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Illinois

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

Demographics

- Population: 12,653,544 (July 2003 Census estimate);¹ 12,279,027 (2002 American Community Survey)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 66.7% white, 14.2% black/African American, 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 3.8% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other, 1.3% two or more races, 13.5% Hispanic/Latino origin³

Politics

- Governor: Rod R. Blagojevich⁴
- Lt. Governor: Pat Quinn⁵
- Attorney General: Lisa Madigan⁶
- Secretary of State: Jesse White⁷
- U.S. Senate: Richard Durbin (D), Peter Fitzgerald (R)⁸
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-19, respectively): Bobby Rush (D), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D), William Lipinski (D), Luis Guitierrez (D), Rahm Emanuel (D), Henry Hyde (R), Danny Davis (D), Philip Crane (R), Janice Schakowsky (D), Mark Steven Kirk (R), Jerry Weller (R), Jerry Costello (D), Judy Biggert (R), J. Dennis Hastert (R), Timothy Johnson (R), Donald Manzullo (R), Lane Evans (D), Ray LaHood (R), John Shimkus (R)⁹
- Capital: Springfield

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1995, the Chicago HIDTA is responsible for Cook, Kendall, Grundy and Will counties.
- MethNet¹¹
Developed by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, MethNet's purpose is to share information about the methamphetamine crisis in Illinois, and to coordinate the state's collective efforts to address the crisis.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Illinois:¹²
 - FY 2003:
 - \$100,000 to Vermilion Prevention Coalition, Danville
 - \$90,420 to Decatur Community Partnership, Decatur
 - \$100,000 to Evanston Substance Abuse Prevention Council, Evanston
 - \$99,991 to Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force, Morris
 - \$97,111 to Adams County Substance Abuse Coalition, Quincy
 - \$87,206 to Menard County School and Community Task Force, Springfield
 - \$100,000 to Kids without Barriers, Wayne City

- \$100,000 to Community Connections for Youth Coalition, Woodstock
- FY 2002:
 - \$100,000 to Albany Park Community Center, Inc., Chicago
 - \$100,000 to Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education, Decatur
 - \$100,000 to the Coalition for Healthy Communities, Waukegan
- FY 2001:
 - \$100,000 to Breaking Free, Inc., Naperville
 - \$100,000 to Chesnut Health Systems, Inc., Bloomington
 - \$80,000 to Coordinated Youth and Human Services, Granite City
 - \$100,000 to Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Marion
 - \$100,000 to Jefferson-County Board, Mt Vernon
 - \$49,705 to Lockport Township High School District 205, Lockport
 - \$100,000 to Martin Luther King Jr. Community Services of Illinois, Freeport
 - \$62,500 to McHenry County Mental Health Board, Crystal Lake
 - \$100,000 to Project Success Coalition, Rockford
- FY 2000:
 - \$100,000 to Project Success Coalition, Cairo
 - \$99,960 to Wells Community Initiative/Wells Family, Chicago
 - \$100,000 to Decatur Community Partnership, Decatur
- FY 1999:
 - \$100,000 to the City of Aurora, Aurora
 - \$50,208 to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation, Mattoon
 - \$100,000 to St. Clair County Health Department, Belleville
 - \$100,000 to YWCA of the Quad Cities, Rock Island
- Office of Weed and Seed¹³

Nine sites have received Federal funding and official recognition as Weed and Seed sites in Illinois: Alton, Chicago (2 sites), East St. Louis, Freeport, Maywood/Bellwood, Peoria, Springfield, and the Village of Washington Park.
- FY 2003/2004 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Grant Summary for Illinois:¹⁴
 - Formula Funding - \$90,924,811
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$70,477,454
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$17,167,710
 - Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$2,192,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$1,087,647
 - Discretionary Funding - \$21,083,256
 - Mental Health - \$5,821,470
 - Substance Prevention - \$2,767,172
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$12,494,614
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$26,268,827
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$85,739,240
 - Total Funds for Illinois: \$112,008,067
- FY 2004 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Illinois: \$18,800,637¹⁵
- FY 2003 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Illinois: \$1,807,801¹⁶
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant:

- FY 2003:¹⁷
 - \$300,000 to DuPage County, Wheaton
- FY 2002: no Illinois recipients¹⁸
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Illinois recipients¹⁹
 - FY 2002:²⁰
 - \$250,000 to the Illinois State Police
 - \$40,000 to the Quincy Police Department
- Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services total grant amounts received in Illinois (by funding category):²¹
 - Communities (discretionary): \$4.2 million
 - Counter-terrorism (discretionary): \$27.0 million
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: \$6.7 million
 - formula: \$12.0 million
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: \$38.6 million
 - formula: \$41.3 million
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: \$3.7 million
 - formula: \$21.5 million
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: \$0.1 million
 - formula: \$22.8 million
 - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Illinois in FY 2002: \$177.8 million
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant:²²
 - \$125,000 to the Fox View Apartments II, Carpentersville
 - \$125,000 to the Fox View Apartments I, Carpentersville
 - \$200,000 to LaVergne Court Limited Partnership, Chicago
 - \$125,000 to the Community Housing Partners II, L.P., Chicago
 - \$125,000 to the University Village Apartments, Phase I, Dekalb
 - \$125,000 to the University Village Apartments, Phase II, Dekalb
 - 125,000 to the University Village Apartments, Phase III, Dekalb

