

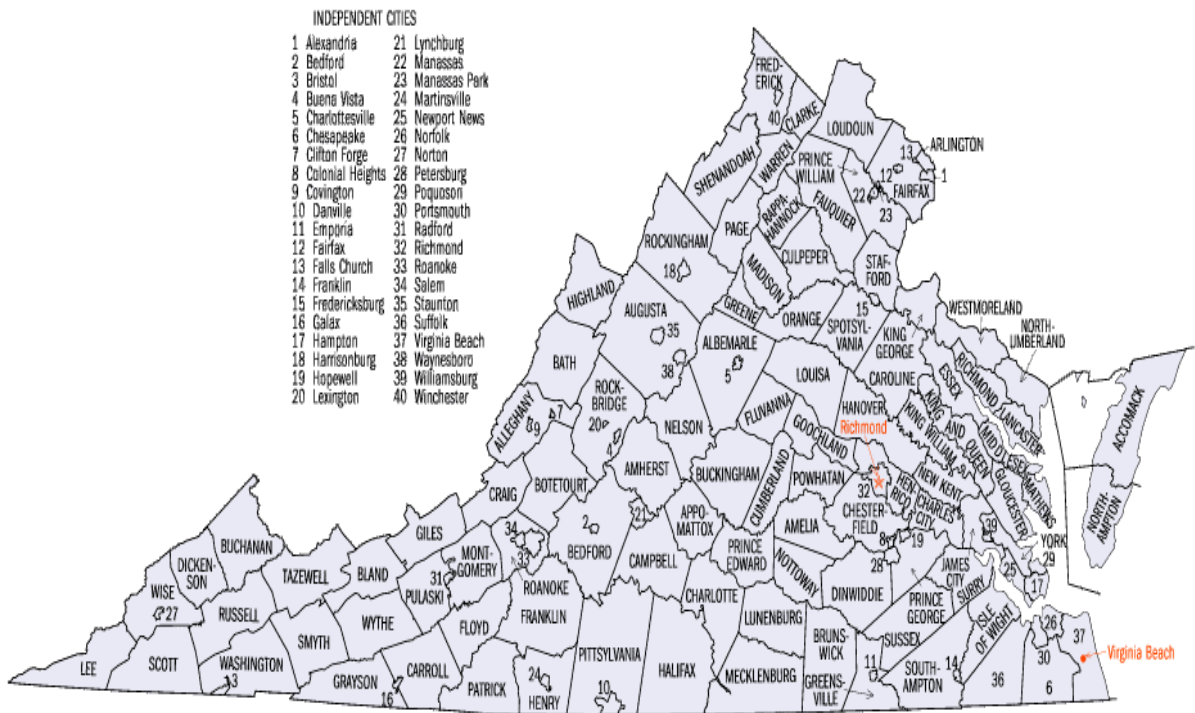
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Norfolk, Virginia

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Norfolk, Virginia**

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): 234,403
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 47% white; 43.6% black/African American; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.8% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 2.1% two or more races; 3.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Paul D. Fraim<sup>2</sup>
- City Manager: Regina V.K. Williams<sup>3</sup>
- City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Donald L. Williams; Paul D. Fraim (Mayor); Anthony L. Burfoot; Paul R. Riddick; W. Randy Wright; Barclay C. Winn; Daun S. Hester<sup>4</sup>
- Norfolk Chief of Police: Melvin C. High<sup>5</sup>
- Norfolk Sheriff: Robert J. McCabe<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- Norfolk Police Department D.A.R.E. Parent Program<sup>7</sup>  
The D.A.R.E. Parent Program is intended for families of children who are presently in the D.A.R.E. program and other interested adults. The program focuses on developing better skills to interact with children, learning about peer pressures, and identifying signs to help reduce the risk of potential substance abuse. The program consists of four or five two-hour sessions generally held in the evening on building self-esteem, listening skills, communication skills, risk factors, peer pressure, resistance skills, media messages, drug recognition, and reasons for drug use.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Norfolk:<sup>8</sup>  
Since funding was first available through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program in 1998, only one coalition in Norfolk has received funding. In FY 1999, \$89,953 was awarded to the James Barry Robinson Institute, The Barry Robinson Center.
- There were no FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Norfolk grantees.<sup>9</sup>
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>10</sup>  
Norfolk has not been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- There were no grants awarded to Norfolk for the FY 2001 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grants.<sup>11</sup>
- Norfolk did not receive any funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.<sup>12</sup>

