

# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Montpelier, Vermont

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Montpelier, Vermont

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): 8,035
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 95.4% white; 0.6% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.8% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.2% two or more races; 1.4% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Montpelier is located in Washington County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Chuck Karparis<sup>2</sup>
- City Manager: William J. Fraser<sup>3</sup>
- City Council: Chris Smart (District 1); Cheryl Fischer (District 1); Nancy Sherman (District 2); David L. Grayck (District 2); Harold Garabedian (District 3); Jim Sheridan (District 3)<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Douglas S. Hoyt<sup>5</sup>
- Montpelier Sheriff: Donald G Edson<sup>6</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Montpelier:<sup>7</sup>
  - FY 2003:
    - \$100,000 to Washington Central Friends of Education
    - \$100,000 to Washington County Youth Service Bureau Boys and Girls Club
  - FY 2002: no grantees
  - FY 2001: no grantees
  - FY 2000: no grantees
  - FY 1999: no grantees
  - FY 1998: \$100,000 to Washington County Youth Service Bureau
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>8</sup>

Montpelier has never received Federal funding or been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to Montpelier:<sup>9</sup>
  - \$60,000 to Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
- There were no Montpelier recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>10</sup>
- Montpelier did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>11</sup>
- Montpelier did not receive funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.<sup>12</sup>

## Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2002, there were 489 part one offenses known to police in Vermont.<sup>13</sup>

Number of Part One Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Montpelier, 1996-2002

Offense Type	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Rape	15	8	8	4	7	3	5
Robbery	1	1	0	1	7	2	2
Aggravated assault	9	5	3	3	4	2	4
Burglary	62	32	45	28	54	35	52
Larceny	376	322	397	344	348	418	403
Motor vehicle theft	30	20	16	18	22	20	16
Arson	4	2	5	2	7	12	7
Total part I offenses	497	390	474	400	449	492	489

- There has been a dramatic rise in the number of drug offenses and arrests in Montpelier. Heroin abuse has become an increased concern in the area.<sup>14</sup>

## Drugs

- Heroin availability and abuse are increasing in Montpelier.<sup>15</sup>

## Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 23 law enforcement employees in Montpelier (16 officer and 7 civilians).<sup>16</sup>

## Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>17</sup>  
As of September 2003, there were no drug courts in operation or being planned in Montpelier.

## Treatment

- During FY 1999, there were 53 total substance abuse treatment admissions in Washington County. 13% of which were under the age of 18 and 87% were male.<sup>18</sup>
- Of the 53 persons admitted to treatment in Washington County during FY 1999, 38% entered treatment because of a DUI mandate.<sup>19</sup>

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