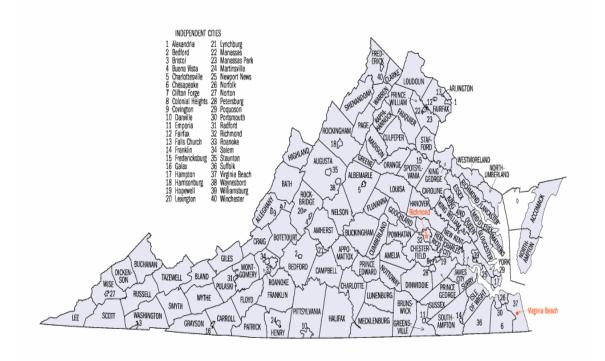
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<u>Virginia</u>

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

Demographics

- Population: 7,386,330 (July 2003 Census estimate)¹; 7,063,247 (2002 American Community Survey)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 69.7% white, 19.2% black/African American, 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native, 4.0% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other, 1.5% two or more races, 5.1% Hispanic/Latino origin³

Politics

- ➢ Governor: Mark Warner⁴
- ➢ Lt. Governor: Tim Kaine⁵
- ➢ Attorney General: Jerry Kilgore⁶
- Secretary of the Commonwealth: Anita A. Rimler⁷
- > U.S. Senate: John Warner (R), George Allen $(R)^8$
- U.S. Representatives: Jo Ann Davis (R), Edward L. Schrock (R), Robert C. Scott (D), J. Randy Forbes (R), Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (R), Bob Goodlatte (R), Eric Cantor (R), James P. Moran (D), Rick Boucher (D), Frank R. Wolf (R), Thomas M. Davis (R)⁹
- ➢ Capital: Richmond¹⁰

Programs/Initiatives

➢ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹¹

Designated in 1994, the Washington, D.C./Baltimore HIDTA is responsible for the following Virginia areas: Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties, and the city of Alexandria.

- Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP)¹² The purpose of GOSAP is to coordinate prevention activities of various state agencies, review substance abuse prevention program expenditures, and determine the direction and appropriateness of such expenditures. The intent is to develop a more unified approach to prevention in Virginia.
- Substance Abuse Reduction Effort (SABRE)¹³ The SABRE program directs resources and mandates specific responsibilities to various state agencies to develop initiatives focusing on the treatment, prevention, and enforcement aspects of illegal narcotics.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Virginia:¹⁴
 - FY 2003:
 - \$98,705 to The Regional Alliance of Substance Abuse Prevention, Danville
 - \$99,956 to Roanoke County Community Schools Prevention Council, Roanoke
 - \$99,910 to Community Alliance for Drug Resistance Education, Waynesboro

- \$100,000 to Communities and Law Enforcement Against Narcotics, Winchester
- \$100,000 to Prince William Health Partners, Woodbridge
- \$74,955 to The Rural Virginia United Coalition, Saluda (Coalition Mentoring Program grantee)
- FY 2002:
 - \$100,000 to Positive Choices Coalition, Leesburg
- FY 2001:
 - \$94,452 to the Chaplin Youth Center, Frederickburg
 - \$100,000 to Children at Risk Today, Midlothian
 - \$99,962 to Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax
- FY 2000:
 - \$99,998 to the Rural Virginia United Coalition, Gloucester
 - \$100,000 to the Historic Triangle Substance Abuse Coalition, Williamsburg
- FY 1999:
 - \$84,977 to the City of Newport News City Hall, Newport News
 - \$94,508 to Fauquier Commonwealth Alliance for Drug Rehabilitation and Education (CADRE) Inc., Warrenton
 - \$89,953 to the Barry Robinson Center, Norfolk
- Office of Weed and Seed¹⁵

Three sites in Virginia have received official recognition and Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites: Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, and Richmond.

- FY 2003/2004 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Grant Summary for Virginia:¹⁶
 - Formula Funding \$56,235,795
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant \$43,461,008
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant \$11,082,109
 - Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) \$1,061,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant \$631,678
 - Discretionary Funding \$25,569,720
 - Mental Health \$11,586,621
 - Substance Prevention \$4,137,617
 - Substance Abuse Treatment \$2,341,158
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$24,361,408
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$49,939,783
 - Total Funds for Virginia: \$74,301,191
- ▶ FY 2004 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Virginia: \$11,390,419¹⁷
- FY 2003 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Virginia: \$1,428,877¹⁸
- > Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant:
 - FY 2003:¹⁹
 - \$499,840 to Chesterfield County, Chesterfield
 - \$237,030 to Richmond Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Richmond
 - FY 2002:²⁰
 - \$356,308 to the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, Newport News

