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Brazoria, Texas

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

Demographics¹

- Brazoria City Population (2000 Census): 2,787
- Brazoria City Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 76.4% white; 10.3% African American/black; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.7% Asian; 0.1% other race; 0.6% two or more races; 11.4% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- Brazoria County Population (Brazoria is in Brazoria County): 249,832 (2001 Census Estimate); 241,767 (2000 Census)
- Brazoria County Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 65.4% white; 8.3% African American/black; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.0% Asian; 0.1% other race; 1.1% two or more races; 22.8% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race).

Politics

- County Commissioner (by geographic area): Dude Payne (South Service Center); James Clawson (Central Service Center); Jack Harris (North Service Center); Larry Stanley (West Service Center)²
- Sheriff: Joe King³

Programs/Initiatives

- The Brazoria County Sheriff's Department currently has a D.A.R.E. program.⁴

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁵
No community coalitions in Brazoria County have ever received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁶
There are no designated Weed and Seed sites located in Brazoria County.
- FY2001/2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Grant:⁷
There were no SAMHSA discretionary funds received in Brazoria County.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In 2001, there were 29 arrests for marijuana trafficking in Brazoria County.⁸

Number of Drug Arrests, Brazoria County, 1996-2001

Arrest Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Trafficking All Drugs	120	112	167	104	142	100
Possession All Drugs	529	670	661	705	810	754
Trafficking Marijuana	27	25	27	27	33	29
Possession Marijuana	367	485	428	480	498	431
All Drug Offenses	649	782	828	809	952	854

- In 2001, there were 2 murders known to the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office.⁹

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Brazoria County, 1998-2001

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001
Murder	-	3	3	2
Rape	9	16	36	25
Robbery	14	19	14	21
Assault	163	95	164	134
Burglary	505	487	541	547
Larceny/Theft	554	631	589	728
Auto Theft	129	103	113	125
Arson	21	10	15	11
Total index offenses	1,395	1,364	1,475	1,593

Drugs

- From October 2001 to September 2002, the average cost of marijuana in Brazoria County was \$100 per ounce.¹⁰

Average Street Value Per Drug, Brazoria County, October 2001 – September 2002

Type of Drug	Average Street Value
Marijuana	\$100 per ounce
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram
Methamphetamine	\$150 per gram
Amphetamine	\$4-\$10 per tab
Hydrocodone	\$4 per tab

Juveniles

- In 2001, 66 juveniles were referred to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission for drug offenses.¹¹

Referrals to Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Brazoria County, 1997-2001

Offense	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Homicide	3	2	0	1	0
Attempted Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assaults	22	17	17	16	29
Robbery	13	6	6	3	3
Assault	37	44	35	44	38
Burglary	105	105	82	78	81
Theft	7	3	7	14	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	46	37	30	31	45
Drug Offenses	26	36	40	59	66
Weapons Violations	18	12	15	11	15
Other	76	41	36	46	39

- In 2001, 25 juveniles were committed to the Texas Youth Commission from Brazoria County.¹²

New Commitments to Texas Youth Commission, Brazoria County, 1997-2001

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
28	35	45	36	25

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 13 full-time law enforcement employees in Brazoria City.¹³
- As of October 31, 2001, there were 119 full-time law enforcement employees in Brazoria County.¹⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- From October 2001 to September 2002, the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office seized 4.58 pounds of marijuana.¹⁵

Drugs Seized by Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, October 2001 – September 2002

Type of Drug	Total Amount Seized
Marijuana	4.58 lbs
Powder Cocaine	2.1 oz
Crack Cocaine	2.5 oz
Methamphetamine	13.76 g + 17 tabs
Amphetamine	25 g + 165 tabs
Hydrocodone	4.86 oz

Courts

- There are no drug courts in existence or being planned in Brazoria County.¹⁶

Corrections

- Of the 2,875 offenders on probation in Brazoria County, approximately 22% committed an offense involving a controlled substance.¹⁷
- There are six correctional facilities in Brazoria County with a total inmate population of 8,565.¹⁸

Number of Facilities and Inmate Population, Brazoria County, FY 2001

Facility	Population
Clemens	1,121
Darrington	1,839
Ramsey I	1,772
Ramsey II	1,182
Scott (Retrieve)	1,093
Terrell, C.T.	1,558

Consequences of Use

- In 2001, there were 24 direct drug-related deaths and 6 indirect drug-related deaths in Brazoria County.¹⁹

Adult Substance-Related Deaths, Brazoria County, 1998-2001

Substance-Related Death	1998	1999	2000	2001
Direct drug-related death	21	16	14	24
Indirect drug-related death	3	5	6	6
Total drug-related death	24	21	20	30

- In 1999, there were 3 fatal car accidents attributed to substance abuse in Brazoria County.²⁰

Total Substance-Related Motor Vehicle Accidents, Brazoria County, 1996-1999

Substance-Related Auto Accidents	1996	1997	1998	1999
Fatal injury accidents	3	0	0	3
Non-fatal injury accidents	8	9	14	21
Non-fatal injuries	28	11	28	43
Fatal injuries	0	0	0	4
Total injury accidents	11	9	14	24

Treatment

- In 2001, 36% of adults admitted to Brazoria County substance abuse treatment facilities for amphetamines were referred to treatment by the criminal justice system (CJS).²¹

Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions by Drug Type, Brazoria County, 2001

Drug Type	Total Admissions	Avg. Age at Admission	% Using Needles	% CJS Referred	% Homeless
Alcohol	260	38	6%	48%	5%
Amphetamines	11	35	36	36	0
Cocaine	29	34	41	31	0
Crack Cocaine	129	36	6	26	2
Downers	6	49	0	33	0
Heroin	15	37	87	13	0
Marijuana/Hash	93	29	2	54	1
Other Drugs	5	24	0	0	0
Other Opiates	30	35	7	10	0
All Drugs	578	36	10	39	3

- In 2001, 64% of youths admitted to substance abuse treatment facilities for marijuana were referred by the juvenile justice system (JJ).²²

Youth Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for Marijuana, Brazoria County, 2001

Total Admissions	Avg. Age at Admission	Avg. Age at First Use	% Using Needles	% JJ Referred
11	16	11	0%	64%

- In October 1999, there were 59 licensed chemical dependency counselors in Brazoria County.²³

Substance Abuse Treatment Providers, Brazoria County, October 1999

Treatment Facilities	1999
Number of Treatment Sites	12
Number of Residential Beds	196
Number of Outpatient Slots	1,163
Number of Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors	59

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