

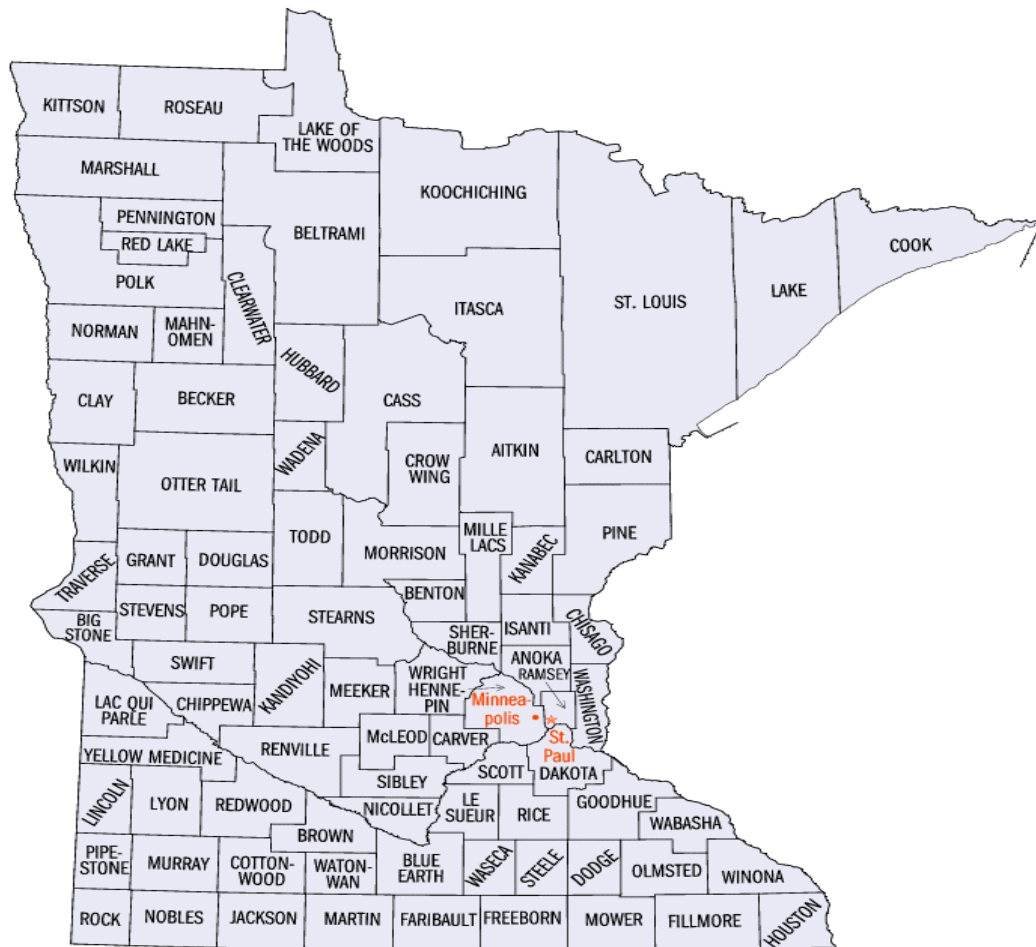
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St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 287,151
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 64.0% white; 11.4% black/African American; 1.0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 12.3% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 3.1% two or more races; 7.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- St. Paul is located in Ramsey County.

Politics

- Mayor: Randy Kelly²
- City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Jerry Blakey, Chris Coleman, Pat Harris, Jay Benaney, Jim Reiter, Dan Bostrom, Kathy Lantry³
- Police Chief: William K. Finney⁴

Programs/Initiatives

- Crime Free Multi-Housing Program⁵
Sponsored by the St. Paul Police Department's FORCE (Focusing Our Resources on Community Empowerment) Unit, the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a partnership between law enforcement and rental property owners, managers, and tenants to keep drugs and illegal activity out of rental property.
- Hamline-Midway Coalition (HMC)⁶
HMC is a community-based non-profit organization in the north-central region of St. Paul. From the time this coalition was developed and began implementing its community plan in the late 1990s, HMC has served 3,000 residents through the formation of 5 new block clubs, eradicated 12 drug houses, formed a neighborhood patrol that reduced prostitution and drug dealing by 50%, and had various other successes.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
There has never been a St. Paul recipient of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
Three sites in St. Paul have been designated and received Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites. The sites are as follows: East Consolidated, Frogtown, and Summit University.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in St. Paul:⁹
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$1,048,169
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: no St. Paul grantees
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: no St. Paul grantees

- There were no St. Paul recipients of the FY 2003 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹⁰
- St. Paul did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹¹
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for St. Paul:¹²
 - \$10,824,748 in discretionary funds
 - \$16,508,859 in formula funds
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in St. Paul:¹³
 - \$93,784 to St. Phillip's Gardens
 - \$124,836 to Redeemer's Arms

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- There were 13 homicides known to the St. Paul Police Department in 2002.¹⁴