- \$298,538 to the Supreme Court of Virginia Office of the Executive Secretary, Richmond
- \$489,393 to the County of Henrico Community Corrections, Richmond
- > Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
 - FY 2003:²¹
 - \$378,000 to Circle Solutions, Inc.
 - \$400,000 to National Association of Drug Court Professionals
 - \$278,767 to National Sheriff's Association
 - FY 2002: no Virginia grantees²²
- Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services total grant amounts received in Virginia (by funding category):²³
 - Communities (discretionary): \$4.7 million
 - Counter-terrorism (discretionary): \$15.1 million
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: \$32.9 million
 - formula: \$7.1 million
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: \$58.9 million
 - formula: \$14.2 million
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: \$84.0 million
 - formula: \$11.9 million
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: \$18.8 million
 - formula: \$9.9 million
 - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Virginia in FY 2002: \$257.5 million
- ▶ FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant:²⁴
 - \$183,836 to Wesley Housing Development Corporation, Arlington

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

There were 241 adult arrests in Virginia for murder/non-negligent manslaughter during 2002.²⁵ This is down from 263 adult murder/non-negligent manslaughter arrests during 2001.²⁶ During 2000, there were 242 such arrests in Virginia.²⁷

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	242	263	241
Forcible rape	377	406	421
Robbery	1,054	1,232	1,216
Aggravated assault	4,128	4,279	4,143
Burglary	2,662	2,754	3,025
Larceny-theft	13,972	16,031	16,155
Motor vehicle theft	1,133	1,066	1,061

Number of Adult Arrests, Select Offenses, Virginia, 2000-2002

During 2002, there were 14,312 total arrests (all ages) for marijuana in Virginia.²⁸ This is up slightly from 2001, when there were 14,248 marijuana arrests.²⁹ During 2000, there were 13,559 marijuana arrests in Virginia.³⁰

Drug Type	2000	2001	2002
Crack cocaine	3,532	3,939	4,183
Cocaine	1,766	1,793	2,177
Hashish	16	21	36
Heroin	635	663	738
Marijuana	13,559	14,248	14,312
Morphine	52	54	76
Opium	7	9	35
Other narcotic	851	1,133	461
LSD	39	38	11
PCP	15	15	33
Other hallucinogens	38	27	59
Amphetamines/methamphetamine	203	194	332
Other stimulants	37	53	53
Barbiturates	17	10	11
Other depressants	47	52	55
Other drugs	185	252	274
Unknown drug type	2,182	2,363	2,398
Total	23,181	24,864	25,244

Number of Drug Arrests, by Type of Drug, Virginia, 2000-2002

During 2002, the Virginia State Police Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion Unit received 744 complaints of diversion activities throughout Virginia. In response to the complaints, 399 investigations were initiated and 213 persons were arrested on 478 charges. Nine of the individuals arrested were licensed health care providers.³¹

Drugs

➢ Cocaine

Cocaine is readily available throughout Virginia.³²

➤ Heroin

Heroin from all major source areas is available to varying degrees in Virginia. South American heroin is the most prevalent type found in the state, while Southwest Asian heroin is available to a lesser extent. Southeast Asian and Mexican heroin are only occasionally available.³³ Most new heroin abusers in Virginia are young adults who snort the drug rather than inject it.³⁴

Marijuana

Marijuana, both commercial and high-grade, is available in virtually all areas of the state.³⁵ Caucasian criminal groups and local independent dealers cultivate significant quantities of cannabis outdoors in the state, primarily in the mountainous areas of southwestern Virginia.³⁶

> Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine poses a low but increasing threat to Virginia.³⁷ Wholesale prices of methamphetamine vary throughout the state, while prices at the retail level are fairly uniform. Retail quantities of methamphetamine sold for approximately \$100/gram in 2001. The purity of methamphetamine at both the wholesale and retail levels ranged from 60% to 90%.³⁸

Club Drugs

MDMA is the most readily available and frequently abused club drug in Virginia. PCP has become increasingly available at Virginia nightclubs and raves.³⁹ MDMA usually sells for \$25-\$40/tablet in Virginia.⁴⁰

> Other Drugs

Pharmaceutical diversion and abuse pose significant drug threats to Virginia. Oxycodone and hydrocodone are the most commonly diverted and abused pharmaceuticals in the state. However, abuse of these substances has decreased. Valium, Xanax, and Ritalin are increasingly diverted and abused.⁴¹

According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 1.04% of Virginia citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.⁴²

