

Albany, New York

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 95,658
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 61.1% white; 27.2% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.2% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 2.3% two or more races; 5.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Albany is located in Albany County.

Politics

- Mayor: Gerald Jennings²
- Common Council (Ward): Helen Desfosses (President); Dominick Calsolaroe (1); Carolyn McLaughlin (2); Michael Brown (3); Sarah Curry-Cobb (4); Shirley Foskey (5); Richard Conti (6); Shawn Morris (7); David Torncello III (8); James Sano (9); James Scalzo, Jr. (10); Glen Casey (11); Michael O'Brien (12); Daniel Herring (13); Joseph Igoe (14); Sandra Fox (15)³
- Chief of Police: Robert Wolfgang⁴
- Albany Commissioner of Public Safety: John Nielsen⁵
- Albany County Sheriff: James Campbell⁶

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
No coalitions in Albany have ever received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
Albany has been officially recognized and has received Federal funding as a Weed and Seed site.
- Albany did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.⁹
- Albany did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹⁰
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Albany:¹¹
 - \$116,530 to Skyline Gardens
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in Albany:¹²
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$33,000,000 to the New York Office of Mental Health; project period: 6/15/02-3/14/03
 - \$100,000 to the New York Office of Mental Health; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04

- \$340,000 to Parsons Children and Family Center; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
- \$150,000 to the Mental Health Association of New York State; project period: 4/1/02-9/30/03
- \$149,999 to the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene; project period: 4/1/02-3/31/03
- \$150,000 to the Mental Health Association of New York State; project period: 4/1/02-9/30/03
- \$150,000 to the Mental Health Association of New York State; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/03
- \$60,000 to Families Together in New York State; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- \$3,358,000 to the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene; project period: 11/1/01-10/31/03
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - \$2,300,000 to the New York Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; project period: 10/29/01-10/28/04
 - \$125,000 to CDAACA; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/03
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - \$100,000 to the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
 - \$420,686 to the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene; project period: 9/30/00-9/29/03
 - \$2,700,000 to the New York Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; project period: 10/29/01-10/28/04
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Albany:¹³
 - \$105,112,037 in discretionary funds
 - \$146,575,409 in formula funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 693 adult felony drug arrests in Albany County during 2002.¹⁴

Number of Adult Arrests, Albany County, 1998-2002

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Felony	3,012	2,615	2,800	3,070	3,298
Violent	691	577	611	758	769
Drug	763	612	516	657	693
Other	1,558	1,426	1,673	1,655	1,836
Misdemeanor	7,291	6,655	6,730	6,772	6,368
Drug	972	1,070	918	928	545
DWI	1,204	1,245	1,300	1,159	1,216
Other	5,114	4,340	4,512	4,685	4,607
Total	10,303	9,270	9,530	9,842	9,666

- Preliminary data for 2002 indicate that 70% of adult male arrestees and nearly 68% of adult female arrestees in Albany tested positive for at least one of the following drugs at arrest: cocaine, heroin, marijuana, or methamphetamine.¹⁵

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive, Albany, 2002

Drug Type	Male	Female
Cocaine	25.5%	38.7%
Heroin	6.4	12.9
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.0
Marijuana	54.5	32.3
Any drug	70.0	67.7
Multiple drugs	17.3	19.4

- Additional Albany arrestee drug use data for 2002 indicate that nearly 63% of adult male and 31% of adult female arrestees used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the average number of days the drug was used in the past month was 12.3 days for male arrestees and 8.8 days for female arrestees.¹⁶

Adult Arrestee Past Drug Use, Albany, 2002

Drug Type	Past 7 Days		Past 30 Days		Past Year		Avg. # Days	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Crack cocaine	12.6%	23.4%	14.1%	25.5%	19.1%	32.7%	7.0	10.7
Powder cocaine	6.7%	8.5%	9.5%	12.8%	19.2%	20.4%	3.2	3.3
Marijuana	49.3%	21.3%	55.1%	23.4%	62.5%	30.6%	12.3	8.8
Meth.	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.2	0.0
Heroin	3.4%	6.4%	4.5%	8.5%	6.7%	8.2%	8.4	12.8

- During 2001, there were 6 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses known to police in Albany.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Albany, 2001

Type of Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	6
Forcible rape	57
Robbery	432
Aggravated assault	818
Burglary	1,563
Larceny-theft	3,860
Auto theft	546
Arson	32

Drugs

- Cocaine
Cocaine is a significant problem in Albany.¹⁸

- Heroin
The DEA Albany Resident Office reports that heroin abuse is increasing among young Caucasian individuals who snort the drug.¹⁹
- Marijuana
Albany law enforcement report an increase in indoor marijuana grows.²⁰
- Club Drugs
MDMA use is increasing in Albany.²¹

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 435 full-time law enforcement employees in Albany (337 officers and 98 civilians).²²

Trafficking and Seizures

- Texas and Arizona remain supply sources for marijuana found in Albany to augment the locally-grown crop.²³
- Most cocaine distributors in Albany have connections to New York City sources, but some direct links with Florida and Puerto Rico have been found.²⁴
- Seizures of low yield, small methamphetamine labs are increasing in the Albany area.²⁵

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁶
As of May 2003, there were three drug courts in Albany that had been implemented within the past two years. There were no additional drug courts in operation or being planned in Albany.

Treatment

- Approximately 39% of Albany adult male arrestees interviewed during 2002 reported that they have received inpatient/residential treatment at some point in their lives.²⁷

Arrestee Drug or Alcohol Treatment Status, Albany, 2002

Treatment	Male	Female
<i>Outpatient</i>		
Ever	39.4%	46.9%
Past year	9.8	8.3
<i>Inpatient/Residential</i>		
Ever	36.9	46.9
Past year	10.4	6.3

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