

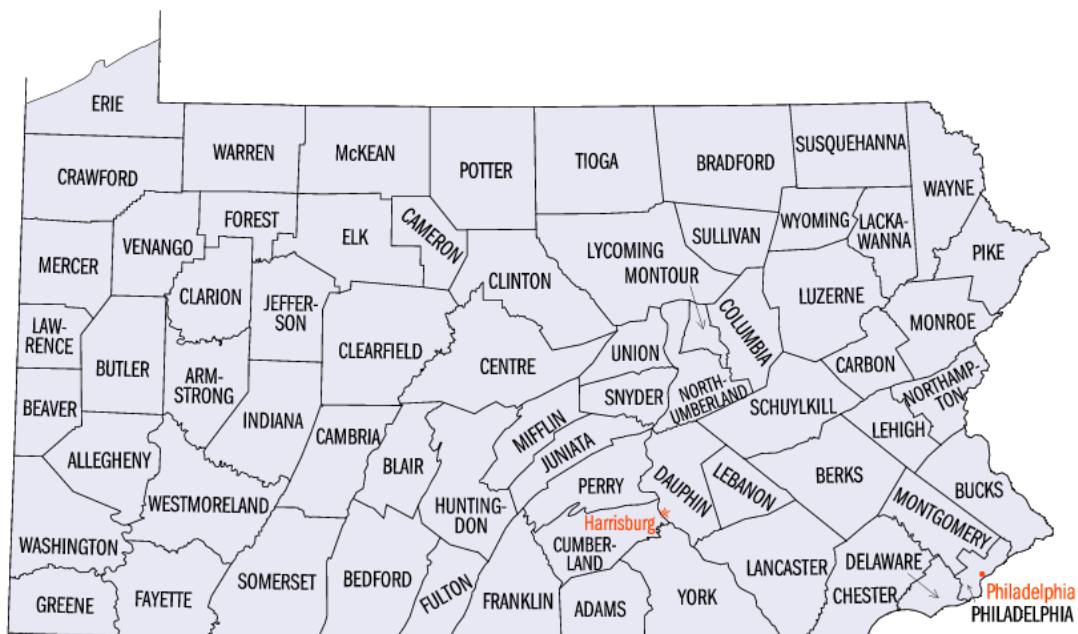
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Pennsylvania

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 12,440,621¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 83.8% white; 10.4% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 2.3% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.1% other race; 1.2% two or more races; 4.2% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Edward Rendell³
- Lt. Governor: Catherine Baker Knoll⁴
- Attorney General: Tom Corbett⁵
- Secretary of the Commonwealth: Pedro Cortes⁶
- U.S. Senate: Robert P. Casey Jr. (D); Arlen Specter (R)⁷
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-19, respectively): Robert Brady (D); Chaka Fattah (D); Phil English (R); Jason Altmire (D); John Peterson (R); Jim Gerlach (R); Joe Sestak (D); Patrick J. Murphy (D); Bill Shuster (R); Christopher P. Carney (D); Paul Kanjorski (D); John Murtha (D); Allyson Schwartz (D); Michael Doyle (D); Charles Dent (R); Joseph Pitts (R); Tim Holden (D); Tim Murphy (R); Todd Russell Platts (R)⁸
- Capital: Harrisburg⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1995, the Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA is responsible for Philadelphia County in Pennsylvania and the City of Camden in New Jersey.
- Drug-Free Pennsylvania¹¹
Founded in 1990, Drug-Free Pennsylvania is a non-profit corporation dedicated to fighting substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth. Examples of programs developed by Drug-Free Pennsylvania to fight substance abuse are:
 - Drugs Don't Work Here: this program addresses the problem of drug abuse by responding to substance abuse in the workplace.
 - Media Partnership: this program aims to increase anti-drug attitudes and behaviors, particularly among youth, through the use of the media.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) made 813 drug arrests in Pennsylvania.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Pennsylvania, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	625
2004	775
2005	951
2006	799
2007	813

- During 2007, Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies reported 1,935 juvenile and 17,607 adult arrests for the sale/manufacture of drugs. During 2006, there were 2,190 such juvenile and 18,372 such adult arrests.¹³

Number of Arrests for Drug Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2006-2007

