

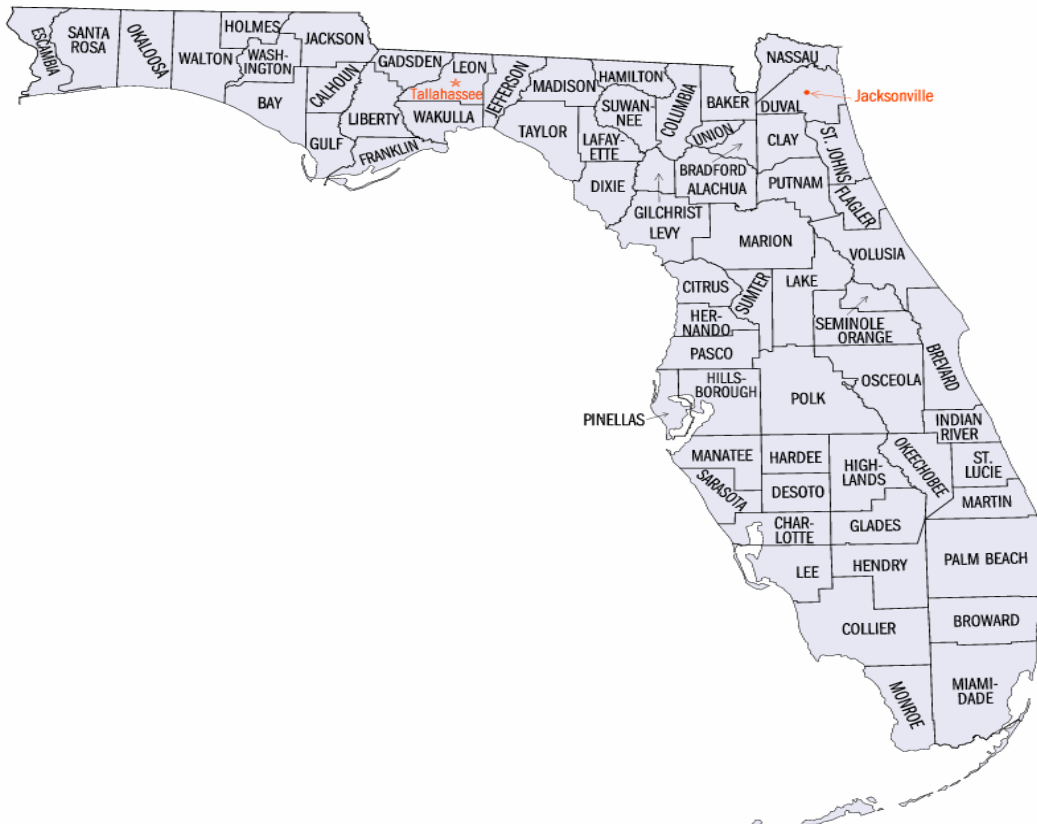
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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### St. Augustine, Florida

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## St. Augustine, Florida

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

### **Demographics**

- Population: 11,915 (July 2003 Census estimate)<sup>1</sup>; 11,592 (2000 Census)<sup>2</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 81.2% white; 15.1% African American/black; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.7% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 0.9% other; 1.6% two or more races; 3.1% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)<sup>3</sup>
- St. Augustine is located in St. Johns County.<sup>4</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: George Gardner<sup>5</sup>
- City Commissioners (District): Susan Burk (1); William Lennon, Sr. (2); Errol James (3); Don Crichlow (4); George Gardner (5 – Mayor)<sup>6</sup>
- City Manager: William Harriss<sup>7</sup>
- Chief of Police: David Shoar<sup>8</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)  
Designated in 2001, the North Florida HIDTA is responsible for 8 Florida counties, including St. Johns County. The St. Augustine Police Department is one of the North Florida HIDTA participating agencies.

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

- During 2003, the St. Augustine Police Department reported 1 murder. There were no murders reported in St. Augustine in 2002.<sup>9</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, St. Augustine, 1999-2003

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	0	1	1	0	1
Sex offenses	14	6	5	9	4
Robbery	25	26	31	24	22
Aggravated assault	72	89	123	99	71
Burglary	131	117	126	85	91
Larceny	780	666	582	676	658
Auto theft	65	45	57	43	38

- The St. Augustine Police Department reported 2 arrests for murder during 2003.<sup>10</sup> There were no arrests for murder reported during 2002.<sup>11</sup> The St. Augustine Police Department reported 1 murder arrest in 2001.<sup>12</sup>

Number of Arrests, Index Offenses, St. Augustine, 2001-2003

Offense	2001	2002	2003
Murder	1	0	2
Forcible sex offense	0	5	2
Robbery	26	8	9
Aggravated assault	72	64	63
Burglary	14	15	12
Larceny	86	107	93
Motor vehicle theft	26	14	10

- The St. Augustine Police Department reported 103 drug arrests during 2003.<sup>13</sup> There were 199 drug arrests reported during 2002.<sup>14</sup> In 2001, the St. Augustine Police Department reported 269 drug arrests.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Drug-/Alcohol-Related Arrests, St. Augustine, 2001-2003

Offense	2001	2002	2003
Drug	269	199	103
DUI	113	135	123
Liquor laws	22	28	8

**Juveniles**

- In 2002, approximately 41% of St. Johns County high school students reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.<sup>16</sup>

