

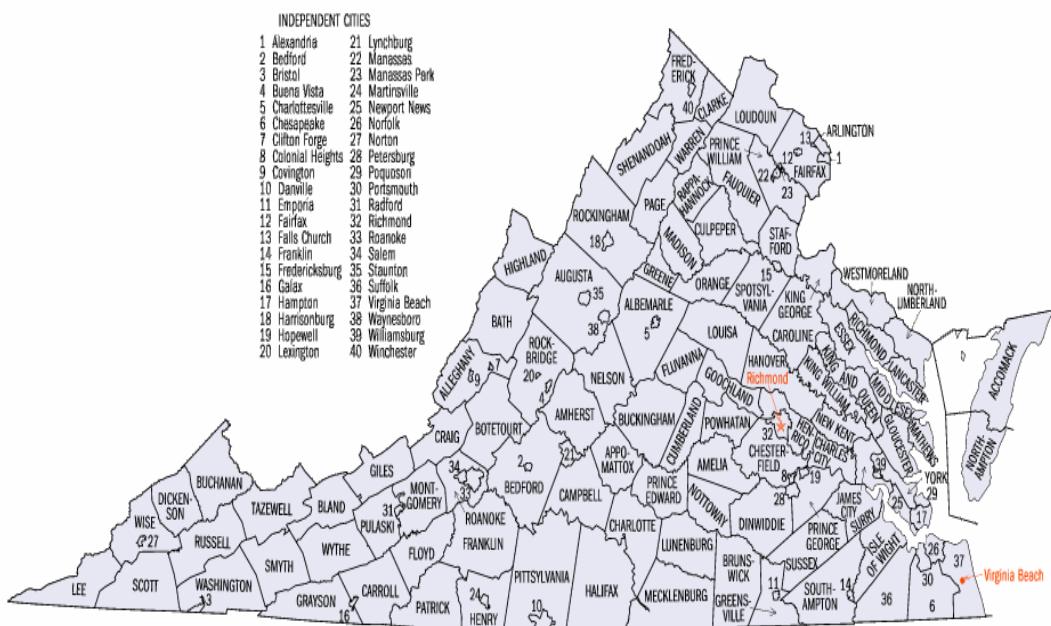
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Richmond, Virginia

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Richmond, Virginia**

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

### **Demographics**

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 180,757<sup>1</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 40.2% white; 55.2% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.6% other race; 2.4% two or more races; 3.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)<sup>2</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: L. Douglas Wilder<sup>3</sup>
- City Council (District 1-9, respectively): Bruce Tyler; William Pantele (President); Chris Hilbert; Cathy Graziano; E. Martin Jewel; Ellen Robertson; Delores McQuinn; Reva Trammell; Douglas Conner Jr.<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Rodney D. Monroe<sup>5</sup>
- Richmond City Sheriff: C.T. Woody Jr.<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
The Washington, DC/Baltimore HIDTA was originally designated in 1994 and included 13 jurisdictions in Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia. The Virginia counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Prince George and the city of Richmond joined this HIDTA in 2005.

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

- During 2005, the Richmond Police Department reported 84 homicides.<sup>8</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Richmond, 2005

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	84
Forcible rape	80
Robbery	1,196
Aggravated assault	1,025
Burglary	2,529
Larceny	8,168
Motor vehicle theft	2,201
Arson	83

- There were 1,948 adult arrests for drug/narcotic violations in Richmond during 2005.<sup>9</sup>

### Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Richmond, 2005

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Drug/narcotic offenses	85	1,948
DUI	0	217
Liquor law violations	2	32

#### Drugs

- Cocaine<sup>10</sup>  
Crack cocaine is one of the primary drug threats in the city of Richmond.
- Heroin  
Heroin is one of the other primary drug threats in Richmond.<sup>11</sup> A consistent, long-term heroin abuse population resides in the Richmond area.<sup>12</sup>

#### Juveniles

- During the 2005-2006 school year, Richmond schools reported 92 incidents involving drug violations.<sup>13</sup> This is down from 105 drug incidents reported during the 2004-2005 school year.<sup>14</sup>

#### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 890 full-time law enforcement employees in Richmond (696 officers and 194 civilians).<sup>15</sup>

#### Trafficking and Seizures

- The Richmond area is a destination for methamphetamine shipments trafficked in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States.<sup>16</sup>
- Richmond is an active east coast transshipment location and staging area for drug trafficking organizations trafficking in crack cocaine and heroin.<sup>17</sup>
- The Counter-Terrorism & Criminal Interdiction Unit Partnership of the Virginia State Police seized \$194,793 worth of narcotics in Richmond during 2005.<sup>18</sup>

#### Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>19</sup>  
As of November 22, 2006, there were 4 drug courts in Richmond, all of which had been operating for more than two years. No additional drug courts were in operation or being planned in Richmond at that time.
- Richmond Adult Drug Court Program (RADTC)<sup>20</sup>  
RADTC is a pre-adjudication and post-adjudication alternative to incarceration and probation for selected non-violent felony offenders with substance abuse problems. Substance abuse treatment includes drug testing, individual and group counseling, as well as regular attendance at twelve-step meetings. Additionally, on-site substance abuse clinicians, working with on-site probation officers and other staff members, provide individual and group counseling.
- The misdemeanor recidivism rate for graduates of RADTC is 2.1%. Further data indicates that the felony recidivism rate for graduates of RADTC is 4.2%.  
Approximately 84% of the individuals entering RADTC successfully complete the program.<sup>21</sup>

- RADTC has a capacity to serve 75-100 offenders.<sup>22</sup>

#### Drug Court Treatment Capacity, Richmond Area, 2006

Drug Court	Treatment Capacity
RADTC	75-100 offenders
Richmond Juvenile Drug Treatment Court	16 offenders
Richmond Family Drug Treatment Court	20 families
Henrico Co. Adult Drug Treatment Court	50 offenders

- The Richmond Department of Justice Services (RDJS) reported 37 Drug Court Phase 1 referrals during FY 2005.<sup>23</sup>

#### Drug Court Referrals, RDJS, by Drug Court Phase, FY 2004-2005

Phase	FY 2004	FY 2005
Drug Court Phase 1	49	37
Drug Court Phase 2	8	7
Drug Court Phase 3	4	6

#### Corrections

- The Richmond City Jail housed an average of 2,603 inmates during June 2006.<sup>24</sup>

#### Treatment

- Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA)<sup>25</sup>  
RBHA provides a full continuum of quality services for adults and adolescents with substance addiction or other substance use disorders. These services include, but are not limited to: assessment and referral, alcohol and drug abuse programs for offenders as well as residential treatment and rehabilitation services.

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