1 – At large); Bill Skaggs (1); Ed Ford (2 – At large); Russ Johnson (2); Melba Curls (3 – At large); Sharon Sanders Brooks (3); Beth Gottstein (4 – At large); Jan Marcason (4); Cindy Circo (5 – At large); Terry Riley (5); Cathy Jolly (6 – At large); John A. Sharp (6)⁵
- Kansas City Police Chief: James Corwin⁶
- Jackson County Sheriff: Tom Phillips⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁸
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for areas in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Missouri, including Jackson County.
- Community-Backed Anti-Drug Sales Tax (COMBAT)⁹
Jackson County's COMBAT is a quarter-cent sales tax voted by the people of Jackson County for the prevention, treatment, investigation, incarceration and prosecution of drug and drug-related crimes. It was first authorized in 1989, and has since been renewed by the voters in 1996 and 2003.
- Move UP¹⁰
Move UP, Inc. is the result of a February 2000 merger of two Kansas City community-based organizations. Move UP provides intervention and education programs for youth and adults in the areas of substance use, crime and violence.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2005, there were more than 5,500 arrests for drug possession in Kansas City.¹¹

Number of Substance Abuse-Related Arrests, Kansas City, 2005

Offense	# of Arrests
Drug sale/manufacturing	827
Drug possession	5,674
DUI	2,201
Liquor laws	935

- During 2006, there were 103 homicides reported to police in Kansas City.¹²

Index Offenses Reported to Police, Kansas City, 2005-2006

Offense Type	2005	2006
Murder	119	103
Forcible rape	295	321
Robbery	2,000	2,044
Aggravated assault	4,110	3,994
Burglary	7,429	7,399
Larceny-theft	21,602	18,186
Motor vehicle theft	5,788	5,510
Arson	395	403

Drugs

- Cocaine¹³
Both powder and crack cocaine are readily available in the Kansas City Metropolitan area.
- Heroin¹⁴
Most of the heroin that is available in Kansas City is black tar heroin, which is typically of a poor quality. The supply of heroin remains consistent and heroin sells for \$10/bag. Further intelligence indicates that white heroin does not appear to be available in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Club Drugs¹⁵
MDMA (ecstasy) continues to be available Kansas City.

Juveniles

- During 2006, there were 101 drug offenses reported in Kansas City schools. This includes drug possession, use and sales or solicitation.¹⁶
- During 2004, there were a total of 754 out-of-home placements for juveniles in Jackson County. More than 200 of the out-of-home placements were related to parental drug use.¹⁷

Reason for Juvenile Out-of-Home Placement, Jackson County, 2002-2004

Reason	2002	2003	2004
Parental alcohol use related	26	10	21
Parental drug use related	126	98	224
Parental alcohol and drug use	12	8	26
Child removed for other reason	354	296	483
Total out-of-home placements	518	412	754

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 1,998 full-time law enforcement employees in Kansas City (1,272 officers and 726 civilians).¹⁸
- Kansas City Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force (KCIPTF)¹⁹
This mission of KCIPTF is to interdict movement of illegal drugs and disrupt organized narcotic enterprises.

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2005, there were 19 methamphetamine lab incidents in Jackson County.²⁰ This is a decrease from the 53 incidents reported during 2004.²¹ In 2003, 54 methamphetamine lab incidents were reported in Jackson County.²²
- Mexican drug trafficking organizations utilize Kansas City as a distribution center to supply markets in Midwestern and Eastern cities of the United States.²³
- Hispanic organizations, based in Mexico or the Southwest United States, distribute methamphetamine in Kansas City.²⁴
- Indoor marijuana grow operations are found in the Kansas City area.²⁵

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁶
As of November 22, 2006, there were 3 drug courts in existence in Kansas City, all of which had been operating for more than 2 years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Kansas City at that time.
- There were 226 juvenile court referrals in Jackson County during 2004 for drug offenses.²⁷

Corrections

- In FY 2005, there were 867 drug-related prison admissions in Jackson County. There were also 96 prison admissions for DWI during FY 2005.²⁸
- Of the 4,438 total prison and parole openings in Jackson County during FY 2005, 2,121 were drug-related.²⁹

Consequences of Use

- During 2004, there were 5,710 drug-related hospitalizations in Jackson County.³⁰

Number of Drug-Related Hospitalizations, Jackson County, 2002-2004

Type of Hospitalization	2002	2003	2004
Direct hospitalizations	1,755	1,618	1,657
Emergency Room hospitalizations	1,536	1,951	2,200
Emergency Room outpatient	1,701	1,817	1,853
Total drug-related hospitalizations	4,992	5,386	5,710

- There were 157 drug-involved crashes in Jackson County during 2004. These drug-involved crashes resulted in 5 fatalities and 97 injuries.³¹

Number of Drug-Involved Crashes, Jackson County, 2002-2004

Type of Crash/Injury	2002	2003	2004
Fatal crashes	2	5	4
Injury crashes	75	69	63
Property damage crashes	81	90	90
Crash fatalities	2	5	5
Crash injuries	118	113	97
Total drug-involved crashes	158	164	157

- There were 79 total drug-related deaths in Jackson County during 2004.³²
- During 2006, there 260 domestic violence cases in Kansas City known to police where there was a confirmed presence of drugs in the offender. Additionally, there were 34 domestic violence cases where there was a confirmed presence of drugs in both the offender and the victim.³³

Treatment

- For the Jackson County treatment admissions in FY 2005 where the referral source was noted, 1,856 of the admissions involved individuals referred to treatment through the court/criminal justice system.³⁴

Number of Treatment Admissions by Referral Source, Jackson County, FY 2003-2005

Referral Source	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Self/family/friend	2,469	2,297	2,585
School	33	63	77
Mental health provider	877	915	886
Health care provider	212	235	206
Court/criminal justice	1,721	1,876	1,856
Other	705	718	808

- Crack cocaine was the primary drug problem for 1,834 individuals admitted to treatment in Jackson County during FY 2005.³⁵

Number of Treatment Admissions by Primary Drug, Jackson County, FY 2003-2005

Primary Drug Problem	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Alcohol	2,105	1,979	1,967
Marijuana	1,113	1,235	1,278
Cocaine (total)	1,886	1,913	1,983
Crack	1,671	1,692	1,834
Stimulant (total)	373	488	634
Methamphetamine	336	474	624
Heroin	165	143	252
Analgesic except heroin	91	80	139
Non-prescription methadone	14	11	11
PCP, LSD, other hallucinogen	237	217	106
Tranquilizer	14	13	12
Inhalant	6	3	2
Sedative	2	9	21
Any other medication/illicit drug	22	20	14

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