

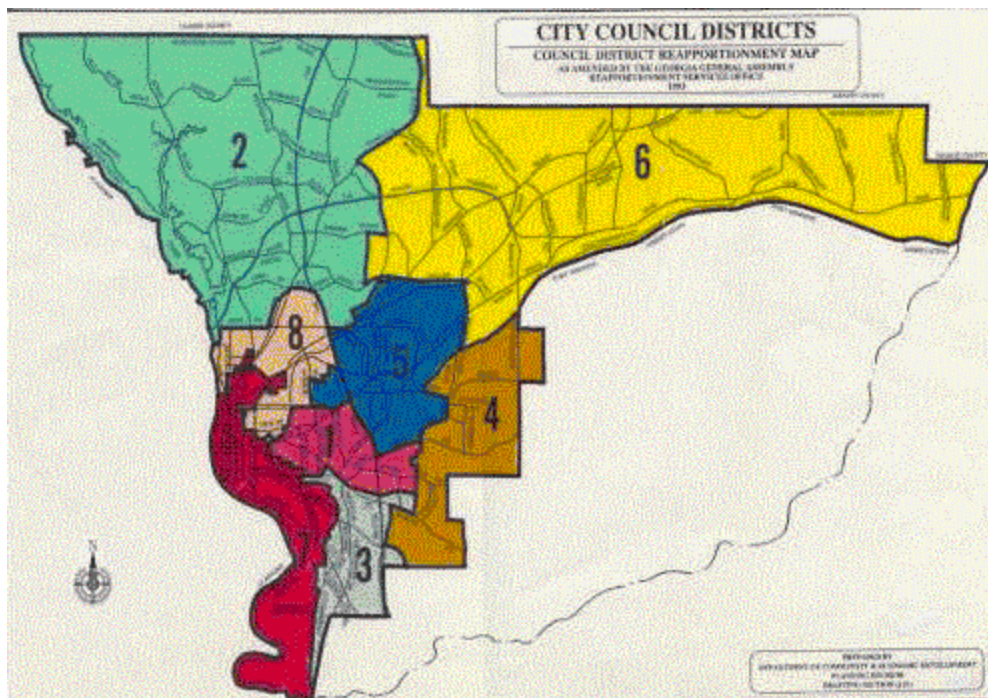
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Columbus, GA

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

Demographics¹

- Population: 196,966 (2000 estimate); 179,278 (1990 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (1990): 59.0% white; 38.0% African American; 0.3% American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut; 1.4% Asian/Pacific Islander; 1.4% other
- County: Muscogee

Politics²

- Mayor: Bobby G. Peters
- City Council Members (Districts 1-10): Nathan Suber; Robert Poydasheff; Julius Hunter, Jr.; Evelyn Turner; Jack Rodgers; Gary Allen; Evelyn Woodson; C.E. McDaniel; Richard Smith; Berry Henderson
- City Manager: Carmen Cavezza
- District Attorney: Gray Conger
- Police Chief: Willie Dozier

Programs/Initiatives³

- As of March 31, 2000, there was one drug court being planned in Columbus.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime⁴

- From January through August 2000, there were 8,255 index offenses reported to the police in Columbus.

Number of Offenses Reported and Cleared*, Columbus, January-August 2000

Offense	# Reported	# Cleared
Murder/Non-neg. manslaughter	17	17
Rape	20	20
Robbery	288	122
Aggravated Assault	315	213
Burglary	992	212
Larceny	5,842	1,072
Auto Theft	781	202
Total	8,255	---

* Number of clearances may include clearances of crimes committed in previous years.

- For the full year 1999, there were 12,126 part one offenses known to the Columbus Police Department. In 1998, there had been 11,690 such offenses reported.

Number of Offenses Reported and Cleared, Columbus, 1998-99

Offense	1998		1999	
	Reported	Cleared	Reported	Cleared
Murder/Non-neg. manslaughter	21	16	19	19
Rape	24	38	27	26
Robbery	395	175	444	180
Aggravated Assault	475	315	449	273
Burglary	1,540	481	1,626	333
Larceny	8,070	1,660	8,396	1,580
Auto Theft	1,165	341	1,165	293
Total	11,690	---	12,126	---

Enforcement⁵

- There are 483 employees of the Columbus Police Department. 388 of these employees are sworn officers, and the remainder are civilians.
- Metro Narcotics Task Force
This multi-jurisdictional task force investigates drug and other vice-related activities. It is made up of agents from the Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County (GA) Sheriff's Department, Harris County (GA) Sheriff's Department, Russell County (AL) Sheriff's Department, Phenix City (AL) Police Department, as well as several State and Federal agencies.

¹ City of Columbus Web site: <http://www.columbusga.org/popul.html>

² City of Columbus Web site: <http://www.columbusga.org>

³ Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, March 31, 2000

⁴ Columbus Police Department Web site, statistics section: <http://www.columbusga.org/cpd/stats.html>

⁵ Columbus Police Department Web site, Specialized Units section: <http://www.columbusga.org/cpd/specialized.html>

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