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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Trenton, New Jersey

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 77,471¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 31.5% white; 47.5% black/African American; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.0% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 17.2% other race; 2.0% two or more races; 33.1% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Trenton is located in Mercer County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Douglas Palmer⁴
- City Council: Paul Pintella, Annette Lartigue, Milford Bethea, James Coston, Gino Melone, Manuel Segura, Cordelia Staton⁵
- Trenton Police Director: Joseph Santiago⁶
- Mercer County Sheriff: Kevin C. Larkin⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- Trenton Board of Education: Office of Safe & Drug Free Schools⁸
The Trenton School District Safe and Drug Free Schools Program is a comprehensive joint school-community program that provides students with prevention, intervention, support and instructional services in an effort to reduce the effects of substance abuse on the community as a whole.
- Trenton Redirecting Youth Prevention Education Program (TRYPEP)⁹
TRYPEP is an early intervention program specifically designed to reduce early, first use of substances. As part of the program, adjudicated youth and high school students are trained to become peer mentors to elementary school students.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January through March 2007, there were 9 homicides known to police in Trenton. During full year 2006, there were 20 homicides known to the Trenton Police Department.¹⁰

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Trenton, 2006-March 2007

Offense	Full Year 2006	Jan.-March 2007
Murder	20	9
Rape	31	2
Robbery	629	134
Aggravated assault	593	109
Burglary	798	182
Larceny	1,205	271
Motor vehicle theft	460	97

- There were 2,349 total drug arrests in Mercer County during 2005.¹¹

Number of Drug Arrests, Mercer County, 2004-2005

Type of Drug Offense	2004	2005
Sale/manufacture	708	992
Possession/use	1,068	1,357
Total	1,776	2,349

Drugs

- Approximately 18% of Mercer County residents surveyed as part of the 2005 New Jersey Household Survey on Drug Use and Health reported lifetime use of cocaine.¹²

% of Mercer County Residents Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Select Drugs, 2005

Drug Type	Percentage of Residents Reporting Use
Marijuana	51.0%
Cocaine	17.9
Heroin	4.8
Analgesics	29.3
Hallucinogen	8.8
Club drugs	6.9
Tranquilizers	6.0
Sedatives	12.4
Stimulants	5.8
Inhalants	3.6
Methamphetamine	5.7
Anabolic steroids	0.9
Lifetime use of any drug	60.0

Enforcement

- There were 412 police employees in Trenton during 2005 (359 officers and 53 civilians).¹³

Courts

- Drug Courts¹⁴
As of November 22, 2006, there were 2 drug courts in existence in Trenton which had been operating for more than two years. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Trenton at that time.

Corrections

- Approximately 5% (1,345 offenders) of the offenders in New Jersey correctional institutions on January 9, 2006 were committed from Mercer County.¹⁵

Treatment

- Mercer County Office on Addiction Services¹⁶

The Mercer County Office on Addiction Services is the agency responsible for the planning, administration and coordination of alcohol and drug abuse services in the County. This Office provides treatment service funding for indigent residents of Mercer County.

- There were 1,437 total admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Trenton during 2005.¹⁷

Admissions to Treatment, by Primary Drug, Trenton, 2005

Drug Type	# of Admissions	% of Total
Alcohol	301	20.9%
Cocaine	333	23.2
Heroin & opiates	498	34.7
Marijuana	284	19.8
Other	21	1.5
Total	1,437	100.0

- During 2005, cocaine was the primary drug of abuse in approximately 32% of the substance abuse treatment admissions in Mercer County.¹⁸

Admissions to Treatment, by Primary Drug, Mercer County, 2005

Drug Type	# of Admissions	% of Total
Alcohol	563	25.7%
Heroin & opiates	456	20.8
Cocaine	711	32.4
Marijuana	412	18.8
Other	51	2.3
Total	2,193	100.0

Sources

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⁴ Trenton Mayor Web site: <http://www.trentonnj.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=55&TPID=5571>

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⁶ Trenton Police Department: <http://www.trentonnj.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=55&TPID=5604>

⁷ Mercer County Sheriff's Web site: <http://www.state.nj.us/counties/mercerc/officials/sherriff/>

⁸ Trenton Board of Education: Office of Safe & Drug Free Schools Web site: <http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/sped/osdfs/>

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