

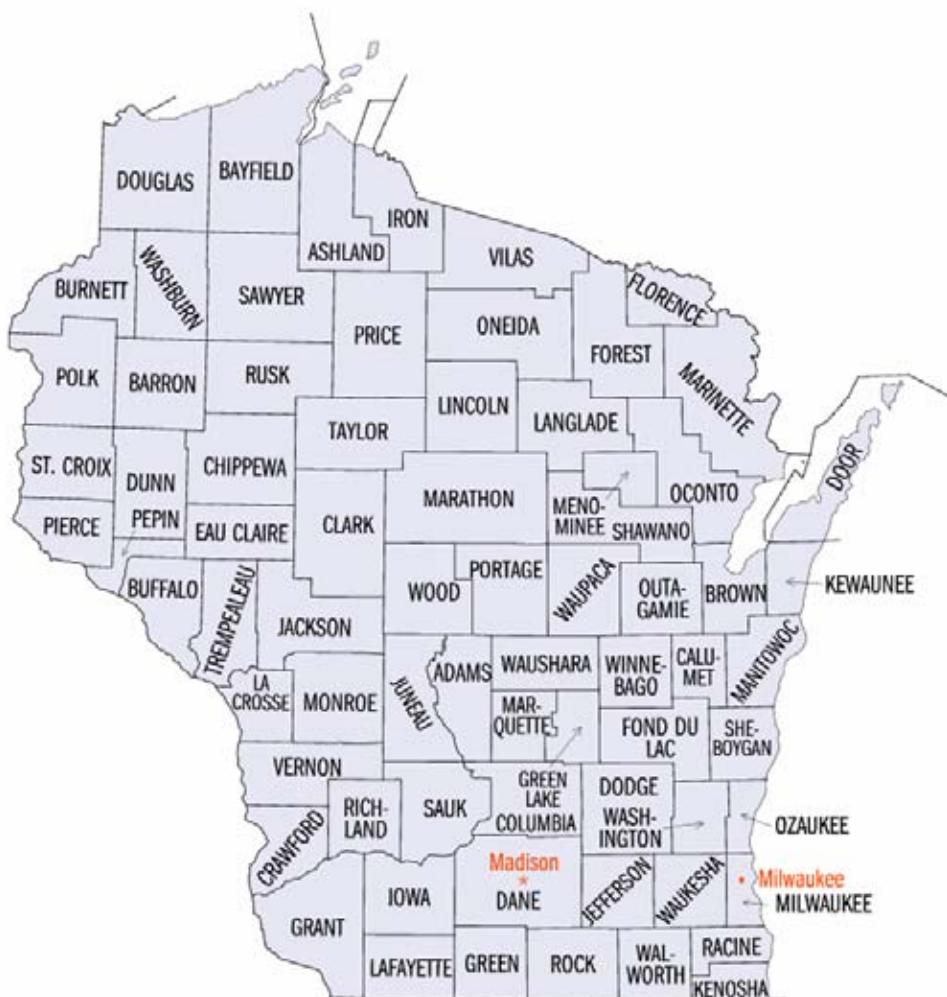
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

Demographics

- Population (2005 American Community Survey): 556,948¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2005 American Community Survey): 44.7% white; 40.2% black/African American; 0.7% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 3.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 8.7% some other race; 2.1% two or more races; 14.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- The city of Milwaukee is located in Milwaukee County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Tom Barrett⁴
- Common Council (Districts 1-15, respectively): Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Michael S. D'Amato, Robert Bauman, James A. Bohl, Jr., Michael McGee, Jr., Willie Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert Puente, Michael Murphy, Joe Dudzik, James Witkowiak, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Willie Hines, Jr.⁵
- Chief of Police: Nannette H. Hegerty⁶
- Milwaukee County Sheriff: David A. Clarke Jr.⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HITDA)⁸
Designated in 1998, the Milwaukee HIDTA is responsible for the following counties in Wisconsin: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha.
- IMPACT Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services⁹
IMPACT provides innovative services to raise awareness, to prevent alcohol and other drug abuse and to help people seeking information or assistance.
- Landlord Training Program, Department of Neighborhood Services¹⁰
The goal of this program is to teach landlords fundamental ways to keep illegal activity, including drug activity, off of their property.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- There were 121 homicides known to the Milwaukee Police Department during 2005.¹¹

Index Offenses Known to Police, Milwaukee, 2005

Offense	# of Offenses
Homicide	121
Rape	158
Robbery	2,927
Aggravated assault	2,804
Burglary	4,570
Theft	21,611

Motor vehicle theft	6,631
Arson	254

- During 2005, there were more than 3,800 total adult arrests for drug law violations in Milwaukee.¹²

Number of Arrests for Drug Offenses, Milwaukee, 2005

Type of Drug Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Sale/manufacturing	206	1,552
Opium/cocaine	104	1,013
Marijuana	93	429
Synthetic	2	11
Other	7	99
Possession	740	2,288
Opium/cocaine	73	751
Marijuana	651	1,455
Synthetic	4	9
Other	12	73
Total	946	3,840

Drugs

- Cocaine
Powdered cocaine and crack are significant drug threats in the City of Milwaukee. Crack cocaine is the drug most often linked to violent crime in the city of Milwaukee.¹³ The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) office in Milwaukee reports that cocaine is readily available in multi-kilogram quantities.¹⁴
- Heroin¹⁵
Much of the heroin abuse in Wisconsin is concentrated in the Milwaukee and Racine areas. Intelligence indicates the increasing availability of high purity heroin in the Milwaukee area. Encounters with black tar heroin remain limited in Milwaukee.
- Marijuana¹⁶
Marijuana is the most widely available and most commonly abused drug in the Milwaukee region. Most marijuana available in the region is produced in Mexico.
- Methamphetamine¹⁷
DEA Milwaukee has not observed a significant increase in distribution or use of methamphetamine.
- Club Drugs
The DEA has reported encounters with Ketamine in Milwaukee.¹⁸ Ecstasy and other club drugs are popular in the Milwaukee area, particularly among teenagers and young adults.¹⁹
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals²⁰
OxyContin, Vicadin and Percocet are being increasingly abused in the Milwaukee area.

