

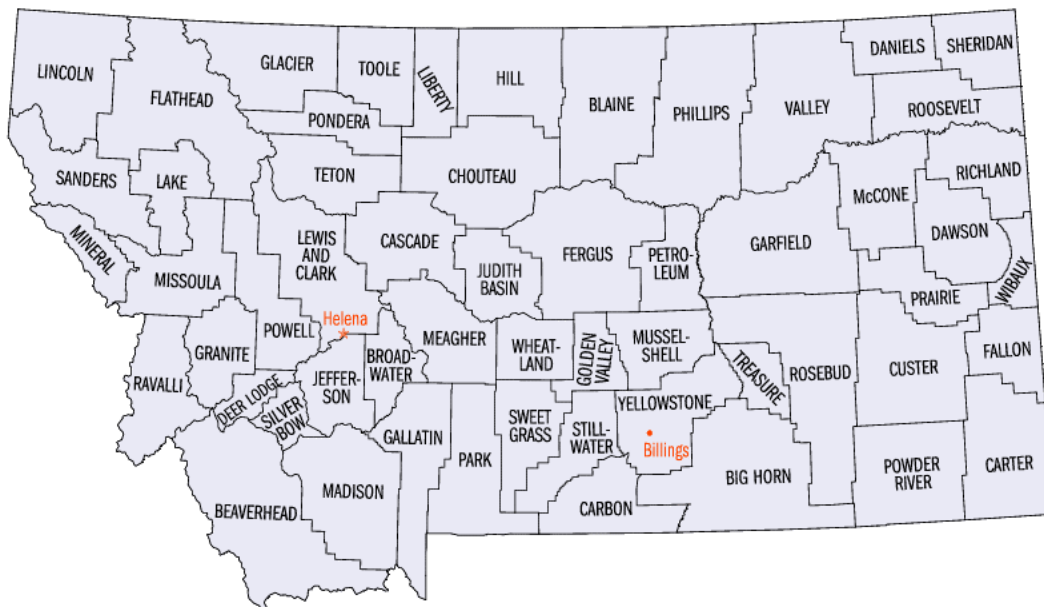
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

Helena, Montana

Profile of Drug Indicators

October 2003



ONDCP Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse staff compiled this profile by using the most recent data available from open sources. The data presented are as accurate as the sources from which they were drawn. The information contained in this profile should not be used to rank or compare States or jurisdictions, due to differences in data collection and reporting methods.

Helena, Montana

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 25,780
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 93.8% white; 0.2% black/African American; 2.0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.8% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.0% some other race; 1.5% two or more races; 1.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Helena is located in Lewis and Clark County.

Politics

- Mayor: James E. Smith²
- City Manager: Tim Burton³
- City Commissioners: Marc Parriman, Sandy Oitzinger; Steve Netschert; and Tom Pouliot⁴
- Chief of Police: Troy McGee⁵
- Lewis and Clark County Sheriff: Cheryl Liedle⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
The Rocky Mountain HIDTA is responsible for Cascade, Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, and Yellowstone counties in Montana as well as counties in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.
- Lewis and Clark County Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.)⁸
The Lewis and Clark County D.A.R.E. Program is a shared effort between the school districts, the community, and law enforcement. The core curriculum consists of 17 lessons that teach 5th grade students to identify and resist the pressures to try drugs and alcohol as well as teaches students how violence and violent acts affect the entire community. D.A.R.E. instructors also teach similar programs to kindergarten through 4th grade students dealing with personal safety and drug awareness. The Lewis and Clark County D.A.R.E. division consists of a D.A.R.E. coordinator, two full-time instructors, and two part-time instructors. These officers teach at 22 schools in 9 school districts and graduate approximately 850 students from the program each year.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁹
Since FY 1998 when Drug-Free Communities funding was first available, Helena has been awarded funding one time. In FY 2003, \$99,270 was awarded to Helena's Safe and Drug Free Schools Advisory Board and Community Coalition.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹⁰
Helena has not been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Helena in FY 2002:¹¹
 - Center for Mental Health Services: \$100,000
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$0
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$300,000
- There were no Helena recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹²
- There were no Helena recipients of the FY 2002 Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.¹³
- There were no Helena recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁴

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, there were 1,309 larceny offenses in Lewis and Clark County.¹⁵

Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement Agencies, Lewis & Clark County, 2001

Offense Type	Lewis & Clark Sheriff's Office	Helena Police Department	Lewis & Clark Total
Murder	1	0	1
Rape	21	25	46
Robbery	0	14	14
Aggravated assault	44	34	78
Burglary	114	209	323
Larceny	438	871	1,309
Motor vehicle theft	37	69	106
Index offenses	655	1,222	1,877

- During 2000, there were 354 drug offenses know to law enforcement in Lewis and Clark County.¹⁶

Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement Agencies, Lewis & Clark County, 2000

