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

Demographics

- Population (2002 American Community Survey): 896,143¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 34.3% white; 2.6% black/African American; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 28.4% Asian; 0.3% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.5% other race; 2.0% two or more races; 31.4% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)²
- San Jose is located in Santa Clara County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Ron Gonzales⁴
- City Council (Districts 1-10, respectively): Linda J. LeZotte; Forrest Williams; Cindy Chavez; Chuck Reed; Nora Campos; Ken Yeager; Terry Gregory; David D. Cortese; Judy Chirco; Pat Dando⁵
- City Manager: Del D. Borgsdorf⁶
- San Jose Chief of Police: Robert Davis⁷
- Santa Clara County Sheriff: Laurie Smith⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1997, the Northern California HIDTA is responsible for 10 counties, including Santa Clara County.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program¹⁰
There have been no San Jose recipients of the Drug Free Communities Support Program.
- Community Capacity Development Office¹¹
There is one Weed and Seed site in San Jose.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to San Jose:¹²
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$0
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$0
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$785,036
- There were no San Jose recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Justice Program Drug Court Discretionary Grant.¹³
- There were no San Jose recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁴
- FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in San Jose:¹⁵
 - Communities (discretionary): 1 award valued at \$223,384

- Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 0 awards
 - Juvenile Justice: 0 awards
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: 4 awards valued at \$4,688,194
 - formula: 3 awards valued at \$2,165,537
 - Substance Abuse: 0 awards
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: 3 awards valued at \$1,149,567
 - formula: 0 awards
- There were no San Jose recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁶

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2003, there were 29 homicides reported to police in San Jose.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, San Jose, 2000-2003

Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003
Homicide	20	23	26	29
Rape	337	329	379	279
Robbery	677	712	827	815
Aggravated assault	3,895	4,501	2,902	2,255
Burglary	2,670	2,939	3,026	3,314
Larceny-theft	12,596	13,567	13,642	13,770
Motor vehicle theft	2,615	3,093	3,337	3,664
Total index offenses	22,810	25,164	24,139	24,126

- Data from 2003 indicate that 36.9% of San Jose adult male arrestees tested positive for methamphetamine at arrest.¹⁸

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, San Jose, 2003

	Males	Females
Cocaine	12.9%	10.1%
Opiates	3.1	3.4
Marijuana	35.4	29.1
Methamphetamine	36.9	45.3
Any drug	62.8	70.1
Multiple drugs	25.2	20.4

- Additional San Jose arrestee drug use data for 2003 indicate that 46.8% of the adult male arrestees used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the drug was used an average of 10.3 days within the past month.¹⁹

Past Drug Use, Adult Male Arrestees, San Jose, 2003

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth.	Heroin
Past 7 days	5.2%	4.8%	31.3%	24.4%	1.4%
Past 30 days	6.0	5.8	38.3	27.3	1.4
Past year	8.6	10.6	46.8	33.9	2.2
Average # of days in month	5.6 days	3.0 days	10.3 days	8.1 days	10.5 days

- During 2003, 43% of adult female arrestees in San Jose reported past year use of marijuana. Among the female arrestees who reported past year use of marijuana, the average number of days the substance was used in the past month was 10.1 days²⁰

Past Drug Use, Adult Female Arrestees, San Jose, 2003

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth.	Heroin
Past 7 days	2.2%	1.5%	28.1%	30.4%	2.9%
Past 30 days	4.4	2.2	34.1	34.8	2.9
Past year	6.6	5.3	43.0	42.1	5.3
Average # of days in month	6.2 days	3.4 days	10.1 days	9.4 days	7.2 days

- The number of adult arrests in Santa Clara County for felony drug offenses decreased from 5,401 in 2000 to 4,711 in 2002.²¹

Number of Adult Drug Arrests, Santa Clara County, 2000-2002

Type of Drug Arrest	2000	2001	2002
Felony	5,401	5,163	4,711
Narcotics	1,428	1,214	1,150
Marijuana	403	311	321
Dangerous drugs	3,427	3,535	3,142
Other drug	143	103	98
Misdemeanor	5,214	4,964	4,917
Marijuana	1,648	1,428	1,405
Other drug	3,566	3,536	3,512