Percent of Citizens Report	ng Past Year Dependence	e, by Age, Virginia, 2000-2001 Data
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	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	1.82%	3.40%	0.56%	1.04%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	3.40	4.90	0.88	1.63
Alcohol dependence	1.57	5.14	1.71	2.12
Alcohol dependence or abuse	3.83	13.61	3.56	4.84
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	5.76	15.40	3.93	5.54

According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 41.84% of Virginia citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.⁴³

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	8.48%	16.14%	3.46%	5.54%
Past month use of marijuana	5.76	13.46	2.63	4.28
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.33	7.07	1.62	2.57
Past year cocaine use	1.11	5.00	1.01	1.52
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	37.59	26.45	44.85	41.84

Juveniles

There were 20 juvenile arrests in Virginia for murder/non-negligent manslaughter during 2002.⁴⁴ This is down from 21 such arrests in 2001.⁴⁵ During 2000, there were 13 juvenile arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in Virginia.⁴⁶

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	13	21	20
Forcible rape	53	64	61
Robbery	319	292	270
Aggravated assault	603	559	595
Burglary	1,058	1,113	993
Larceny-theft	4,656	4,664	4,653
Motor vehicle theft	498	512	497

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Select Offenses, Virginia, 2000-2002

According to the Virginia Community Youth Survey: 2000, alcohol was the drug most commonly used by 8th, 10th, and 12th graders within the past month.⁴⁷

Drug Type	8th	10th	12th
Alcohol	17.7%	36.8%	51.9%
Binge drinking (past 2 weeks)	7.8	19.1	28.8
Cigarettes	12.1	22.5	35.3
Smokeless tobacco	4.6	7.4	10.9
Marijuana	5.9	18.0	27.2
Psychedelic drugs	1.6	2.6	6.4
Cocaine	1.1	1.4	3.8
Inhalants	7.4	4.8	1.7
Methamphetamine	0.6	2.0	3.2

Percent of Students Reporting Past Month Drug Use, Virginia, 2000

Nearly 77% of 12th graders reported using alcohol at least once during their lifetimes.⁴⁸

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Drug Type	8th	10th	12th		
Alcohol	43.4%	66.8%	76.6%		
Cigarettes	33.3	53.7	68.0		
Smokeless tobacco	11.3	17.1	25.0		
Marijuana	11.2	31.0	50.7		
Psychedelic drugs	2.7	6.5	13.6		
Cocaine	2.9	4.4	6.3		
Inhalants	15.7	13.0	12.6		
Methamphetamine	1.4	4.3	7.0		

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Virginia, 2000

Enforcement

- The Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation Drug Enforcement Division (DED) was established to provide full-time attention to the enforcement of drug laws in Virginia. Some DED initiatives include:⁴⁹
 - Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces consists of state and local investigators uniting forces to combat illicit narcotics manufacturing, trafficking and usage in Virginia

- Marijuana Eradication/Operation Grand Slam eliminates domestically-grown marijuana with funding from the DEA and Department of State Police, along with assistance from various local law enforcement agencies and the Virginia Army National Guard
- Governor's Initiative Against Narcotics Trafficking (GIANT) facilitates and assures coordination and cooperation among agencies
- Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion Unit works with the DEA, Department of Health Professions, Department of Medical Assistance Services, and local law enforcement to eliminate the diversion of prescription drugs for illicit purposes
- Virginia Exile⁵⁰ Virginia Exile is designed to build upon the success of Project Exile, a Federal program started in Richmond in 1997. Virginia Exile's purpose is to break the link between guns and drugs, between guns and crime in general, and to help put an end to gun violence.
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 21,540 full-time law enforcement employees in Virginia (16,552 officers and 4,988 civilians).⁵¹

Trafficking and Seizures

- A significant amount of the illegal drugs available in Virginia are transported from New York City or southwestern states.⁵²
- During full year 2003, the DEA and state and local authorities in Virginia reported 25 methamphetamine lab incidents to the El Paso Intelligence Center.⁵³

Type of Seizure Number			
Chemical/glass/equipment	4		
Dumpsite	0		
Laboratory	21		
Total	25		

Number of Methamphetamine Incidents/Seizures, Virginia, 2003

During 2002, a total of 17,888 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Virginia under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁵⁴

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Virginia, 2002

Outdoor (Operations	Indoor O	perations	
	Cultivated			Total
Plots	Plants	Grows	Plants	Plants
Eradicated	Eradicated	Seized	Eradicated	Eradicated
435	15,343	31	2,545	17,888