- Norfolk did not receive any funding for the FY 2002 Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>13</sup>

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000, the crime index total for Norfolk was 15,913.<sup>14</sup> This number decreased to 14,966 during 2001.<sup>15</sup> Preliminary data for 2002 show that the crime index total was 7,434 for Norfolk between January and June.<sup>16</sup>

Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Norfolk, 2000-June 2002

Offense Type	2000	2001	Jan-June 2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	44	31	14
Forcible rape	121	127	55
Robbery	772	809	305
Aggravated assault	726	633	258
Burglary	2,304	1,728	963
Larceny-theft	10,192	10,123	5,047
Motor vehicle theft	1,754	1,515	792
Arson	31	24	13
Crime index total	15,913	14,966	7,434

- During 2001, there were 17,482 adult arrests in Norfolk, 1,086 of which were for drug/narcotic offenses.<sup>17</sup>

Number of Adult Arrests, Selected Offenses, Norfolk, 2001

Offense Type	2001
Murder	15
Manslaughter	0
Sex offenses, forcible	53
Robbery	56
Aggravated assault	70
Simple assault/intimidation	719
Arson	1
Burglary	64
Larceny	837
Motor vehicle theft	3
Drug/narcotic offenses	1,086
Driving under influence	798
Drunkenness	2,061
Liquor laws violations	1,656

### Juveniles

- According to a 1999 survey by The Virginian Pilot, 10% of high school seniors surveyed in the Norfolk area reported having abused LSD at least once in their lifetime.<sup>18</sup>

- During 2001, there were 2,102 juvenile arrests in Norfolk, 34 of which were for drug/narcotic offenses.<sup>19</sup>

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, Norfolk, 2001

Offense Type	2001
Murder	0
Manslaughter	1
Sex offenses, forcible	12
Robbery	4
Aggravated assault	12
Simple assault/intimidation	25
Arson	0
Burglary	3
Larceny	169
Motor vehicle theft	0
Drug/narcotic offenses	34
Driving under influence	1
Drunkness	4
Liquor laws violations	31

### Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 851 law enforcement employees in Norfolk (730 officers and 121 civilians).<sup>20</sup>
- Norfolk Vice and Narcotics Division<sup>21</sup>  
This division is responsible for the suppression of illegal vice, narcotics and organized crime activity in the City of Norfolk through the investigation, arrest and prosecution of offenders.

### Trafficking and Seizures

- The Granville Boyz, Lamberts Point, and West Ocean View Folks gangs distribute cocaine and crack as well as commit violent crimes in Norfolk.<sup>22</sup>
- The Berkley Boyz, Da Mobb, Folks, Granville Boyz, Lamberts Point, NOON, and West Ocean View Folks gangs distribute marijuana and commit violent acts such as assaults, carjacking, drive-by shootings, home invasions, and homicides.<sup>23</sup>
- The Norfolk Police Department report that the Shotgun Gangster Crips distribute heroin and commit assaults in the Norfolk area.<sup>24</sup>
- During 1998, the Norfolk Police Department, Vice and Narcotics Division seized drugs valued at \$4,575,704. The total amount of money seized was \$958,097.09 with actual forfeited monies turned back to the City totaling \$249,582.72.<sup>25</sup>

### Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>26</sup>  
As of January 2003, there were 2 drug courts in Norfolk. One drug court had been operating for over 2 years and one was being planned.

## Consequences of Use

- During 2000, there were 20 deaths involving drug abuse in Norfolk City.<sup>27</sup> The number of deaths involving drug abuse in Norfolk City decreased to 12 during 2001.<sup>28</sup>

## Treatment<sup>29</sup>

- Bridges to Freedom  
Bridges to Freedom is a therapeutic community type treatment program for women that provides intensive education regarding issues surrounding addiction to alcohol and other drugs. A major component of this treatment experience is taking back a personal sense of responsibility, developing a healthy self-image as women, as well as a willingness to cooperate as part of a larger group.
- Freedom Within  
Freedom Within is also a therapeutic community type program designed for male offenders 18 years and older in need of and who have requested substance abuse treatment and education.

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