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2002, there were 104,320 total drug arrests in Illinois.²³

Number of Drug Arrests, Illinois, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002	% Change
Cannabis Control Act	44,243	43,203	-2.4%
Controlled Substances Act	51,758	46,908	-9.4
Hypo. Syringe Needles Act	1,001	974	-2.7
Drug Paraphernalia Act	15,569	13,235	-15.0
Total	112,571	104,320	-7.3

- There were 44,824 Cannabis Control Act arrests in Illinois during 2000.²⁴

Number of Drug Arrests, Illinois, 1996-2000

Offense	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Cannabis Control Act	31,436	33,728	35,750	43,065	44,824
Controlled Substances Act	51,125	52,472	43,484	52,224	54,560
Hypo. Syringe Needles Act	426	462	545	908	1,081
Drug Paraphernalia Act	9,339	11,636	13,395	14,477	15,475

- During 2002, there were 949 murders known to police in Illinois.²⁵

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Illinois, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002	% Change
Murder	982	949	-3.4%
Criminal sexual assault	5,707	6,037	5.8
Robbery	24,965	25,305	1.4
Agg. assault/battery	49,450	47,785	-3.4
Burglary	79,158	81,123	2.5
Theft	314,073	308,960	-1.6
Motor vehicle theft	49,163	45,262	-7.9
Arson	2,977	2,983	0.2

- There were 767 arrests for murder in Illinois during 2002.²⁶

Number of Arrests for Index Offenses, Illinois, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002	% Change
Murder	800	767	-4.1%
Criminal sexual assault	1,801	1,846	2.5
Robbery	5,076	4,940	-2.7
Agg. assault/battery	18,976	18,528	-2.4
Burglary	10,885	10,949	0.6
Theft	68,394	63,380	-7.3
Motor vehicle theft	12,669	11,536	-8.9
Arson	628	602	-4.1

- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported marking 968 arrests for drug violations in Illinois.²⁷

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Illinois, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	798
1998	1,036
1999	977
2000	1,437
2001	968

Drugs

➤ Cocaine

The primary drug threat in the state of Illinois is cocaine. Powdered cocaine sold for \$18,000-\$28,000/kilogram, \$800-\$1,200/ounce, and \$75-\$100/gram in the first quarter of FY 2002. Crack cocaine prices ranged from \$500 to \$1,400/ounce and \$10 to \$25/rock during the same time period.²⁸

➤ Heroin

The second greatest drug threat to the state is heroin. The state has seen an increase in the number of young, white, suburban heroin users. This increase in abuse was the result of increased availability of lower cost, higher purity heroin.²⁹ Heroin from all source areas is available in Illinois, although South American and Southeast Asian heroin are most prevalent.³⁰

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana is the most readily available and most commonly abused drug in the state.³¹ Commercial grade marijuana produced in Mexico is the most widely available in type found in Illinois.³²

➤ Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is growing in popularity because it is cheaper and produces a longer euphoric effect than crack cocaine.³³ Methamphetamine production is expanding in rural areas of Illinois, increasing the threat of the drug to the state. According to the DEA, methamphetamine sold for \$7,300-\$10,000/pound, \$1,000-\$1,300/ounce, and \$80-\$100/gram in urban areas.³⁴

➤ Club Drugs

MDMA, Ketamine, and GHB use has increased, particularly among users living in urban areas and college towns.³⁵ MDMA is readily available and is considered to be the most commonly abused club drug in the state. MDMA tablets sell for \$5-\$7 at wholesale levels. Prices for MDMA at the retail level range from \$20 to \$30. GHB, sold in liquid and powder forms, sells for \$5-\$10/dose at the retail level. Ketamine, also sold in liquid and powder form, sells for \$60/dose. Other club drugs such as PCP and LSD sell for \$15.³⁶

➤ Diverted Pharmaceuticals

The diversion of legitimate pharmaceuticals is a significant problem in Illinois. The most common diverted pharmaceutical drugs are hydrocodone, alprazolam, and phentermine. There has been a notable increase in the number of reported incidents of diverted pseudoephedrine.³⁷

➤ According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 1.52% of Illinois citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³⁸

Percent of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, Illinois, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.32%	4.55%	0.88%	1.52%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	4.05	7.18	1.30	2.36
Alcohol dependence	1.59	6.23	2.12	2.60
Alcohol dependence or abuse	4.72	15.15	5.22	6.48
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	7.03	18.57	5.70	7.54

- According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 42.45% of Illinois citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.³⁹

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Illinois, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	10.79%	18.88%	4.65%	7.17%
Past month use of marijuana	8.27	16.81	3.31	5.60
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.25	6.16	2.14	2.89
Past year cocaine use	1.13	5.05	1.36	1.83
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	37.53	27.94	45.62	42.45

