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Ohio

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

Demographics

- Population: 11,435,798 (July 2003 Census estimate);¹ 11,122,112 (2002 American Community Survey)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 83.88% white; 11.17% black/African American; 0.17% American Indian and Alaska Native; 1.37% Asian; 0.02% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.12% other race; 1.25% two or more races; 2.03% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)³

Politics

- Governor: Bob Taft⁴
- Lieutenant Governor: Jennette Bradley⁵
- Attorney General: Jim Petro⁶
- Secretary of State: J. Kenneth Blackwell⁷
- U.S. Senators: Mike DeWine (R); George Voinovich (R)⁸
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-18, respectively): Steve Chabot; Rob Portman; Michael Turner; Michael G. Oxley; Paul E. Gillmor; Ted Strickland; David Hobson; John Boehner; Marcy Kaptur; Dennis Kucinich; Stephanie Tubbs-Jones; Patrick Tiberi; Sherrod Brown; Steven LaTourette; Deborah Pryce; Ralph Regula; Tim Ryan; Robert Ney⁹
- Capital: Columbus¹⁰

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹¹
Designated in June 1999, the Ohio HIDTA is responsible for the following northern Ohio counties: Cuyahogo, Lucas, Mahoning, Stark, and Summit.
- Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP)¹²
UMADAOPs provide culturally specific and bilingual alcohol and other drug prevention services to African-American and Hispanic populations in public housing communities, senior citizens centers, faith-based and grass roots organizations and schools. ODADAS funds twelve UMADAOPs throughout Ohio and one specialized program component in northwest Ohio to provide additional services to Hispanic citizens.
- Drugs Don't Work in Ohio¹³
Modeled after a national initiative, this program assists small- and medium-sized businesses in implementing standards for drug-free workplace programs. The program includes five components: policy development, employee education, supervisor training, drug testing and employee assistance.
- Ohio Early Warning Network¹⁴
The Ohio Early Warning Network was developed for people to report emerging critical concerns related to violence and drug trends in their community. The mission

of the Network is to release timely alerts to enable parents and professionals to prevent/de-escalate emerging drug trends and precursors to violence across the state.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Ohio:¹⁵
 - FY 2003:
 - \$100,000 to Summit County Community Partnership, Akron
 - \$100,000 to Hispanic Community Services Coalition, Cleveland
 - \$100,000 to Substance Abuse Initiative of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland
 - \$21,593 to Gallia-Jackson Community Coalition, Gallipolis
 - \$100,000 to Sylvania Community Action Team, Sylvania
 - \$75,000 to Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
 - \$75,000 to Lucas County Community Prevention Partnership, Toledo (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
 - FY 2002: no grantees
 - FY 2001:
 - \$100,000 to Lake Geauga Center on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Chardon Community Action Team, Chardon
 - \$100,000 to Shaker Coalition to Prevent Youth Substance Abuse, Shaker Heights
 - \$99,946 to the Summit County Juvenile Truancy Task Force, Akron
 - \$99,179 to the Social Advocates for Youth Coalition, Shaker Heights
 - FY 2000:
 - \$100,000 to the Northeast Community Challenge Coalition, Cincinnati
 - \$98,912 to the Coalition for a Healthy Community, Oxford
 - \$94,171 to the Putnam County Youth Coalition, Ottawa
 - \$83,810 to Citizens for Drug Free Youth, Wooster
 - \$73,425 to the Southside Community Initiative Coalition, Columbus
 - FY 1999:
 - \$100,000 to Community Action for Capable Youth, Mansfield
 - \$100,000 to Lucas County Community Prevention Partnership, Toledo
 - \$99,938 to Perrysburg Alternatives to Substance Abuse, Perrysburg
 - \$99,938 to the Self Expression Teen Theater Institute, Toledo
 - \$99,555 to the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati
 - \$93,250 to the Franklin County Education Council Foundation, Columbus
- Office for Weed and Seed¹⁶

Thirteen sites in Ohio have received Federal funding and been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites: Akron, Cincinnati (3 sites), Columbus, Dayton, Euclid, Hamilton, Lima (2), Toledo (2), and Youngstown.
- FY 2003/2004 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotments Summary for Ohio:¹⁷
 - Formula Funding: \$84,313,447
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$67,237,227
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$14,969,400
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness - \$1,645,000

- Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$1,059,041
- Discretionary Funding: \$16,704,422
 - Mental Health - \$4,562,543
 - Substance Prevention - \$5,452,104
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$6,689,775
- Total Mental Health Funds: \$22,235,984
- Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$79,379,106
- Total SAMHSA Funds for Ohio: \$101,615,090
- FY 2004 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Ohio: \$17,153,919¹⁸
- Ohio recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant:¹⁹
 - \$105,397 to Jefferson County Juvenile Court
 - \$300,000 to Athens County Municipal Court
 - \$299,300 to Hocking County Board of Commissioners
 - \$300,000 to Montgomery County Juvenile Court
- FY 1996-2003 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant (RSAT) amounts allocated to Ohio:
 - FY 1996: \$928,595²⁰
 - FY 1997: \$1,033,645²¹
 - FY 1998: \$2,209,736²²
 - FY 1999: \$2,146,488²³
 - FY 2000: \$1,991,740²⁴
 - FY 2001: \$1,935,027²⁵
 - FY 2002: \$2,080,475²⁶
 - FY 2003: \$1,888,189²⁷
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services total grant amounts received in Ohio (by funding category):²⁸
 - Communities (discretionary): \$4.5 million
 - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): \$15.9 million
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: \$2.6 million
 - formula: \$10.9 million
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: \$32.6 million
 - formula: \$14.6 million
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: \$1.2 million
 - formula: \$18.2 million
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: \$0.6 million
 - formula: \$17.1 million
 - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Ohio in FY 2002: \$118.3 million
- Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amounts received in Ohio during FY 2001:²⁹
 - \$200,000 to Maple Apartments, Cincinnati
 - \$200,000 to Crescent Court Apartments, Cincinnati

- \$200,000 to Northwood Apartments/Maplewood Apartments, Lima
- \$125,000 to Nela Manor Apartments, Akron
- \$117,000 to Alms Hill Apartments, Cincinnati

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In 2002, the Ohio State Highway Patrol investigated 6,627 drug cases. This number has increased each year since 1999 when 4,576 drug cases were investigated.³⁰
- During 2000, there were 21,904 arrests for drug abuse violations in Ohio.³¹ This number decreased during 2001 to 20,464.³² During 2002, there were 20,091 arrests for drug abuse violations in Ohio.³³

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Ohio, 2000-2002

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	193	167	200
Forcible rape	680	647	687
Robbery	2,276	2,217	1,892
Aggravated assault	7,200	7,484	6,755
Burglary	5,304	5,358	5,210
Larceny-theft	25,315	23,819	22,081
Motor vehicle theft	1,794	1,738	1,733
Arson	400	367	376
Drug abuse violations	21,904	20,464	20,091
Driving under the influence	21,871	21,273	20,585
Liquor laws	16,922	15,389	14,907
Drunkenness	9,187	9,142	6,430

- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 683 arrests for drug violations in Ohio.³⁴

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Ohio, 1997-2001

Year	# of Arrests
1997	537
1998	670
1999	675
2000	721
2001	683

Drugs

- Cocaine
Powder and crack cocaine are the primary drug threats in Ohio.³⁵ While powder cocaine is readily available throughout all areas of the state, crack is primarily available in the urban areas. In the first quarter of FY 2002, powder cocaine sold for \$18,000-\$32,000/kilogram, \$800-\$1,400/ounce, and \$100/gram. Crack cocaine sold for \$800-\$1,500/ounce and \$5-\$25/rock during the same period.³⁶
- Heroin

South American and Mexican black tar heroin are both found in the northern areas of the state. In the southern region of the state, Mexican black tar heroin is the predominant form.³⁷ The heroin user population is increasing and includes a growing number of young people. In the first quarter of FY 2002, heroin sold for \$75,000-\$115,000/kilogram, \$2,500-\$7,000/ounce, and \$140-\$250/gram.³⁸

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana remains the most prevalent drug of abuse in Ohio.³⁹ While marijuana produced in Mexico is the predominant type found in the state, locally produced marijuana is also available. Marijuana sold for \$800-\$2,000/pound, \$100-\$250/ounce, and \$9-\$20/gram during the first quarter of FY 2002.⁴⁰

➤ Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine manufacturing and use are increasing in Ohio.⁴¹ Locally produced methamphetamine is the primary type available in the state. In the first quarter of FY 2002, methamphetamine sold for \$100/gram and \$700-\$1,500/ounce.⁴²