During 2002, Virginia State Police Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces (MJTF) seized drugs valued at \$21,504,575.⁵⁵

	Drugs	Currency	Vehicles	Weapons
DED Regional Field Offices	\$7,838,999	\$542,371	24	116
MJTF	21,504,575	427,197	43	132
Federal Task Forces	2,119,570	na	0	0
GIANT	16,900,000	133,163	na	61

Seizures Made by Virginia State Police DED Efforts, Virginia, 2002

> During 2002, Federal agencies seized 97.6 kilograms of cocaine in Virginia.⁵⁶

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Amount	of Federal	Drug Seizure	es. Virginia.	2002
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Drug Type	Amount Seized (kgs.)		
Cocaine	97.6		
Heroin	5.8		
Methamphetamine	32.5		
Marijuana	27.5		

Courts

 \blacktriangleright Drug Courts⁵⁷

As of November 2003, there were 10 drug courts in Virginia that had been operating for more than 2 years, 12 that were recently implemented, and 20 that were being planned.

During FY 2001, 40.6% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Virginia were charged with drug offenses. Half of the drug cases involved crack cocaine.⁵⁸

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Drug Type	Number	Percent		
Marijuana	131	16.3%		
Methamphetamine	39	4.8		
Powder cocaine	144	17.9		
Crack	404	50.1		
Heroin	65	8.1		
Other	23	2.9		

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, Virginia, FY 2001

Corrections

- The average number of Virginia state responsible offenders incarcerated in Virginia institutions in March 2003 was 29,907.⁵⁹
- In March 2003, there were 4,591 active parolees and 40,848 active probationers in Virginia.⁶⁰
- In FY 2002, there were 1,836 inmates confined for cocaine possession in Virginia, representing 5.9% of the total Virginia confined population.⁶¹

	New Court Admissions		Confined Population		Releases	
Drug Offense Type	#	%	#	%	#	%
Heroin sales	68	0.7%	99	0.3%	32	0.3%
Heroin possession	216	2.1	362	1.2	179	1.8
Cocaine sales	569	5.5	1,522	4.9	640	6.6
Cocaine possession	1,033	9.9	1,836	5.9	1,041	10.7
Other drug sales	193	1.9	312	1.0	193	2.0
Other drug possession	205	2.0	313	1.0	167	1.7
Other drug offense	203	2.0	369	1.2	216	2.2
Total drugs	2,487	23.9	4,813	15.4	2,468	25.3

Population by Most Serious Offense, Drug Offenses, Virginia, FY 2002

Consequences of Use

From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there was 1 Virginia methamphetamine laboratory site reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.⁶²

Characteristics of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Virginia, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	3
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	0
Sites with a child injured	0
Sites with a child killed	0
Sites with a child present	1
Sites with a child residing at the site	0
Number of children placed in protective custody	1

According to the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 202 of the 1,137 drug deaths in the state during 2002 involved cocaine.⁶³

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Virginia, 2001-2002				
Drug Type	2001	2002		
Cocaine	152	202		
Heroin	243	250		
Methamphetamine	0	5		
Oxycodone	100	89		
Hydrocodone	95	90		
MDMA	2	6		
PCP	2	8		

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Virginia, 2001-2002

Treatment

▶ During 2003, there were 57,526 admissions to treatment in Virginia.⁶⁴

Number of Admissions to Treatment, by Drug Type, Virginia, 1999-2005					
Drug Type	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
None provided	4,523	3,823	2,740	3,400	3,565
Alcohol	24,610	22,949	21,076	20,037	21,209
Cocaine/crack	11,363	10,472	8,997	7,134	8,048
Marijuana/hashish	9,334	9,293	8,965	8,867	9,671
Heroin	4,609	4,652	4,597	4,320	4,512
Non-prescription methadone	34	106	50	84	92
Other opiates/synthetics	707	1,175	1,054	1,295	1,503
РСР	81	55	89	71	137
Other hallucinogens	76	151	132	71	93
Methamphetamine	192	181	201	251	330
Other amphetamines	56	132	86	88	81
Other stimulants	75	37	89	76	75
Benzodiazepines	201	263	212	257	246
Other tranquilizers	29	60	28	35	23
Barbiturates	41	54	49	30	28
Other sedatives/hypnotics	82	104	109	78	85
Inhalants	52	64	73	78	52
Over-the-counter	120	63	61	65	58
Unknown	8,714	11,700	11,360	13,658	7,718
Total	64,899	65,334	59,968	59,895	57,526

Number of Admissions to Treatment, by Drug Type, Virginia, 1999-2003

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