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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Charleston, West Virginia

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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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): 53,421
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 80.1% white; 15.0% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.8% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.8% two or more races; 0.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Charleston is located in Kanawha County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Danny Jones<sup>2</sup>
- City Council (Districts 1-21, respectively): Patrick Jones; William Hanna; James “Moses” Lanham; Geneva Foster; Teresa “Tricky” Reed; Edward Talkington; Paul James Monroe; Bob White; Betty Morton; Archie Chestnut; Marc Weintraub; Jim Harris Jr.; Linda M. Nielsen; Jack E. Harrison; David Kent Higgins; Brenda H. Robertson; Bobby Reishman; John Miller, Jr.; Ditty L. Markham; Cheryle Hall; Michael Clower (At Large: J. Thomas Lane; Charles W. Loeb, Jr.; Jerry L. Ware; Harry Deitzler; Mark A. Sadd; Mary Jean Davis)<sup>3</sup>
- City Manager: David Molgaard<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Jerry Pauley<sup>5</sup>
- Kanawha County Sheriff: Dave Tucker<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
The Appalachia HIDTA was designated in 1998 and is responsible for counties in Kentucky, Tennessee, and eleven counties in West Virginia, including Kanawha.
- Charleston Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program<sup>8</sup>  
The Charleston Police Department D.A.R.E. unit works to equip elementary, middle, and high school students with the appropriate skills to resist substance abuse, violence, and gangs. This unit has two full time officers and one secretary assigned to it. Other officers throughout the department are trained D.A.R.E. officers and teach in elementary schools throughout the city.
- Charleston Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program<sup>9</sup>  
The Charleston G.R.E.A.T. Program is designed to help children set goals for themselves, resist pressures, learn how to resolve conflicts without violence, and understand how gangs and youth violence impact the quality of their lives. This program is taught primarily in Charleston middle schools to enhance the D.A.R.E. curriculum.

**Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program<sup>10</sup>  
 Since FY 1998 when Drug-Free Communities funding was first available, only one coalition in Charleston has received funding. During FY 1999, \$100,000 was awarded to Jefferson County Coalition on Substance Abuse.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
 Discretionary funds awarded to Charleston in FY 2002:<sup>11</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services
    - \$100,000 to West Virginia State Department of Health and Human Resources. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
    - \$1,609,396 to West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Project period 9/30/02-6/29/03
    - \$1,899,787 to West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Project period 11/12/01-11/11/02.
    - \$399,997 to West Virginia Mental Health Consumers Association. Project period 9/30/02-9/29/03.
    - \$1,500,000 to West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Project period 9/01/99-8/31/05
    - \$58,780 to West Virginia Mental Health Consumers Association. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>12</sup>  
 Charleston has not been officially designated as a Weed and Seed site.
- Charleston did not receive funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.<sup>13</sup>
- Charleston did not receive funding for the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>14</sup>
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipient in Charleston:<sup>15</sup>
  - \$125,000 to Vandalia Terrace Housing Corporation

**Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2002, there were 156 robbery offenses known to law enforcement in Charleston.<sup>16</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Charleston, 2000-2002

| Offense Type                             | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Homicide-murder                          | 2    | 4    | 8    |
| Sexual assault-first/second/third degree | 67   | 56   | 51   |
| Robbery-armed/unarmed                    | 176  | 168  | 156  |
| Malicious wounding                       | 126  | 101  | 142  |
| Domestic battery/domestic assaults       | 940  | 909  | 816  |
| Breaking and entering-non-residence      | 296  | 261  | 204  |
| Burglary-residence                       | 539  | 552  | 470  |
| Stolen vehicles                          | 260  | 279  | 196  |

- During 2001, the Metro Drug Enforcement Task Force made 120 drug arrests in Charleston.<sup>17</sup> This number increased in 2002 to 132 drug arrests.<sup>18</sup>

Drug Arrests, Metro Drug Enforcement Task Force, Charleston, 2000-2002

| 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|------|------|------|
| 129  | 120  | 132  |

- Kanawha County had the largest number of drug offenders in the State during 2000-2001 with 237.<sup>19</sup> During 2002, there were 133 drug offenders in Kanawha County.<sup>20</sup>
- During FY 2000-2001, there were 120 drug offenders in Kanawha County where crack was involved.<sup>21</sup> During 2002, there were 91 drug offenders in Kanawha County where crack was involved.<sup>22</sup>

Drug Offenders by Drug Type Involved, Kanawha County, 2000-2002

| Drug Type     | 2000-2001 | 2002 |
|---------------|-----------|------|
| Crack         | 120       | 91   |
| Marijuana     | 77        | 21   |
| Other opiates | --        | 11   |
| Cocaine       | 20        | 20   |

**Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2001 there were 190 law enforcement employees in Charleston (166 officers and 24 civilians).<sup>23</sup>

**Courts**

- Drug Court<sup>24</sup>  
As of May 2003, there were no drug courts in Charleston in operation or being planned.

**Corrections**

- During FY 2001-2002, the average daily number of inmates in the Charleston Work/Study Release was 49.<sup>25</sup>
- During FY 2001-2002, of the 670 samples tested at the Charleston Work/Study Release, 3% were positive for drugs.<sup>26</sup>

Drug Testing Results, Charleston Work/Study Release, 2001-2002

| Number of samples tested | Number of positive samples | Percent of positive samples |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 670                      | 17                         | 3%                          |

**Consequences of Use**

- 37% of the 415 motor vehicle fatalities in Charleston during 2000 were related to alcohol.<sup>27</sup>

## Treatment

- During FY 2001-2002, 15 inmates were enrolled in group substance abuse treatment at Charleston Work/Study Release and 11 inmates completed this treatment.<sup>28</sup>

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