



## **Richmond, Virginia**

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

### **Demographics**

- Population: 194,729 (July 2003 Census estimate);<sup>1</sup> 197,790 (2000 Census)<sup>2</sup>
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 37.7% white; 56.9% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.2% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 1.3% two or more races; 2.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)<sup>3</sup>

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Rudolph McCollum<sup>4</sup>
- City Council (District 1-9, respectively): G. Manoli Loupassi; William Pantele; William Johnson; Robert Jones; Mayor Rudolph McCollum; Ellen Robertson; Delores McQuinn; Jacqueline Jackson; Lewis Coates<sup>5</sup>
- City Manager: Calvin Jamison<sup>6</sup>
- Chief of Police: Andre Parker<sup>7</sup>
- Richmond City Sheriff: Michelle Mitchell<sup>8</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Richmond (the dollar amount is the total amount received by the coalition since the original award year):<sup>9</sup>
  - Original award year 2003: no grantees
  - Original award year 2002: no grantees
  - Original award year 2001: \$100,000 to The Regional Drug-Free Alliance
  - Original award year 2000: no grantees
  - Original award year 1999: no grantees
- Community Capacity Development Office<sup>10</sup>  
There is one Weed and Seed site in Richmond.
- FY 2003 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Grant funds received in Richmond:<sup>11</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services: \$8,090,418
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$603,325
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$1,249,958
- FY 2004 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Discretionary Grant recipient in Richmond:<sup>12</sup>
  - \$450,000 to Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
- There were no Richmond recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>13</sup>
- FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Richmond:<sup>14</sup>
  - Communities (discretionary): 1 award valued at \$225,000
  - Counter-Terrorism (discretionary): 3 awards valued at \$46,679,000

- Juvenile Justice:
    - discretionary: 3 awards valued at \$2,799,920
    - formula: 4 awards valued at \$5,345,660
  - Law Enforcement:
    - discretionary: 26 awards valued at \$11,525,864
    - formula: 7 awards valued at \$17,769,064
  - Substance Abuse:
    - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$237,030
    - formula: 1 award valued at \$1,428,877
  - Victims:
    - discretionary: 1 award valued at \$295,338
    - formula: 2 awards valued at \$9,719,000
- There were no Richmond recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>15</sup>

### Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2003, the Richmond Police Department reported 1,381 drug violations.<sup>16</sup>

#### Number of Offenses Known to Police, Selected Offenses, Richmond, 2003

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	93
Forcible rape	97
Robbery	1,182
Aggravated assault	1,133
Burglary	2,850
Larceny	9,077
Motor vehicle theft	2,724
Arson	86
Drug violations	1,381

- There were 41 adult arrests for murder in Richmond during 2003.<sup>17</sup>

#### Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Richmond, 2003

Offense	Adult	Juvenile
Murder	41	0
Forcible sex offense	36	11
Robbery	145	11
Aggravated assault	330	27
Burglary	131	12
Larceny	383	55
Motor vehicle theft	128	49
Arson	7	15

- The Richmond Police Department made 874 adult arrests for drug violations during 2003.<sup>18</sup>

### Number of Drug/Alcohol-Related Arrests, Richmond, 2003

Offense	Adult	Juvenile
Drug violations	874	78
Driving under the influence	255	2
Drunkenness	503	4
Liquor laws violations	8	2

#### Drugs

- Cocaine  
Law enforcement officials in Richmond report that powder and crack cocaine are readily available and rates of use are high.<sup>19</sup> In the 4th quarter of FY 2002, powder cocaine sold for \$25,000-\$30,000/kilogram in Richmond. Crack cocaine sold for \$25,000/kilogram and \$20/rock.<sup>20</sup>
- Heroin  
Heroin is commonly abused in Richmond. South American heroin is widely available in the city.<sup>21</sup>
- Marijuana  
In the 3rd and 4th quarters of FY 2002, commercial-grade marijuana sold for \$700-\$1,000/pound and \$100/ounce in Richmond.<sup>22</sup>
- Club Drugs  
The Drug Enforcement Administration Washington Division reports increased abuse of MDMA in Richmond. In the 4th quarter of FY 2002, MDMA sold for \$8-\$18/tablet wholesale and \$20-\$25/tablet retail.<sup>23</sup>

#### Juveniles

- During the 2002-2003 school year, Richmond schools reported 48 incidents involving drug violations.<sup>24</sup> This is down from 59 drug incidents in the 2001-2002 school year.<sup>25</sup>

#### Enforcement

- Narcotics Unit<sup>26</sup>  
This Richmond Police Department Narcotics Unit conducts major narcotic case investigations directed toward upper-level narcotics dealers and their organizations.
- Blue Wave<sup>27</sup>  
Created in 2002, the Richmond Police Department Blue Wave initiative aims to improve the quality of life in Richmond through enforcement and community partnerships. The Blue Wave team is designed to provide visibility and quick response to neighborhood public safety issues.
- As of October 31, 2003, there were 765 full-time law enforcement employees in Richmond (632 officers and 133 civilians).<sup>28</sup>

#### Trafficking and Seizures

- According to the DEA Richmond District Office, some young people from Richmond travel to the southwestern U.S. for methamphetamine and bring it back to sell in the local markets.<sup>29</sup>

- The Richmond Police Department Narcotics Unit seized 3,142 hits of MDMA in 2002.<sup>30</sup>

#### Seizures Made by Narcotics Unit, Richmond, 2002

Item Seized	Amount Seized
Cocaine	27,296.5 grams
Crack cocaine	4,884.8 grams
Heroin	901.8 grams
Marijuana	37,947.7 grams
MDMA	3,142 hits
Currency	\$484,448
Vehicles	16
Weapons	43

- From October 2002 to January 2003, the Richmond Police Department Blue Wave initiative seized 77 grams of drugs.<sup>31</sup>
- During 2002, the Richmond Police Department “Vanquish” unit seized 43 grams of marijuana, and 5.5 grams of crack cocaine.<sup>32</sup>
- The Richmond Police Department Vice Unit seized 19.228 grams of drugs in 2002.<sup>33</sup>

#### Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>34</sup>  
As of May 27, 2004, there was 1 drug court in Richmond that had been operating for more than 2 years and 2 drug courts that had recently been implemented. No additional drug courts were being planned.

#### Consequences of Use

- The number of deaths in which heroin was a factor in Richmond increased from 33 in 1999 to 44 in 2000.<sup>35</sup>

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