➤ Club Drugs

The use of club drugs such as ecstasy, GHB, ketamine, and LSD has steadily increased in Ohio. These substances are growing in popularity among young adults and juveniles, especially in urban areas of the state where the number of rave parties is also increasing.⁴³ MDMA typically costs \$15-\$25/tablet and GHB costs \$5-\$20/dose. The ketamine available in Ohio is usually either smuggled into the state from Mexico or is stolen from veterinary offices. Ketamine is available at Ohio raves and dance clubs in liquid and powder forms for approximately \$60/dose. PCP is commonly smoked in cigarettes and marijuana joints that have been dipped in the liquid form of the drug. One PCP-laced cigarette or joint sells for \$15 at the retail level. LSD is available for \$1-\$4/dose.⁴⁴

➤ Other Drugs

The diversion and abuse of OxyContin represent a significant threat to Ohio.⁴⁵ It is the most prevalent diverted pharmaceutical in the state. Abusers often chew the tablets or crush them into a powder, which is then snorted or mixed with water and injected.⁴⁶ Some northern Ohio youth have begun abusing heroin because they either can no longer obtain or afford OxyContin.⁴⁷

➤ According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 40% of Ohio citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.⁴⁸

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Ohio, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	9.47%	16.72%	3.60%	5.92%
Past month use of marijuana	6.99	14.43	2.62	4.61
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.59	6.31	1.58	2.51
Past year cocaine use	1.11	4.28	0.89	1.35
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	36.97	26.22	43.56	40.62

➤ According to 2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 1.13% of Ohio citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.⁴⁹

Percent of Citizens Reporting Dependence, Ohio, 2001

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.09%	3.69%	0.57%	1.13%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	4.10	5.59	0.99	1.91
Alcohol dependence	1.59	5.42	1.70	2.17
Alcohol dependence or abuse	4.57	13.74	3.74	5.12
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	7.07	16.84	4.37	6.27

Juveniles

- During 2000, there were 2,887 juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations in Ohio.⁵⁰ This number increased during 2001 to 2,948.⁵¹ During 2002, there were 2,606 juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations in Ohio.⁵²

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, Ohio, 2000-2002

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	10	10	16
Forcible rape	159	154	152
Robbery	427	409	370
Aggravated assault	894	923	859
Burglary	1,778	1,801	1,560
Larceny-theft	7,362	6,554	5,866
Motor vehicle theft	802	821	718
Arson	249	190	200
Drug abuse violations	2,887	2,948	2,606
Driving under the influence	318	313	313
Liquor laws	3,716	3,356	3,196
Drunkenness	257	261	142

- During the 2001 school year, 36.6% of Ohio high school seniors surveyed as part of the PRIDE survey reported past year marijuana use.⁵³

Students Reporting Past Year Drug Use, by Drug Type and Grade, Ohio, 2001

Drug	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Marijuana	2.5%	13.4%	30.1%	36.6%
Cocaine	0.9	2.2	4.7	6.4
Stimulants	1.1	3.0	6.6	7.3
Depressants	1.2	3.3	7.3	7.6
Inhalants	3.4	5.0	5.0	4.2
Hallucinogens	0.9	2.4	5.5	7.8
Heroin	0.8	1.6	2.8	3.2
Steroids	1.2	2.0	3.1	3.0
MDMA	0.9	3.1	6.4	8.9
OxyContin	1.1	2.4	5.2	5.7

- Approximately 22% of seniors in Ohio reported past month use of marijuana during 2001.⁵⁴

Students Reporting Past Month Drug Use, by Drug Type and Grade, Ohio, 2001

Drug	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Marijuana	1.3%	7.7%	19.1	22.3%
Cocaine	0.6	1.2	2.6	3.3
Stimulants	0.7	1.6	3.7	4.1
Depressants	0.7	1.7	4.2	4.4
Inhalants	1.3	2.0	2.4	2.2
Hallucinogens	0.6	1.3	2.9	3.1
Heroin	0.6	1.0	1.8	2.0
Steroids	0.6	1.1	2.0	2.0
MDMA	0.6	1.5	3.1	3.6
OxyContin	0.7	1.3	2.7	2.8

- Ohio fourth graders were also surveyed in 2001. Approximately 3% of fourth graders reported past year use of inhalants.⁵⁵

Frequency of Drug Use, Fourth Graders, Ohio, 2001

Drug Type	Weekly Use	Monthly Use	Annual Use
Marijuana	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%
Inhalants	0.6	1.3	2.9
Other drugs	0.3	0.5	1.1

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 33,621 full-time law enforcement employees in Ohio (23,664 officers and 9,957 civilians).⁵⁶