Students Reporting Lifetime Use of Selected Drugs, St. Johns County, 2000-2002

Drug Type	<u>Middle School</u>		<u>High School</u>	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Marijuana	16.4%	12.6%	50.4%	40.8%
Inhalants	12.1	14.3	16.6	13.7
Ecstasy	--	3.2	--	11.4
Rohypnol	--	1.6	--	1.6
GHB	--	0.4	--	0.9
Ketamine	--	0.8	--	1.8
LSD/PCP	5.6	2.2	14.7	8.2
Halluc. mushrooms	--	3.1	--	7.3
Cocaine	5.1	1.9	9.0	6.6
Crack cocaine	1.5	2.1	1.4	1.6
Methamphetamine	3.6	1.8	7.1	3.3
Depressants	3.1	3.5	7.6	11.6
Heroin	1.3	1.5	2.4	1.4
OxyContin	--	1.8	--	5.0
Other prescr. pain relievers	--	4.4	--	14.4
Steroids w/o Rx	1.8	1.5	4.0	1.0
Amphetamines	--	2.7	--	5.7
Any illicit drug	24.0	22.0	53.2	44.0

- Approximately 22% of St. Johns County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.<sup>17</sup>

Students Reporting Past 30 Day Use of Selected Drugs, St. Johns County, 2000-2002

Drug Type	Middle School		High School	
	2000	2002	2000	2002
Marijuana	8.9%	6.2%	28.3%	21.6%
Inhalants	4.1	4.4	3.7	1.8
Ecstasy	--	1.2	--	4.1
Rohypnol	--	0.7	--	0.1
GHB	--	0.4	--	0.1
Ketamine	--	0.7	--	0.5
LSD/PCP	2.7	0.6	3.9	0.5
Halluc. mushrooms	--	1.0	--	1.7
Cocaine	0.5	0.4	3.3	1.2
Crack cocaine	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.2
Methamphetamine	0.9	0.6	1.8	0.4
Depressants	0.1	1.7	2.3	5.1
Heroin	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.4
OxyContin	--	0.9	--	0.7
Other prescr. pain relievers	--	0.9	--	5.7
Steroids w/o Rx	1.4	0.0	1.3	0.5
Amphetamines	--	1.0	--	0.8
Any illicit drug	13.7	9.8	30.8	24.4

- During 2002, the mean age when St. Johns County middle school students first used marijuana was 12.3 years. Among St. Johns County high school students surveyed in 2002, the average age of first marijuana use was 13.9 years.<sup>18</sup>

Mean Age (in Years) of First Substance Use, St. Johns County, 2002

	Middle School	High School	Total
More than a sip or two of alcohol	11.3	13.3	12.7
Drinking at least once a month	12.4	14.7	14.3
Cigarettes	11.1	12.6	12.2
Marijuana	12.3	13.9	13.6

- Nearly 19% of St. Johns County high school students surveyed in 2002 reported being drunk or high at school.<sup>19</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Drug-Related Behavior, St. Johns County, 2002

Behavior	Middle School	High School	Total
Sold drugs	3.7%	8.8%	6.6%
Drunk or high at school	7.8	18.6	13.8

**Enforcement**

- Drug Abatement Response Team (DART)<sup>20</sup>  
The St. Augustine DART Program was formed in 1996 to combat illegal drugs in St. Augustine by focusing on the property where drug activity flourishes.
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 63 full-time law enforcement employees in St. Augustine (49 officers and 14 civilians).<sup>21</sup>

**Trafficking and Seizures**

- As a result of Florida’s Domestic Marijuana Eradication program, 7 outdoor marijuana grow sites and 261 marijuana plants were detected in St. Johns County during 2003. No indoor sites were detected in St. Johns County during 2003.<sup>22</sup>

**Consequences of Use**

- There were 24 deaths in St. Augustine during 2003 in which cocaine was found in the body of the deceased.<sup>23</sup> This is up from 2002 when there were 23 deaths in which cocaine was present.<sup>24</sup> During 2001, there were 7 deaths in which cocaine was present.<sup>25</sup>

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, St. Augustine, 2001-2003

Drug Involved	2001	2002	2003
Alprazolam only	Not avail.	Not avail.	0
Alprazolam with other drug	Not avail.	Not avail.	11
Cocaine only	5	4	7
Cocaine with other drug	2	19	17
Diazepam only	Not avail.	Not avail.	4
Diazepam with other drug	Not avail.	Not avail.	9
Heroin only	0	0	0
Heroin with other drug	0	1	0
Oxycodone only	1	2	2
Oxycodone with other drug	4	2	4
Hydrocodone only	2	1	3
Hydrocodone with other drug	4	5	11
Methadone only	0	2	0
Methadone with other drug	6	12	4
Methylated amphetamine only	0	0	Not avail.
Methylated amphetamine with other drug	0	1	Not avail.
Morphine only	Not avail.	Not avail.	0
Morphine with other drug	Not avail.	Not avail.	3
Propoxyphene only	Not avail.	Not avail.	0
Propoxyphene with other drug	Not avail.	Not avail.	3

- In 2003, lethal amounts of cocaine were found in 11 St. Augustine deaths.<sup>26</sup>

## Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, St. Augustine, 2003

Drugs	Lethal Levels	Non-Lethal Levels
Heroin	0	0
Cocaine	11	13
Methadone	4	0
Oxycodone	2	4
Hydrocodone	5	9

### Courts

#### ➤ Drug Courts<sup>27</sup>

As of September 2004, there was 1 drug court in St. Augustine that had recently been implemented. No additional drug courts were in existence or being planned at that time.

### Corrections

#### ➤ In 2003, the average daily population at the St. Johns County Jail was 389.<sup>28</sup>

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