Juveniles

- More than half of Milwaukee high school students surveyed in 2005 reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.²¹

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Gender, Milwaukee, 2005

Drug type and use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	49.3%	54.7%	52.1%
Current marijuana use	22.8	24.9	24.0
Lifetime cocaine use	3.7	5.0	4.6
Current cocaine use	1.0	2.4	1.9
Lifetime inhalant use	5.8	7.8	6.8
Lifetime heroin use	1.7	3.5	2.8
Lifetime methamphetamine use	2.6	3.3	3.3
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	11.5	17.8	14.5

- Nearly 60% of Milwaukee high school juniors and seniors surveyed in 2005 reported lifetime marijuana use.²²

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Milwaukee, 2005

Drug type and use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	46.0%	50.1%	59.6%	59.3%
Current marijuana use	21.9	23.9	27.7	23.5
Lifetime cocaine use	3.5	3.8	5.4	5.1
Current cocaine use	1.2	1.2	2.5	1.5
Lifetime inhalant use	7.2	7.9	5.8	4.9
Lifetime heroin use	1.9	2.3	3.9	2.4
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.1	2.3	3.6	2.3
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	17.3	13.9	13.0	10.3

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2005, there were 2,420 full-time law enforcement employees working in Milwaukee (1,922 officers and 498 civilians).²³
- Drug Abatement Program²⁴
The Milwaukee Police Department Drug Abatement Program works to educate the community to be able to identify and report possible drug houses anonymously.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican, Dominican and Nigerian drug trafficking organizations are the primary transporters of drugs into the Milwaukee area.²⁵
- Mexican drug trafficking organizations transport large shipments of cocaine from the Southwest Border to Milwaukee, concealing the drug in tractor-trailers within shipments of legitimate goods.²⁶
- Dominican criminal groups distribute most of the South American heroin available in the Milwaukee area, while Nigerian drug trafficking organizations are the primary distributors of Southeast Asian and Southwest Asian heroin in the Milwaukee area.²⁷

- Milwaukee is a major destination for Mexico-produced marijuana and transshipment point to other areas in the state.²⁸ Mexican drug trafficking organizations are the principal wholesale distributors of marijuana, while criminal groups, street gangs and local independent distributors sell marijuana at the retail level.²⁹
- Independent dealers transport ecstasy into the Milwaukee area, primarily from Chicago. Limited quantities of the drug are brought from Miami, Washington, DC, New York City and Philadelphia.³⁰
- During 2005, Milwaukee HIDTA task forces seized more than 30 kilograms of powder cocaine.³¹

Amount of Drugs Seized & Wholesale Value of Seizures, Milwaukee HIDTA, 2005

Drug Type	Amount Seized	Wholesale Value
Heroin	0.595 kilograms	\$59,500
Cocaine	32.721 kilograms	\$752,583
Crack cocaine	2.284 kilograms	\$52,532
Marijuana	300.562 kilograms	\$661,236
Methamphetamine	0.003 kilograms	\$69
Ecstasy	1,001 dosage units	\$10,010
Hashish	0.119 kilograms	\$2,094
Khat	25.948 kilograms	\$25,948

- During 2005, the Milwaukee HIDTA was able to identify 17 drug trafficking organizations (DTO's) in the region. Through interdiction efforts, 7 of these organizations were dismantled during 2005.³²

of DTO's Identified, Targeted, Disrupted & Dismantled, Milwaukee HIDTA, 2005

DTO Interdiction	Beginning of 2005	During 2005	Total
DTO's identified	16	17	33
Total targeted	6	14	20
DTO's disrupted	0	3	3
DTO's dismantled	1	7	8

Courts

- Drug Court³³
As of November 22, 2006, there was 1 drug court being planned in Milwaukee. No other drug courts were in existence or being planned at that time in Milwaukee.
- There were more than 1,000 charges of marijuana possession filed against adults in Milwaukee Municipal Court during full year 2006. From January to April 2007, there were 487 such charges filed in the Court.³⁴

Number of Adult Drug-Related Cases Filed, Milwaukee, 2006-April 30, 2007

Type of Case	Full Year 2006	Jan.-April 2007
Loitering-illegal drug activity	444	85
Possession of drug paraphernalia	493	237
Delivery of drug paraphernalia to minor	14	-

Manufacture/sale/del. of drug paraphernalia	3	-
Frequenting of illegal drug house	22	63
Possession of marijuana	1,225	487

- During the first four months of 2007, there were 140 charges filed in Milwaukee Municipal Court against juveniles for the possession of marijuana. There were 356 charges filed against juveniles for the possession of marijuana during full year 2006.³⁵

Number of Juvenile Drug-Related Cases Filed, Milwaukee, 2006-April 30, 2007

Type of Case	Full Year 2006	Jan.-April 2007
Loitering-illegal drug activity	68	14
Possession of drug paraphernalia	12	7
Frequenting of illegal drug house	-	8
Possession of marijuana	356	140

Corrections

- There were 1,043 inmates housed in the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility as of FY 2005.³⁶
- There are 174 Alcohol and Other Drug (AODA) beds at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility. The cognitive-AODA program is a 90 day program that includes: AODA education and intervention, anger management, parenting, victim empathy and an educational component.³⁷
- There are also 36 Felony Drug Offender Alternative to Prison (FDOATP) beds at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility.³⁸

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