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Olympia, Washington

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 42,514
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 85.3% white; 1.9% black/African American; 1.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 5.8% Asian; 0.3% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.7% other race; 3.8% two or more races; 4.4% Hispanic/Latino (any race)
- Olympia is located in Thurston County.

Politics

- Mayor: Mark Foutch²
- City Council (Position): Mark Foutch (Mayor – 1); Laura Ware (2); T.J. Johnson (3); Karen Messmer (4); Jeff Kingsbury (5); Doug Mah (6); Joe Hyer (7)³
- Chief of Police: Gary Michel⁴
- Thurston County Sheriff: Dan Kimball⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1997, the Northwest HIDTA is responsible for 14 counties in Washington, including Thurston County.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2005, there were 467 burglaries known to police in Olympia.⁷

Index Offenses Known to Police, Olympia, 2005

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	0
Forcible rape	24
Robbery	26
Assault	65
Burglary	467
Larceny	1,849
Motor vehicle theft	233
Arson	4

- There were 507 adult drug arrests in Thurston County during 2005.⁸

Number of Adult Drug Arrests, Thurston County, 2001-2005

Year	# of Adult Drug Arrests
2001	643
2002	784
2003	772

2004	550
2005	507

- During 2005, there were 124 drug arrests in Thurston County involving individuals ages 10-17.⁹

Number of Juvenile (Age 10-17) Drug Arrests, Thurston County, 2001-2005

Year	# of Juvenile Drug Arrests
2001	146
2002	168
2003	140
2004	135
2005	124

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁰
During 2005, the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force reported that powder cocaine sold for \$100/gram, \$1,000/ounce, \$10,500/ pound and \$23,000/kilogram. Crack cocaine prices during 2005 were \$160/gram in Thurston County.
- Methamphetamine¹¹
The Thurston County Narcotics Task Force reported that crystal methamphetamine prices in 2005 were as follows: \$100/gram, \$1,000/ounce and \$10,000/ pound.
- Marijuana¹²
Intelligence indicates that marijuana prices in Thurston County during 2005 were as follows: \$20/gram, \$300/ounce and \$2,800/pound. Additional intelligence indicates that indoor grown marijuana is more prevalent in Thurston County than outdoor grown marijuana.
- Heroin¹³
During 2005, the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force reported that heroin prices were \$100/gram and \$800/ounce.

Juveniles

- Approximately 6% of Thurston County 12th graders surveyed during 2006 reported using methamphetamine at least once in their lifetimes.¹⁴

Percent of Students Reporting Drug Use, by Grade, Thurston County, 2006

Drug	6 th Grade	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Current marijuana use	1%	5%	15%	19%
Lifetime marijuana use	2	10	27	42
Current methamphetamine use	n/a	1	2	3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	n/a	2	5	6
Current inhalant use	n/a	5	5	3
Lifetime inhalant use	2	7	8	9
Lifetime cocaine use	n/a	3	7	9
Current illegal pain killer use	n/a	4	10	11

Current illegal Ritalin use	n/a	2	4	5
Lifetime illegal steroid use	n/a	2	2	3

- Among Thurston County students surveyed during 2006, 94% of 6th graders, 79% of 8th graders, 57% of 10th graders and 46% of 12th graders reported that it was very wrong for someone their age to use marijuana.¹⁵

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 96 full-time law enforcement employees in Olympia (68 officers and 28 civilians).¹⁶
- Thurston County Narcotics Task Force¹⁷
The mission of the Task Force is to impact and reduce middle to upper level illegal drug trafficking organizations and dealers operating, manufacturing, distributing and/or transporting illegal narcotics within or through Thurston County by proactive investigations, aggressive prosecutions, reasonable asset forfeitures and interagency cooperation with local, state and Federal agencies.

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2004, 61 methamphetamine laboratories and dumpsites were reported in Thurston County.¹⁸

Number of Meth Labs and Dump Sites Reported, Thurston County, 2001-2004

Year	# of Labs and Sites
2001	151
2002	115
2003	96
2004	61

- Additionally, during 2005, there were 16 clandestine laboratories reported in Thurston County by the National Clandestine Laboratory System.¹⁹

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁰
As of November 22, 2006, there were 2 drug courts in Olympia that had been operating for more than two years and 1 drug court that was being planned. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Olympia at that time.

Corrections

- In 2005, the average daily population at the Thurston County Correctional Facility was 493.²¹
- Substance abuse programs available at the Thurston County Correctional Facility include:²²
 - Alcohol Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA): The AA/NA group meets for one hour each week and is available to inmates who request participation in a 12-step support group. During 2005, there was an average weekly attendance by inmates for AA of 41 inmates and an average weekly attendance of 17 for NA.

- Chemical Dependency Program: This program provides a structured, monitored and supportive therapeutic environment using Moral Recognition Therapy as the primary treatment modality.

Consequences of Use

- During 2006, there were 10 methamphetamine-related events in Thurston County to which the Washington State Department of Ecology responded.²³
- During 2005, there were 221 alcohol- or drug-related deaths in Thurston County.²⁴

Number of Alcohol- or Drug-Related Deaths, Thurston County, 2001-2005

Year	# of Alcohol-/Drug-Related Deaths	# of Total Deaths
2001	133	1,643
2002	155	1,619
2003	163	1,676
2004	182	1,595
2005	221	1,744

Treatment

- During FY 2004, there were 306 adult admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Thurston County where methamphetamine was the primary drug of abuse.²⁵

Adult Admissions to Treatment, Thurston County, FY 2000-2004

Primary Substance	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Alcohol	410	392	457	421	506
Marijuana	135	138	174	189	167
Methamphetamine	222	265	342	327	306
Cocaine	56	45	59	42	39
Heroin	71	78	83	120	78

- During FY 2004, there were 59 juvenile admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Thurston County where methamphetamine was the primary drug of abuse.²⁶

Juvenile Admissions to Treatment, Thurston County, FY 2000-2004

Primary Substance	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Alcohol	52	81	74	82	56
Marijuana	160	193	147	186	237
Methamphetamine	11	40	45	42	59
Cocaine	6	1	5	2	0
Heroin	6	2	2	2	2

- During 2005, there were 2,014 adult clients of state-funded drug or alcohol services in Thurston County.²⁷

Adult Clients of State-Funded Drug/Alc. Services, Thurston County, 2001-2005*

Year	# of Clients of State-Funded Drug/Alc. Services
2001	1,578
2002	1,744
2003	1,808
2004	1,847
2005	2,014

*State-funded services include treatment, assessment and detox.

- There were 319 juvenile clients of state-funded drug or alcohol services in Thurston County during 2005.²⁸

Juvenile Clients of State-Funded Drug/Alc. Services, Thurston County, 2001-2005*

Year	# of Clients of State-Funded Drug/Alc. Services
2001	283
2002	287
2003	302
2004	300
2005	319

*State-funded services include treatment, assessment and detox.

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