Drugs

- Cocaine
Very little cocaine is sold in San Jose. A kilogram of cocaine sells for \$15,500-\$18,500 with purity levels ranging from 65% to 89%.²²
- Heroin
Mexican black tar heroin is available in the San Jose area. A kilogram of heroin sells for \$15,000-\$17,500 with purity levels ranging from 17% to 41%.²³
- Marijuana
Domestic marijuana ranges in price from \$4,000 to \$6,000/pound while Mexican marijuana ranges from \$400 to \$600/pound.²⁴

- **Methamphetamine**
Methamphetamine is readily available in San Jose. A pound of methamphetamine sells for \$4,000-\$5,500 and purity levels range from 29% to 34%. Mexican national criminal groups produce the majority of methamphetamine consumed in the San Jose area through the operation of superlabs.²⁵
- **Club Drugs**
MDMA and GHB are popular in the San Jose area.²⁶

Juveniles

- The number of juvenile arrests in Santa Clara County for felony drug offenses decreased from 336 in 2000 to 274 in 2002.²⁷

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, Santa Clara County, 2000-2002

Type of Drug Arrest	2000	2001	2002
Felony	336	282	274
Narcotics	224	152	55
Marijuana	48	56	118
Dangerous drugs	63	72	96
Other drug	1	2	5
Misdemeanor	1,087	984	824
Marijuana	986	871	707
Other drug	101	113	177

Enforcement

- As of October 2002, there were 1,819 full-time law enforcement employees in San Jose (1,378 officers and 441 civilians).²⁸

Courts

- **Drug Courts**²⁹
As of May 2004, there were 3 drug courts in San Jose that had been in existence for more than 2 years. No additional drug courts were in existence or being planned in San Jose at that time.

Consequences of Use

- There were 1,680 hospital discharges in Santa Clara County during 2000 for alcohol and drug related causes.³⁰

Hospital Discharges for Alcohol/Drug Causes, Santa Clara County, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Discharges	1,873	2,053	1,938	1,730	1,680

- During 2000, there were 187 deaths in Santa Clara County due to alcohol and drug use.³¹

Number of Deaths Due to Alcohol and Drug Use, Santa Clara County, 1996-2000*

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Deaths	560	517	535	206	187

* Beginning in 1999, causes of death were coded differently to include an expanded number of disease classifications

Treatment

- Approximately 23% of San Jose adult male arrestees interviewed during 2003 reported receiving inpatient or residential treatment at some point in their lives.³²

Percent of Adult Arrestees Reporting Past Drug Treatment, San Jose, 2003

Type of Treatment	Male		Female	
	Ever	Past Year	Ever	Past Year
Outpatient	21.4%	7.7%	25.0%	4.7%
Inpatient/Residential	22.8	6.5	23.0	7.3

- In FY 2003, there were 9,358 adult admissions to residential or outpatient treatment facilities in Santa Clara County. Amphetamines/methamphetamine accounted for 47% of the FY 2003 adult admissions.³³

Adult Treatment Admissions, by Primary Drug, Santa Clara County, FY 2003

Drug Type	% of Total Admissions
Amphetamines/methamphetamine	47%
Alcohol	24
Marijuana	11
Cocaine	10
Heroin	5

- Criminal justice referrals accounted for 76% of the Santa Clara County residential/outpatient treatment admissions in FY 2003. Clients referred due to the Substance Abuse Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) alone made up 36% of all admissions.³⁴
- There were 10,236 discharges from outpatient/residential treatment in Santa Clara County during FY 2003. Thirty percent of the discharges involved individuals who left treatment against the advice of the providers.³⁵

Reasons for Treatment Discharge, Santa Clara County, FY 2003

Reason	% of Total Discharges
Completed treatment	35%
Referred for further treatment	18
Left against professional advice	30
Treatment terminated by provider	15
Other reason	2

- The median length of stay for those in outpatient treatment for marijuana abuse in Santa Clara County during FY 2003 was 88 days.³⁶

Median Length of Stay (Days), Santa Clara County, FY 2003

Drug	Residential	Outpatient
Overall median	35 days	84 days
Alcohol	34	93
Heroin	28	59
Cocaine	31	77
All other	36	103
Marijuana	35	88
Methamphetamine	35	83

- During 2002, there were 9,932 adult admissions to alcohol and drug treatment in Santa Clara County.³⁷

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Santa Clara County, 1999-2002

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Adult	10,256	8,507	9,191	9,932
Juvenile	378	347	294	281

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