Juveniles

- During 2001, 36.9% of Illinois (excluding Chicago) high school students reported that they had tried marijuana at least once in their lifetimes.⁴⁰

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, Illinois (excluding Chicago), 2001

Drug Type	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	33.2%	42.2%	36.9%
Current marijuana use	18.8	21.9	20.0
Lifetime cocaine use	5.6	5.5	5.5
Current cocaine use	2.2	2.9	2.5
Lifetime inhalant use	11.7	11.5	11.6
Current inhalant use	3.2	3.8	3.5
Lifetime heroin use	1.5	3.1	2.2
Lifetime methamphetamine use	5.6	5.7	5.6
Lifetime illegal steroid use	2.0	4.8	3.2
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	0.5	2.4	1.3

Enforcement

- During 2002, 21 Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) and task forces were operating throughout Illinois.⁴¹
- As of October 31, 2002, there were 50,441 full-time law enforcement employees in Illinois (36,389 officers and 14,052 civilians).⁴²

Trafficking and Seizures

- Three different types of groups are responsible for most of the drugs distributed in Illinois: Mexican polydrug trafficking organizations, Colombian drug trafficking organizations (mostly traffic cocaine and heroin), and Nigerian groups (traffic Southeast heroin and whole distribution of drugs).⁴³
- African American and Caucasian street gangs and independent dealers are the primary retail distributors of powdered and crack cocaine.⁴⁴
- The Illinois State Police (ISP) seized 971 methamphetamine labs in the state during 2003. The total number of meth labs seized in Illinois by ISP and the DEA totaled

1,099 for 2003.⁴⁵ During 2002, ISP seized 677 meth labs and the number of meth labs seized by ISP and DEA totaled 776.⁴⁶ ISP seized 666 meth labs alone and 698 meth labs with the DEA during 2001.⁴⁷

- During 2002, Federal agencies seized 1,871.4 kilograms of marijuana in Illinois.⁴⁸

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Illinois, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	1,816.3
Heroin	13.9
Methamphetamine	6.6
Marijuana	1,871.4

- In 2002, a total of 15,852 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Illinois under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁴⁹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Illinois, 2002

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
163	14,289	52	1,563	

Courts

- Drug Courts⁵⁰
As of November 2003, there were 12 drug courts in Illinois that had been operating for more than 2 years, 7 that were recently implemented, and 5 that were being planned.
- During FY 2001, 44.7% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Illinois had committed drug offenses. Approximately 39% of the drug offenses involved crack cocaine.⁵¹

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Illinois, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Crack cocaine	254	39.1%
Powder cocaine	172	26.5
Methamphetamine	95	14.6
Marijuana	61	9.4
Heroin	50	7.7
Other	17	2.6

Corrections

- On June 30, 2003, the Illinois Department of Corrections adult inmate population totaled 43,186. Approximately 25% of the adult offenders committed drug offenses.⁵²
- The number of juveniles incarcerated in Illinois juvenile institutions on June 30, 2003 was 1,565. Twelve percent of the juvenile offenders committed drug offenses.⁵³

Offense Type of Offenders in Institutions, Illinois, June 30, 2003

Offense	Adult		Juvenile	
	#	%	#	%
Person	18,393	43%	535	34%
Property	9,403	22	641	41
Drug	10,891	25	191	12
Sex	4,145	10	162	10
Other	354	1	35	2
Missing	0	0	1	0

- There were 33,692 adults on parole and 1,814 juveniles on parole in Illinois on June 30, 2003.⁵⁴

Consequences of Use

- From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there were 72 Illinois methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.⁵⁵

Characteristics of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Illinois, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	117
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	39
Sites with a child injured	3
Sites with a child killed	0
Sites with a child present	72
Sites with a child residing at the site	61
Number of children placed in protective custody	25

Treatment

- Illinois treatment admissions increased from 93,491 in FY 2000 to 122,673 during FY 2001. Admissions later decreased to 108,955 during FY 2002.⁵⁶

Number of Treatment Admissions, by Sex and Race, Illinois, FY 2000-2002

	2000	2001	2002
Sex			
Male	62,473	82,655	73,816
Female	31,018	40,018	35,139
Race			
White	38,934	53,260	47,842
Black	44,359	55,022	48,784
Hispanic	7,533	11,184	9,519
Other	2,665	3,207	2,806
Total	93,491	122,673	108,955

- During FY 2002, there were 22,838 substance abuse treatment admissions in Illinois that involved cocaine.⁵⁷

Number of Treatment Admissions, Select Drugs, Illinois, FY 2002

Drug	# of Admissions
Alcohol	34,662
Cocaine	22,838
Heroin	16,777
Marijuana/hashish	19,811
Methamphetamine	1,796
Amphetamines	262
Other opioids	1,135
Sedatives/hypnotics	197
Other stimulants	427
Hallucinogens	377
Inhalants	57
Other	204
Club Drugs	50
Other tranquilizers	23
Ephedrine/pseudoephedrine	12
None	3,771
Unknown	6,556
Total	108,955

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