

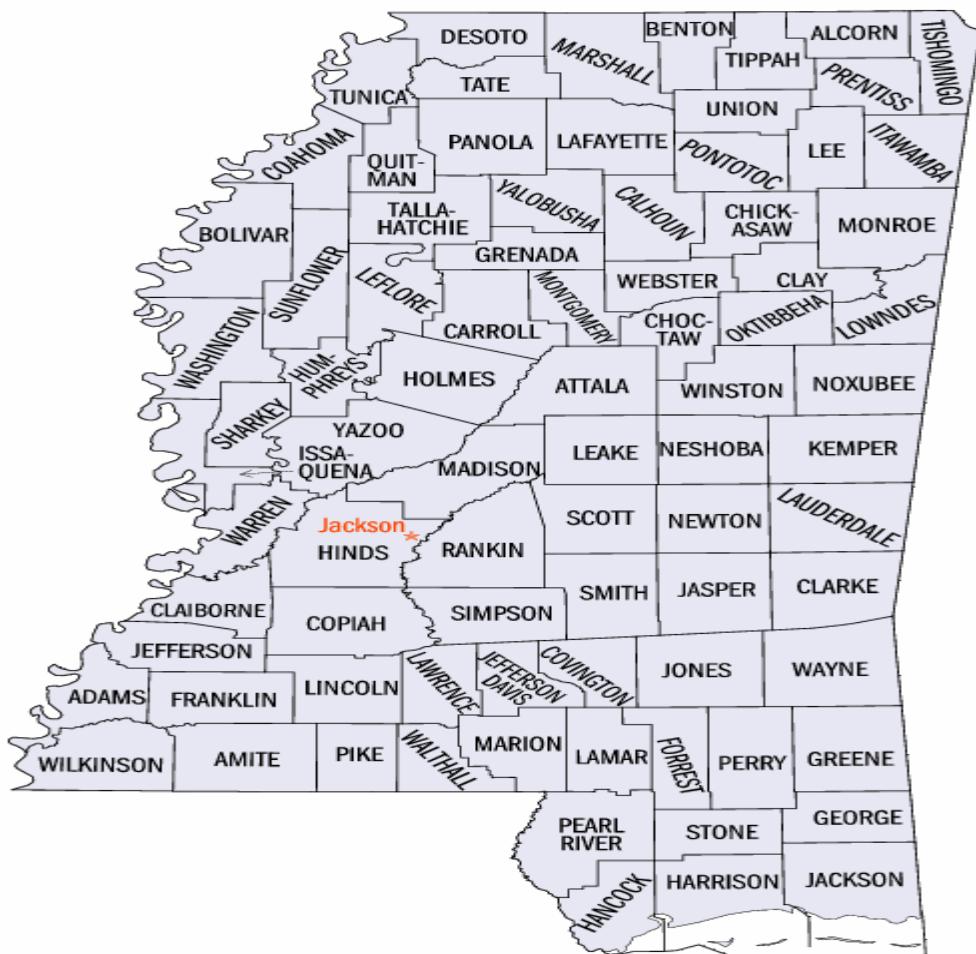
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Jackson, Mississippi

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Jackson, Mississippi**

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 163,928<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 20.7% white; 77.4% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.3% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.7% other race; 0.6% two or more races<sup>2</sup>
- The majority of the Jackson population resides in Hinds County (99.7%), while the remainder of the population resides in Madison County (0.3%)<sup>3</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Frank Melton<sup>4</sup>
- City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Ben Allen (President); Leslie McLemore; Kenneth Stokes; Frank Bluntson (Vice President); Charles Tillman; Marshand Crisler; Margaret Barrett-Simon<sup>5</sup>
- Chief of Police: Shirlene Anderson<sup>6</sup>
- Hinds County Sheriff: Malcolm E. McMillin<sup>7</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>8</sup>  
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for areas of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, including Hinds and Madison counties.

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

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 20 homicides known to police in Jackson from January through June 2006.<sup>9</sup> There were 38 homicides known to the Jackson Police Department during full year 2005.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Index Offenses Known to Police, Jackson, 2005-June 2006**

Offense	Full Year 2005	January-June 2006
Murder	38	20
Forcible rape	158	69
Robbery	612	433
Aggravated assault	417	265
Burglary	3,139	1,838
Larceny-theft	6,960	3,940
Motor vehicle theft	1,909	973
Arson	59	41

### **Juveniles**

- Of the 1,872 total referrals to the Mississippi Division of Youth Services from Hinds County during 2005, 173 referrals were for drug offenses.<sup>11</sup>

## **Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 685 full-time law enforcement employees working in Jackson (483 officers and 202 civilians).<sup>12</sup>

## **Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>13</sup>

As of November 22, 2006, there was 1 drug court that had been operating for at least two years and 3 drug courts that were being planned in Jackson. There were no other drug courts in operation or being planned at that time in Jackson.

## **Corrections**

- As of June 30, 2006, approximately 5.89% of the inmates (1,432 inmates) within the Mississippi Department of Corrections were committed from Hinds County. Of these inmates, 215 were convicted of drug offenses.<sup>14</sup>

## **Treatment**

- The influx of victims impacted by Hurricane Katrina in Jackson has resulted in a new and displaced population of opiate addicted patients, which has led to an increase in demand for methadone treatment services. As a result, the opiate replacement program located in Jackson has experienced a 25% increase in patient population.<sup>15</sup>
- The Harbor House community-based residential alcohol/drug treatment program had 46 treatment beds as of FY 2006.<sup>16</sup>

Community-Based Residential Substance Abuse Programs, # of Beds, Jackson, FY 2006

Program	# of Beds
Harbor House	46
Born Free Residential Treatment Program	18
Cares Center/The ARK	20

- The Center for Independent Learning community-based transitional residential treatment program had 30 treatment beds as of FY 2006.<sup>17</sup>

Community-Based Trans. Residential Treatment Programs, # of Beds, Jackson, FY 2006

Program	# of Beds
Harbor House	31
New Beginnings Treatment Program	10
New Life for Women	20
Center for Independent Learning	30
Metro Counseling Center	16

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