

# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Springfield, Illinois

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Springfield, Illinois**

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): 111,454
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 80.3% white; 15.3% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.4% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.4% two or more races; 1.2% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Springfield is located in Sangamon County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Timothy J. Davlin<sup>2</sup>
- City Council Members (Wards 1-10, respectively): Frank Edwards,<sup>3</sup> Frank McNeil,<sup>4</sup> Frank Kunz,<sup>5</sup> Chuck Redpath,<sup>6</sup> Joe Bartolomucci,<sup>7</sup> Mark Mahoney,<sup>8</sup> Judy Yeager,<sup>9</sup> Irv Smith,<sup>10</sup> Tom Selinger,<sup>11</sup> and Bruce Strom<sup>12</sup>
- Chief of Police: Don Kliment<sup>13</sup>
- Sangamon County Sheriff: Neil Williamson<sup>14</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- Sangamon County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)<sup>15</sup>  
The Sangamon County D.A.R.E. program has been in existence since 1988. Two trained officers teach D.A.R.E. in 10 schools within the county. The core curriculum is taught to fifth or sixth graders. Basic drug and safety information is also taught to the K-4 program.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program<sup>16</sup>  
Since 1998, Springfield has only received one grant from the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. During FY 2003, \$87,206 was awarded to Sangamon Menard Alcoholism Drug Council.
- There were no FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds received in Springfield.<sup>17</sup>
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>18</sup>  
Springfield has received Federal funding and official recognition as a Weed and Seed site.
- There were no grants awarded in Springfield for the Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>19</sup>
- There were no Springfield recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.<sup>20</sup>
- There were no Springfield recipients of the FY 2002 methamphetamine grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.<sup>21</sup>

- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received by Springfield recipients:<sup>22</sup>
  - \$19,763,951 formula funds
  - \$25,995,132 discretionary funds

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

- During 2001, there were 5,366 larceny-theft offenses in Springfield.<sup>23</sup> This was an increase from the 5,145 larceny-theft offenses during 2000.<sup>24</sup> Preliminary data for 2002 show that there were 6,095 larceny-theft offenses in Springfield.<sup>25</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Springfield, 2000-2002

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	6	14	5
Forcible rape*	--	--	--
Robbery	293	243	342
Aggravated assault	823	744	846
Burglary	1,843	1,830	1,736
Larceny-theft	5,145	5,366	6,095
Motor vehicle theft	284	418	349
Arson	53	59	60

\*Illinois forcible rape statistics were not compatible with the UCR, and therefore not included.

- Drug offense arrests increased 45% between 1994 and 1998 in Sangamon County (from 768 to 1,112). During 1998, drug arrests accounted for 22% of all arrests.<sup>26</sup>

### **Drugs**

- Cocaine
  - Crack cocaine is the principle drug of abuse in Springfield. Powder and crack cocaine are both highly available. Power cocaine abuse is moderate, although crack cocaine abuse is high.<sup>27</sup>
- Heroin<sup>28</sup>
  - Heroin availability and abuse are moderate in Springfield.
- Marijuana
  - Marijuana availability and abuse are high.<sup>29</sup> During the first quarter of 2002, Mexican marijuana sold for \$800-\$1,000 per pound.<sup>30</sup>
- Methamphetamine
  - Methamphetamine is not readily available and abuse is moderate in Springfield.<sup>31</sup> During FY 2002, methamphetamine prices ranged from \$90-\$150 per gram, to \$1,500-\$2,000 per ounce, to \$16,000-\$18,000 per pound.<sup>32</sup>
- Other Dangerous Drugs<sup>33</sup>
  - Availability and abuse of other dangerous drugs such as MDMA, ketamine, and GHB is low.

### **Enforcement**

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 330 full-time law enforcement employees in Springfield (281 officers and 49 civilians).<sup>34</sup>

## Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2001, the Sangamon and Menard County Crimestoppers recovered \$60,530 worth of narcotics, compared to \$87,359 during 2000.<sup>35</sup>
- Marijuana seizures increased from 33,040 grams to 135,158 grams between 1989 and 1998 in Sangamon County.<sup>36</sup>
- In Sangamon County between 1989 and 1998, powder cocaine seizures increased from 2,424 grams to 6,911 grams. Crack cocaine seizures increased from 0 to 1,238 grams during this same time period.<sup>37</sup>

## Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>38</sup>  
As of September 2003, there were no drug courts operating or being planned in Springfield.

## Corrections

- Admissions to the Illinois Department of Corrections' Adult Division from Sangamon County increased from 227 during 1994 to 232 during 1999. Drug offender admissions to prison involving Sangamon County residents increased 31% between 1994 and 1999 (from 42 to 55).<sup>39</sup>
- The average daily jail population of the Sangamon County Jail increased from 194 during 1994 to 281 during 1998.<sup>40</sup>

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