

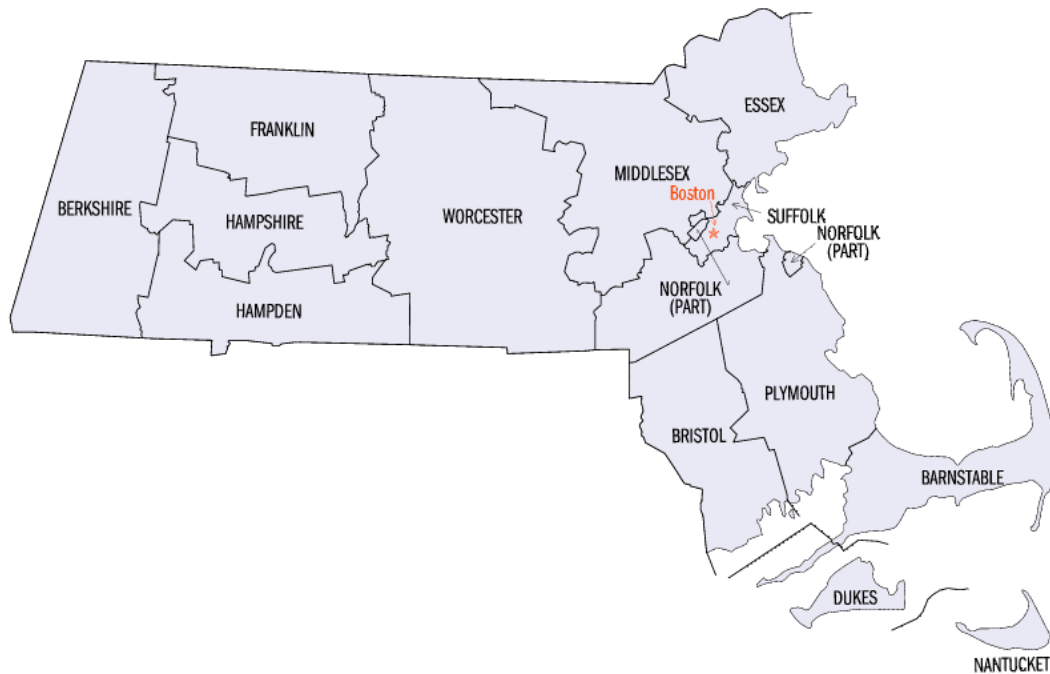
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Taunton, Massachusetts

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Taunton, Massachusetts**

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): 55,976
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 91.7% white; 2.7% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.6% some other race; 2.2% two or more races; 3.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Taunton is located in Bristol County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Ted Strojny<sup>2</sup>
- Municipal Council: Barry Amaral, Debra Botellio, Jason Buffington, Peter Corr, Charles Crowley, John Gonsalves, Thomas Hoye, Jr., Kevin Martin, and Robert Studley<sup>3</sup>
- Chief of Police: Dave Westcoat

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program<sup>4</sup>  
Since FY 1998, only one coalition in Taunton has received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. In FY 2003, \$99,649 was awarded to Greater Attleboro Taunton Health Education Response.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>5</sup>  
There are currently no sites in Taunton receiving Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites.
- Taunton did not receive any FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds.<sup>6</sup>
- Taunton did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>7</sup>
- Taunton did not receive any funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>8</sup>
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Taunton:<sup>9</sup>
  - Discretionary - \$130,394
  - Formula - \$534,163
- There were no Taunton recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Federally-Assisted Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>10</sup>

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2001, the Taunton Police Department reported 3 murders. This is up from 2 murders during 2000.<sup>11</sup>

### Index Crime Offenses Known to Police, Taunton, 1998-2001

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001
Murder	0	0	2	3
Forcible rape	13	11	12	7
Robbery	41	35	46	54
Aggravated assault	181	184	196	230
Burglary	349	256	260	358
Larceny	928	998	995	1,019
Motor vehicle theft	128	162	155	179
Total index crimes	1,650	1,646	1,666	1,850

- In 1997, there were 126 calls to the Taunton Police Department for unlawful possession of drugs.<sup>12</sup>

### Drug-Related Calls for Service, Taunton, 1995-1997

Type of Call to Police	1995	1996	1997
Unlawful possession of drugs	136	95	126
Unlawful selling of drugs	96	46	52
Possession of drug paraphernalia	8	3	5
Driving under the influence of drugs	3	3	1

### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 119 full-time law enforcement employees in Taunton (115 officers and 4 civilians).<sup>13</sup>

### Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>14</sup>  
As of September 2003, there were no drug courts in existence or being planned in Taunton.

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