

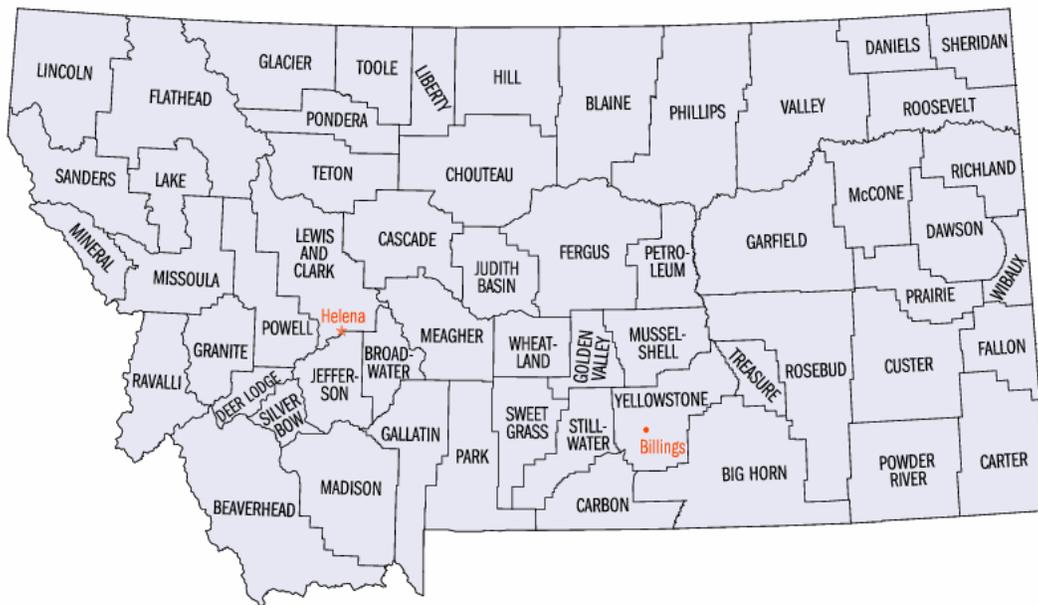
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Helena, Montana

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Helena, Montana**

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

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 25,780
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 94.8% white; 0.2% black/African American; 2.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.8% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.4% some other race; 1.7% two or more races; 1.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Helena is located in Lewis and Clark County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: James E. Smith<sup>2</sup>
- City Manager: Tim Burton<sup>3</sup>
- City Commissioners: Robert Throssell; Sandy Oitzinger; Paul Cartwright; and Alan Peura<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Troy McGee<sup>5</sup>
- Lewis and Clark County Sheriff: Cheryl Liedle<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
The Rocky Mountain HIDTA is responsible for Cascade, Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula and Yellowstone counties in Montana as well as counties in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.
- Lewis and Clark County Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.)<sup>8</sup>  
The Lewis and Clark County D.A.R.E. Program is a shared effort between the school districts, the community and law enforcement. The core curriculum consists of 17 lessons that teach 5th grade students to identify and resist the pressures to try drugs and alcohol as well as teaches students how violence and violent acts affect the entire community. D.A.R.E. instructors also teach similar programs to kindergarten through 4th grade students dealing with personal safety and drug awareness. Numerous two week D.A.R.E. courses are also taught in the high schools that deal with the law, drug education, and anger management. These courses are taught to over 1,000 high school students each year.

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

- During 2005, there were 223 drug offenses reported by the Helena Police Department.<sup>9</sup>

Select Offenses Known to Law Enforcement Agencies, Lewis & Clark County, 2005

Offense Type	Lewis & Clark Sheriff's Office	Helena Police Department	Lewis & Clark Total
Homicide	2	4	6
Rape	13	20	33
Robbery	1	13	15
Aggravated assault	46	72	120
Burglary	74	129	205
Larceny	247	909	1,178
Motor vehicle theft	52	72	129
Arson	5	3	8
Drug offenses	90	223	320
DUI	120	362	502
Liquor law violations	124	291	427

- During 2006, there were 29 juvenile drug offenses known to law enforcement in Lewis and Clark County. There were 33 such offenses reported during 2005.<sup>10</sup>

Juvenile Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Lewis and Clark County, 2005-2006

Offense Type	2005	2006
Persons	111	104
Property	243	197
Drug offenses	33	29
Public administration	28	25
Public order	94	105
Other offenses	27	29
Status offenses	69	92
Offense totals	605	581

**Enforcement**

- As of October 2005, there were 68 law enforcement personnel in Helena (46 officers and 22 civilians).<sup>11</sup>
- Drug Task Force, Helena Police Department<sup>12</sup>  
The Drug Task Force was implemented in 1992 to investigate and eliminate illegal drug trafficking, sales and the availability of dangerous drugs. In July 1994, the Helena Police Department Drug Task Force was combined with task forces from six other jurisdictions, forming the Missouri River Drug Task Force. The task force has been active in investigations and arrests of individuals involved in the transport and sale of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD and other illicit drugs.

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>13</sup>  
As of November 22, 2006, there were no drug courts operating or being planned in Helena.

## Corrections

- The Lewis and Clark County Detention Center is responsible for the temporary detention of persons awaiting trial or who are serving sentences as set by the court. The detention center's average daily population is 72. AA meetings are held three nights a week at the detention center.<sup>14</sup>

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