Trafficking and Seizures

- Ohio's transportation infrastructure, its proximity to the U.S./Canada border, and its location halfway between Chicago and New York City are conducive to all levels of drug trafficking.⁵⁷
- Local independent dealers who typically use package delivery services transport most of the MDMA available in Ohio from Chicago and New York City.⁵⁸
- During full year 2003, the DEA and state and local authorities in Ohio reported 116 methamphetamine lab incidents to the El Paso Intelligence Center.⁵⁹

Number of Methamphetamine Incidents/Seizures, Ohio, 2003

Type of Seizure	Number
Chemical/glass/equipment	38
Dumpsite	8
Laboratory	70
Total	116

- During 2002, Federal agencies seized 775 kilograms of marijuana in Ohio.⁶⁰

Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Ohio, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Marijuana	775 kgs.
Cocaine	291.3 kgs.
Heroin	1 kg.
Methamphetamine	0.3 kgs.

- There were 88 methamphetamine laboratories seized in Ohio during 2002.⁶¹

Methamphetamine Labs Seized, Ohio, 1997-2002

Year	Labs Seized
1997	5
1998	6
1999	14
2000	29
2001	87
2002	88

- More than 41,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Ohio during 2002 under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁶²

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Ohio, 2002

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
1,873	39,975	24	115	41,090

- During 2002, Ohio State Troopers seized illegal drugs worth almost \$27 million, including nearly 2 tons of marijuana.⁶³

Courts

- Drug Courts⁶⁴
As of November 2003, there were 61 drug courts in existence or being planned in Ohio. Twenty-eight of the drug courts had been operating for more than 2 years, 26 had recently been implemented, and 7 were being planned.
- During FY 2001, approximately 39% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Ohio had committed drug offenses. Powder cocaine was involved in 35% of the drug offenses.⁶⁵

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, by Drug Type, Ohio, FY 2001

Drug Type	Percent	Number
Powder cocaine	35.0%	164
Crack cocaine	33.3	156
Marijuana	22.0	103
Heroin	7.5	35
Methamphetamine	1.3	6
Other	0.9	4

Corrections

- The May 2004 Ohio inmate population was 43,790.⁶⁶
- As of April 1, 2004, the total number of offenders under supervision by state or state-subsidized county programs in Ohio was 86,642. There were 43,986 offenders in state prison, 9,511 in state-funded community punishment programs, and 33,145 on probation or parole.⁶⁷
- During calendar year 2003, there were 6,804 commitments to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) for drug offenses.⁶⁸

Drug Commitments to DRC, Ohio, Calendar Year 2003

Type of Drug Offense	Commitments
Abusing harmful intoxicants	5
Corruption of another with drugs	34
Deception to obtain drugs	103
Drug possession	3,781
Funding of drug or marijuana trafficking	3
Illegal processing of drug documents	88
Illegal manufacturing of drugs	124
Permitting drug abuse	16
Preparation of drug for sale	55
Sale of counterfeit drugs	95
Tampering with drugs	5
Trafficking in drugs	2,495
Total drug offenses	6,804

- DRC conducts random drug tests on 5% of the inmate population each month. During 2003, 1.13% of inmates included in random drug tests tested positive for drugs.⁶⁹

Consequences of Use

- From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there were 3 Ohio methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.⁷⁰

Characteristics of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Ohio, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	15
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	2
Sites with a child injured	0
Sites with a child killed	0
Sites with a child present	3
Sites with a child residing at the site	4
Number of children placed in protective custody	13

Treatment

- During state fiscal year (SFY) 2002, 92,941 individuals received publicly funded alcohol and other drug treatment services in Ohio's certified treatment programs.⁷¹
- Approximately 19% of the admissions in Ohio during 2002 were for marijuana.⁷²

Primary Drug of Admissions, Ohio, SFY 2002

Drug Type	% of Total Clients
Marijuana	19.26%
Heroin	7.42
Cocaine	10.41
Barbiturates	0.36
Amphetamines	0.27
Alcohol	46.67
Other drugs	4.04
Other diagnoses	11.59

- Approximately 46% of the adolescent admissions in Ohio during 2002 were being treated for marijuana.⁷³

Primary Drug of Juvenile Admissions, Ohio, SFY 2002

Drug Type	% of Juvenile Clients
Marijuana	45.66%
Alcohol	28.05
Cocaine/crack	1.19
Heroin	0.80
Amphetamines	0.28
Other drugs	4.05
Other diagnoses	19.83

- During SFY 2002, 14,833 adolescents received addiction services in Ohio's certified treatment programs.⁷⁴
- From SFY 1993 through SFY 2002, 7,314 drug-free babies have been born in ODADAS women's programs.⁷⁵

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