



## **Topeka, Kansas**

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

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 122,377
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 75.1% white; 11.4% black/African American; 1.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 0.3% two or more races; 8.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Topeka is located in Shawnee County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Butch Felker<sup>2</sup>
- City Council (Districts 1-9, respectively): Duane Pomeroy, John Alcala, Harold Lane, John Nave, Bill Haynes, Clark Duffy, Lisa Stubbs, Jeff Preisner, Gary Price
- Topeka Chief of Police: Ed Klumpp<sup>3</sup>
- Shawnee County Sheriff: Richard Barta<sup>4</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>5</sup>  
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for areas in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas. Topeka's Shawnee County is involved in Midwest HIDTA efforts.
- Methamphetamine Watch Program<sup>6</sup>  
Topeka and other cities take part in a Methamphetamine Watch Program to identify individuals involved in the production of methamphetamine. As part of the program, retailers report multiple purchases involving chemicals that are used in the methamphetamine production process.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Topeka:<sup>7</sup>
  - FY 2003:
    - \$78,825 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Topeka
  - FY 2002, FY 2001, FY 2000: no Topeka grantees
  - FY 1999:
    - \$100,000 to Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services
  - FY 1998: no Topeka grantees
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>8</sup>  
One site in Topeka has received Federal funding and official recognition as a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to agencies/organizations in Topeka:<sup>9</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services: \$220,000

- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$345,514
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$0
- Topeka did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>10</sup>
- Topeka did not receive any funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>11</sup>
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Topeka:<sup>12</sup>
  - Discretionary - \$13,802,901
  - Formula - \$17,343,854
- There were no Topeka recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Federally-Assisted Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>13</sup>

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

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 8 murders known to police in Topeka during 2002.<sup>14</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Topeka, 2002

Offense	2002
Murder	8
Forcible rape	73
Robbery	409
Aggravated assault	499
Burglary	1,767
Larceny-theft	7,863
Motor vehicle theft	675

### **Drugs**

- Cocaine  
Cocaine, particularly crack cocaine, is readily available throughout Kansas, primarily in major urban areas such as Topeka.<sup>15</sup>
- Heroin  
Heroin sells for \$100/gram in Topeka.<sup>16</sup>
- Methamphetamine  
During the first quarter of 2002, law enforcement officials in Topeka indicated that high purity crystal methamphetamine became available in wholesale and retail quantities in their area. In the Topeka area, methamphetamine produced by Mexican criminal groups sells for \$5,000/pound.<sup>17</sup>
- Club Drugs  
Law enforcement officials in Topeka indicate that GHB availability and abuse are moderate.<sup>18</sup>

### **Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 332 full-time law enforcement employees in Topeka (277 officers and 55 civilians).<sup>19</sup>

## Trafficking and Seizures

- Topeka is a drug distribution center in Kansas and serves as a transit area for drugs being transported to other states.<sup>20</sup>
- From January 1 through September 30, 2003, no marijuana plants were seized in Topeka or Shawnee County. During 2002, the Topeka Police Department seized 76 cultivated marijuana plants at indoor locations. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation seized 3 marijuana plants at outdoor sites in Shawnee County during 2002.<sup>21</sup>
- From January to October 1, 2003, there were 13 methamphetamine laboratory-related seizures in Shawnee County.<sup>22</sup>

### Number of Meth-Related Seizures, Shawnee County, 2001-October 2003

Type of Seizure	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan.-Oct. 2003
Chemical/glass/equipment	32	31	5
Dumpsite	13	1	1
Laboratory	43	22	7
Total	88	54	13

- In 2001, the Topeka Police Department seized 3.6 kilograms of methamphetamine.<sup>23</sup>

## Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>24</sup>  
As of September 2003, there were no drug courts in existence or being planned in Topeka.

## Corrections

- In March 2001, the Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF) became an all-female facility. On December 31, 2002, the TCF population was 557.<sup>25</sup>
- The therapeutic community at TCF has a capacity of 24.<sup>26</sup>

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