Number of Part I Offenses Known to Police, St. Paul, 1998-2002

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Homicide	23	14	22	9	13
Rape	248	204	223	221	192
Robbery	839	777	758	680	649
Aggravated assault	1,463	1,220	1,392	1,326	1,181
Burglary	3,943	3,557	3,097	3,009	3,232
Theft	11,586	10,718	11,233	11,457	10,041
Motor vehicle theft	2,353	1,922	1,996	2,344	2,171
Arson	268	241	215	236	208
Total Part I	20,723	18,653	18,936	19,282	17,687

- During 2002, there were 1,528 narcotics offenses known to the St. Paul Police Department. This is down from 1,590 in 2001, 1,721 in 2000, and 1,568 in 1999.¹⁵
- During 2002, there were 1,219 adult arrests in St. Paul for drug offenses. This is up from 1,135 in 2001.¹⁶

Number of Adult Arrests, Selected Offenses, St. Paul, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Homicide	8	10
Rape	38	31
Robbery	124	134
Aggravated assault	502	397
Burglary	138	149
Theft	396	317
Motor vehicle theft	321	315
Arson	11	10
Drug violations	1,135	1,219
Driving under the influence	813	676

- The St. Paul crime lab handled 20 oxycodone cases in 2002. This is up from 4 oxycodone cases in 2001.¹⁷

Drugs

- Cocaine
The price of cocaine in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area is typically \$100/gram, \$220/8-ball (1/8 ounce), \$700-\$800/ounce, and \$22,000/kilogram. A rock of crack cocaine ranges in price from \$5 to \$20 in the area.¹⁸
- Heroin
There has been an increase in availability of high-purity, low cost heroin in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area since 2000. Heroin prices in the area range from \$20 to \$50 per dosage unit, \$300-\$400/gram, and \$900-\$1,200/ounce.¹⁹
- Marijuana
In the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, marijuana typically costs \$3-\$5 per cigarette. Standard “commercial grade” marijuana sells for \$250/ounce and \$1,000/pound, while BC Bud sells for up to \$800/ounce and \$5,000/pound.²⁰
- Methamphetamine
Methamphetamine sells for \$90-\$100/gram, \$240-\$280/8-ball (1/8 ounce), \$600-\$800/ounce, and up to \$10,000/pound in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.²¹
- Other Drugs
There has been an increase in the use of prescription narcotic analgesics in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Drugs containing oxycodone are of particular concern in the area. Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine) recently surfaced as a drug of abuse among adolescents in the St. Paul area. It is reportedly being used to reduce the nausea that occurs after youth ingest large amounts of cough syrup, and it is also being used as a substance of abuse itself.²²

Juveniles

- During 2001, there were 182 juvenile arrests in St. Paul for drug offenses.²³

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, St. Paul, 2001

Offense	# of Arrests
Homicide	0
Rape	1
Robbery	78
Aggravated assault	157
Burglary	149
Theft	763
Motor vehicle theft	314
Arson	29
Drug violations	182
Driving under the influence	7

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 817 full-time law enforcement employees in St. Paul (571 officers and 246 civilians).²⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- The amount of cocaine seized by Ramsey County law enforcement decreased from 2001 to 2002.²⁵
- The amount of methamphetamine seized in Ramsey County increased five-fold from 2001 to 2002.²⁶

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁷
As of September 2003, there were 2 drug courts in St. Paul that had been implemented within the past two years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in St. Paul.

Corrections

- On July 1, 2002, 18.4% of the adult offenders in Minnesota Department of Corrections facilities had Ramsey County as their county of commitment.²⁸

Consequences of Use

- During the first quarter of 2003, there were 2 cocaine-related deaths in Ramsey County. During full year 2002, there were 11 cocaine-related deaths in the county.²⁹

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Ramsey County, 1997-2003

Year	Cocaine	Opiates	Meth
1997	7	6	2
1998	5	12	4
1999	5	12	4
2000	17	17	11*
2001	11	19	2
2002	11	18	3
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* Includes 3 deaths related to MDMA

- There were 2 oxycodone-related deaths in Ramsey County during 2002. There was also 1 death in Ramsey County in 2002 involving fentanyl, another narcotic analgesic. During the first quarter of 2003, there were 2 fentanyl-related deaths in Ramsey County.³⁰
- Ramsey County reported 1 methadone-related death and 1 dextromethorphan-related death in 2002.³¹

Treatment

- During 2002, there were 19,527 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minneapolis/St. Paul.³²

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Minneapolis/St. Paul, 2002

Primary Drug of Abuse	# of Admissions
Alcohol	10,577
Marijuana	4,266
Cocaine	2,436
Methamphetamine	1,002
Heroin	635
Total admissions	19,527

- Approximately 20% of those admitted to treatment with heroin as their primary drug of abuse reported that this admission was their first treatment episode.³³

Percent Reporting First Treatment Episode, Minneapolis/St. Paul, 2002

Primary Drug of Abuse	Percent
Alcohol	31.4%
Marijuana	47.5
Cocaine	19.8
Methamphetamine	33.2
Heroin	19.6

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