Offense/Drug Type	2006		2007	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Sale/manufacturing	2,190	18,372	1,935	17,607
Opium/cocaine	1,252	12,340	1,004	11,600
Marijuana	783	4,422	741	4,258
Synthetic	111	1,032	126	1,144
Other	44	578	64	605
Possession	4,638	31,958	4,424	31,883
Opium/cocaine	565	12,197	514	11,585
Marijuana	3,560	14,781	3,416	15,564
Synthetic	128	1,333	144	1,582
Other	355	3,647	350	3,152

- During 2007, there were 51 juvenile and 445 adult homicide arrests in Pennsylvania.¹⁴

Number of Arrests for Part I Offenses, Pennsylvania, 2006-2007

Offense/Drug Type	2006		2007	
	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negl. mansl.	40	461	51	445
Forcible rape	220	907	206	857
Robbery	2,152	5,510	2,025	4,898
Aggravated assault	3,367	13,648	2,837	12,753
Burglary	2,614	7,834	2,454	7,156
Larceny-theft	8,640	31,426	9,201	32,076
Motor vehicle theft	1,395	3,339	1,169	2,857
Arson	384	379	363	395

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵
Both powder and crack cocaine remain among the most available, popular and abused drugs in Pennsylvania.

- Heroin¹⁶
South American heroin remains widely available in the Commonwealth, as distributors continue to target new customers in smaller towns and rural areas. High-purity heroin is readily available in the northeastern and southwestern parts of Pennsylvania.
- Marijuana¹⁷
Marijuana is abundantly available in wholesale and retail quantities. The wide availability of marijuana allows it to be easily obtained and used by individuals from a variety of ethnic populations and socioeconomic sectors.
- Methamphetamine¹⁸
Methamphetamine and crystal meth abuse and trafficking remain a significant problem in Pennsylvania. Methamphetamine is available in varying quantities in Pennsylvania with consumption concentrated in the Philadelphia area.
- Club Drugs¹⁹
MDMA (ecstasy) is primarily available at rave parties and nightclubs in the metropolitan areas of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh), but remains available to and popular among teenagers and young adults on college campuses across the state.
- Pharmaceutical Diversion²⁰
Investigations indicate that diversion of hydrocodone products, oxycodone products, fentanyl and pseudoephedrine continues to be a problem in Pennsylvania.
- According to 2004-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 823,000 (8%) Pennsylvania citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²¹

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	823	7.91%
Past year marijuana use	1,141	10.96
Past month marijuana use	636	6.11
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	338	3.25
Past year cocaine use	256	2.46
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	445	4.28

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 4.1 million (39.48%) Pennsylvania citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²²
- Additional 2004-2005 NSDUH results indicate that 281,000 (2.7%) Pennsylvania citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 185,000 (1.78%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²³

Juveniles

- Approximately 44.8% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2005 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetimes.²⁴

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2005

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	23.5%	52.9%	74.8%	85.0%
Marijuana	0.8	7.7	25.2	44.8
Inhalants	7.3	10.9	10.8	9.2
Methamphetamine	0.1	0.6	2.4	2.8
Cocaine	0.2	0.8	4.3	9.5
Crack	0.2	1.0	2.7	3.1
Ecstasy	0.2	1.3	4.5	6.6
Hallucinogens	0.3	1.4	4.9	9.9
Heroin	0.2	0.4	1.0	2.3
Steroids	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.7

- Approximately 22.9% of Pennsylvania high school seniors surveyed in 2005 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.²⁵

Percent of Students Reporting Past 30 Day Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2005

Drug Type	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	2.6%	14.5%	36.5%	53.7%
Marijuana	0.3	3.5	12.0	22.9
Inhalants	2.5	3.9	4.1	3.1
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.7
Cocaine	0.0	0.3	1.4	2.8
Crack	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.5
Ecstasy	0.0	0.5	0.8	1.1
Hallucinogens	0.1	0.4	1.8	3.7
Heroin	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
Steroids	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6

- Additional 2005 survey results indicate that 20.1% of high school seniors statewide reported being high or drunk at school on at least one occasion within the past year.²⁶
- During 2006, Pennsylvania State Police Drug Detection Teams conducted 140 school searches across the Commonwealth.²⁷
- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 101,000 (10%) Pennsylvania 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁸

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Pennsylvania, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	101	9.77%
Past year marijuana use	146	14.11
Past month marijuana use	71	6.88
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	49	4.78
Past year cocaine use	16	1.52
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	64	6.16