Offense Type	Lewis & Clark Sheriff's Office	Helena Police Department	Lewis & Clark Total
Homicide	1	1	2
Rape	19	27	46
Robbery	2	10	12
Aggravated assault	53	84	137
Burglary	126	158	284
Larceny	502	752	1,254
Motor vehicle theft	76	120	196
Arson	19	4	23
Drug offenses	113	241	354
DUI	96	443	539
Liquor law violations	238	537	775

Juveniles

- During 2000, there were 145 juvenile drug offenses known to law enforcement in Lewis and Clark County. This number has since decreased to 98 during 2002.¹⁷

Juvenile Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Lewis and Clark County, 2000-2002

Offense Type	2000	2001	2002
Persons	172	156	181
Property	592	439	404
Drug offenses	145	107	98
Public administration	43	46	40
Public order	133	121	90
Other offenses	29	27	36
Status offenses	476	383	320
Offense totals	1,590	1,279	1,169

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 66 law enforcement personnel in Helena (47 officers and 19 civilians).¹⁸
- Drug Task Force, Helena Police Department¹⁹
The Drug Task Force was implemented in 1992 to investigate and eliminate illegal drug trafficking, sales, and the availability of dangerous within a multi jurisdictional area, including Helena. During July 1994 the Helena Police Department Drug Task Force was combined with task forces from six other jurisdictions/counties, forming the Missouri River Drug Task Force. The task force has been active in investigations and arrests of individuals involved in the transport and sale of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD, and other illicit drugs.

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁰
As of September 2003, there were no drug courts operating or being planned in Helena.

Corrections

- The Lewis and Clark County Detention Center is responsible for the temporary detention of persons awaiting trial or who are serving sentences as set by the court. The detention center's average daily population is 72. AA meetings are held three nights a week at the detention center.²¹

Consequences of Use

- As of September 2002, 7.9% of motor vehicle accidents in Lewis and Clark County involved alcohol.²²

Sources

- ¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>
- ² Helena Mayor's Web site: <http://www.ci.helena.mt.us/government/mayor/index.html>
- ³ Helena Manager's Web site: <http://www.ci.helena.mt.us/government/manager/index.html>
- ⁴ Helena City Commission Web site: <http://www.ci.helena.mt.us/government/commissioners/index.html>
- ⁵ Helena Police Department Web site, Message from the Chief:
<http://www.ci.helena.mt.us/safety/police/index.html#message>
- ⁶ Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Web site: <http://www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us/safety/sheriff/>
- ⁷ Office of National Drug Control Policy, Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Web site:
http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/hidta/frames_rocky.html
- ⁸ Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office Web site, D.A.R.E.: <http://www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us/safety/sheriff/dare/index.html>
- ⁹ Drug-Free Communities Support Program, Montana grantees: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcs/states/mt.html>
- ¹⁰ Executive Office for Weed and Seed Data Center Web site, Montana section:
<http://www.weedandseeddatacenter.org/map.aspx?state=MT>
- ¹¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, FY 2002 Discretionary Funds, Montana:
<http://www.samhsa.gov/funding/content/states/mt.htm>
- ¹² Bureau of Justice Assistance Web site, FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grants:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/DrugCourts/02DCgrants.htm>
- ¹³ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, *COPS Methamphetamine Grant Announcement*, November 14, 2002: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/GrantAnnounce/meth_grantees.pdf
- ¹⁴ Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grants: Detailed Congressional Report, FY 2001*:
<http://www.hud.gov/content/releases/drugelimination.pdf>
- ¹⁵ Montana Board of Crime Control, *Crime in Montana 2001 Annual Report*, September 2002:
<http://bccdoj.doj.state.mt.us/mbccpubs/stats/CIM01.pdf>
- ¹⁶ Montana Board of Crime Control, *Crimes Reported to Law Enforcement, by County, Year, and Offense*:
<http://bccdoj.doj.state.mt.us/crimereport/Default.asp>
- ¹⁷ Montana Board of Crime Control, *Juvenile Offenses by County 2002*:
<http://bccdoj.doj.state.mt.us/mbccpubs/stats/JuvOffCo%2702.pdf>
- ¹⁸ Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2001*, October 2002:
<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/01cius.htm>
- ¹⁹ Helena Police Department Web site, Drug Task Force:
<http://www.ci.helena.mt.us/safety/police/comp.htm#DTF>
- ²⁰ Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, September 15, 2003:
<http://www.american.edu/spa/justice/publications/drugchart2k.pdf>
- ²¹ Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office Web site, Detention Services: <http://www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us/safety/sheriff/detention/index.html>
- ²² Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, *Lewis & Clark County Health Profile, September 2002*: <http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us/hpsd/pubheal/healplan/profiles/lewisclark.pdf>

This State Profile was prepared by the ONDCP Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is funded by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and is a component of the [National Criminal Justice Reference Service](#). For further information concerning the contents of this profile or other drug policy issues contact:

The Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse
PO Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
1-800-666-3332
<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov>
ondcp@ncjrs.org