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 27,811 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania (23,414 officers and 4,397 civilians).²⁹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Recent intelligence indicates that most drug trafficking and distribution are facilitated by a variety of Hispanic and African American networks scattered throughout Pennsylvania. These groups distribute drugs that are either transported into Pennsylvania via various transshipment locations or are shipped directly to Philadelphia or other localities.³⁰
- There were 739 kilograms of cocaine seized by Federal agencies in Pennsylvania during 2007.³¹

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Pennsylvania, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	739.0 kilograms
Heroin	20.8 kilograms
Methamphetamine	2.3 kilograms
Marijuana	571.5 kilograms
Hashish	0.3 kilograms
MDMA	82,410 dosage units

- During 2007, there were 11 methamphetamine laboratory incidents in Pennsylvania reported by the DEA and state and local authorities.³²

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Pennsylvania, 2003-2007

Year	Laboratory Incidents
2003	53
2004	106
2005	79
2006	55
2007	11

- During 2006, more than 12,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated and seized in Pennsylvania as part of the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³³

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Pennsylvania, 2006

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Cultivated Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
297	4,284	96	8,604	12,888

- During 2006, Pennsylvania State Police Drug Detection Teams seized 377,856 grams of marijuana, valued at \$37,656,380.³⁴

Amount and Value of Drugs Seized by Drug Detection Teams, Pennsylvania, 2006

Drug Type	Amount Seized	Value
Marijuana	606,228 grams	\$5,020,729
Cocaine	377,856 grams	\$37,656,380
Heroin	1,396 grams	\$414,425
Methamphetamine	17,590 grams	\$1,736,750
Paraphernalia	218 items	\$3,804

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁵
As of April 2007, there were 18 drug courts in Pennsylvania that had been operating for at least two years, 14 that had recently been implemented and 5 that were being planned.
- During FY 2006, 33.7% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Pennsylvania had committed a drug offense. Approximately 44% of these drug cases involved crack cocaine.³⁶

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Pennsylvania, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	136	21.8%
Crack cocaine	277	44.4
Heroin	88	14.1
Marijuana	57	9.1
Methamphetamine	48	7.7
Other	18	2.9

Corrections

- As of December 31, 2007, the Pennsylvania Department of Correction (DOC) inmate population was 46,028. There were 1,513 inmates housed in therapeutic communities representing approximately 3.3% of the total DOC inmate population at that time.³⁷
- During FY 2005/2006, the Pennsylvania DOC spent \$26.1 million in state funds and \$1.3 million in Federal funds to provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment to inmates.³⁸
- Approximately 64% of all new inmates admitted to DOC are AOD dependent and require some form of treatment.³⁹
- The number of DOC inmates enrolled in AOD treatment at yearend 2005 totaled 16,250.⁴⁰
- The Pennsylvania DOC has 29 therapeutic communities (TC) in 20 state correctional institutions with 1,584 beds available.⁴¹
- On December 31, 2006, there were 7,196 Pennsylvania inmates under DOC supervision who had committed drug offenses, representing 16.2% of the total inmate population.⁴²

- The average time served in Pennsylvania by drug offenders released during 2006 was 31.1 months.⁴³
- At the end of 2006, there were 172,184 adults on probation and 76,386 adults on parole in Pennsylvania.⁴⁴

Consequences of Use

- According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, there were 4 children in Pennsylvania affected by methamphetamine laboratories during 2007.⁴⁵

Treatment

- During 2006, there were 69,803 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Pennsylvania.⁴⁶ There were 76,595 such treatment admissions during 2005.⁴⁷

Admissions to Treatment, Pennsylvania, 2005-2006

Drug Type	2005		2006	
	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	16,788	21.9%	15,532	22.3%
Alcohol with secondary drug	12,735	16.6	11,514	16.5
Cocaine (smoked)	10,059	13.1	8,790	12.6
Cocaine (other route)	4,040	5.3	3,596	5.2
Marijuana	11,000	14.4	10,213	14.6
Heroin	16,028	20.9	14,221	20.4
Other opiates	3,940	5.1	4,212	6.0
PCP	170	0.2	143	0.2
Hallucinogens	69	0.1	58	0.1
Amphetamines	432	0.6	340	0.5
Other stimulants	42	0.1	33	0.0
Tranquilizers	467	0.6	468	0.7
Sedatives	202	0.3	139	0.2
Inhalants	58	0.1	43	0.1
Other unknown	565	0.7	501	0.7
Total	76,595	100.0	69,803	100.0

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 252,000 (2.42%) Pennsylvania citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁸

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